

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Happy New Year!!

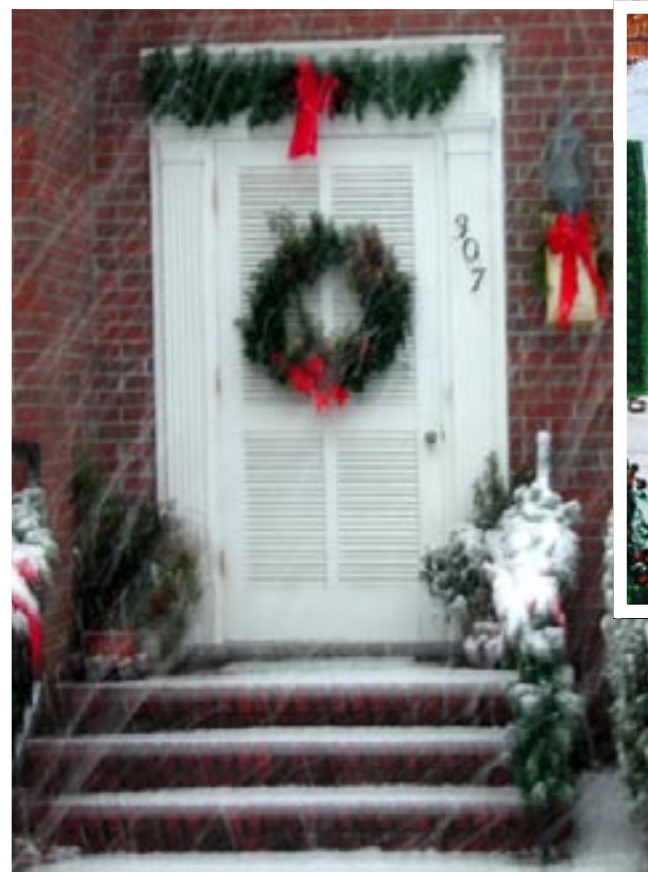
... This one was a long time coming!

Can you believe we have had snow twice now before New Year's Eve! How unusual! This last storm was a surprise to everyone. It is the same system that gave the coast of Texas snow for Christmas and then moved right on through the Gulf of Mexico and all the way up the East Coast. Wild, but a beautiful, wet, snow with HUGE flakes. It snowed for 24 hours straight - just gorgeous. It was the closest thing to a White Christmas I have ever experienced!

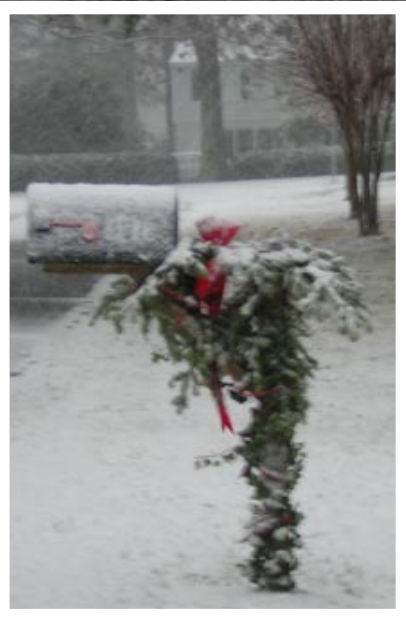
Hey, remember this snowy front door I painted last Christmas? Well, doesn't my front door kind of remind you of it? When I took the photo, I went back and looked at the painting and just thought, "Wow! How ironic! Must have been a premonition of this Christmas or something."

OK, how was your Christmas? I have to say that mine was probably one of the sweetest and calmest I can ever remember. It was simply blissful. I was home for five straight days and (now don't laugh) I actually only left the house three times during that period (other than to walk Gandalf The White dog every day). Can you believe that? I went

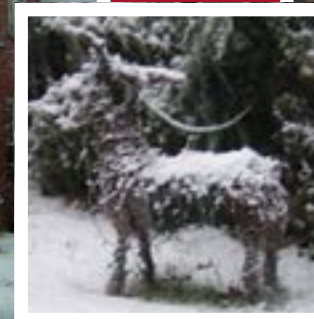
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Pretty, eh? >



