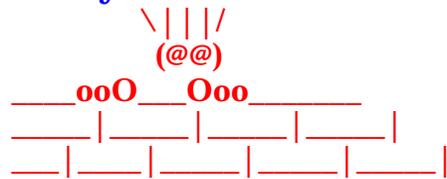


Friday Follies 08/02/02



Hey!

Holmes vs Butterbean - Man, oh, man. What an experience.



I cannot believe how much fun it was to see a fight in person. You could actually see the sweat flying off of each one of the fighters when they were hit. And the preliminary fights were every bit as exciting as the main event. The lighter weight matches were hugely exciting because they were so fast-paced. How can they hold their heavy gloves up for 10 or 12 rounds, much less dance around and fight for that long!

“Smokin’” Joe Frazier’s daughter, Jacqui Frazier-Lyde, was a blast to watch. She won!



Jacqui Frazier-Lyde

The daughter of former Heavyweight Champion “Smokin’” Joe Frazier, Jacqui has excelled both in and out of the ring. With just over two years of professional boxing under her belt, Sister Smoke has an 8-1 record with all eight of her wins coming by way of knockout. In December of 2001, Frazier-Lyde scored a 4th round TKO over Suzie Taylor to capture the WIBA Light Heavyweight Title. The one loss on her record occurred a year ago in a majority decision to Laila Ali, the daughter of Heavyweight Champ Muhammad Ali. Frazier-Lyde’s last bout was June 4th and ruled a no contest when her opponent Erin Toughill suffered a cut on her forehead from an accidental head butt and could not continue in the 3rd round.

Did you know that she was an attorney and gave up her practice to follow in her dad's footsteps? And Joe himself thrilled the crowd by bounding into the ring and doing a little shuffle for the cameras.

Leon Spinks was there (reporter said that when someone asked him for his autograph he would only sign it if they bought him a beer....Ha!) and former NBA superstar, Darryl Dawkins (seems that Darryl's uncle once fought Joe Lewis). Former Dallas Cowboy, Ed "Too Tall" Jones was there, Fred "Rerun" Berry, and Michael "Let's Get Ready To Rumble" Buffer. Apparently, Buffer toyed with several other expressions before he came up with that one.... "Man your battle stations" and "Fasten your seat belts" were two he thought about using twenty years ago when he started. I think he made the right choice, don't you? There were also tons of other celebrities, mostly former somebodies or sports heros that I was not familiar with. It was honestly some of the best "People Watching" I have ever seen. Just fascinating! And some of the outfits were truly amazing!

I personally thought Butterbean was an embarrassment. (Sorry, JP. I know you like him.) He just stood there with a billboard painted on his back, holding his hands in front of his chest and face for the first four rounds and hardly threw a single punch. The crowd booed. He also looked over at the ref and "whined" every time Larry Holmes did anything he did not like. Ha! By the end of the fight, my girlfriend and I were calling him *Butterball*. Anyway, it was great, and I certainly hope to go to more boxing championship bouts in the future.

Sorry, no photos were allowed.

A great story this week about by brother, Larry.



Two Sunday's ago, he went out on a boat with two of his buddies, Richard and Bubba. (That's right...Bubba from Mississippi...great guy) Once they got on the boat and on the river, a thunderstorm blew up. They decided to go to Ruben's (I've told you about Ruben's before) and wait it out. After two hours or so, they felt it safe to head back.

For some reason, along the way, Richard stopped the boat and dove in, I guess either to retrieve something or to go swimming. Larry said he heard a thump when he hit the water, but didn't know what it was. He waited and waited, and Richard did not come up. So Larry dove in (hearing aids and all) and found Richard underwater with his leg cut wide open and the bone showing. Larry pulled him to safety and then held his leg together until help arrived. Richard needed 28 stitches!! And they never did find out what cut his leg. So proud of you, Larry.

Richard and his wife are very grateful and have offered to get Larry new hearing aids. (I'll bet they don't know these stupid things run about \$5,000 a pair and insurance does not cover them. Ha! I personally have had to buy 4 different pair over the past ten years...adds up.)



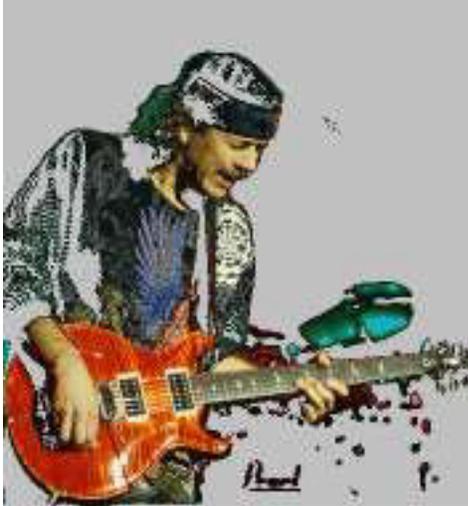
By the way, Happy 36th Anniversary today, Larry and Vicki! And Happy 1st Anniversary, Allen and Meredith!

Tuesday night a good friend invited me to go see the B-52's in concert, but I did not feel well enough to go. Just plain "burned out". You know, if you wanted to, there is something exciting going on almost every single night. Ahhhhh, life at the "Beach"...



We went to see Santana Wednesday of this week. At first I was tired and really didn't want to go that much, but man, am I glad we did. A friend had given us VIP tickets, so that was nice. But while we were waiting to go in, I stood and once again, enjoyed "People Watching". What an eclectic crowd! The truth is, there were many parents with their teen and college aged kids there together. That was neat. But EVERY Baby Boomer in Virginia Beach seemed to have gone to their

closet and pulled out their tie- dyed shirts and dresses. What a hoot! I'll tell ya, though, for any musician, Santana has to be right up there on a pedestal. Wow! They played great newer stuff and each band member had tremendous solos, but when they played my old favorite, "Black Magic Woman," I got goose bumps.



You know, though, the really cool thing about Carlos is that even after selling over 40 million albums and entertained over 20 million people in live concerts, he is still a very humble and spiritual man.

JP started his new radio show this week. If you are local, you can catch him at 3:00 on Wednesdays on channel 15.50 AM. He really does a nice job. Let's face it, anyone who can face what we have gone through since January with the stock market and remain optimistic....well, they have some kind of gift that I don't have. I know I could not do what he does. BRUTAL!



Busy week. That is all I have for now. Lots more to tell you, but it will have to wait until next week.

Take care,

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 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. You tend 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). I don't have time to sit, read, and retype jokes all day!

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