



FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Well, I had my lead story this week all ready to go - - until I went out tonight! Oh, my Gawd! What a fun, fun experience!

I went to a new, beautiful, Italian place in our Town Center called "Bravos," and then simply walked up the stairs to a great comedy club called "The Funny Bone." It was a totally lovely evening with many new friends, new places, and a great show.



The lady comedienne, Diana Jordan, was fantastic! Fantastic!

Truth is, the whole evening kind of set me back a bit, because I was on the Board of the Central Business District

Association for eight years. During those eight years, we went to the Virginia General Assembly and Virginia Beach City Council and lobbied, and we took chartered

bus trips up to Reston, Virginia (the CBDA Board and City Council) to "take notes" and see if we thought that concept would ever "Fly" in Virginia Beach!

Well, FLY it did!

We now have a "Town Center" that is awesome and getting more active and more beautiful each and every, single day! Tonight was a perfect example!



Anyway, I digress - Diana and I met before the show...just kinda kept bumping into each other and chatting.

Then I wanted to get a flyer for her to sign and we couldn't find one. We were running around all over the place. She found one taped to the manager's door, and as she was trying every so gently to peel it off



the door, the manager suddenly opened the door to his office and it ripped in half right in her hands. It was hilarious!

We also sat and chatted for quite a while after the show and had a good chance to visit. I am convinced that if this woman wanted to make a HUGE splash - she should cut a "crooner's" CD. You know, the kind Rod Stewart just cut three of in a row . . . all the old romantic standards.

Think about it - - there are NO female singers out there with a voice worth a hoot who will venture out and sing the "classics." I mean, there are great "current" and "alternative" singers, but as I discussed with Diana, there is no one our age (female that is) who will sing the way she does, who has her stage presence, and who can pull it off the way she does.



Listen to me - - this woman has a couple of funny books, she is an intriguing stand-up comic, she dated Robin Williams for two years (I know - that has nothing to do with

anything, but it IS interesting...), and she has had Oprah's blessing and praising her from day one! Not just as a comedienne, but as an author! Calls her the funniest woman on the planet!

BUT, what no one seems to have told her is that she really can SING! When she started to belt out her "comedy songs," - well, let's just say that I was not the only one

who was blown away! If she worked at it and threw it in as a serious segment in her show - Wow! After the show, we seriously talked about it, and I think she was really intrigued by the idea, as well.

(Hey, Roman, with tournament season coming up, you might want to book her. She would be awesome for your celebrity events!) (And Ralph - doesn't Nashville need a crooner?)

OK, enough of that. Just had a really fun time after a really fun weekend and wanted to tell you about it.

Great new group of friends.



My friend, Dee, and her mother, Ruth.



Dee is a professional photographer and is extremely good at what she does. I LOVE this photo because I caught her taking a photo with the lens cap on! Hahaha!



Another good time was had Saturday night when a friend of mine was in town from Annapolis. A whole group of us got together for dinner at a new place called the "No Frill Grill." Then we all went to another restaurant called "One Fish, Two Fish." From there, it was on to the Hunt Room just as everything was winding down. And finally, to my house for some late night chat.

It is always great to be with great friends. I think I finally got to bed about 4:30 a.m.



Jack



Boyd and Kellam



Michelle



Jim was camera shy this week. . . (smile)



