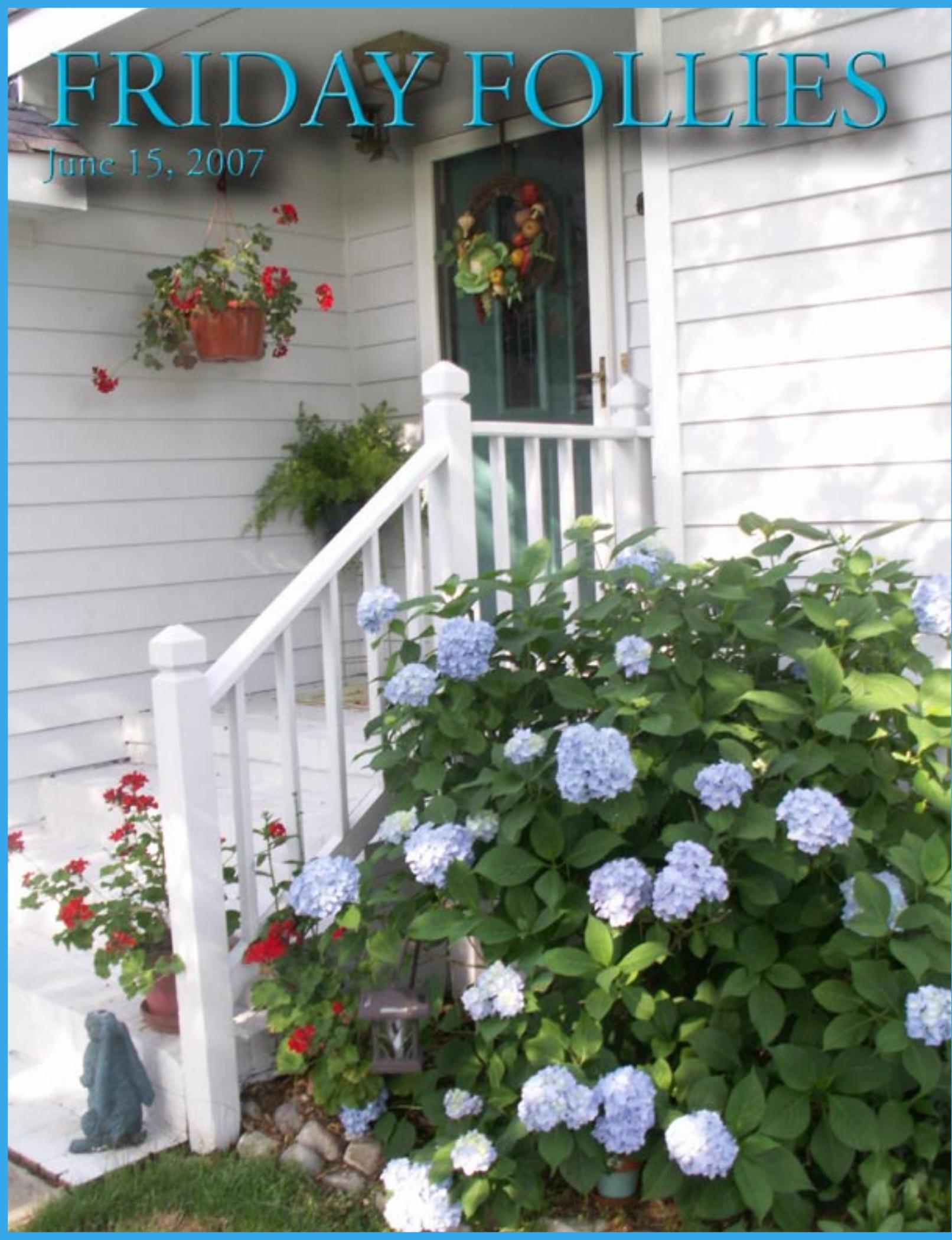


# FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Happy Father's Day!

I hope it is all that you deserve and more! I have no fathers to buy for anymore, but I always like to remember special times with my Dad. He was certainly one of a kind!

Wasn't he handsome!



Great week and weekend! Actually had some time to take off and go to the neighborhood pool and to the beach! Man, you forget how great the beach is until you go, ya know...

Have had some time to get some chores done around the house, too. I honestly feel as though I can breath again. It has been absurdly crazy since Christmas - way more than is natural or healthy. I am so glad it is calming just for a bit. Still have deadlines, but they are more manageable now.

Wedding plans have changed again - and probably will yet again, but that is OK. Vegas proved to be too hard on the older family members, then having it here in a chapel, I could tell was stressing Jessica majorly. That is exactly what she did not want. So now they are looking at going to, well - several places right now - to get married and honeymoon by themselves. Later in the fall there will be a reception.

When the final decision is made, I will let you know. I personally think they will be much happier this way. No worrying about anything or pleasing anyone... just being happy and enjoying each other. I am tickled for them. Max wishes he could walk her down the aisle, and I had visions of her in front of the alter, but you know what, it really doesn't matter. They are in love and are very happy. I know good things are coming their way.