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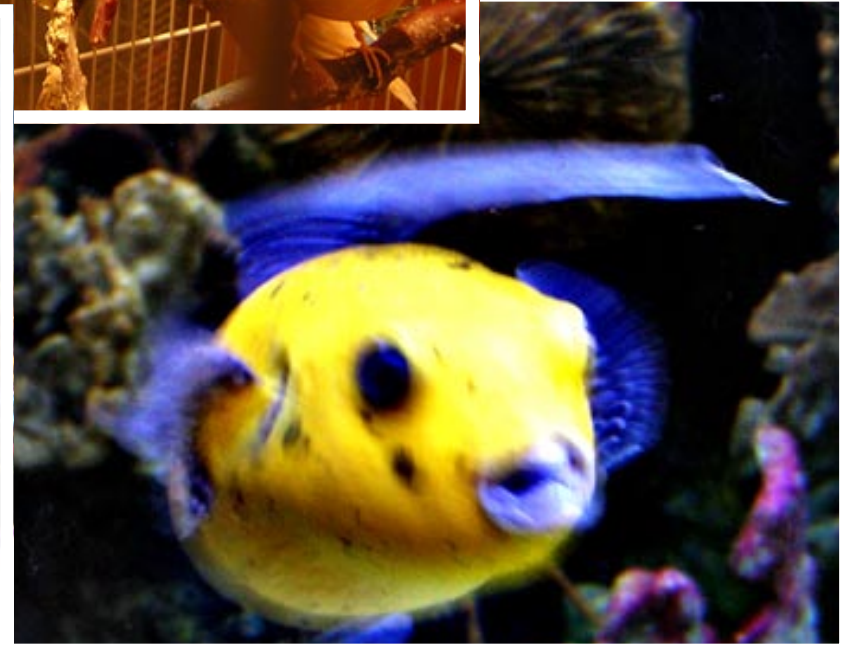
shopping for three hours one day, went to a couple of Christmas Eve parties, and I drove to K-Mart to get firewood during the snow storm - just for an excuse to get out and drive around in the snow! I do not remember the last time I was **HEALTHY** and stayed home for five days. It was so cool. Friends and family just came to me! I loved it! I wanna do it again this week! (Ha!)

Christmas Eve was an absolute blast! Jeremy and I had a wonderful time. Jessica and Matt joined us early, but then had to go to Matt's family's in Norfolk. We did our traditional Christmas Eve affairs. Very special!

Now, remember that my good friend Wendy is the one who got me started painting a year or so ago? Well, here is the first watercolor I ever did, remember? I have painted several watercolors since then, and I let Wendy pick which one she wanted for her aviary for Christmas. She picked the Cockatoo, so I put a big bow on him and we hung him in the aviary.

Wendy's home is magnificent! Right next to the aviary is the aquarium. (I can never get a good photo of it, though. The fish just will not cooperate!)

Anyway, the tank is a salt water tank that covers a whole wall. It is just breathtaking. This little yellow guy on the right is my favorite and he always comes over to greet me when he sees me!



Well, I was so stunned when I got to Wendy's that night. I saw the coolest Christmas gift I have ever seen! Kevin and his brother, Steve, were holding two baby monkeys!! **I kid you not!!**

◀ Steve's was a three day old female, and Kevin's was a three week old male. None of us could do anything else except



hold him and give him his bottle and talk to him. He just listened with

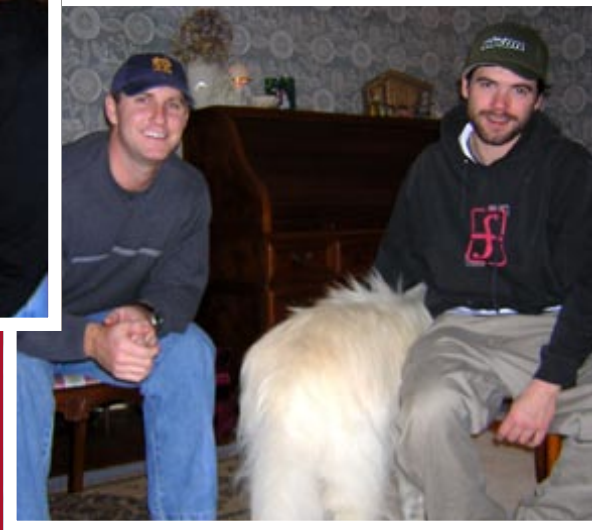
the most intelligent eyes you have ever seen. Kevin just kept looking at me and saying, "Is this cool, or what!" And you know what, it truly was. They are so "Human" - it is just a bit disarming!

