

# *FRIDAY FOLLIES*

*December 3, 2004*



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Can you believe it is December! Hope you had a grand Thanksgiving. Mine was especially sweet! Missed my mom, but had great memories of last Thanksgiving. Missed my son, but will see him at Christmas. Missed my bother and sister, but will see them very soon, too. Had my beautiful - HEALTHY - daughter and Matt (I LOVE him!), and numerous other new and "old" friends join me for the day/weekend. It was just very special. Love to all of you!

I honestly do not remember when I have had four and a half days off! It was awesome! I cooked a feast, had plenty of left overs, put it all away, packed up Thanksgiving, and even got out "Christmas" and decorated. Put up my tree the day after Thanksgiving! Made and decorated new wreaths for all of the doors (inside and out) for the house. It was just magnificent! In addition, I had plenty of time to PLAY! (Even though I consider cooking and decorating this new place, PLAY!) There was also time for Playstation, painting, walks on the beach, and reading. Unreal!

There's lots to be thankful for, too. I heard from good friends near and far -- mostly with good news! My good friend Leo is on the mend and is possibly going home very soon. Susan is moving from Kuwait and has numerous exciting possibilities. Amanda is moving home from Australia. Jeremy is going to Lake Tahoe for the winter. Andy is loving the Army and since separated by distance, has realized he is in love with his girlfriend. There was renewed health for several family members, new jobs, three new engagements, and on and on.

Now! For those of you who turned out to see Courtney on Saturday night -- Thank you very much! What a TREAT, Eh? She was sensational! Every man there was in love with her and every woman was envious! Great musician, great looks, great stage presence and personality, and most of all -- great voice. She is a complete package, and I am sure will be picked up by one of the "big boys" soon. (Ralph -- she has it all - and can do country, too!)

Seriously, I taught Courtney in Sunday School during her fourth, fifth, and sixth grade years, and then had her in English literature class during her seventh grade year. After that - it was plays and musicals, etc., all throughout her high school years. It was just so rewarding to see her so self-assured and confident. Made my heart proud. It was also fun to see Morgan and Sherry and kids, Dan and Nancy, Jimmy, Mark and Chris, Ryan, Collin, Christopher, and so many others there. Thanks. I know it meant a lot to Courtney, too. I'll let you all know when her new CD is out.





**Thanksgiving day was a pure joy! Friends popped in from everywhere. Jessica and Matt were “pacing themselves” because they had three “Thanksgiving Feasts” to go to during the day. But they started at my house and just couldn’t help themselves. (We all had to take naps after lunch . . .)**

**It was a beautiful day, so there was even time for a walk on the beach and a walk over to the grounds of the Cavalier. Just beautiful!**

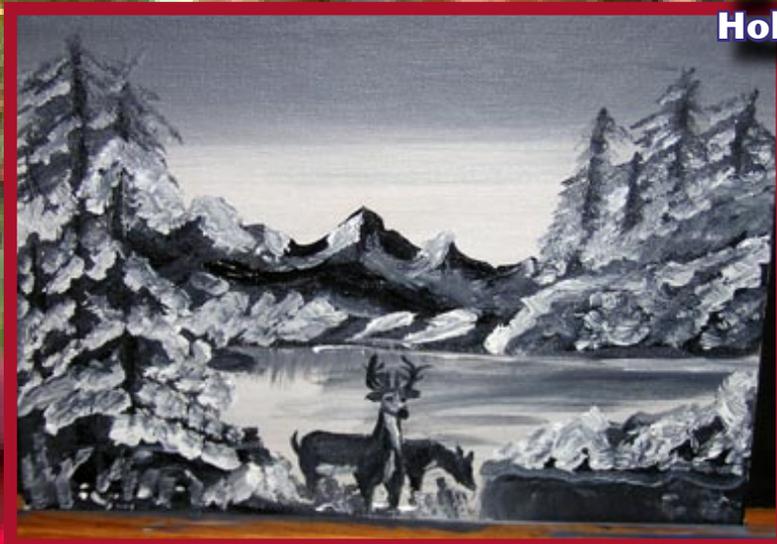
**It was great to see Suzanne and her grandchildren. And Jeffrey even flew his own plane in from Philadelphia to say, “Hi.” Man - Awesome!**

**Whipple and Liza and all of their families were here from New York City, and, well, it was just a very cool weekend.**

**Bottom line -- every other holiday of the year has a LOOOONG way to go to beat Thanksgiving -- in my book, anyway!**



**Thought I would throw in some Christmas paintings for you this week. Left to Right - Top Row: "Santa" by Kay Temme, "Snowy Door" by ME, "Santa" by Wendy Sims, "Winter Scene in Black and White" (not finished) by ME, "Winter Scene" bought for five dollars at an antique store so I could try to copy it - anonymous, "Bird in Holly Tree" (Just barely started) ME.**



**The stockings were hung  
by the chimney with  
great care . .**

**Christmas Babies . . .**

**And The Tree - 9 feet  
tall!**



**Baby it's cold outside...**

**Santa's doll house...**



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 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*

*"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!*