



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Well, I did it! I started painting again! My painting supplies have been sitting in my pantry closet since Thanksgiving - starring at me every time I open that door - about 8 times a day!

This weekend, though, I was so proud of myself for getting so much "have to do stuff" done, that I decided to treat myself. I actually did my taxes, did all of my correspondence (not



electronic... I am still behind on that), took care of business stuff, cooked a couple of new recipes, went out a few times with friends, and even painted the garage door and the woodwork to my stairs and my front entry.

That is when I said, "Enough! I have been wanting to paint for ions!"

Then I pulled out my sketch pad and tried to sketch this silly rooster that I have



loved for so long. There is a picture of him in one of my art books, but it is only the size of a postage stamp. Still I LOVED him... So I painted him Sunday night. I am pretty pleased with him.

Of course, this is not the frame he will be in, and he is not totally finished, but I like him. I just stuck him in this frame to show him to you. I will put the finishing touches on him and find a suitable frame.



Sincerely, I had forgotten how much fun it is to PAINT! (I feel another one coming on... Smile!)

Jeremy wrote me the sweetest note this week. It seems it snowed in Lake Tahoe finally, and he was much relieved! Honestly, global warming is affecting life much faster than ANY of us expected. If I can just hold onto my house for a few more years, I might be oceanfront property... just kidding... bad joke.

Anyway, he is ready to do his website and asked me if I would help. Are you kidding? Of course I will help. I LOVE learning about all of this stuff! As it progresses, I will share it with you. In the meantime, if any of you are going to the Reno/ Lake Tahoe area (which, actually several of you are!) you HAVE to ask for Tahoe Blue Line Transportation when you need a ride. It *IS* all about the *ride*!



Jessica is doing great and continues to amaze and please me. This is her last semester and then she does her internship, she hopes at a school in Hawaii. She is taking a full load and is even attending two colleges at the same time in order to finish. Between classes, she is baby sitting and working as a bartender at a classy little Tapas bar and grill right down the road. Where she finds the time for all of that, I do not know. She is sooo not ready for a relationship (as none of her friends are either, at this point.) Ahhh... to be 24 again... Not really. I like where I am...

Saturday morning I had the nicest surprise! One of my very dear friends from Saudi Arabia called me and we talked in “real time” for a long time! We had so MUCH to catch up on, but I learned there will be a move to Bangkok, Thailand soon! Being an administrator with the American International Schools means living all over the world. (Hmmm... sounds pretty good to me. I

may just have to check that out!) Anyway, I guess we will be adding Thailand to our list of global Folliers. Fun, huh?

I was stunned at how many people went to the website and downloaded the “SUPER, Super Bowl Party” recipes this week. Some of them I have not made in a while, so if you catch any glitches, let me know. ALL of them I have tried, though, at one time or another.

I am still not sure what I am doing for the Super Bowl. A couple of things on the horizon... A great party Saturday night, but I don't know about Sunday. I may just take it easy. After years and years of going to Super Bowl parties, one year I just decided to stay home and watch it at home and was amazed at how much fun I had. I actually watched every play and commercial. At a party, you tend to get distracted, ya know? We will see. Whatever the decision, it will be fun.

Two of the canaries (“Yellow Bird” and “Baby B”), have three eggs they are roosting on in their nest right now! Very cool! I still think they are too young and it is too early in the season, but we will know for sure in another week or so. I will let you know. They certainly have done everything right. Watching them, they have been “text-book.”



For those of you who love my pets, too, a quick “everyone is great.” It is truly amazing how much pleasure they bring into each day. I love them so much...

Before I leave you tonight, I want to tell you two things.

First - I cannot believe the response I received from so many of you about my song, *AMERICA!* Incredible, endearing com-





ments. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. But the funny thing is, there were so many of you that never put two and two together. I sent you the words in the Follies last week and then later sent you the melody in a movie. VERY few people pulled up the lyric (or printed them) and the music at the same time and sang along. Those who did, LOVED it! Ha! It is so much fun to sing. Hey! Don't worry. If you didn't



figure that out, I am working on a REAL demo to send you. But if I am the one singing - remember, songwriters are NOT known for their voices - especially when they are deaf! Ha!

Second... How thankful I am to have so many incredible friends. I KNOW so many of you, or ones that you love and hold dear, are in life-threatening situations right now. I hope you find peace of mind. I KNOW that many of you have family - or you yourselves are overseas protecting the rest of us. Please know - love and concern for your safety NEVER leaves us. NEVER... Nor does our love and gratitude.



Until next week... Love to all... and God bless.

To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Poland, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, Chattanooga, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Europe, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

God bless.

Remember, life is short...

We need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,



Judi Godsey

PS. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent emails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our joke list - even though some of the attorneys who represent the company were!) I have asked each and every one of you on this list to tell me if the jokes that accompany these "Follies" place you in jeopardy, or even if they offend you. Please understand that they are intended to be light-hearted and are not mean-spirited in any way. If you are ever offended, do not hesitate to ask to be taken off the Friday Follies Joke List. PSS. If you send a joke and I don't use it, it is because it has been used before, and I try not to repeat. Remember, I have been sending these since August of 1997. One tends to go through huge numbers of jokes that way. Disclaimer: When anyone asks if I type all of these jokes, the answer is, "No." I cut and paste one evening during the week (30 minutes, TOPS). Obviously I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!