



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Welcome, Poland! We are so happy to have you with us, and the photos you sent are awesome! I am so impressed that you are doing so well in your English class. It must be because of your WONDERFUL teacher, Miss Halina! Right? You will have to write and tell more about yourselves, your school, your city, your likes and dislikes, and even a few jokes from Poland would be welcomed! You make me miss teaching sooooo much! I hope you will enjoy the Follies each week, the clean jokes that come with them, and, of course, the website: <http://judiwithani.com> If there is ever anything you do not understand, write me, and I will TRY to explain. OK? Deal?

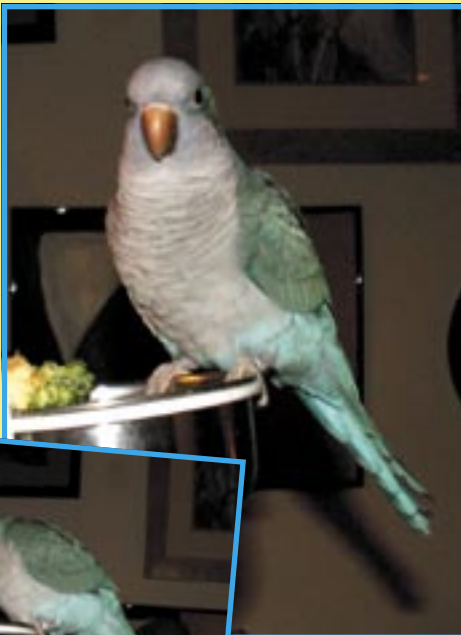
For those of you on the Friday Follies list already, I had an email right after Christmas that Halina and her students in Poland wanted to join "our club." She thought it would be a great way for her students to learn and practice English and to learn about life in the USA. (Oh, boy...) She heard about it through a friend of mine who served in the Peace Corps with her in the 90's. Very cool, don't you think...

Well, Halina and I finally connected this week, so they will be with us from now on. (I guess I had better behave now, right?) I am so looking forward to hearing and learning more about them.

Lots of nice dinners and lunches and get-togethers with friends and family this week - (no photos this week) - it was so nice to have a three day weekend... especially after having so much time off at Christmas and New Year's. It somehow helps ease back into the work scene, ya know? Besides, I love to take a few minutes each year and read Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech on "his day." Very, very moving. With each passing year, it means a little more, and perhaps a little something different depending on what is going on in the world at the time. I have a similar dream...

Guess what!!! BOBO is already talking to me! This morning, at the end of a three day weekend with lots of time with him - are you ready for this - he LAUGHED! Out LOUD! Just like Liberty (L'il Birdie) used to do! He is only six months old, but he/she is an ANGEL and even tried very hard to say, "Hi, BoBo!" or maybe it was, "Hi, Mama." I am not sure which. But he LAUGHED with me! "Ha Ha Ha Ha!" he said. That makes me feel so good considering all that is going on in my life right now. I guess that shows that I still laugh more than anything else.





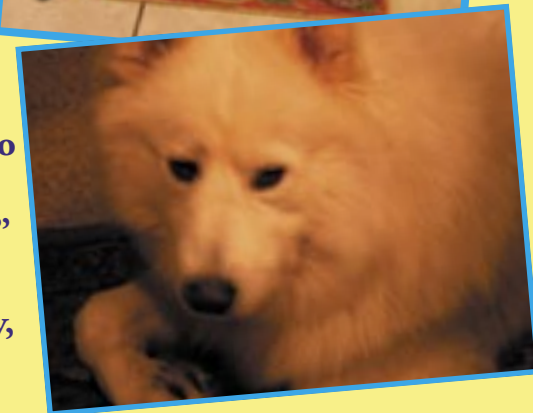
I need to be careful, though, because I have had to fuss a LOT at Oliver these past three days. I think he is a little bit jealous of Bobo and the attention he is getting - and Maggie because she is so old and is obviously favored for that - but still, I need to watch my language or Bobo will pick it up and repeat it! Ha! That is one thing you have to be careful of with a parrot in the house.

And, look at this. A friend gave me this neat dog dish for Oliver - kind of like the one I had for Gandalf before - only much prettier. It helps big dogs digest their food better because they do not have to bend over to eat, and they don't get choked so easily. Well, Maggie, my 19-year-old cat, LOVES Ollie, and whatever Ollie does, she tries to do. She will not drink from her little bowl now... (see it on the side) she has to drink from Ollies' bowl! Isn't that the cutest thing!

Ollie - with this warm mid-seventies weather we are having - has taken to digging - which Samoyeds are known for. He dug a hole in my gravel pathway and it filled up with rain water and created a nice, little mud-hole. I filled it with gravel until I can do it right, but tonight when I took him out to go do his "duty" after I got home from work, he stepped in it up to his knee! Back legs COVERED in mud! He did not like that at all. I didn't either! When spring gets here, I will take care of all of that.

The canaries (eleven of them) are now split out from one cage into three. I have two pair who are trying to mate. The ones in the black cage shown here already have eggs in their nest, and I am sure after all of their "activity" they are fertilized! Ha! So this spring should be interesting to say the least. I will have babies to sell and give away, that is for sure. They are so very cool. The house is always filled with beautiful songs...

