

Friday

March 5, 2004

Follies

Hey!

Well, I wasn't going to do the Follies this week, but I had a few minutes and there is so much going on that I wanted to share with you.

It is hard to believe that one year ago this week we were in New York appearing on Good Morning America, Tonight with Connie Chung, CNBC, and Fox News. What an incredible experience that was, and what an incredible experiences this whole year has been. We have truly been blessed. Thank you to all of you dear friends and family who have supported us, encouraged us, tolerated us, and believed in us from the beginning. This roller coaster ride is still rolling!

Guess what? We got "Gus and Judi's Sunshine Pasta Sauce" in to Farm Fresh! We are so excited! UKrops has been tremendous, but we were

hoping for another large chain closer to home, too. Now, all of our friends can grab a jar each time they shop. Right now it is just in two local Farm Fresh stores, but it should spread out to others soon. That means we will probably need to go back into

production sometime in April. There are a few changes we want to make to the label and a little bit of "tweaking" to do to the recipe, but we are so pleased! We are now talking about possibly starting with the second product we have ready to go, "Gus and Judi's Sunshine Salsa." If that takes off, too, (and everyone

who has tested it loves it!) then we are ready with the next product after that, "Gus and Judi's Sunshine Hoagie Spread."

It really is fun! We even joined the Chamber of Commerce this week!



"Gus and Judi's Sunshine Pasta Sauce"

Jeremy called this week from Oregon and he has been hired to run the airport in Sunriver, Oregon. Isn't that just a fun sounding job? He says he does everything! He checks the weather reports and talks to the pilots. He schedules the fuel trucks and runway vehicles. He even makes the coffee, which he says is one of the most serious responsibilities he has.

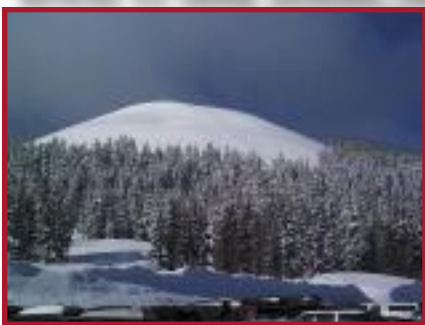


he is thinking he might want to get his pilot's license in addition to going to school...I do not think he realizes how expensive that is. But who knows where this might lead. I still think it is a majorly cool job. He is also working at the Sunriver resort there. Beautiful. So, if you happen to be flying your private plane into Sunriver, Oregon, or if you plan to play golf



He says there is something about the folks in Oregon

that makes them drink gallons of coffee daily. Anyway, he LOVES it. He says the funny thing is that many older, retired pilots just like to come by and hang out at the airport. He makes them coffee and listens to their stories. Now



at Sunriver Resort, look up our son Jeremy, the airport manager and the banquet director and say, "Hello."

Happy Birthday this week to my Mom and to my brother-in-law, Robin.

Remember a few weeks ago when I told you that we stopped at a roadside store and bought a Ukulele? Well, we added to our musical collection last weekend when we bought a violin at an auction. I cannot tell you how much fun we have had with it. I took piano lessons for years as a child, and J.P. has always played the guitar. I have "messed" with the drums when Jeremy took lessons years ago, and J.P. and I both "mess around" with a trombone that we inherited, but we have never played anything remotely like the violin. It is awesome! We are seriously thinking of taking lessons. I told J.P. that we ought to buy him a banjo, and then we could really learn new stuff. I want to try my hand at bluegrass... What fun!





Also Troy Nance, a former student and good friend, celebrated his "Senior Night" as a basketball

player for Old Dominion University this past

One of J.P.'s speeches this week was to some area Boy Scouts. Here are a few photos. It was adorable. He is very good at adapting his message for the age group of the crowd.



Saturday. He will finish his college basketball career as



one of the top ten leaders in assists in ODU's history. I am so proud of him!

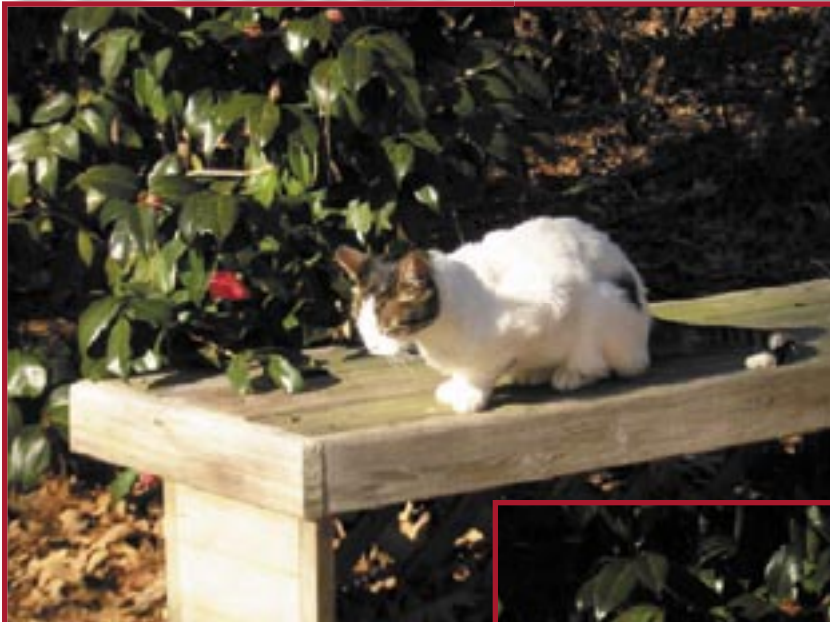
You know I have been telling you how ill "Bob The Spy Cat" has been since the fall. He had a terrible bout with pneumonia, was in the hospital for ten days and



even though he is getting back to normal, will never be the same. He was the biggest, most macho, masculine cat I had ever seen until this hit him. He now is like a

I went to take a photo of him and look at this. He was enjoying the sun and I snapped the photo. Then, he noticed the camellia next to him and started to sniff. I just love these photos.

OK, I guess that is about it for this week. Lots going on, as usual, and still trying to work on a special "Anniversary Follies" for later in the month.



little old man...very, very feeble even though he is a youngster. I have been telling him all winter to "hold on" because spring was coming. He LOVES to be outdoors, but he just cannot handle the cold anymore. Anyway, when you talk to this cat, J.P. and I both swear he "hears and understands" us. He is so amazing.

Sunday was the nicest day we have had in months and months. It was 70 degrees and gorgeous! Needless to say, Bob spent the entire day outside rolling in the dirt and grass and scratching his back on the sidewalk.



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, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, 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

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. 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. 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!