



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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What a week! There has hardly been time to breath! But I have learned to make sure that I continue to make time for that! Life is just too short, ya know?

Fun things going on - good things - just busy with lots of deadlines. That is OK, though, I don't mind hard work. Do you? Makes me feel like I have made a difference at the end of the day.

Packed up all of that Halloween stuff and pulled out the Thanksgiving stuff. I love it! What a neat time of year. My Turkey Day celebration will not be very elaborate this year, but I see Thanksgiving as a time to relax and reflect, anyway. I may not be in touch every week, but I promise to stay in touch through the holidays.

This time last year, I was traveling to Mississippi to pack up my mom's house and bring back some of the furniture and beautiful things she left me. Sweet, but sad time. Seems like a lifetime ago, even though I still reach for the phone a couple of times a week to call her. Just doesn't seem natural that she is not here...

I wanted to go to Lake Tahoe to see Jeremy for Thanksgiving, but that will have to wait for a couple of months. I am going to be a bit "out of pocket" for a week or so, so maybe I can plan it after the first of the year. Hey! Maybe he can come home for Christmas! Time will tell.

Remember the neat house I lived in on 45th Street right after I moved out on my own? Well the owners are back in the area from Boston and they came to my Halloween party. Incredibly nice people and great new friends. They gave me the Victorian couch that I loved so much from when I lived in the house! It is in real bad shape, but I am not sure that matters. She is a beauty!



I want to learn how to refinish furniture anyway, so this will be the perfect opportunity! It allowed me to finish working on the furniture I got for Jessica's place and to move that from "Ollie's House" to her house (looks absolutely awesome in her place). Now I have a beautiful antique couch in "Ollie's House" and without those HUGE chairs in there, it is much roomier.



Ever changing...



Oh, and here is "Turkey Tom." He sits on my coffee table in the living room. Cute, huh? I cannot believe Ollie has not noticed him yet! Ha! Give him time!



I also finished another painting this week and hung it on the dinning room gallery wall. It is not great, I know

that, but perhaps it will get me back into the painting mode. With winter coming on - I am sure that will be the case. Another thing I know is that it might help me to actually GO to Tuscany someday... What do you think?



I also wanted to show you that the garden is still going strong! Look at these



peppers and there are still more peppers and eggplants on the vine! Amazing. I cannot believe my garden did so well this year. Just unbelievable!



I also had some fun these past two weeks. Went to a Beer Fest at the Arts Center, went to dinner a few times with friends, had some time with Jess and her friends, had some folks over for dinner, and went to see Aerosmith. Aerosmith was one of the best live concerts I have ever seen! These three photos are actually from their concert here at the Beach. They have been cancelled the last four times they were to play at the "Beach." The first time was September 11 - then - three different hurricanes got in the way. Trust me - they made the wait worth it. Just unreal!



Not everyone took me up on the "Send me your Jollies" request, but I heard from many! It was great! Here are a few.



My friend Dee, a professional photographer, had a reception honoring her opening exhibit. Her show was wonderful! Nice crowd, nice food, nice libations, extremely nice art work - just NJCE, Dee! Congratulations! Awesome show!



My friend Tara in Colorado cut her hair and donated it to make wigs for cancer patients. Very cool... and it is still long, Tara!



Big Joe played the blues for school students in Mississippi and not only had a good time and impressed the kids, but got a lot of nice press from it as well!



And look at this! Most of the Middle and Upper School students and teachers where I work donated money to buy tee-shirts for "Think Pink" - a breast cancer awareness campaign one of the seniors held this year. She lost her mom to cancer when she was in the 8th grade - and her mom was only 30! The paper and one of the local TV channels covered the "Human Pink Ribbon" everyone made.



Very special, indeed.



PET PAGE!

Just kidding... but I wanted to show you a few cute ones.

Ollie got a new toy this week, and he LOVES it! It is a very large puppy with reindeer antlers. He is very careful not to shake it or hurt it. He just nuzzles it, and mouths it, and carried it around the house like a pillow. Very cute.

He and Maggie have started getting along a lot better now and even eat and drink from the same space. I NEVER thought I would see that happen. Maggie, you see, is 19 years old! 19 Years Old! Amazing! I got her for Jessica on her 5th birthday.

Maggie just kinda wanders around the house and does what she wants. Ollie and I just leave her alone unless she wants attention. Man! She deserves it!

The photo at the top was sent to me this week by Ollie's breeder. It is a photo of Oliver's mom, Lilly. We were both struck by how much he looks like his mom. The funny thing is, when I pulled the photo up on the computer and showed it to him, he sniffed it, snorted, backed up and scratched the floor, then whined. Then he came over to the desk and tried to look behind the computer for her. When he couldn't find her, he barked! Loudly! Made me kinda sad, actually.

And one last quick thing. A good friend of mine who shoots college and university publicity shots nationally came to campus last week to do a day-long photo shoot. It was my birthday, so he made me let him take a few of me. I usually HATE photos of me. You know how it is when you are getting older and the camera does not lie, but for the first time in years - Jan took photos of me that I actually kinda like! Now that is TALENT!

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Los Angeles,
San Francisco,



Minnesota, Indiana, Colorado, Lake
Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina,
Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Maryland, West
(By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, Chattanooga,
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

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!