FRIDAY FOLLIES

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I wanted to wait until today - a very significant day - to do this week's Follies!

I hope you have watched some of the LIVE EARTH concerts today and/or tonight wherever you are on this planet. Truly amazing!

All I can say is. . . - - - . . . it is about time. . . - - - . . . For ALL of us!

What struck me was Alicia Keys singing "Mercy, Mercy Me" from thirty years ago and it still is ringing totally true today. What if we had all listened back then. . . - - - . . . Well, perhaps we will all listen now. . . - - - . . .

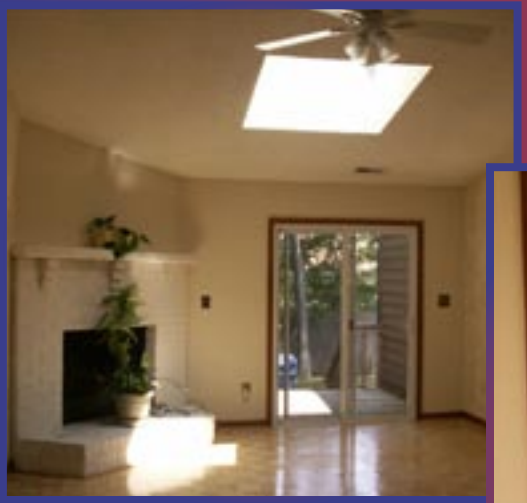
"Ah, mercy, mercy me,
Ah, things ain't what they used to be, no, no.
Where did all the blue skies go?
Poison is the wind that blows from the north and south and east

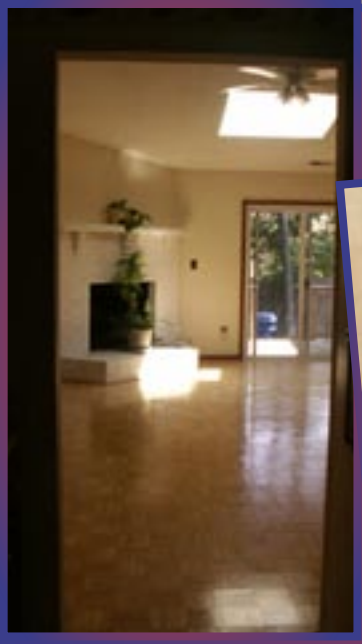
Mercy, mercy me,
Ah, things ain't what they used to be, no, no.
Oil wasted on the ocean and upon
our seas fish full of mercury,

Oh, mercy, mercy me.
Ah, things ain't what they used to be, no, no, no.
Radiation underground and in the sky;
animals and birds who live near by are dying.

Oh, mercy, mercy me.
Ah, things ain't what they used to be.
What about this over crowded land?
How much more abuse from man can she stand?"

On the home front, Jessica started moving into her new home this week. We had displayed all of their new gifts here at my house until they had their own place. At first she thought that was rather strange until several of her friends told her they thought it was very "Southern" and very "cool". I told her I did not know any other way to do it. That was how I was "brought up." She ended up being very pleased with the idea. It was fun. Almost like having a little store with displays set up in the living room.





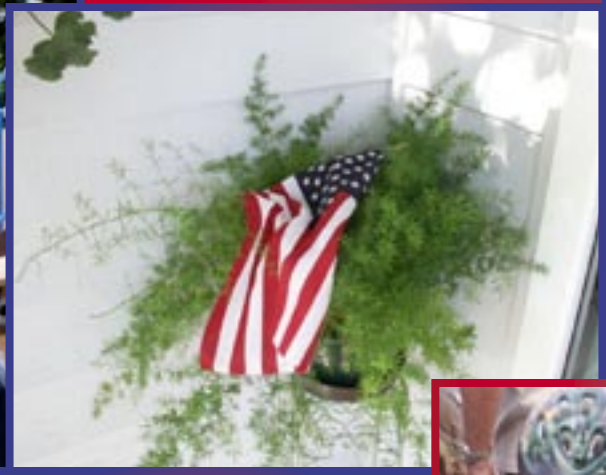
They are so proud with their new home, as they should be! Opting for a new house instead of an expensive wedding is the way to go, as far as I am concerned. It is very nice, and I am sure when they get into it and start with all of their plans for redecorating, they are going to love it. It has lots of sky lights, hard wood floors, built-ins, and a big white fireplace to boot! Just adorable.

