

Hey! Happy 2005!

We finally made it to January after two snows in December (unheard of around here,) and our temperature has reached 70 degrees (or close) every day this week. It is supposed to stay this way for two weeks!

Ironically, I got a call from Jeremy on Sunday night that he had been trapped in a blizzard driving from Reno to Tahoe and they literally had eight feet of snow and were expecting two more feet during the night. Sure enough, I checked the weather and Tahoe had received over ten feet of snow in less than a week. The next day, Jeremy told me he had to dig his car out of the snow. It was completely buried. He said it literally took him eight hours. (I am sure that was made more difficult as he also said he strained his elbow snowboarding while in Colorado.)

He said not to worry, though, because his mountain-top home was avalanche proof. Now how the heck do you make a house avalanche proof!? He said his bedroom is on the first floor of this three story home that he shares with five others. He opened his bedroom door and all he saw was a wall of snow. He could not even see over the



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top of it when he opened the door! Just wild! He had been on the road for over a week and had not seen much about the Tsunami. He was anxious to catch up on the news.

I haven't heard from Susan since last week, so I sincerely hope she has located all of her teachers from the American School of Kuwait who were vacationing in Indonesia. I would think they have had enough tragedy just living in Kuwait for the past couple of years . . .



Well, it was a very nice end to 2004 and beginning to 2005. Jess and I had dinner with Liza and Steve a few nights ago. Spencer, their son and childhood friend and playmate of Jessica's was home for a visit. It was wonderful. There were lots of jokes and smiles, good food, and fond memories around the table. Great way to start a new Year. I also had tons of wonderful emails and letters from friends, as I am sure you did, this Christmas.

I actually was able to get in touch with several that I had lost touch with over the last few years. Here are a few favorite photos that came with Christmas cards this year.



Olivia has a new little sister, Samantha. Aren't they adorable?



Steve and Michelle have two precious angels I have never even met! And Linda and Mark's cherubs have grown so much I cannot believe it. I see them all of the time, and I still cannot believe how big they have gotten.

Hey - listen to this, Michelle was my capital campaign assistant years ago before she and Steve were married. I hired her, and AFTER I hired her, I learned that she had moved to town to be near her boyfriend, Steve, who just happened to work in the office with my boyfriend at the time! She introduced me to her best friend and college roommate, Linda, one night when they stopped by my house just to say, "Hello." Then Michelle moved away, and Linda ended up working down the hall from me. But that is not the end of it, one day I was

at a business luncheon and happened to sit by this young, attractive doctor. We started chatting and playing the “Do you know so-and-so” game. Then he asked me if I knew a dear friend of theirs that used to work at Cape Henry - Michelle. I then put two and two together and said, “You are not Linda’s husband, are you?!” It was hilarious. What a small, small world it is.

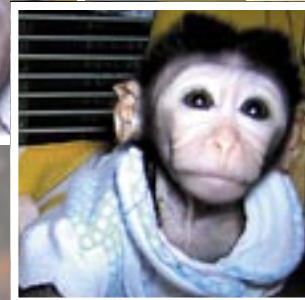


And this is my Tara! She baby sat for my kids and ALL of my friends’ kids in Alantown for years before she moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Now she is a very successful business owner. She has her own gym and plays US Women’s Ice Hockey! And that is her precious Tizzy with her.

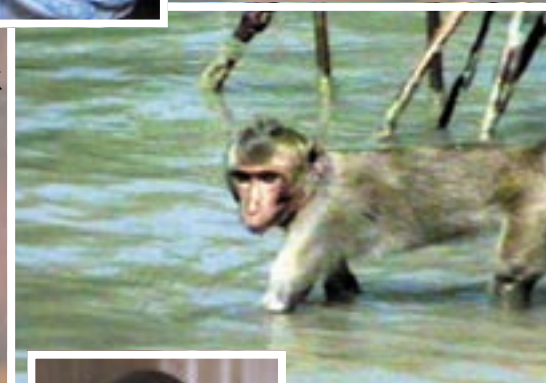
And as always, it is wonderful to hear from dear friends like John and Maggie in Richmond and Gil with his kids and grandkids in Washington D.C. They always take the nicest photos each year.



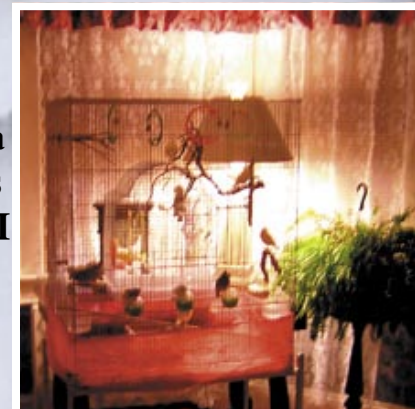
OK. I promised you photos of Chester this week. He has really grown hasn’t he? When I took these photos, he was just waking up from a long, sleepy nap, so he was a little bit groggy! Isn’t he adorable! He was so sleepy, he kept teetering and falling over...a bit wobbly still.



