

FRIDAY FOLLIES

April 29, 2005



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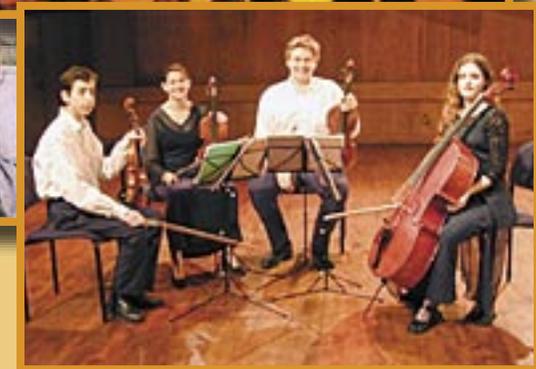
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Wow! What a week! Just unreal!

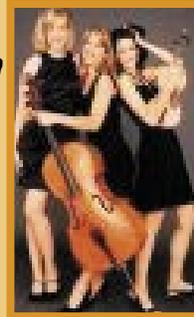
Last Thursday night after I sent the Follies, I went to take a shower. Well, sounds simple enough, right? Nope! It was "HELEN KELLER MEETS PSYCHO!" Obviously I have to take my hearing aids out to take a shower - otherwise it would be \$6,000 down the drain. Literally! Ha! Well, I am singing (it is OK because I cannot hear myself...and no one else is here to hear me...) and am having the best time in my late night shower. Little did I know there was a storm brewing. Yup! Lost power. Now just stop and think about that! I cannot hear anything - not even the water running in the shower! I am here by myself late at night, THEN, the lights go out. I DID hear the Psycho sound track playing in my head, though! REEEE! REEEE! REEEE! REEEE!! OOOHHH! Scarey! Luckily I have a couple of candles in the bathroom and once lighted, I was fine until the power came back on. What a HOOT, though! I survived!

You know I am taking violin lessons and am really moving along quite nicely for someone my age and with my "special" qualities... I just don't practice enough. I even have gotten to where I leave the violin out of its case on top of the piano so I have to pass by it several times a day! I still don't practice regularly, just too much to do, but I THINK about it every time I pass by! Ha! Somehow that just doesn't cut it! Anyway! I LOVE it! Absolutely LOVE it and dream of really being able to play and improvise and fiddle someday soon. I am starting to understand it a bit better. It is just hard when you have NEVER played a stringed instrument and you start in the second half of your life! I wish I had the time to really devote my energies to it. What a fantastic, versatile instrument!

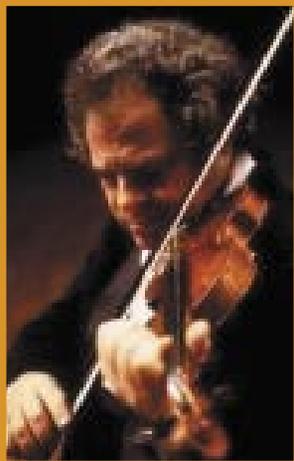
Well, I wanted to tell you that this week at the school where I work, we had the Israeli String Quartet, "ARIEL" perform for the students!!!! They were



here for the Virginia Arts Festival, and we had 26 exchange students at the school from Tel Aviv at the same time. What a coincidence! So it was a natural for them to come and play for the Middle and Upper Schools! OH MY! They are so incredibly talented! They are a very young quartet, all just barely 20 years old, and virtuoso musicians taking the world stage by storm. Unreal! Truly. They were simply awesome! Go buy their CD!! You won't be sorry!



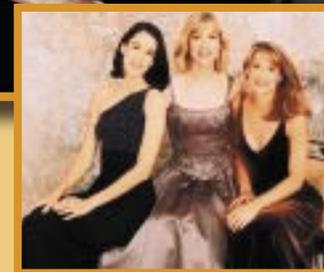
Within the next two weeks, folks, incredible talent will be coming through the area. The Eroica Trio will be performing at my school in early May. I cannot wait to meet them! If you are not familiar with them, you should be! They are an all female group with several Grammy nominations, six outstanding recordings, many magazine and television appearances, and are winners of the prestigious Naumburg Award. The really neat thing about them is that they are young, beautiful, talented, and there is a blonde, brunette and a redhead! Very cool. (or hot - depending on your gender, I guess.)



