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October 11, 2002

**I love
October!**

Hey!

How's it going? I have had a good bit of technical difficulty lately, and quite frankly, I just haven't had the time to sort out the problem. I have someone who will be helping me figure it out, but until then, I still do them...for myself, if for no one else. Hopefully I will have the problem solved shortly. I will try to resend last week's as well. There really wasn't a lot to tell, so if it won't open...so be it.

Work has been incredible. It NEVER slows down, and October is the month when we work day and night due to the fund raising phonathons held on campus. Makes for very long weeks.

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Do you remember Susan from our list who was a principal at the International School, Manila, Philippines? Remember I told you she moved to Kuwait to serve as a principal at the American School of Kuwait? Well I heard from



her this week. She loves Kuwait and the School and is busy getting settled. Then this weekend, I was scanning the news and saw where the latest terrorist threats, well here is the exact wording from the news..."

"Kuwait finds diagrams, plans for attack

In another development, senior military officials said the Kuwaiti Ministry of Interior told the U.S. government it believed American schoolteachers and their schools in Kuwait are targeted for terrorist attacks as well as U.S. military and diplomatic installations."

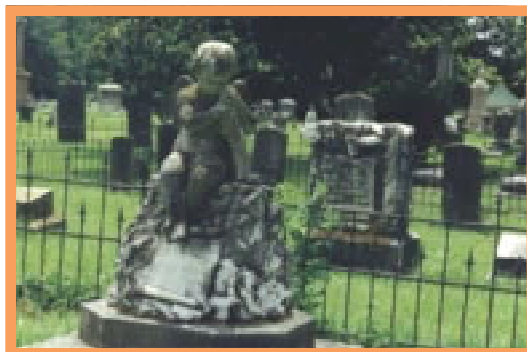
" I emailed my concern to Susan and here is her response..."

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*“Hi Judi, Appreciate your concern...
At ASK, we have practiced our Fire Drill,
SAFE HAVEN evacuation drill with the
staff, then the children, plus our Warden cell phone system has been practiced twice.
Everyone knows what to do, if an emergency comes up. The message you saw was
seen yesterday on the CNN website but NOT the tv. Needless-to-say, it stirred up the
teachers! Our superintendent activated our warden cell system. The supt. called the
US Embassy, and they didn't know anything about it! But since our teachers were a
little nervous, we (the Kuwaiti owner, superintendent, and I) went to their housing
compound yesterday to visit teachers and families to comfort, calm, and clarify these
comments...plus put a guard around their teacher complex just to make them feel
better. At this junction, the report has been denied. The superintendent is gathering
his Administrative Council this afternoon, and then updating the whole ASK staff at
3:00 p.m. We do have international reporters in the city staying at one of our nice
hotels since the marine shooting earlier in the week on one of our small islands off of
Kuwait. Therefore, things went amuck with information flying. Currently, I do not
feel anxious or nervous for my safety, but cautious to see what develops. I would
really hate to leave, as I have just gotten my oceanfront apartment feeling like a
"home." Also, the school is rocking & rolling with all sorts of good stuff!
Thanks for caring, Judi, I will keep you posted.*

*“ Please keep Susan and the others with her in your
prayers.*



The kids are doing great. There have been so many tragedies recently, (two of their close friends and one beloved teacher) that I have been really worried about them. But they are fine. It just takes a lot of care and talking to sort out all of those feelings. It also takes young people a while to learn that it is okay to grieve and mourn. That, too, is a part of life. Still very hard.

Jeremy is finishing up his work at Keystone golf resort and begins at the ski resort November 1. He has a new house with friends and bought a new car this week...so he is getting along okay. I miss him.

Jessica finished up her summer job and is looking for another part time job to help with her college expenses. I love having her go to school in Virginia Beach. It is so nice to have her and all of her friends still around.



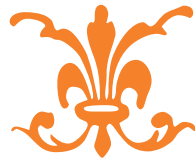
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Okay! Here is this week's riddle...How many kids to you see in this photo? I absolutely LOVE this photo!



*Take care and remember...Life is short.
We need to make it a good one.
Grow in Peace and Wisdom.
Your Friday Friend,
Judi Godsey*





Here is a wonderful, fun, Fall Recipe I found and tried this weekend. We LOVED it and will make it a fall tradition at our house! Easy too. Try it. I think you will like it.

Smoked Sausage Oktoberfest

- 1 (1 lb.) package Smoked Sausage, any variety, cut into 6 pieces
- 4 to 6 medium potatoes, peeled, if desired, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 (14 to 16 Oz.) cans sauerkraut, drained
- 1 medium onion cut into wedges
- 1 cup apple cider or apple juice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground pepper
- 2 medium red and/or green cooking apples, cored, cut into 1/4 inch slices

Coat a 4-quart Dutch oven with nonstick cooking spray. Add the sausage. Cook over medium heat for 5 minutes turning to brown evenly. Add potatoes, sauerkraut and onion. Pour apple cider over potato mixture. Sprinkle with pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes. Add apple slices. Cover and simmer for 3 to 5 minutes or until potatoes and apple slices are tender. Season to taste with salt and pepper.



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P.S. NOTE OF CAUTION... 20 employees were fired from The New York Times here in Norfolk for sending lewd and indecent e-mails. (To my knowledge, none of the 20 were on our 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 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 list.

P.S.S. 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. You tend 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). I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!

