

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Happy Easter!

I LOVE Easter. Great food, family, friends, faith, and flowers! Don't you agree? I plan on cooking the traditional ham, fresh asparagus, potato salad, egg salad, etc. Ummm. Can't wait!

Would you like some good spring recipes? I just posted a new Easter recipe page on the website. Take a look! Ummm!

<http://www.judiwithani.com/recipes>

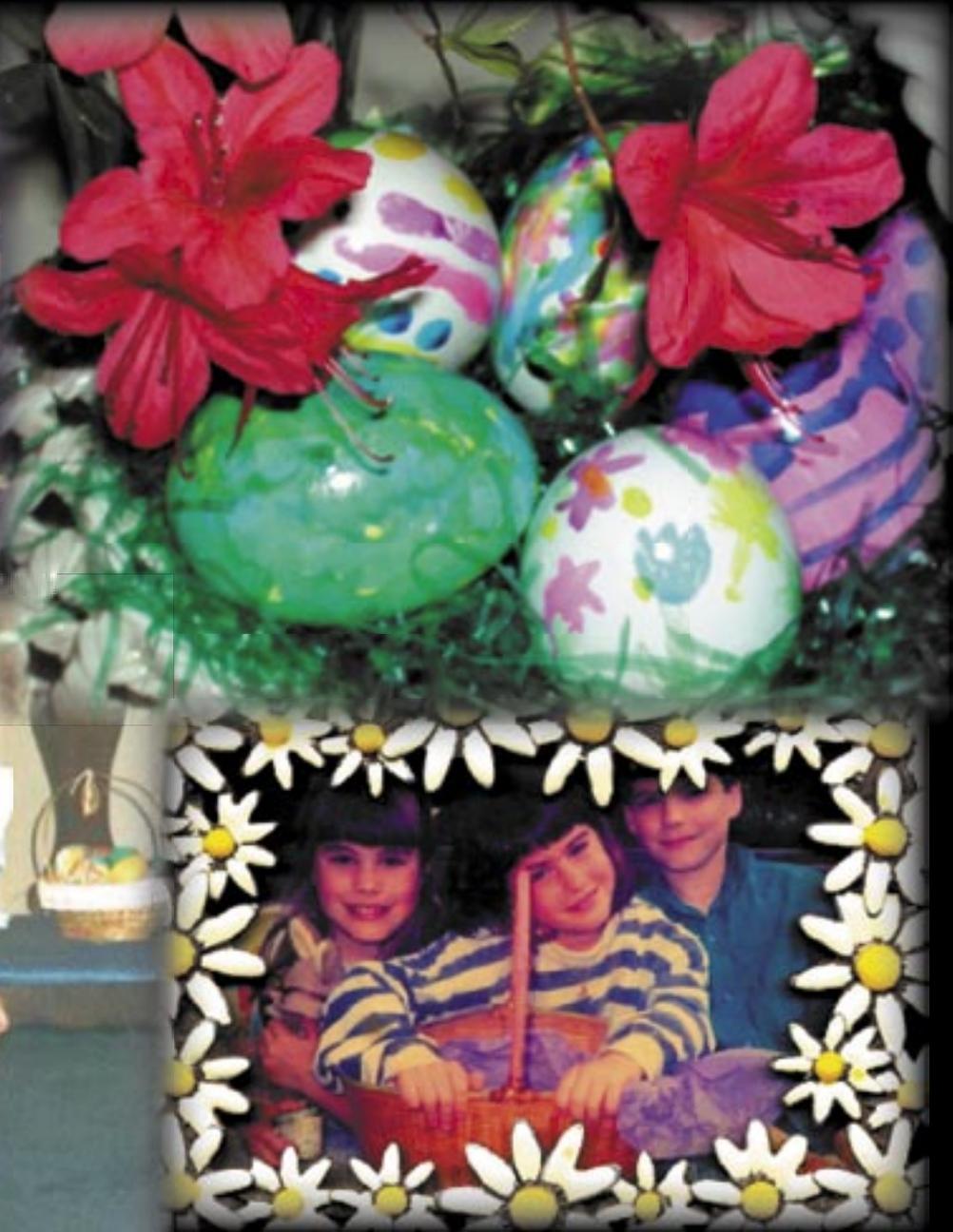


It was really interesting hearing all of the comments about PCs and Macs. I mean, PCs are viewed as the "dark side" by many of you, and I have to agree. Ha! Every Mac person I heard from said, "Resist" getting a PC! LOL! I do not like the PC laptop I am using for work at ALL. It is crazy! Shuts down, runs out of power, is way too sensitive in that it sends messages right in the middle of typing a sentence, etc. Just strange.

Let me keep my Mac!

Please!





I am ready to start some serious painting... Now that I have been experimenting with watercolor, I want to try oils again. Unfortunately, I have some interior house painting to do while the guys are doing the exterior painting. They are going to let me use their tall ladders for four or five days, (mine is only about nine feet tall) so I can reach all of the 18-20 ft. tall walls while they are here. Now, I say that, but can you see me climbing a ladder that tall with a paint brush and paint bucket? Scares me a bit to even think about it, but I am gonna do it. One estimate for my living room alone was over a thousand dollars! Ha! I'll climb it to save that - that is for sure. Wouldn't you? Plus, it looks so clean and finished and pretty when it is finished.



Well, we have a new baby in the house.

