

A still life arrangement featuring a vase of autumn flowers, a candle, and two trays of fresh vegetables. The vase is filled with orange and yellow daisies and red berries. A tall yellow candle sits in a silver holder to the left. In the foreground, two trays are filled with fresh produce, including green and yellow bell peppers, cherry tomatoes, and eggplants. The background shows a fireplace with a fire burning inside.

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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What a week! What a week!

Those of you on Facebook may have already seen a few of these photos from "The Celebration" that took place last week about this time when Jess and Ricky found out the baby is a boy! We all met for dinner and, of course, had to look at the "Proof" that it was a boy! The usual jokes were flying around the table and lots of happy faces were beaming at one another. I cannot imagine what we will all be like when he is born! Ha! It was a memorable evening.

Then Jess and Ricky got busy and painted the baby's nursery today and put together the crib and new rocker. Beautiful! I love what they picked out! Originally, it was going to be a "cowboy" theme in yellow, red, and brown. That has changed.

Now the theme is "Sock Monkey!" Colors are red, white, and light brown/

tan. I think it will be adorable. Jess is so talented at decorating, no matter what she picks, it will be adorable!

I decided to hold off until the themes "settle down" to buy any fabric for a quilt,

though. It could change again tomorrow. I remember those days. They are entitled to change their minds as many times as they want right now!



Another photo showed up on Facebook this week - it was really funny.

I was enjoying a nice afternoon with one of my "friends" this past Sunday, and I kept getting text messages and emails. I did not check them, of course, but once I left, I did and saw that the paper in my hometown had run a full-page called "Looking Back!" from the 1969/1970 school year.

Folks were writing and texting to tell me that my photo was in the paper. No one had sent it to me though, so I could not see what they were talking about. I could not imagine - or remember what photo would have been in the paper. This went on for a while, and finally, since it was not on the newspaper's website, my friend, Dee, scanned it and sent it to me. My sister wrote and

said that the newspaper had changed its format and is smaller and much more narrow than in the past, so now when they run these things that were full pages years ago, everyone looks tall and skinny. She said the "real" paper made me look 6'6" and about 100 pounds! Hahaha! I wish!! As you can see here, it was sent in two photo and the middle part was missing. It is very small here, but in the scanned photo I can read the text and see so many old friends. It truly was a trip down memory lane. Geeze! 40 years ago! Where has the time gone! Now I am gonna be an old grandma! LOL!





I wanted to show you my sweet Ollie this week... He loves to sit at the top of the stair where he can see through the window of the downstairs door when it is closed. He is my protector! Such a sweet, lovable, little, polar bear!



Then this next part makes me happy AND makes me laugh! While walking Ollie this week, I saw this young couple hauling out their wicker furniture to the street for the garbage men to take away. They had a couch, two chairs, and a table. It looked a little dirty with pine straw, but sturdy, and had beautiful lines. The paint was chipping off, but other than that, it was in super shape! I asked if I could have it. Ollie and I ran home.



I jumped in my truck and went back and picked it up. Tonight when I got home from work, I got out the pressure washer and sprayed it down, good. All of the old paint just came right off. It is in awesome shape! I will try to paint it this weekend - I have plenty of cushions - and then I can take it to the shop, give it to one of the kids, or shoot - maybe keep it myself! Why wouldn't someone just wash it and repaint it? Why throw perfectly



good stuff away! They could at least have taken it to the Salvation Army, for Heaven's sake!

Anyway, I laughed at myself. Now that I have an antique booth, I remind myself of a bag lady! Watch, though. I will paint it and it will be beautiful! I'll show you photos of the "after!"



Other than that, I have just been working my fool self to death! Work has been crazy busy, even though I am so thankful for it.



The garden is going great - producing like mad - and my zinnias and roses are blooming again. BoBo loves this time of year when the air is so fresh and such a nice temperature that I can leave the doors open during the day.



My neighbors are back from Ethiopia with their two daughters now. I am sure it is a HUGE adjustment for the family as well as for the little sisters. I walk by there everyday, but have not had the nerve to stop in, yet. We all feel like it is best to let them get settled in first. Can't wait to meet them in person, though. Still wish I had the guts to do something like that. Who knows, maybe someday, but I doubt they would let a single person adopt.



OK, guys, lots more to tell, but no more time. Gotta get going. I hope you have a terrific week and weekend, and I will yell at you again next week.



Pray for our men and women overseas!



Oh, and...



Don't forget to buy antiques, canned goods, and cook books! Am I an idiot, or what! If I had more time, I would try to market some of this stuff!

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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 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!