Since then, the baby has been named Chester, and JAVA monkeys like Chester live to be about 35 years old and end up weighing about 15 pounds. Man, are they gonna be busy! Kevin has been up at night feeding him and changing his diapers.....Ha! No thank you! I'll be sure to get some more photos this week to show you how much the babies have grown.



Christmas day was awesome! Just perfect.

First a huge, hot breakfast with sausage balls, ham, blueberry muffins, eggs and, well, you name it. Then to the living room to open presents. Lots of laughs, and goofing, and trying on clothes, and hooking up satellite radios . . . even Gandy had to get in the middle of it.



Then great friends stopped by, the house was straightened, and Jeremy packed his new car to head back to California!



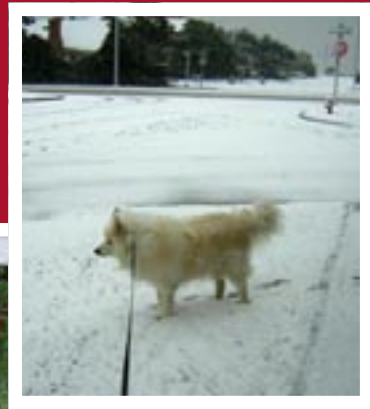
It was wonderful to see Jeremy, but it was really way too short. He needed to get back on the road, though, before the snow and ice moved in. He drove straight through to St. Louis and then on to Denver and Fort Collins, Colorado to snow board and visit with friends. Then he went on to Keystone where he worked for several years to see folks there. (They even offered him a new position while he was there!) From there it was on to Oregon and then back to Lake Tahoe where he works at Squaw Valley. Tough life, eh? I think it sounds very romantic. He will be back here in June for his father's wedding, and I may actually make it out there with a friend who is a pilot this spring. That would be cool. I haven't been to Lake Tahoe in twenty years!



Well, it is on to New Year's Eve, folks! I hope wherever you are that you have a spectacular and safe celebration. I am headed with a friend to Sandbridge (a small beach community just thirty minutes south of Virginia Beach) for a party and "stay over." No drinking and driving, ya know! I am really looking forward to it. I have to tell you that this is one year I will be happy to say goodbye to. Way too many scares and heart aches for one year. 2005 is going to be spectacular!



I will leave you this week with some breathtaking photos from our walks around the neighborhood in the snow. I just LOVE this place!

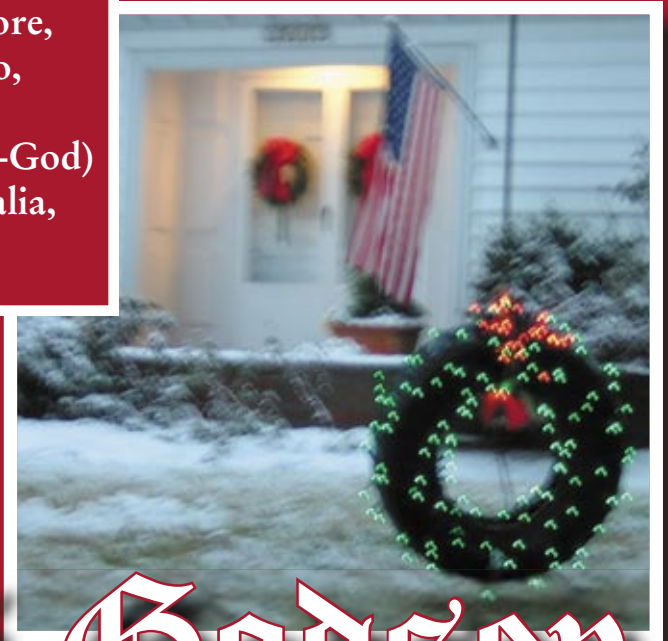


To all of you on my Friday Follies List, whether you are in Manila, Singapore, Kuwait, Bermuda, Virginia Beach, Mississippi, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Maryland, West (By-God) 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!