

FRIDAY FOLLIES!

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Hey! Happy New Year! I hope yours was great, too!

Talk about your Three Amigos! Mary Anne, Louisa, and I go waaaaay back. Man... could we tell you some tales!

This was taken at Mary Anne's, one of the nicest New Year's parties I attend each year. The theme is always something incredible and the food - to DIE for! I seldom eat at parties much - but I ALWAYS do at this one! The theme this year was "Happy Gnu Year." Just real cute! Even the martinis were made by pouring them through a HUGE carved ice Gnu. The specialty of the event was the Blue Gnu which everyone stood in line for. Ummm!



I also saw a ton of folks I had not seen in a while. (Dana, so glad to have seen you again!)

The other photo is of a very dear friend, Terri, who has a huge New year's Day party where everyone grazes on Pennsylvania-type food. She always has those Beet Eggs -You know, the ones that are dyed purple with beets. It's always a really nice party, too. THANK YOU, ALL!



Now, all of my decorations are packed up and put away, and my garage (as you can see on the right above) is even back to normal with a wall of 24 boxes hidden behind one of the outside couches. You can also see that Ollie "supervised" me from the doorway.

With a total of ten days off, I started to get a little bored, so I pulled out all of my paints and started two new paintings. I am really just practicing, since I have not painted in probably 6 months! At the right they are just "blocked" in. Long way to go, but I am already enjoying it.



Some bittersweet news this week. I told you Jeremy took a great job with Cybernetics in Yorktown recently. The commute was just getting to be too much. He found a place over there this week and started moving his things in. I am happy to have my little house back to myself, but I will also miss him terribly. It won't be like when he lived in California, though, and I only saw him once every year or year and a half. For that, I am thankful!



Well, I have mentioned to you twice now about Facebook. With a few consecutive days off to “play” with it, I signed up! I swear! I have laughed continuously! I have reconnected with scores of former students friends, and even some family members that I had lost touch with.



In addition, a couple of former students started writing me about how much fun we had in my drama classes and reminiscing about the “Music Videos” we made in all of my classes. (I taught 7th, 8th, and high school drama.) Music videos were the newest, hottest thing, and these videos are absolutely hysterical!



I could not afford to have them all digitalized, so I checked out a “Flip Video Camera” from the library (a tiny digital recorder with no tape - it downloads directly to your computer like photos) and with that, I plugged in the old VHS to an old TV and sat and hand recorded the videos one by one, laughing all the way.



The response has been overwhelming! Some write on my wall, but most write personal note about what it all meant to them. Just very, very funny, and very, very cool. I found old photos I have scanned to add later also.



In addition to that stuff I wanted to do for Facebook, I came across 33 8MM home movies that I did not even remem-

ber taking! They are all of Jeremy and Jessica and family back in the early 80s! The problem? I have no projector! I have looked online, I have asked over 300 employees at work, and I still cannot find one that will not cost me an arm and a leg. I went to the camera store and they will convert them for \$30 @ ~ but I have 33 and I don't know what is on them! I really want to view them and label them before I lay out \$30 @. But I will, if I have to. I will just do one at a time for a while. Can you imagine how much FUN and LOVING memories they contain? My kids are chomping at the bit to see them, too. I will find a home movie projector yet! Just you wait and see! If I do, then I can do the exact same thing with them as I did with the VHS and sit and hand record them while I watch them. FREE!! Beats the heck out of \$30 @ (smile)!

Oh, one thing I wanted to mention, remember the lady in Poland who was printing out the Friday Follies to teach her students English? Well, she signed onto face book this week and sent me a message! How amazing is that? I am also publishing the Follies to my page each week. Lots of additional folks have started viewing them and my website.



Busy month ahead! Our annual auction is this month and in addition, we have about 13 other "command performances!" So much for a break!

But Ken is coming to town for four days soon, and I am off all four, so that will be fun! We have lots of plans. He was going to come to work with me and take the "tour" and meet some of my co-workers and Trustees, but we are actually off on a short break while he is here this time. Maybe next month.

I sold lots of product this season, too! That was a nice surprise! Some folks contacted me out of the blue wanting this or that, and many others that I gave samples to for Christmas called to order more after they tasted them all. Just a very nice surprise.

OK, I still have work to do and I also want to see what all is going on on Facebook and to load a few more videos tonight, so I better get "cookin'!"

Much love attached for you all. I hope this is the best year ever!



*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, New Hampshire, Tampa,  
Chattanooga, France, Phoenix, New York,  
Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok,  
or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!*



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**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. P.S.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!