She has had fun registering at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Target, William Sanoma, and Crate & Barrel so far. Jessica Jones and Ricky Miller, for those of you who have asked. We wrote up an announcement, but since it is so soon, I think now we will just wait and do the wedding announcement instead of an engagement announcement.



One morning this week, my doorbell rang at 8:15 a.m. I could not imagine... It was one of my neighbors walking with her three whippets and she said a couple around the block had spotted a parrot in their tree for several days just at dusk. They thought it might be mine. (Liberty - the one I lost last Labor Day!) Well, I was certain it wasn't, but after work, around 6, Gene came over and told me he was back in their yard. I grabbed some parrot food and a box and raced to their incredibly beautiful backyard. Nope! Not my Liberty! It was VERY similar, though. It was a pretty little parrotlet about 5 inches long, yellow and green.



Pretty soon cars were stopping and bikers, and dog walkers, and we were all watching this cute little bird dart from tree to tree around the lake. I checked the paper and no one had lost a Parrolet.



Well... Tuesday was a nice day, so I took off to get some things done around the house. About 9:15, I heard Ollie barking at the back door. All of the doors and windows were open because it was so nice out, and he was not barking an alert! It was more of a, "Mom! Come quick." With the windows open, the little parrotlet had heard my parrot and canaries and was perched



on the screen door looking in! I could not believe it. Ollie immediately got quiet, like he knew he would scare it away, and long-story-short, the little bird ate the peanut from my hand flew from window to window and flower pot to flower pot, but never landed close enough for me to catch him. He sat on my fence, my umbrella, and roof, too. This went on all morning. I would go inside and he would come back and perch on the window by BoBo. Finally, I think it got too hot, and he flew away for good. I put a cage and food and water on the back deck, but I have not seen or heard him since. Maybe he was just checking it out. He seemed very happy, but the fact that he was hanging around lets me know he must have been “kinda wanting” to be caught. I am sure it is scary out there with all of the snakes and hawks and cats and stuff.

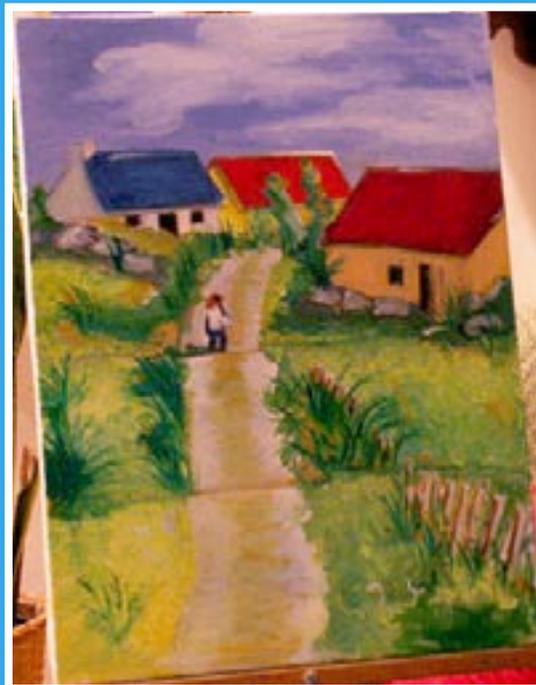


Somehow I do not think this story is over... (smile) Just call me “Mother (Freakin’) Nature!” Man! All I need is another BIRD!

OK. I really do have to get going. It is not like I have “nothing” to do. There is still plenty on my plate! Just wanted to say, “Hi.”



I continued to paint on my country scene and then started one with cows and one with sheep. None are finished. With oils, I get them started and then let them sit for a couple of weeks before I go back and put on the finishing touches. Man, I really want to take lessons someday. It is SO much



Fun!  
Can you tell that I have added some detail? I WISH I could take a decent photo of them. It is just hard because the oil paint picks up the glare and washes out all of the color.



Here are the sheep I started. Color just blocked in for now.



And here are a few of my cow at different stages! I love him! He is a long way from finished, too, but thought I would show you.

Have a great week, Y'all.

Pray for our service men and women, please. Keep them close to your hearts!



*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, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!*

*God bless.*

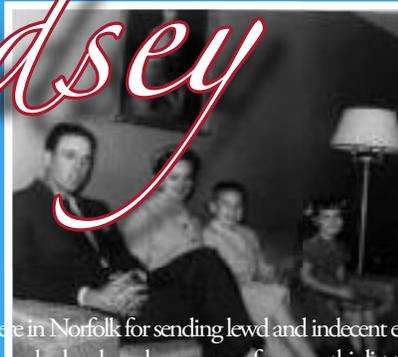
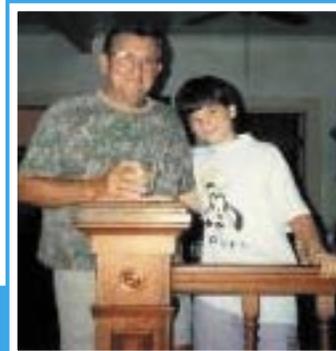
*Remember, life is short!*

*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 ~~included each and every one of you on this list~~ 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!