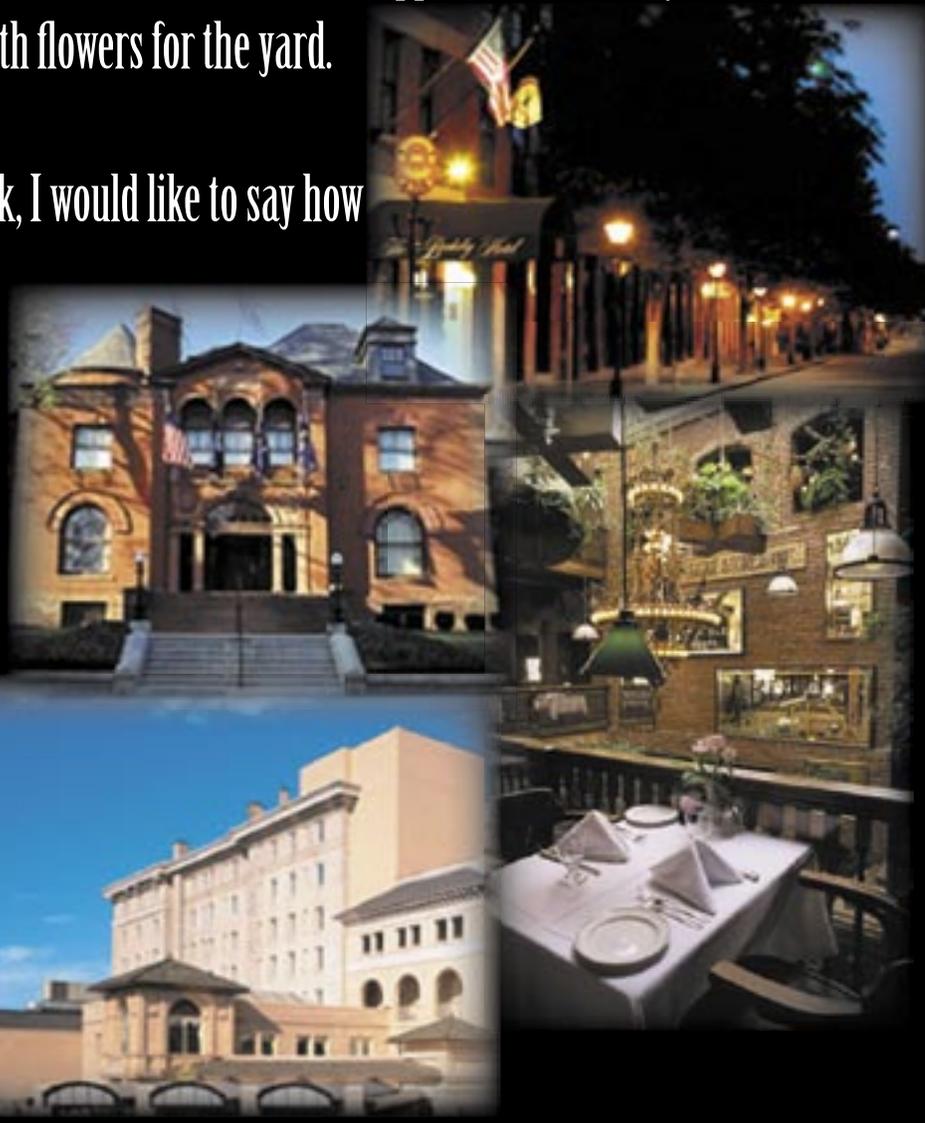
He/she is adorable. I took these a couple of days ago and he/she already looks much prettier with

feathers all fluffed out. I think I will name him YBee. Mama is Yellow Bird and Daddy is Bee Gee.

OK, time to get rid of some birds! I now have twelve canaries - which is about five too many. Most are the expensive kind, too, with the floppy "Beagle type" crown. I love them, but I have to whittle back down to one cage. Plus I have a blue parrot, a twenty-year-old cat and an 80 pound polar-bear looking puppy! Do you know how much time they all take? Man! The hard part is going to be deciding who goes! Beethoven, Baby Bee, Brown Baby, Huey, Snow white, Sunny, Dee, Dum, Guinevere, Yellow Bird, Bee Gee, or YBee. Maybe all but a few, and then start a whole new clan. If I had an aviary, it would be different...

I had a very nice weekend. I met a long-time friend from Washington D.C. in Richmond, which is the half-way point, and we just had a great time. My friend is just very easy to be with and is astoundingly interesting. Anyway, it was nice to stay in the Berkely Hotel again, one of my favorites right in the heart of Shocko Slip. I spent a good bit of time there in the late nineties when I was doing some work with the General Assembly right up the hill. We also had dinner at the Commonwealth Club - the life size portraits of Civil War heros on every wall would blow you away. There was even one of my high school namesake, General Stephen D. Lee. Now, that was cool! I recognized him before I even read his name. Anyway, after an incredible, very southern dinner, we went to the Jefferson Hotel, another favorite, and met the nicest couple from South Carolina in the Rotunda (restaurant/bar). Just breath taking scenery and incredible conversation. There were a ton of college kids there, too, all dressed in formals and partying after a wedding. I had forgotten how beautiful and fun Richmond is. Brunch at the Tobacco Company on Sunday and then back to the beach- but not before I stopped at the Pottery in Williamsburg and filled my convertible with flowers for the yard. Very nice outing, indeed.

Last, but most importantly this week, I would like to say how much each of you mean to me. The sudden death of a 25 year-old friend brought it all home to me and many others this week. Pete, you will be missed. You touched many, many lives. 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, 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 Gadsey



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!