

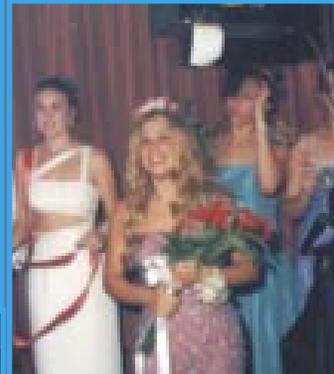
Friday Gallery

January 16, 2004

Hey!

Happy Friday. Things are pretty busy here as always, but still fun.

We went to a great party this past weekend. It was a "Grandparents' Shower." I kid you not. It was a dinner party with probably thirty couples honoring a couple who are expecting their first grandchild in February. It really was a neat reason to have a party. We had a list of things we could bring for them, and when I was going through old photos looking for some things, I came across these fun photos of Jeremy and Jessica when they were little. From the start, Jeremy was my little Music Man and Jessica was my little Social Butterfly.



Cute, aren't they? And the fun thing is, they are even more fun NOW than they were THEN!

It snowed this week! Can you believe it? We seldom get snow in Virginia Beach, but we actually got several inches before it started to rain and melt it all. AND, They are predicting it again for this Thursday! Here are my traditional snow photos. Snow is so seldom in my life that it always creates fond memories . . .



Jeremy called this week from Oregon, and he is still loving it. He said it has snowed constantly for four consecutive weeks. (I can't imagine!) He said it is four to five feet deep now . . . The day he called, he said they were experiencing a "heat wave." When I asked what the temp. was, he said "40 degrees!" HA!

And get a load of these!



This first photo is from a friend who lives in New Hampshire. He wanted us to see the 20 below...but I have to tell ya, the 55 degrees indoors would get to me, too! (Ha!)



Then my friend Tara who lives in Colorado sent these to me this week. On her way back from a trip to Fort Collins, she spotted this female moose on the side of the road.

It reminded me of the time I spotted deer grazing in Yosemite. Here's one letting me pet her - in the WILD! Amazing!





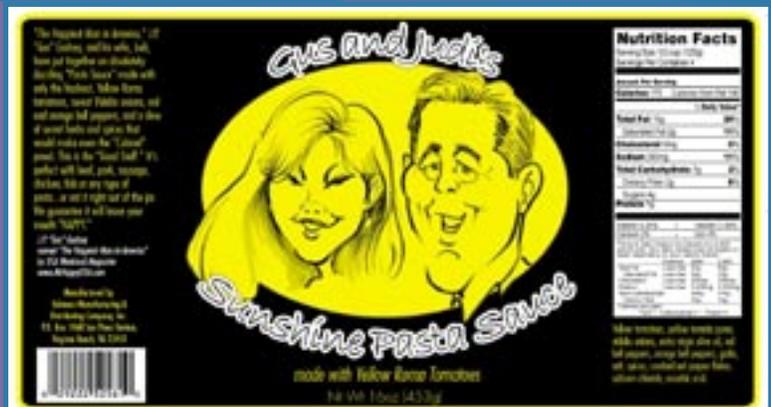
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A pony gets acquainted with a cat in the Budakeszi Game Park near Budapest, Hungary, on Wednesday after snow started to fall in the morning hours in some parts of the country.

And this incredible shot was in the paper last week. I think it is one of the sweetest I have ever seen!

OK, I guess that is it for this week. Not a whole lot going on. We are headed to Williamsburg and Richmond this weekend for a few tastings at several UKrops there. If you are in that area this weekend, stop in and see us and buy some “Gus and Judi’s Sunshine Pasta Sauce!” That means you elected officials, too. How about it Governor Warner? Don’t you need a case or two for the Executive Kitchen? (smile)

Actually, one of the area’s most prominent caterers bought a case this week. She is using it with a featured dish at a huge party this weekend. That’s cool, huh?



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, 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,



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!