Speaking of songs - *MY* new song, "America," did very well



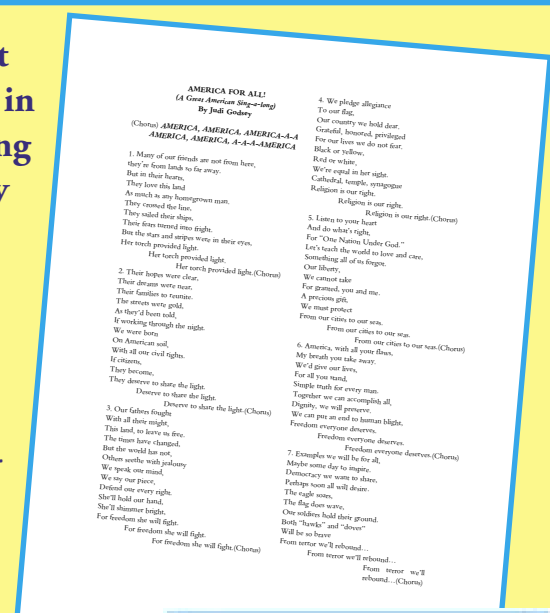
when I had the choral director at work help me with the arrangement. The entire music department even considered teaching it to the chorus, jazz band, and orchestra for their end of the year concert in May! I was so thrilled, I cried... Literally! I was just so very overwhelmed. I mean, you do something like that, then you share it with someone you trust not to laugh at you, and then when they say they are going to teach it to every music student in the Upper School for their grand finale of the year - well - you simply CRY! HA! Can you believe it?

It really *was* too good to be true. They have decided since Christmas that there is just not enough time to prepare everyone for it properly and will work on the arrangements for all of the parts and vocals over the summer to teach it to them in the fall. STILL! That is pretty incredible! Just the fact that they considered it is incredible! Maybe I will submit it to the new phase of *American Idol* this year! LOL! You think I am kidding? Hey, you never know... Soon, I think I will try to put the lyrics and song on the website, even though it has not totally cleared copyright yet. I am really - TRULY - proud of it! If you want to hear the melody, write me an email and I will send it to you - it is not the lyrics, just Sammie playing the piano (great) and me singing it without a microphone (yea!) so you cannot hear me, but I will send you the lyrics, too, so you can imagine what it sounds like. They are both very small files.

I also finished mom's cookbook and a couple of other cook books. They may become e-books. I am not sure, yet. Can't get my webmaster to answer my questions about it, so I will probably research somewhere else. And the book I sent to the agent in New York, *Lemon-Aide*, did not disappoint me at all. I just need to carve out some time to refine it so the innocent are protected. THAT may take some time, indeed. Worth it, though. It would blow you away - totally. Perhaps I will rewrite the whole thing as a novel... There's an idea. Now, where is the time? (Smile)

I also wanted to share this with you this week. During Christmas, I bought a beautiful framed and matted photograph for a friend of mine who had taken me out many times for very nice evenings. Another friend, Dee Akright, a professional photographer, had shown it in one of her art exhibits and my buddy had seen it at the exhibit and liked it very much.