Cas and Mike



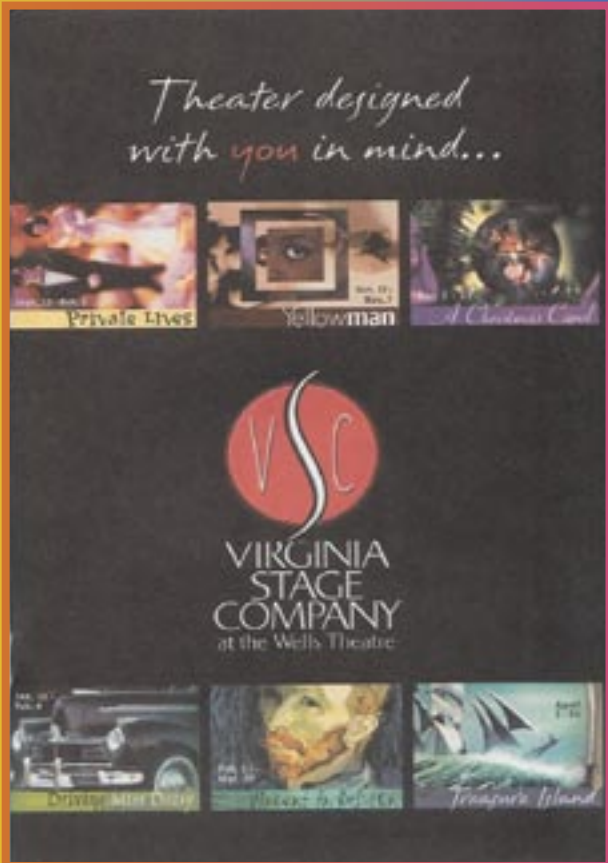
Then Sunday morning, I crawled out of bed. (Getting too old to stay up that late!) But as I was reading the paper, I saw where another one of our Friday Friends had a feature article in the main section of the paper about her new book that is coming out, "War Widow." Joanne has been very excited about it and rightly so. The book has truly generated a great deal of interest.

You Go Girl!
Love the hat!

Sunday afternoon, I was invited to go to the Wells Theatre in downtown Norfolk for a matinee showing of "Driving Miss Daisy." It was just wonderful. The Virginia Stage Company always does such a splendid job.

After the performance, a whole group of us walked over to Jack Quinn's, an Irish pub and restaurant across the street. It was a miserable, cold, rainy, nasty day and an Irish pub was JUST the place to spend it!

Needless to say, my "behind" was draggin' the ground by Tuesday!



OK. No one won my "Football Photo Quiz" from last week, but that is OK, because there were some in those photos that even I couldn't remember! Ha! It was fun putting it together, though, and I hope you have a great friend-filled football weekend.

Here are a few that I can think of that were in the photos:

Roman Gabriell, legendary NFL quarterback; Billy Ray Barnes of the Philadelphia Eagles; Jeff Severson (The Singing Safety), All-Pro for the Washington Redskins and the LA Rams; William Fuller, Houston Oilers, Chargers, Eagles; Bruce Smith, Washington Redskins; Gayle Sayers, star running back for the Chicago Bears; Deacon Jones, NFL Hall of Famer, Washington Redskins, LA Rams, and Chargers; Roger Brown, Detroit Lions and LA Rams; Merlin Olsen, LA Rams; The Fearsome Foursome; Dick Bass, the LA Rams; Joe Jacoby, Washington Redskin; Bill Bergey, ALL-Pro with the Eagles; Hoot Gibson, ALL-Pro Oakland Raiders and San Diego Chargers; Ted Hendricks, NFL Hall of Fame; Ken Huff, ALL-Pro for the Colts; Bruce Laird, ALL-Pro for the Colts; Dan McCauley, ALL-Pro for the Colts; Keith Williams, Dallas Cowboys; Roland Moss, New England Patriots; Jim Nemeth, Baltimore Colts; Joe Pizzo, Pittsburgh Steelers; Milt Plum, Cleveland Browns; David Ray, ALL-Pro for the Rams; Benny Snipes, Pittsburgh Steelers; Milt Plum, Cleveland Browns; David Ray, ALL-Pro for the Rams; Art Thoms, Oakland Raiders; Ben Davidson, Oakland Raiders; Erving "Blueprint" Parker,



Hey, Jeremy called this week and his banquet turned out great - you know - the one he was doing at Squaw Valley for 2,800 employees from Google.com.

But he was just so happy! It seems he has re-discovered his drums and he is now playing in a band and has made tons of new friends. The band's name is "The International House Of Funk." Cool, huh? He promised to send me a CD after they have been playing together a bit longer.

I am just so happy for him. I knew he would find his music again someday! When he sends me a tape or CD, I will put a sound bite in the Follies for you to hear. Hey! Maybe I'll put one in of my progress on the violin, too!



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, Costa Rica, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, 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!