

THANKSGIVING FOLLIES

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Hey!

November 18, 2005

Ha! I looked back to the Thanksgiving Follies from last year because I am in a rush and was going to grab a couple of photos and I noticed that the front page LAST YEAR said 2005! I must have been in a rush then, too! Ha!

Since I have not been as industrious this year and since my briefcase is still bulging and giving me the "evil eye," I decided to use last year's cover! Still pretty! I miss that house!

I will not get a chance to send you Follies next week, so I thought I would go ahead and send these out this week with tons of Thanksgiving recipes! I sincerely hope you enjoy them and that you have a fabulous time with your family. Thanksgiving is, to my way of thinking, without a doubt the BEST holiday of the year! It is what it is ALL about. ..family, food, football, shopping for others, sleeping, laughing...well, nothing - nothing is more important.

I have had several very interesting and packed weeks. Work has been unbelievable, and I have had great times with lots with friends at night and on the weekends, too. Plus, I have completed a million

projects around here. It has just been very productive.

Sunday, I plan to get in my new, white, Ford F150 (well, new to me) pick-up truck, "Penny Lane," and head home. At least I think I am. My boss is having surgery next week, so I may have to stay here and work through Wednesday, (in which case I will NOT be going home...) but if it works out and I get the "OK" ... I'm gone!

Man, I hope I don't run into trouble. "Penny" is a bit old and cranky, like me, but I think she can make it...I think she can...I think she can...

I figure a day and a half to get there - half a day to rest - a day to pack up and load all of the pretty things my sweet Mama left me - a day for Thanksgiving and family - and then head on back to all of my birds and dogs and cats - - Oh, and adult kids watching (and I am sure partying in) my house - That is a pretty packed schedule, but I can't help it. Lots to do. I hope to have some time to relax and play, though. I miss everyone at home so much.

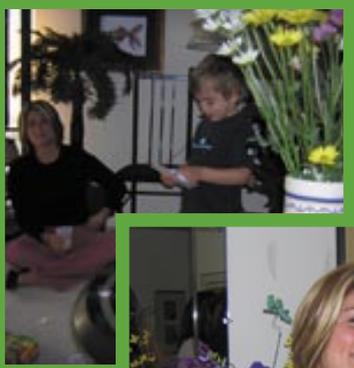
That will leave me one day to rest and unpack "Penny Lane" before beginning it all again. Ahh! The Rat Race...don't ya just love it...Whew!

I heard from Jeremy this week. He is now managing three restaurants in Lake Tahoe. Seems very happy. He sent me this photo of Lake Tahoe (Lake of the Sky) from his cell phone. He will often do that at sunset. I really hope to get out there for a nice visit after the first of the year. I have not been to Lake Tahoe in probably twenty years. And man, it was cool way back then!

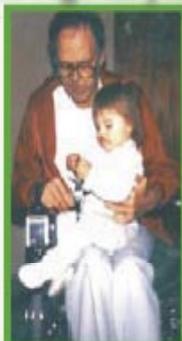


I also went to a very special Christening this past weekend. A friend had her two "babies," four and two, Christened. It was just very, very special, and I also got to see two young ladies that I have not seen in a very long time. It was great. Reminded me of when my babies were that age. (That's Jess, of course, is on the left.)

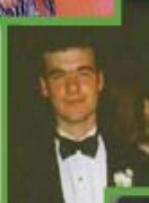
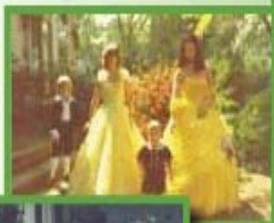
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really have
to get going. I
have so much
work to complete
if I want to take a
few days off next
week. Wish me
luck - especially
on the drive with
my "Penny Lane!"
I hope to talk with
you all very soon.
Happy Thanksgiving!
Pray for our troops!



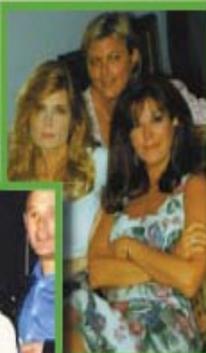
I am thankful for my FAMILY
through the years...



Family! Your's, mine, and ours!



Crazy friends and crazy good times!



I love this following story. please read it and think about it this holiday season.

One day a father of a very wealthy family took his son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing his son how poor people live.

They spent a couple of days and nights on the farm of what would be considered a very poor family. On their return from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?"

"It was great, Dad."

"Did you see how poor people live?" the father asked.

"Oh yeah," said the son.

"So, tell me, what did you learn from the trip?" asked the father.

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they had four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden and they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden and they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Isn't perspective a wonderful thing? Makes you wonder what would happen if we all gave thanks for everything we have, instead of worrying about what we don't have. Appreciate every single thing you have, every single day one day at a time.

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., Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Chattanooga, New York, Oregon, Maine, 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

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!