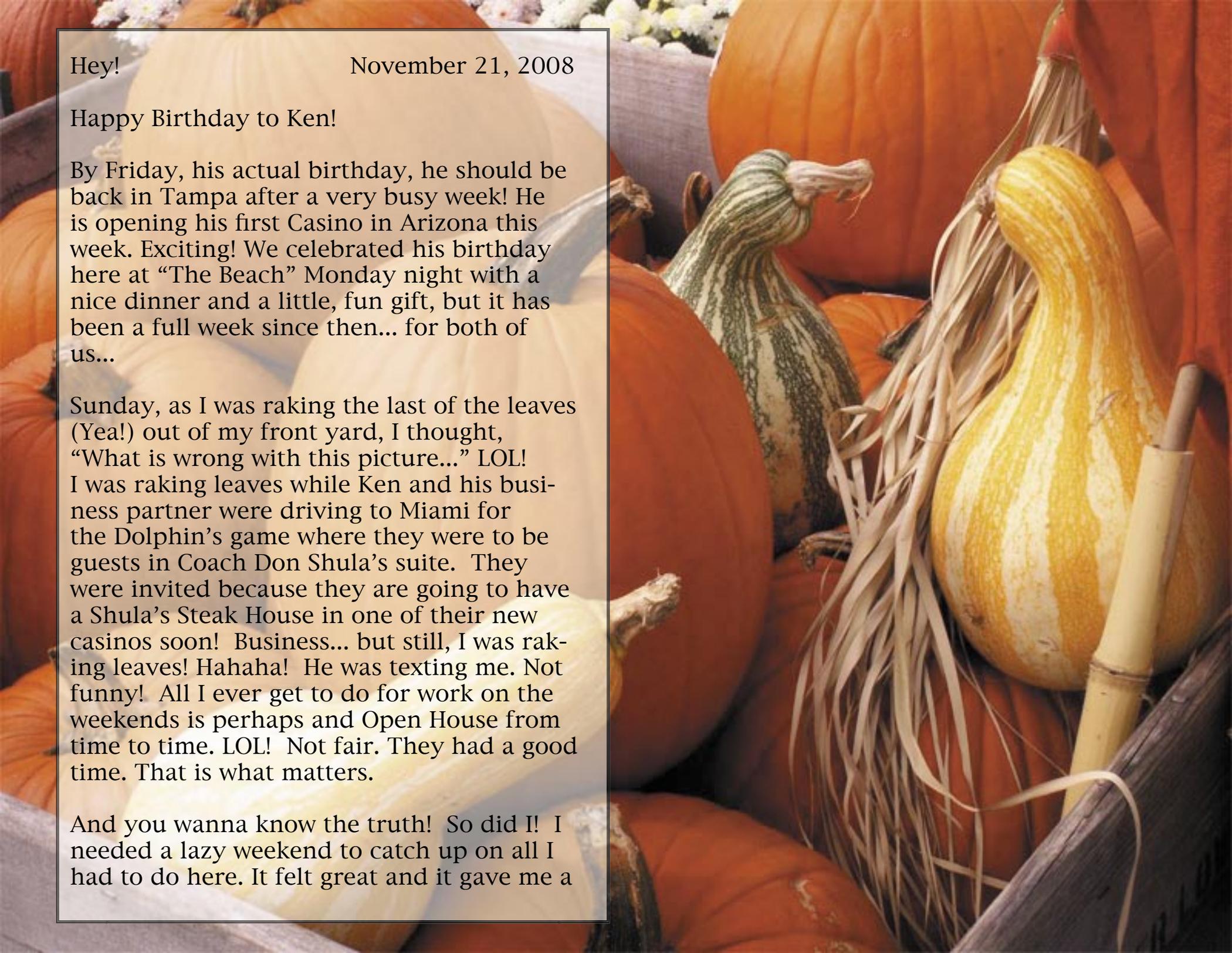


# FRIDAY FOLLIES

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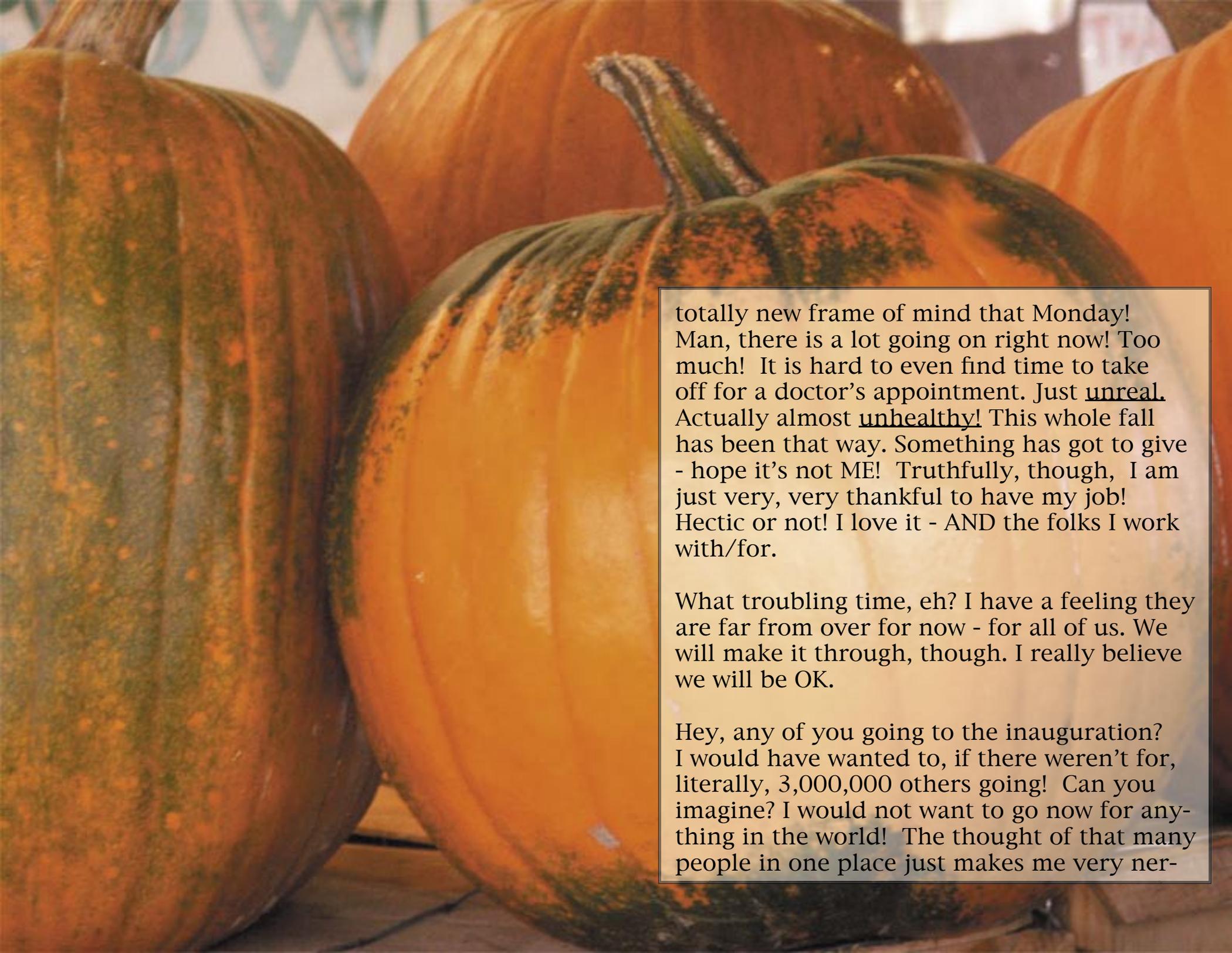
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Happy Birthday to Ken!

By Friday, his actual birthday, he should be back in Tampa after a very busy week! He is opening his first Casino in Arizona this week. Exciting! We celebrated his birthday here at “The Beach” Monday night with a nice dinner and a little, fun gift, but it has been a full week since then... for both of us...

Sunday, as I was raking the last of the leaves (Yea!) out of my front yard, I thought, “What is wrong with this picture...” LOL! I was raking leaves while Ken and his business partner were driving to Miami for the Dolphin’s game where they were to be guests in Coach Don Shula’s suite. They were invited because they are going to have a Shula’s Steak House in one of their new casinos soon! Business... but still, I was raking leaves! Hahaha! He was texting me. Not funny! All I ever get to do for work on the weekends is perhaps an Open House from time to time. LOL! Not fair. They had a good time. That is what matters.

