



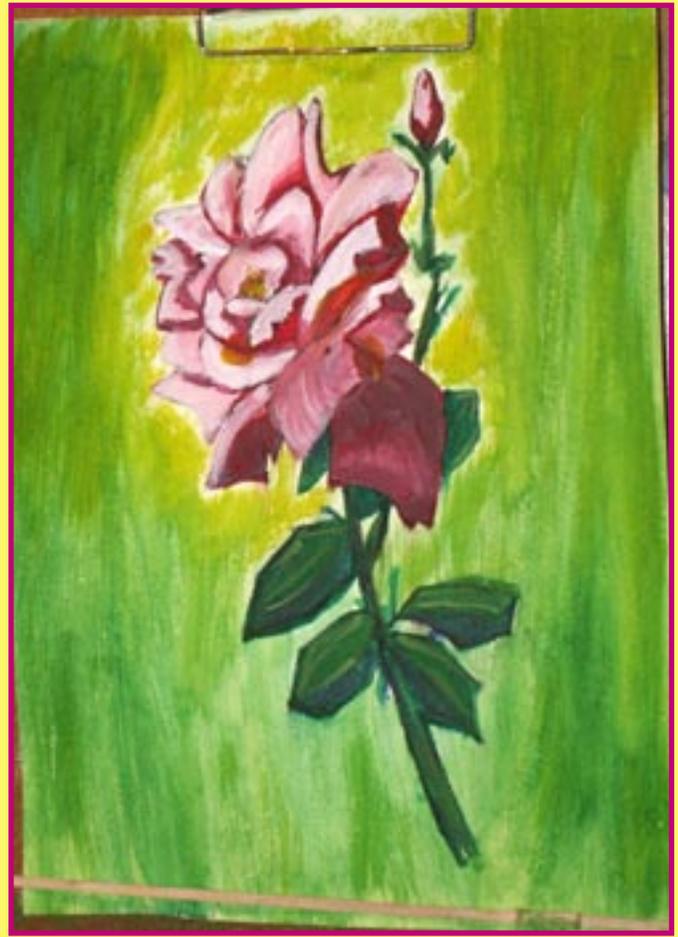
Friday Follies
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Man! Flowers are hard! I have tried them several times, but I just can't quite get them right. I decided to start a very simple subject and with watercolors just paint and paint and paint until I can get one right... well... that is the plan anyway. We will see. They still look like something out of a comic book.

This is one of my first attempts. They always start out really pretty, but when it comes down to the details, I just can't "nail it." Maybe that will come with practice, and maybe I will just never be able to paint flowers! Next, I will try this one with oils and see if the affect is any different. Hey... all of you artists out there, give me some pointers. Shoot. Maybe I should just find some time (and money) to take a class somewhere.



Another interesting week. Just very busy at work. Actually too much for any one person to do - and that can be said for everyone in my department right now. Just a bit overwhelming.



Add to that Jeremy being here last week and to top it off, I had some strange complications develop from some minor surgery I had back in November, and I was flat on my back for three days while he was here. Just awful! It was a three day weekend, too, so, of course, I was better in time to go back to work on Tuesday! Ha! Noth-

ing serious at all, but it did scared me... and the kids. I am on two kinds of pain pills and a strong antibiotic now, and the three of them together knock me off my feet. I get so sleepy that both Tuesday and Wednesday at work I had to go to the nurse's office and sleep during lunch for an hour to keep from embarrassing myself by falling asleep at my desk. That is no lie! Don't worry, I don't take them before I drive to work, and they have worn off by the time I have to drive home. I wouldn't do that...

I am a bit of a night owl, ya know, but not on these things... man, I am in bed asleep by 10:00 and actually sleep through the night until about 7:00 the next morning. Normally, I NEVER sleep more than six hours a night, MAX... EVER! I do feel better, though, so I know they are working. But I am tired of being tired. As I type this, my eyes are getting heavy. So maybe I will stop and pick up here tomorrow night...

I'm back... This page has images of some of the incredible items up for bid at our auction this Saturday night. Some are just magnificent trips, but some - like the car are up for sale! Hundreds of items, but these are some of the best. I think we are going to make a lot of money What do you think?

