

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Hey!

Aren't these flowers the most beautiful things you have ever seen! Our yard is in full bloom right now. Breathtaking!

These Follies are going to be extremely short this week...if they even make it to you. I have had so many problems with my AOL account the last week...and I just have not had the time to figure it out.

Also, we are leaving Thursday to go to Philadelphia to have a private meeting with the QVC Product Managers early Friday morning. I am excited, especially about going ahead and doing the next three products in our line...Sunshine Salsa, Hoagie Spread, and Chili Sauce, but I have mixed feelings about QVC.

I have talked with several friends who have told me things that make it sound a bit riskier than I originally thought. But, we will just have to go listen and keep an open mind. I will also be interested to see if they allow us to bargain at all. I have a feeling it will be "their way" or "no way." I guess you can't blame them. They have a pretty nice thing going there. I can't wait to tell you about it all next week.

Then, from Philly we head back here to the Beach for a funeral. We are devastated. We received the call yesterday that one of our very dear friends, Terry Kelly, died suddenly Monday night. He was only 52! We are just stunned . . . He was such a good, caring man, and he took such good care of himself. We often ran into him when we were out for dinner and different events. He was always so happy! I just can't believe it. He will be missed. Our love and prayers go out to Suzanna and his family.

Right after the funeral, we have to get in the car and go straight to Willmington, North Carolina for Roman Gabriel's first Celebrity Golf Tournament of the year. The weather should be great, and I have been so stressed out lately, I am really looking forward to taking a day off. I may just spend all of Saturday and Sunday in the sun . . . relaxing.

Man! That sounds unbelievable right now...I am so slammed. The truth is, I am taking a computer and a brief case full of work with me. UGH! When I got out of the car tonight at 7:30 P.M. (I have been at work since 7:30 a.m.) and I was loaded down like a pack mule, I thought, "What are we doing this for! Life is so short!" I tried to make myself realize that everything is going to be OK. I am going to make my deadlines . . . I am going to get everything ready for the demonstration in Philly . . . I am going to get the house ready and my bags packed for Willmington . . . etc., etc., etc. I just feel very anxious lately. I think it might be time to slow down and smell these beautiful flowers. What do you think? I actually made myself get up from my work and go to the back window and look out at the beauty. It is going to be gone in a few weeks, and I will not have even enjoyed it this year. When did everything get so rushed?

Well, in preparation for the meeting with QVC, we went ahead and "hammered out" the next three recipes. Like I said once before, doing them in your own kitchen is one thing, but being totally accurate and "nailing" the perfect recipe, and then multiplying it by 90 gallons . . . well, it gets pretty amazing! We finished and perfected our three recipes for "Gus and Judi's Sunshine Salsa," "Gus and Judi's Sunshine Chili Sauce," and "Gus and Judi's Sunshine Hoagie Spread." We even picked out the size jars and got started on the design for the label! We have got to redo the Pasta labels, too, to show that it is only 5 carbs. People are so conscious of that right now. They read the labels, but they may not understand "good" carbs and "bad" carbs. We intend to spell it out for them. Here are photos of the finished (home) products. The next step is to have them scientifically tested, rated, and manufactured. Weee!



“Gus and Judi’s Sunshine Salsa,” “Gus and Judi’s Sunshine Chili Sauce,” and “Gus and Judi’s Sunshine Hoagie Spread.”

Aren’t they pretty! Even without the labels and fancy jars! And the truth is, they all look very similar and use similar ingredients. Their taste could not be more different, though. I think we really have some unique, quality products here. I guess we will see, huh? HA!

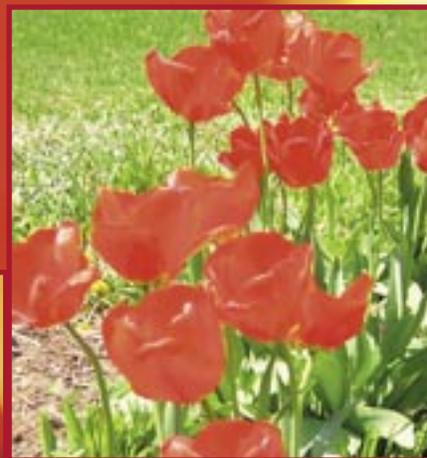
It was really strange while we were making these batches. We were both exhausted and had put in long days at work. We came home, changed clothes, and immediately got to it. While we were right in the middle of it, the entire kitchen started flashing with red lights. We ran to the window and there was a fire truck right on the edge of our yard! We ran out to see what it was all about, and there was an electrical fire in a tree right across from our property line! The wire had hit a dead branch in



a tree that went up for many, many feet. The current had fried it, and the whole dead branch was glowing! At the top of the dead branch, smoke was coming out like it was a chimney! Strangest thing I had ever seen. I tried to get a few shots of it, but they didn't come out very well. Too dark. Then, of course, once they got it semi-under control, we went back in to our cooking. Wouldn't you know it! Because it was an electrical fire . . . they cut the power to the whole neighborhood! It didn't last but about an hour, though. Once the fire was extinguished, they turned it back on. And when they did, look where "Scraps," our cat, was! HA! I think she wants to go to Philly with us!