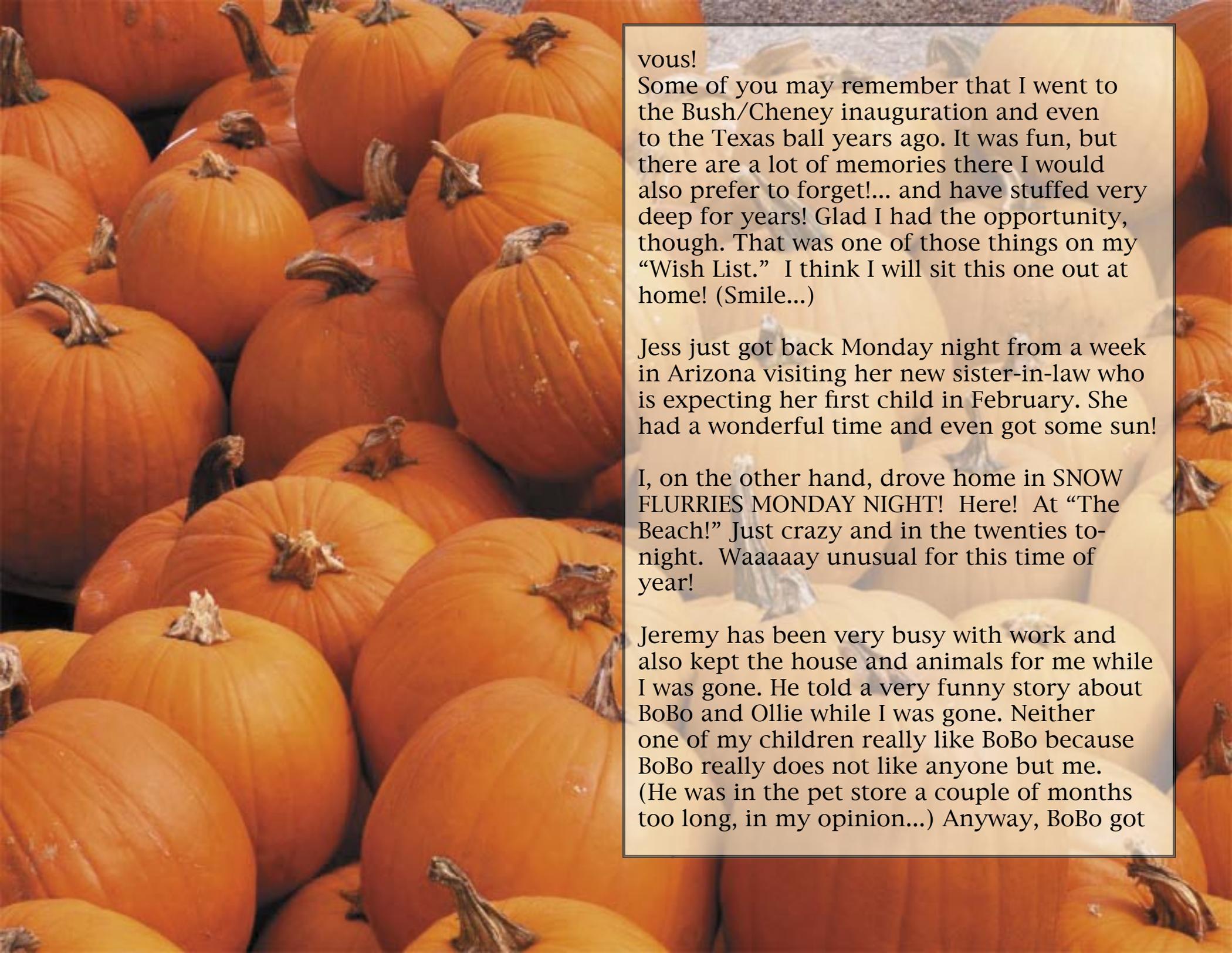
And you wanna know the truth! So did I! I needed a lazy weekend to catch up on all I had to do here. It felt great and it gave me a



totally new frame of mind that Monday!  
Man, there is a lot going on right now! Too much! It is hard to even find time to take off for a doctor's appointment. Just unreal. Actually almost unhealthy! This whole fall has been that way. Something has got to give - hope it's not ME! Truthfully, though, I am just very, very thankful to have my job! Hectic or not! I love it - AND the folks I work with/for.

