

Friday Follies

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Hey!

Johnny PayCheck, the Country singer best known for his 1977 working man's theme song, "Take This Job and Shove It," died this week. He was 64 years old. JP and I had the opportunity to meet Johnny on several occasions. All of them were memorable!

Here are two photos and one autograph which he signed on an old business card of mine. (Bring back memories, Ralph in Nashville?)

This first photo is my favorite. JP and I went up to have our picture made and just as our friend snapped the photo, Johnny and I were making eye contact at each other. I just think it is a classic! I wish you could see it better. It is hard to tell here. Really funny!

This next one is after Johnny played for the Five City Festival here that JP and others put on for the Republican Party. I think this was around 1996. Johnny was already very ill at that time, and, in fact, suffered so much from emphysema and asthma that he had his



oxygen tank right on stage with him. Very sad. We have a couple of others shots, but I couldn't find them in time to send with this.

Any way, Johnny PayCheck, whether you are a country music fan or not, was a huge talent and will be missed. Did you know he recorded 70 albums and had more than two dozen hit singles? Some of his others were "Don't Take Her, She's All I Got," "I'm the Only Hell Mama Ever Raised," "Slide Off Your Satin Sheets," "Old Violin," and "You Can Have Her."



OK, "Joe Millionaire" picked the "right" one, didn't he? And "The Bachelorette" picked the "right" one, didn't she? I cannot believe I have watched these things! I am not a TV person at all, except for the news — which I like to have on 24 hours a day. . . seriously! But I got involved in Joe Millionaire because Evan Marriott is from here, and then I became even more interested because I found out my friend Susan (The Principal in Kuwait) had taught him. Well, I am telling you, even JP got into it before it was over. It was just so interesting. Ane quite honestly, from there, the previews of "Bachelorette" got me! Now I am trying to stay away from "American Idol." Ha!

Any way, I have a friend at work who says she is addicted to Reality Shows. She does not seem like the type who would care about that stuff at all! But read her email below. Even though tongue in cheek, it sums up for a lot of us this strange obsession that comes over us when we watch these silly things...I thought this was great.

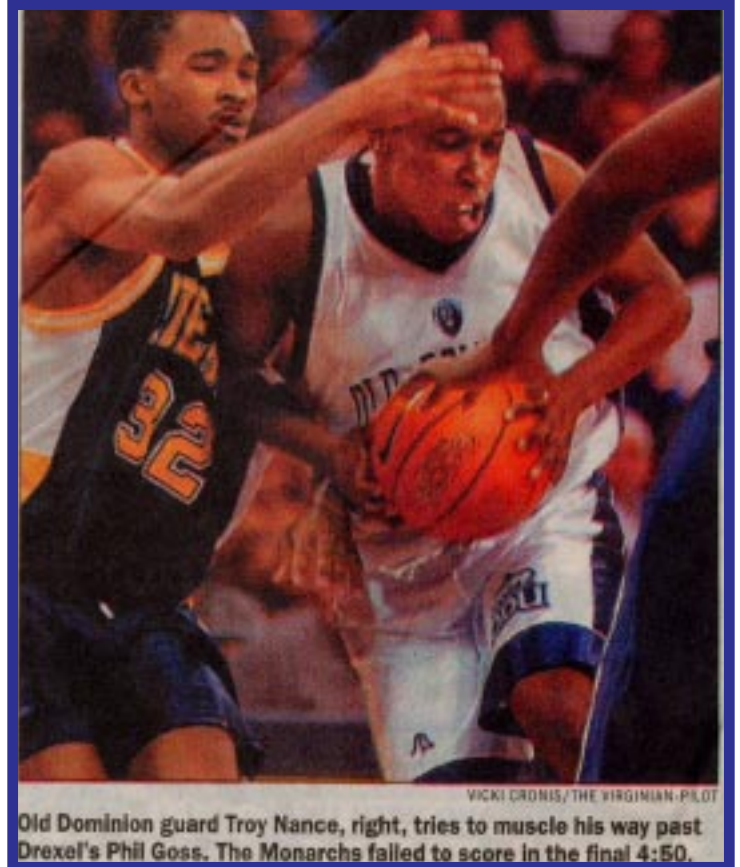
"RealityTVAddictsAnonymous - Chapter (RTVAA)

My name is _____, and I'm a reality TV addict. Last night while watching Bachelorette, I was taping Star Search and American Idol; and I anxiously await the return of new episodes of Survivor and Big Brother next month. Every night I have to listen to my husband tell me "You're NOT going on any TV reality show. Your place is at home, barefoot and in the computer room." Little does he know I have downloaded my Survivor application and that I'm voting on-line with the home audience for my favorite comedians. So who will Trista choose as her fiance? Russ, Ryan or Charlie? Come on Trista - It's Ryan; pick Ryan!!! I'm living vicariously through you, Trista! Help me, help me . . . save me from this obsession"

Friday Addicts

Okay, not much time this week as our annual Auction is this weekend. We usually raise somewhere between \$150,000 and \$200,000 in one night. Not too shabby, huh? And this year we even have a pickup truck and a couple of boats to auction off in the live auction. I'll let you know how we do. With the economy the way it is, No one is really doing too well at these things right now, so keep your fingers crossed.

And I have gotten to where I love to include photos of former students. Here is my "Baby" Troy Nance who plays for Old Dominion University. This was on the front page of the sports section this week.



In the next couple of weeks, I will be sending you a very SPECIAL Follies, so stay tuned.

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, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, Washington D.C., Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, New York, or Europe, have a wonderful, wonderful weekend, and . . .

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God bless.

Remember, life is short...we need to make it a good one.

Grow in peace and wisdom.

Your Friday Friend,

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JUDI GODSEY



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.

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!

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