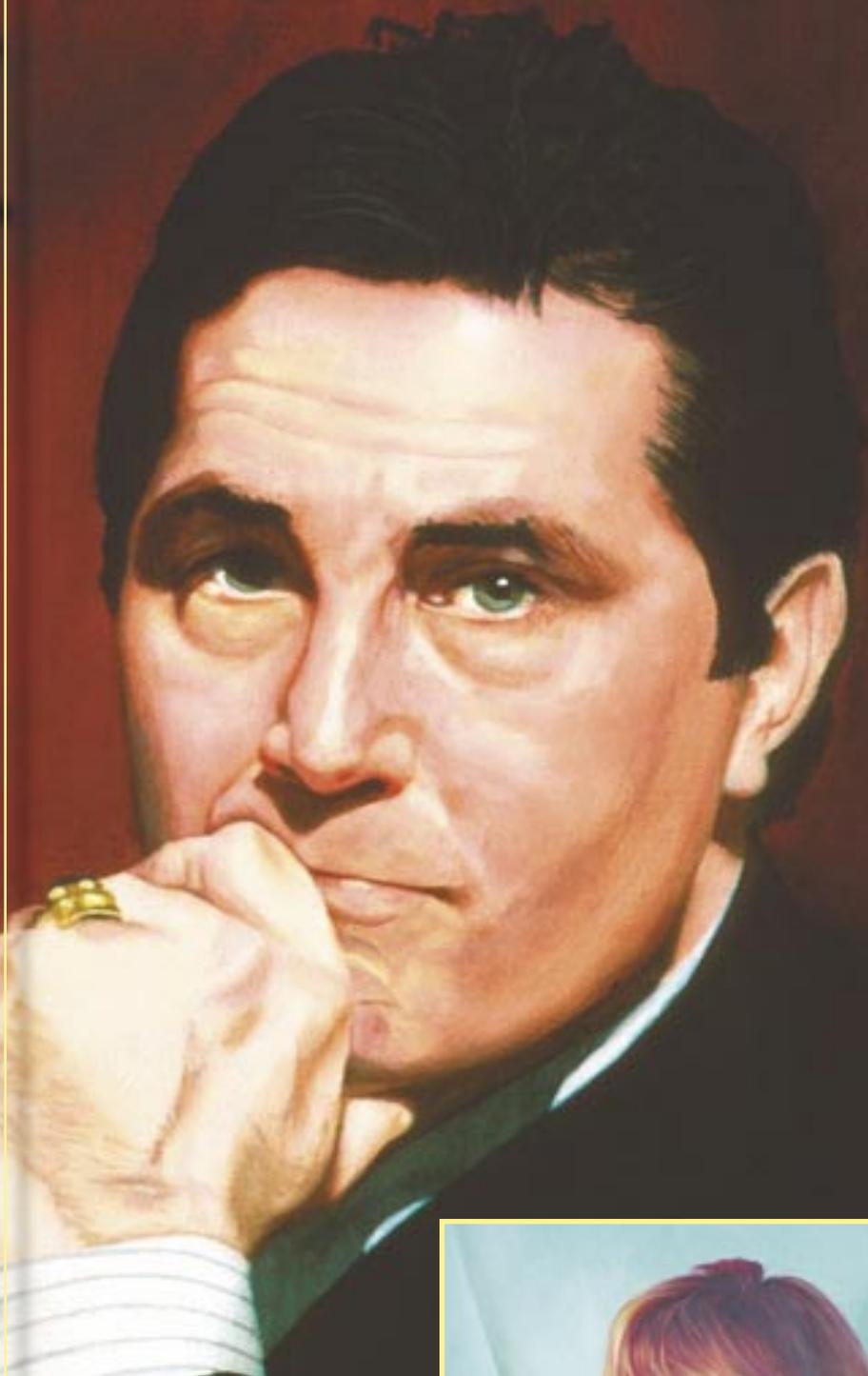


OK. I think I would rather look at the flowers! How about you?



OK, I told you I was going to look for my digital photo of JP's finished portrait. I included it this week. Isn't it spectacular? I have always loved it. He posed for it years ago and everyone who saw the proofs picked out the photos with the huge smiles. JP, Mike Brewer (the artist) and I, all like the serious pose much better for a formal painting. We are so pleased that we picked this one now, especially since he is the "Happiest Man in America." I just think it is very appropriate and very ironic. If you are thinking of having a portrait painted of you or your family...PLEASE contact Mike. He is awesome! www.mike.brewer.name is his website. Check it out.

OK, I really have to go. I told you there was not much time this week. I have deadlines everywhere I look. I hope where ever you are on this spinning globe that you have a beautiful spring weekend.



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!