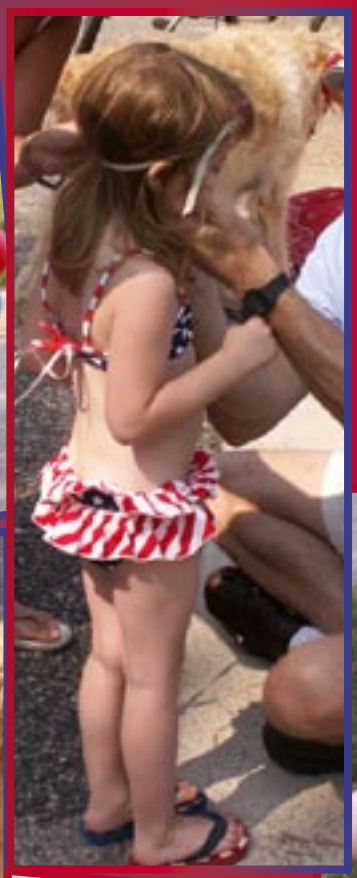
Their wedding plans have had to change three times because of illness in Ricky's immediate family. They will now be married here on the beach, August 12, and will have the reception immediately following the ceremony. It will be just what they wanted all along. VERY simple. They are pleased.

I have finished a couple more paintings and have even had an offer or two! I have decided it is time to seriously start to "let go" of some of them, if people are really serious about it. I will try to take some really good photos of them (Thanks for the tips on photographing oils, Dee) and will create a page on my website. I have had some preliminary discussions about a gallery or two, but I think I am more comfortable doing the website, first. We will see. A gallery would be cool, but it makes me nervous. Usually those folks are so knowledgeable and have had so much training. I have read books and looked at pictures. That's it!

And now, I just have to tell you this short tale... You know how much time, energy, and love I have put in my garden this (and every) year. Well, it was doing so well! I was so excited about all of the squash and peppers and herbs. But then, I spotted a bunch of five vine tomatoes all clustered together and ripening perfectly. My first! They were just turning, so I though I would give them one more day. I could not wait to go out and collect them the next morning before work. Poof! Gone! I could not believe it! That has never happened before! I mean, I have had them nibbled by critters and bugs before, but never TAKEN! All I had left was this one tiny, pitiful, patio tomato shown above! It had to be the rabbits I have seen in the yard. Didn't want to kill them, so I looked for something scarey to put in the garden while I went to work. Found a rubber pig toy of Ollie's and threw that underneath. At lunch I searched three garden shops for a rubber snake and could not find one. The best I could find was this owl which scared little BoBo to death, but not the rabbits! The next morning - more tomatoes PooF! My friend, Wendy, found a snake and brought it to me. Scared Ollie to death, but not the rabbits! Next morning more tomatoes - Poof! SOOO! I went to the garden store and bought a product called Liquid Fence! EXPENSIVE! But I mixed that and put it out, and we will see what happens. All I know is that it smells worse than anything I have ever smelled in my life. Honestly! I gagged the whole time I was spraying it. My yard absolutely STINKS! But guess what? Ollie loves it and begs to go outside. He then sits by the garden and barks! Ha! Maybe that is the trick to get them to go away! Ollie barking at the bad smell! My neighbors HAVE to smell it. It is supposed to subside in a day or two, though, and it is environmentally safe - I think it is mostly rotten eggs. PUUUTRRID! Stay tuned!

Now for some lovely, touching, and funny Fourth of July shots. More photos of parties and such, but they will have to be next week!





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Let's get our boys and girls home! It is time! Please pray for them!

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

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!