What troubling time, eh? I have a feeling they are far from over for now - for all of us. We will make it through, though. I really believe we will be OK.

Hey, any of you going to the inauguration? I would have wanted to, if there weren't for, literally, 3,000,000 others going! Can you imagine? I would not want to go now for anything in the world! The thought of that many people in one place just makes me very ner-



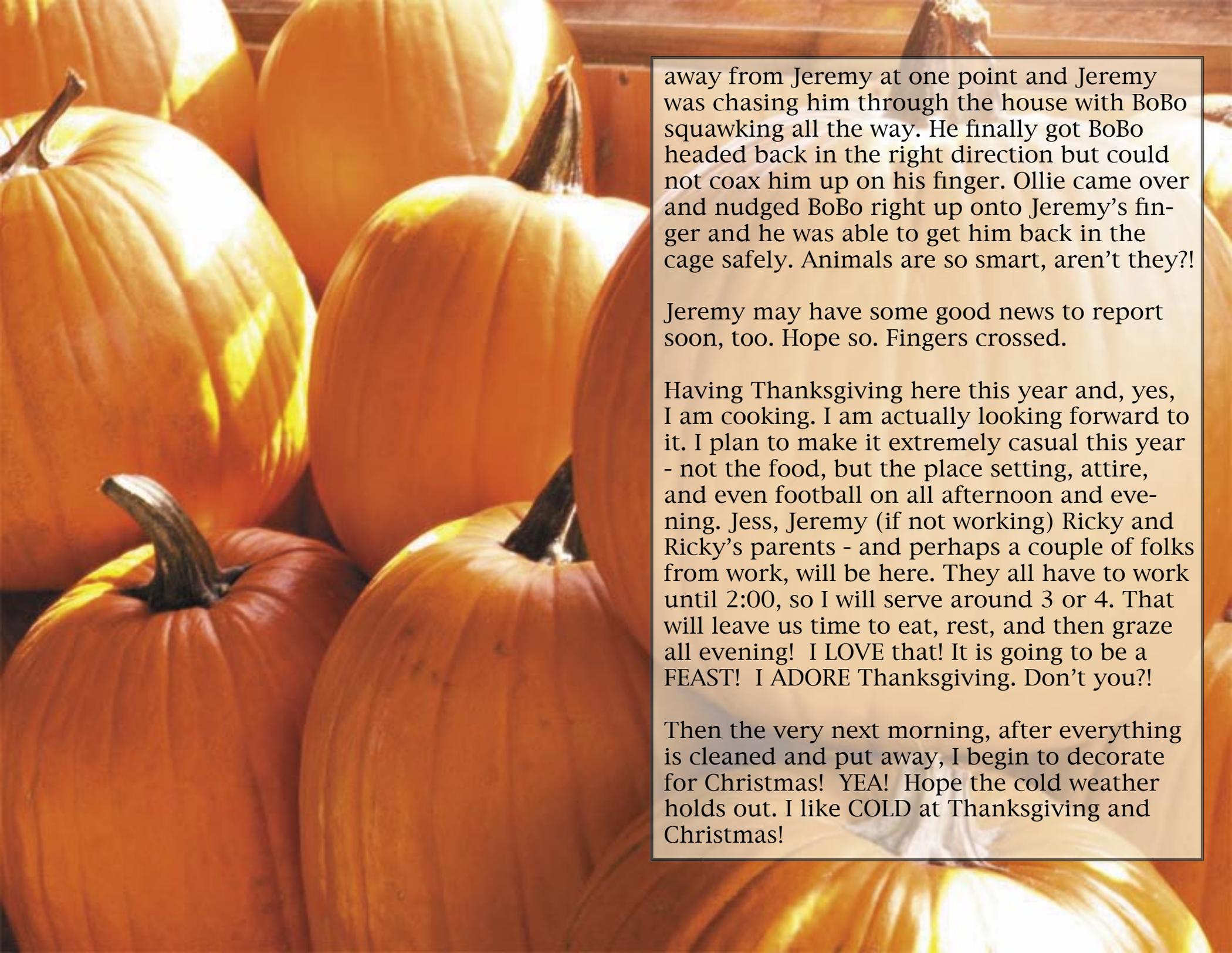
vous!