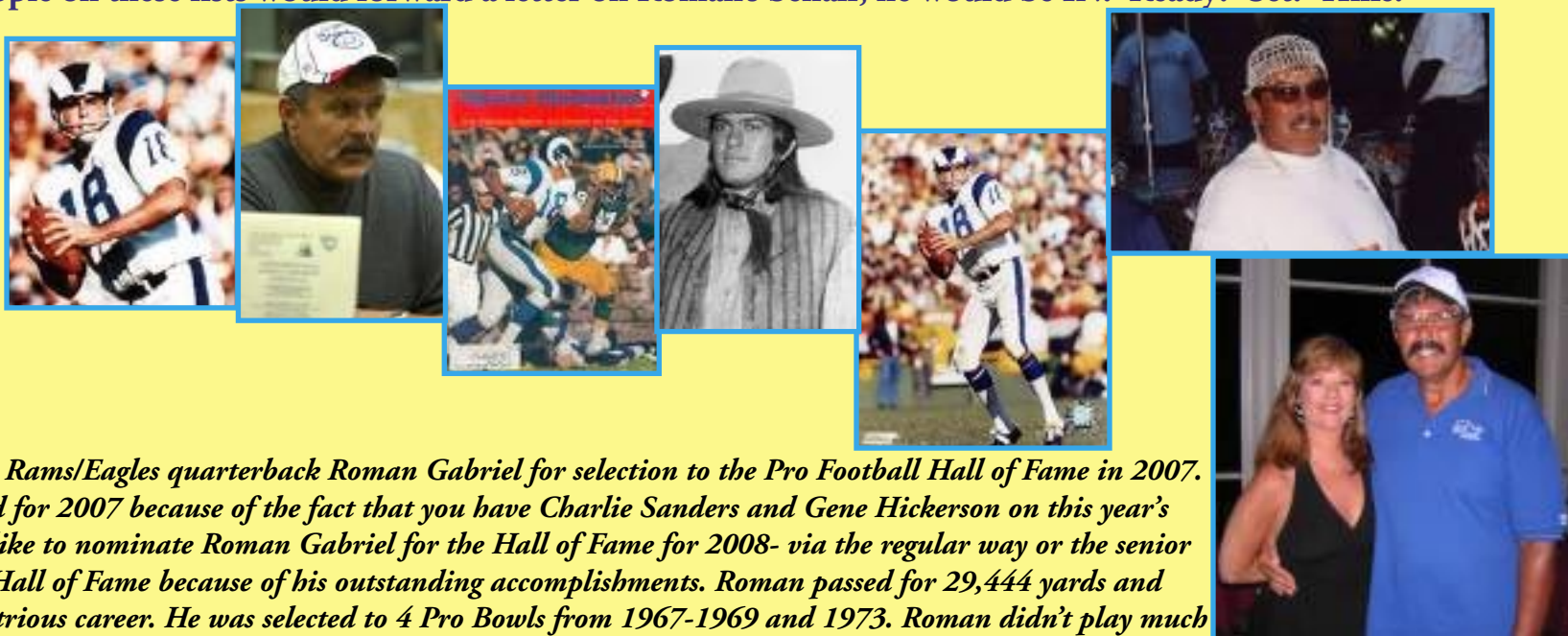
Well, wrapped with a pretty, bright, red ribbon under the tree, my daughter, Jessica, saw it and had a complete fit over it! Her bedroom is accented with red and she WANTED it! Badly! I had to wrestle her for it and won, but told her that I would try to get her a print matted and framed, too. I did - this week. It is soooo pretty. It is called Red Tide and it is from Dee's *Liquid Dreams* series. Just awesome. Jessica, Dee, and my buddy were all very pleased. So was I. Go see Dee's exhibits online. Her website is on my links page <http://judiwithani.com/links>
Thanks, Dee!



OK. Now on to something very serious... My good buddy, Roman Gabriel, has been nominated for the NFL Hall of Fame. Hello! That is HUGE! But then again, its truly hard for me to believe that someone as famous as Roman has not already *been* inducted. If you have two, short minutes this week, please look at this letter, take portions of it - the stats and stuff - and write a letter to the address shown. Please! This is IMPORTANT! I seldom ask you for anything, but this, I am asking. Just cut and paste it if you want, and add some of your own "flavor." Trust me, that is OK. That is how most of these letters are written, anyway. Let's see what happens? OK? If even 35% of the people on these lists would forward a letter on Roman's behalf, he would be IN! Ready? Set? Hike!

*Pro Football Hall of Fame
c/o Board of Selectors
2121 George Halas Drive, NW
Canton, Ohio 44708*

*RE: Roman Gabriel
1962-1972- Los Angeles Rams
1973-1977- Philadelphia Eagles*



Board of Selectors:

I would like to nominate former Rams/Eagles quarterback Roman Gabriel for selection to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2007. If he won't or can't be nominated for 2007 because of the fact that you have Charlie Sanders and Gene Hickerson on this year's senior committee, then I would like to nominate Roman Gabriel for the Hall of Fame for 2008- via the regular way or the senior committee. He should be in the Hall of Fame because of his outstanding accomplishments. Roman passed for 29,444 yards and 201 touchdowns during his illustrious career. He was selected to 4 Pro Bowls from 1967-1969 and 1973. Roman didn't play much his first 4 years, from 1962-1965, because he was a back-up quarterback. He was the NFL's Most Valuable Player in 1969. Twice, he led the NFL in touchdown passes. In 1969, his MVP season with the Rams, he threw for a NFL best 24 touchdowns. In 1973, with the Eagles, he threw a NFL high 23 touchdown passes and led the NFL with 3,219 yards. He was Pro Football's only 3,000 yard passer. His team went to two playoff games during his career in 1967 and 1969. They lost both games, but Roman performed well.

Roman Gabriel was a complete quarterback. There was nobody tougher. When he ran, he didn't run out of bounds or slide to the ground. Roman was the field general of the Rams. He could make adjustments on any given play. Roman had some very good receivers. Jack Snow and Roman were one of the NFL's best ever passing combinations from 1965-1972.

Football aside, here's what you need to know about Roman Gabriel. For years, he has done numerous charities for people less fortunate. His Roman Gabriel-Mac Williams Celebrity Golf Challenge tournament is one of the most successful charities. He raises money for the family of Mac Williams, who passed away a few years ago. That's a real Hall of Famer. He has class and integrity. Roman is a role model and a good gentleman. I just think a quarterback who passes for over 29,000 yards and 201 touchdowns should be in the Hall of Fame. It's about time he is chosen for the Hall of Fame. He was one of the NFL's biggest gate attractions. I wrote a book called, Distant Memories- The NFL's Best Ever Players of the 60's and 70's. Roman Gabriel is in that book.

*Sincerely,
Danny Jones*

OK, Folks. Now there is your model. Go to it!

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, 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!