Then the next three photos show you what he is going to look like when he grows up. He is going to be huge and heavy, but beautiful!



Now, you are not going to believe this, but Wendy needed to make room for Chester, so she needed to get rid of some of the birds in the aviary. She gave me seven Gorgeous canaries and a parakeet! I am so excited. I was thinking about getting some birds for Christmas - and well, I guess I did! EIGHT OF THEM! Here is a photo of them in their cage, but this is not where they are going to live. I had just brought them in the house.





I also wanted to show you a few other things I worked on these past few days. I started these two painting this week and really kinda like both of them, but have no clue when I will have a chance to finish them . . . maybe I'll work on them a bit this weekend. AND . . .



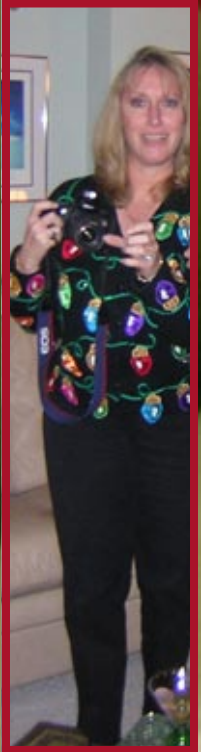
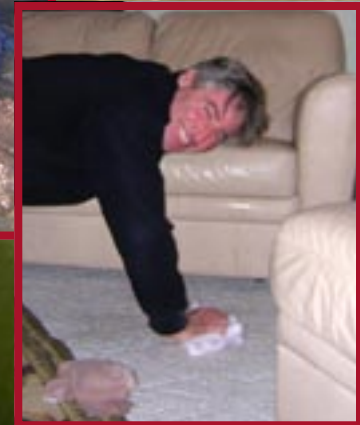
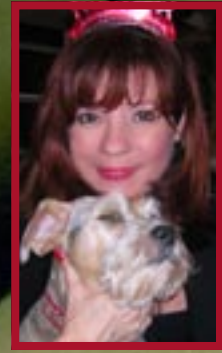
I stacked ALL of this wood by myself!!

I ordered a half a cord, and when the guy showed up, it was dark, very icy and cold, and he was ready to go home. He looked so pitiful and said, "Ma'am, I will give you the other half cord for \$25 bucks if you want it. I just wanna get home. It's been a long day!"



I said, "Sold!" Then he dumped all the wood on my front lawn! ARGHHHH! I hadn't thought of that! Ha! I got my work out, that is for sure - probably forty wheel barrow loads. But it was good for me. This photo doesn't do it justice as it is three logs deep!

Then on to New Year's Eve! It was great fun in Sandbridge. A very small group which made it very nice! Clockwise: Bob and Jim wrestling over the new "Santa Toy" (Look at Bob's eyes!); Bob won; Anna was a sleepyhead all night; Hot tub fun; There's always one -- ; "Happy Vodka" as a gift; Michelle - my belle; Just chillin'; Steve and Trina; Trish needs a refill; Anna woke up for New Year's!





A Long, Long List For Judi

Getting ready for 1969 has been a troublesome task for the resident Judi Godsey of Colchester with her list of resolutions for the New Year growing longer with every passing moment. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Godwin is now a Junior at N.D. Lee High School and a variety cheerleader for the Generals.

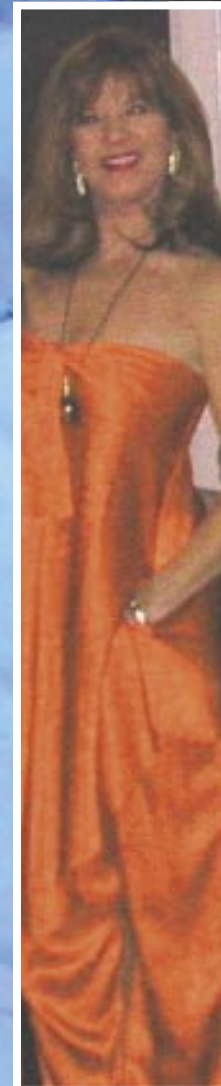
As to keeping that monthly pot of oil's and dueY's for the New Year, to be reborned Wednesday, the past Christmas is a haly and ladies have been known to change their minds.

Local Photo by Bruce Roberts

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 2005!

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 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!