Some of you may remember that I went to the Bush/Cheney inauguration and even to the Texas ball years ago. It was fun, but there are a lot of memories there I would also prefer to forget!... and have stuffed very deep for years! Glad I had the opportunity, though. That was one of those things on my "Wish List." I think I will sit this one out at home! (Smile...)

Jess just got back Monday night from a week in Arizona visiting her new sister-in-law who is expecting her first child in February. She had a wonderful time and even got some sun!

I, on the other hand, drove home in SNOW FLURRIES MONDAY NIGHT! Here! At "The Beach!" Just crazy and in the twenties tonight. Waaaaay unusual for this time of year!

Jeremy has been very busy with work and also kept the house and animals for me while I was gone. He told a very funny story about BoBo and Ollie while I was gone. Neither one of my children really like BoBo because BoBo really does not like anyone but me. (He was in the pet store a couple of months too long, in my opinion...) Anyway, BoBo got



away from Jeremy at one point and Jeremy was chasing him through the house with BoBo squawking all the way. He finally got BoBo headed back in the right direction but could not coax him up on his finger. Ollie came over and nudged BoBo right up onto Jeremy's finger and he was able to get him back in the cage safely. Animals are so smart, aren't they?!

Jeremy may have some good news to report soon, too. Hope so. Fingers crossed.

Having Thanksgiving here this year and, yes, I am cooking. I am actually looking forward to it. I plan to make it extremely casual this year - not the food, but the place setting, attire, and even football on all afternoon and evening. Jess, Jeremy (if not working) Ricky and Ricky's parents - and perhaps a couple of folks from work, will be here. They all have to work until 2:00, so I will serve around 3 or 4. That will leave us time to eat, rest, and then graze all evening! I LOVE that! It is going to be a FEAST! I ADORE Thanksgiving. Don't you?!

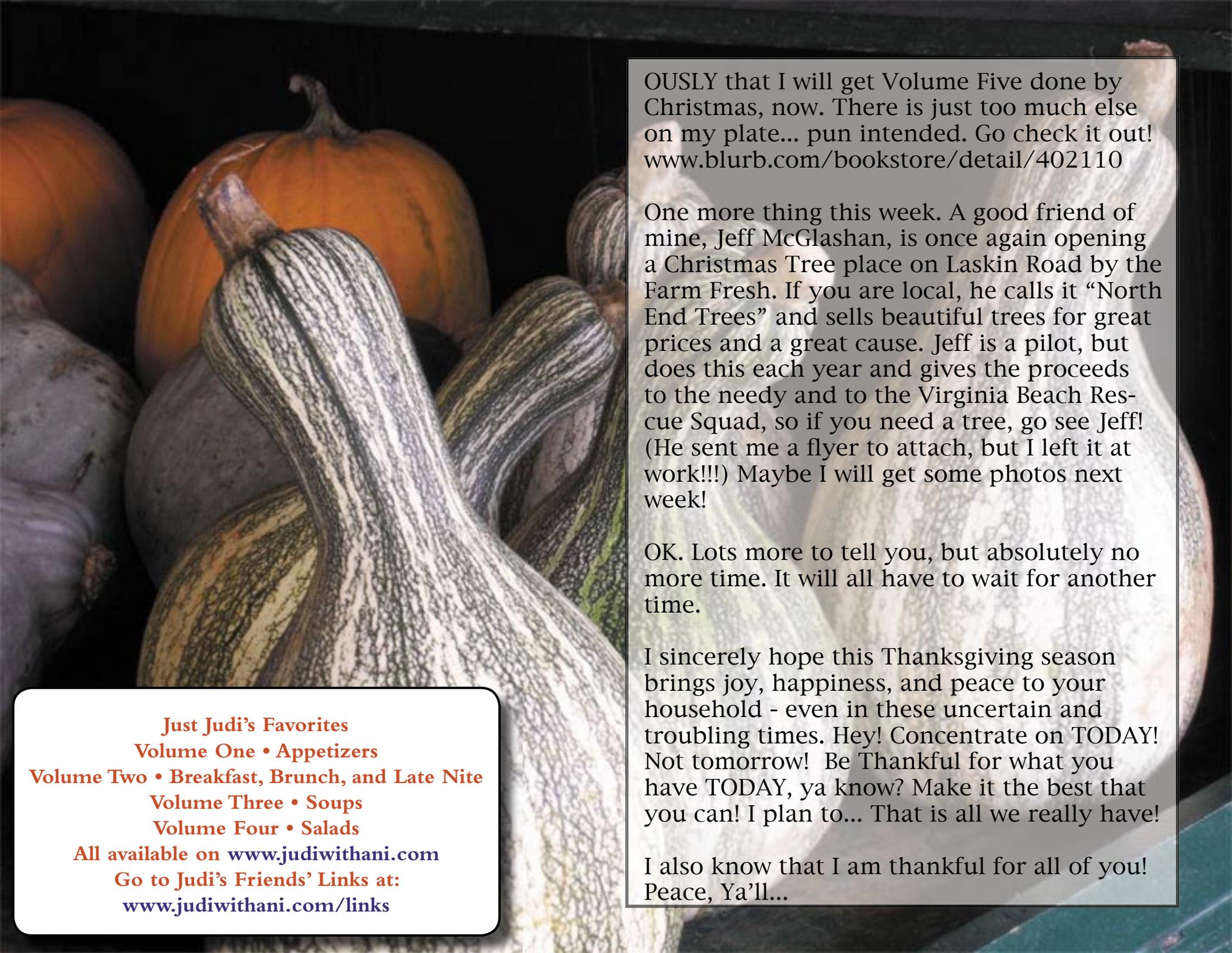
Then the very next morning, after everything is cleaned and put away, I begin to decorate for Christmas! YEA! Hope the cold weather holds out. I like COLD at Thanksgiving and Christmas!



