



FRIDAY FOLLIES

January 26, 2007



Hey!

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Think SNOW!

As I type this, it is “spitting” snow outside! I know it will not accumulate, but it sure is refreshing to see it fall! I also know there are those of you on these lists that are SICK of SNOW already. Just excuse me. I am like a little kid when it comes to snow. I guess I just haven’t seen enough of it in my lifetime. Can you ever--really? (Don’t answer that! --Just let me enjoy the thought of it!)



The funny thing is that it is Ollie’s first time to see snow. I know he is a “snow dog,” but he was born on January 24 last year and has been here at the beach since he was three months old. He was funny on his walk tonight. He kept stopping, looking, snapping at the flakes, and then shaking them off.



If we don’t get any accumulation, we have another chance at it on Sunday. So keep your fingers crossed! Here at the beach, the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay keep the air temperature warm enough that even when the inlands get snow, we seldom do. That is why it is such a novelty.

OK, Let me tell you something funny. Our friends from Poland wrote this week and they were concerned about Roman Gabriel! They somehow



thought that being nominated for the NFL Hall of Fame meant he was in some kind of trouble. Roman, they were very sweet. They all offered to write you letters from Poland to help you out. Isn't that the sweetest thing! Now, folks, how do I explain the NFL to them? Maybe I don't. Can't you just see the Hall of Fame Committee's faces if Roman gets a whole parcel of letters of support from Poland! Hahaha! I LOVE it! You just have to!

By the way, "Thank You" to the NUMEROUS Folliers who wrote to say that you DID send letters on Roman's behalf! I think that is VERY cool. Love ya, Roman. Looking forward to your golf tournament in April. I am hoping my friends in Wilmington can attend, too.

I have some nice invitations for the next week or so. Will try to take some photos, even though I have cooled that a bit. I am also working on some "Super, Super Bowl Recipes" for you. They should be out - maybe this weekend - in time for you to plan and try a few of them for your parties. The recipes are really very simple for me to do since I have TWELVE VOLUMES of cook-books on this computer. No lie... Do you ever think I will get it together enough to publish them?

I DID publish my song this week, though. Yea Me! AMERICA! It is incredibly timely with all of the immigration issues going on right now. It is laced with patriotism. I am pleased that so many of you wrote and wanted to hear it--and then wrote back again with nice comments afterwards. If you still would like to hear it, let me know. I have got to get someone to sing it with the music, though. It is a bit hard to "hear" it properly the way it is now.

Thank you to my dear friend, Debi, who sent me this piece from 100 years ago! It pretty much goes hand-in-hand with my lyrics.

Theodore Roosevelt's ideas on Immigrants and being an AMERICAN in 1907.

"In the first place, we should insist that if the immigrant who



comes here in good faith becomes an American and assimilates himself to us, he shall be treated on an exact equality with everyone else, for it is an outrage to discriminate against any such man because of creed, or birthplace, or origin. But this is predicated upon the person's becoming in every facet an American, and nothing but an American... There can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says he is an American, but something else also, isn't an American at all. We have room for but one flag, the American flag... We have room for but one language here, and that is the English language... and we have room for but one sole loyalty and that is a loyalty to the American people."

Theodore Roosevelt 1907

Amen... Pretty cool, huh?

The truth is, I wrote the song because I have so many friends that came here from other countries. But every one of them pledge their allegiance to America. That is what it is all about.



OK. I have so much more to tell you, but I really have to go.

Please know that I keep you all close to my heart and that for those of you in Iraq, I pray daily - all day, daily - for your safe return.

God bless you! This is for you!

AMERICA!

**AMERICA, AMERICA, AMERICA-A-A
AMERICA, AMERICA, A-A-A-AMERICA**

*1. Many of our friends are not from here,
They're from lands so far away.
But in their hearts,
They love this land
As much as any homegrown man.
They crossed the line,
They sailed their ships,
Their fears turned into fright.
But the stars and stripes were in their eyes,
Her torch provided light.*

Her torch provided light.

Her torch provided light.