THEN!!!!!!!
Oh MY GAWD!!!



Itzhak Perlman will be performing at Chrysler Hall also next week! I may be invited to go to the open rehearsal - which to me is ten times more interesting that a performance/concert, especially with someone like Itzhak...he is such a crazy character! I REALLY want to meet him and have a picture made with him for my "Forest Gump" collection. He is one of my idols! I will let you know how it all turns out!



Well, sad Canary means they cage and

seemed OK) on the bottom of the cage so I put it back in the nest and the mother hen, Helena, brooded over it all week. Then this morning (Tuesday) I went in to feed them and she had tossed that one out of the cage. Yes. It was fertilized! I think Gwenivere got jealous and destroyed the three, and then Helena threw out the cracked one. (They don't fall for that, ya know...) The lady at the pet store confirmed all of that for me this afternoon. SO! We have started all over with new nests and nesting material and two hens and two cocks in separate cages. We will see what happens in the next few days. Wish us luck. Hey! I have an idea! Let's start an egg pool...Helena and Chester...or Gwenivere and Brown Baby! Who do you pick? I am betting on Helena and Chester.

And get this! I moved Mamma and Pappa Finch back into their own cage...sat down to read the paper...looked up...and they were mating AGAIN! Not ten minutes after I separated them from their four babies! Oh, Brother! And for those of you who asked, Lucy and Ethel, the two Parakeets, are starting to grow on me...noisy and crazy as they are. I swear, Lucy hangs upside down in her cage most of the time.

Went to dinner this week with two very dear friends, Chad and Sheila, who have been out of town forever it seems like. I had not seen them since Halloween even though we talk frequently! They are semi-retired and have a house in Willmington and in Sante Fe. Thanks, Guys. It was awesome and your new baby if BEAUTIFUL!

Also went to a cook out at Wendy and Kevin's. Kevin, I have MEAN cook outs, but I cannot compare to you in "Kevin's Kitchen!" Kevin made Mahi mahi, Alligator and shrimp. Absolutely delicious, as always! Love you guys.

I had another cook out this week, but this time it was a "girl's only" cook out. We had a blast! It was freezing, so we had the big fire going outside and everyone was wrapped up in blankets. The really neat thing is that no one really knew each other very well. I guess I was the only tie they had...string? thread? whatever...but that did not last long. We had a blast!

Then a very dear friend of mine bought a new sailboat and had a party to "break it in." I tell ya...it is hell living at the "beach!" Ha! We truly are blessed here. What a great place to live. Here are some shots from the party. Thanks Bill!

1. (1) Bill with a baggie full of jello shooters...



2. (2) Bill's new sail boat.



3. (3) Laura, Bill's sweet wife, and Leo! (Yea! Leo, it was GREAT to see you feeling and looking so good! (Next page...))





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(4) Leo's ship, The Black Widow! Isn't she beautiful!

(5) My great friend, Gloria - Leo's lovely wife, Laura, Leo, friends of Bill and Laura's (I did not get their names), and Bill, the perfect host, as always!

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(6) I have to tell you, I do not do jello shooters anymore...well not that often, anyway! There comes a time in life when you just have to say, "No thanks...!" But this lady was not where I am. She sat there while we were all talking and had TWELVE jello shooters in fifteen minutes. I kid you not! She would get up, go find Bill, come back with four more shooters, and sit down and inhale them... I did not see her when I left, but I am sure she was not "feeling it yet..." Bill said she downed eight more after I left the boat... MAN! I am sure she was HURTING the next morning!

(7) And DORCUS! I SIMPLY CANNOT BELIEVE YOU WON A MILLION DOLLAR HOME! You GO girl! Wish it had been me!



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, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, 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!