

NEW YEAR'S EVE FRIDAY FOLLIES

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New Year's was a bit different for me this year. I had four days off at Christmas, and it was blissful. Lots of friends and fun and got so much done. Then, four days off for New Year's!

That first night I had a great celebration with friends who were in town for a few days. Had a blast! That actually turned out to BE my New Year's Celebration!

Then the next morning, I awoke with a terrible fever, sore throat, and stomach bug! I could not believe it! Three of the four days off, I spent in bed! New Year's, I had several nice invitations and parties to go to, but instead, I fell asleep at 5:30, woke at 9:30,



watched it on TV, and then went right back to sleep!

Actually, though, it was kinda nice for a change. I don't honestly remember the last time I stayed in on New Year's Eve.

I did try to rise to the occasion to go to some very nice New Year's Day parties, but was home in bed again as soon as I could get through the door. One was to a friend's House warming - and WHAT a house it was! WOW!



Listen, I have to tell you – (I think some of you figured it out, anyway) – I have not been totally “in love” with my new house. I have tried to make the best of it, but it has just never felt “right” since I moved in.



It is very contemporary, and I have just had the hardest time getting settled. My things look great in it, but it just took me a while to figure it out. Don't get me wrong, it is a lovely, lovely house, and I am extremely fortunate to have it, never thought I could afford something so nice, I just have felt like I have been in boxes for months now! I moved in, got as settled as I could, put all of the stuff I could not use in the garage, then gave all of that furniture and stuff away right before Thanksgiving, then went to Mississippi and brought back even more furniture mom left me. THEN it was time to break out the Christmas boxes!

The truth is, I have not really felt at home until JUST NOW – with the house finally straight. It now looks and feels like home, and I am starting to absolutely love it! I think it has

finally dawned on me that it is MINE! I do not have to ask anyone's permission to do what I want to it! I have started stripping the wall paper out of my master bathroom, vanity, and dressing



room, have drawn up the plans for a new Florida room, have decided where the new door in the garage is going to go, have picked out the stains and paints for the other rooms, have decided what plants will be planted this spring, have changed many of the lighting fixtures both inside and out, and the biggest and best of all -- I have kept my first New Year's Resolution!

#1 on my list was to organize my garage
so I could finally get my car in it!



TADA!
I DID it!

Do you know how good that feels?
Now I just need to build shelves for all of those boxes...
later, of course...

On a very sad note, Jeremy called the day after Christmas, I thought just to check in again. But he was calling to let me know he had just been notified by a fireman in Lake Tahoe that he had found Jeremy's lovely dog, Dock, on the side of the road. Dock, you see, was Jeremy's best friend



and companion for years. Jeremy found him in Colorado when Dock was a puppy, just wandering around the shipping docks of the place where he worked. He was part German Sheppard and part wolf...the kindest, most gentle and loyal dog I have ever known. He will be greatly missed. Look at these photos. Wasn't he beautiful? Jeremy has had a hard time with it as any of us would, but maybe eventually he will realize there are many other animals out there that need a good home. Dock blessed us all.



I'll close with a few silly photos from
New Year's past!

I sincerely hope that your 2006
is all that you want it to be.





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

BE NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were sued by 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 in 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. P.S. 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!