**AMERICA, AMERICA, AMERICA-A-A
AMERICA, AMERICA, A-A-A-AMERICA**

*2. Their hopes were clear,
Their dreams were near,
Their families to reunite.
The streets were gold,
As they'd been told,
If working through the night.*



*We were born
On American soil,
With all our civil rights.
If citizens,
They become,
They deserve to share the light.*

Deserve to share the light.

Deserve to share the light.

AMERICA, AMERICA, AMERICA-A-A

AMERICA, AMERICA, A-A-A-AMERICA

*3. Our fathers fought
With all their might,
This land, to leave us free.
The times have changed,
But the world has not,
Others seethe with jealousy
We speak our mind,
We say our piece,
Defend our every right.
She'll hold our hand,
She'll shimmer bright,
For freedom she will fight.*

For freedom she will fight.

For freedom she will fight.

AMERICA, AMERICA, AMERICA-A-A

AMERICA, AMERICA, A-A-A-AMERICA

*4. We pledge allegiance
To our flag,
Our country we hold dear.
Grateful, honored, privileged
For our lives we do not fear.
Black or yellow,
Red or white,
We're equal in her sight.
Cathedral, temple, synagogue
Religion is our right.*

Religion is our right.

Religion is our right.

AMERICA, AMERICA, AMERICA-A-A

AMERICA, AMERICA, A-A-A-AMERICA

*5. Listen to your heart
And do what's right,
For "One Nation Under God."
Let's teach the world to love and care,
Something all of us forgot.*

*Our liberty,
We cannot take
For granted, you and me.
A precious gift,
We must protect
From our cities to our seas.*

From our cities to our seas.

From our cities to our seas.

AMERICA, AMERICA, AMERICA-A-A

AMERICA, AMERICA, A-A-A-AMERICA

*6. America, with all your flaws,
My breath you take away.
We'd give our lives,
For all you stand,
Simple truth for every man.
Together we can accomplish all,
Dignity, we will preserve.
We can put an end to human blight,
Freedom everyone deserves.*

Freedom everyone deserves.

Freedom everyone deserves.

AMERICA, AMERICA, AMERICA-A-A

AMERICA, AMERICA, A-A-A-AMERICA

*7. Examples we will be for all,
Maybe some day to inspire.
Democracy we want to share,
Perhaps soon all will desire.
The eagle soars,
The flag does wave,
Our soldiers hold their ground.
Both "hawks" and "doves"
Will be so brave
From terror we'll rebound...*

From terror we'll rebound...

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AMERICA, AMERICA, AMERICA-A-A

AMERICA, AMERICA, A-A-A-AMERICA

A-A-A-AMERICA

A—A—A—AMERICA



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, Chattanooga, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Europe, or Yuma, have a wonderful, wonderful week!

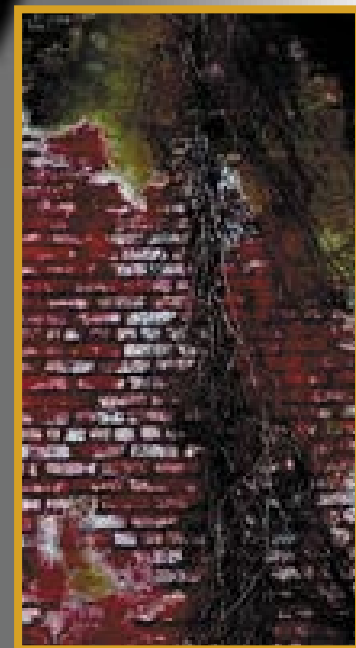
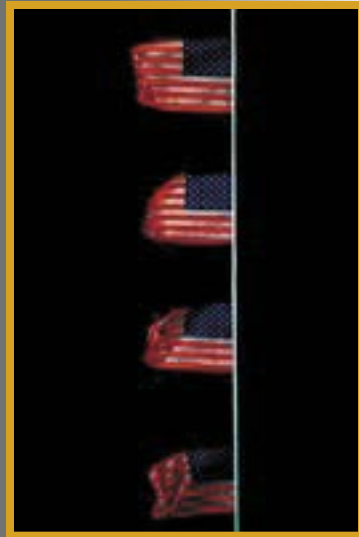
God bless.

Remember, life is short...

We need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,



Judi Godsey



Photos courtesy of Tony Bijaux

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!