I thought about going to Mississippi for Thanksgiving and gas prices are certainly down, but Jess and Jeremy kinda whined, and I really don't need to spend the money or take the time off, so maybe another time. Plus with my mom's house gone and my sister and brother's houses filled with their kids and numerous grand kids, I am not sure where I would have stayed! Well, of course, I would have stayed with one of them, but it would have been "crunch time."

I winterized my yard this week, but I read this really neat article in the paper that said you should not tear up your ugly garden in the winter. Leaving it to go to seed holds a wide variety of benefits for the wildlife and for next year's garden... so that is what I did. I cleaned it up and trimmed it a bit and just left it to die naturally. I did not expect it to die so soon, though. I still have probably 40 big, fat green tomatoes on the vine... oh well.

Cook book is doing great. Lots of you have checked it out... fewer of you have ordered, though!! That is OK. I know times are hard and the books are rather pricey, to say the least. But it is fun to have you look, anyway. I love to check the stats to see how many folks have previewed it each week. I doubt SERI-



OUSLY that I will get Volume Five done by Christmas, now. There is just too much else on my plate... pun intended. Go check it out! [www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/402110](http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/402110)

One more thing this week. A good friend of mine, Jeff McGlashan, is once again opening a Christmas Tree place on Laskin Road by the Farm Fresh. If you are local, he calls it “North End Trees” and sells beautiful trees for great prices and a great cause. Jeff is a pilot, but does this each year and gives the proceeds to the needy and to the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad, so if you need a tree, go see Jeff! (He sent me a flyer to attach, but I left it at work!!!) Maybe I will get some photos next week!

OK. Lots more to tell you, but absolutely no more time. It will all have to wait for another time.

I sincerely hope this Thanksgiving season brings joy, happiness, and peace to your household - even in these uncertain and troubling times. Hey! Concentrate on TODAY! Not tomorrow! Be Thankful for what you have TODAY, ya know? Make it the best that you can! I plan to... That is all we really have!

I also know that I am thankful for all of you!  
Peace, Ya'll...

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*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!*

**G**od bless.  
Remember, life is short!  
We need to make it a good one.  
Grow in peace and wisdom.  
Your Friday Friend,

Judi Godsey

PS. 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!