Hey - funny thing. You know the lists that I send you in the Follies sometimes? You know - "Twenty things you did not know but will find interesting" or "The ten strangest things on Earth" - silly stuff like that? Now,



remember, I do not write them. They are sent to me and I simply pass them on. Well, the last two times there have been lists in the Follies, I have heard from folks that want to set the record straight. I think it is funny. There is one list that claims (and I have sent this one out more than once) that a “Duck’s quack does not echo.” Every time I send it out, a friend



of mine who is a doctor in Norfolk writes me with something like this, “This has been going around for years. From the Norfolk Boat Club we can hear the quack and the echo off the neighboring building.” And then from another well known “Norfolk-ite” - this one, “I wanted to send you a clarification on one of the items on that list - ‘The Declara-

tion of Independence was written on hemp (marijuana) paper.’ This is actually a myth. The US Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and others were all printed on parchment. There are no hemp oils in the parchment. No hemp product whatsoever in the ink written on the parchment either.” Anyway, I am glad we cleared that up. Like I said, I just pass them on. (smile)



Now, you wanna hear something really weird... Ollie has taken up a really strange and dangerous habit. He LOVES firewood. Well, if he is outside and he grabs a stick of wood off the woodpile, that is fine. but he has started doing it in the HOUSE! Burned

wood from one of my fireplaces! It has happened twice now! I wake up in the morning and go into the living room, and he has taken burned, charred pieces of wood out of the fireplace and has gnawed on them. I even have a very small (but very scary) burn mark on the carpet! Can you believe it?! Have you ever heard of anything like that in your life!? I have now had to start building a “barricade” with the coffee table and chairs in front of the fireplace before I go to bed at night. That has stopped it, but how very BIZARRE is that!? Maybe he isn’t getting enough fiber!? Ha! Really NOT funny!



Something I thought was cute this week, when Jeremy was here, he bought some Virginia bumper stickers for his four Audi Taxis. I mean, come on... the kid lives in the most beautiful place on Earth. Look - right here where this red star is - that is the exact location of his new business. But he wanted to put Virginia bumper stickers on his taxis. I thought that was kinda sweet. Anyway, he left them here in a drawer and called me when he got back to California and asked me if I would send them to him. I just thought that was cute. Oh, he also wanted to tell me he has a new band to play with occasionally now. He is excited about that. I am too. I hope he ALWAYS keeps his music in his life.



Oh, for those of you who asked, Yellow Bird did not have baby canaries. Actually, she lay four eggs. One hatched, and the other three were cracked like they were in the process of hatching. Something happened and none of them survived. I am not sure what, but that is not unusual for a first clutch, I have heard. Maybe she freaked a bit... But at least they were fertilized. That means there is a very good chance she will hatch some babies this spring. Keep your fingers crossed. She is building a new nest.



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Oh, and I got a note from my friend, Bruce, in Russia today. Russia seems to agree with the latest art work and is supplying tons of inspiration. This is an ad that will run about Bruce's solo exhibit in France during March. Those of you in France (and I know you are there because you are showing up on my web statistics page each week) go see the show! I sure wish I could go. To see some of Bruce's incredible work, go to my links page: www.judiwithani.com/links

I also started thinking about it and I have tried my hand at flowers before. They weren't great, but they weren't terrible, either. Here are two I remembered.



Remember to go to the website for your Fat Tuesday Recipes. Some great New Orleans Cuisine! Happy Mardi Gras!
www.judiwithani.com/recipes

OK. Gotta go. Be good, write, and remember to pray for our men and women in Iraq. May they all come home soon.

Much love attached.

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!

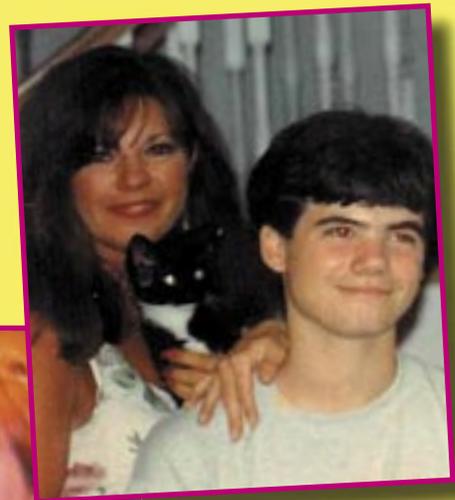
God bless.

Remember, life is short...

We need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,



Judi Godsey

P.S. 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!