

FRIDAY FOLLIES

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Happy Memorial
Day Weekend!

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Well, quite a lot going on this week!

Jess graduated from college on Saturday and right before she was supposed to "walk," she changed her mind! She asked if we could go to the beach together instead, that she really didn't want to "walk" at all. I was kinda shocked, but also kinda relieved! I have been to HUNDREDS of graduations in my lifetime! Her father was off in Asia somewhere (he is an airline pilot), her Father-in-Law had to go back to the hospital for a checkup, her Mother-in-Law had to work, Jeremy had to work, so it was just going to be me and Ricky at graduation.

Instead - we hit the beach and had a glorious time! About two o'clock I leaned over to her and said, "You made the right decision! About now we would be sitting in traffic!" We laughed. Since she actually graduated in December and has been teaching school since January, it really was not that big of a deal. She was just trying to please everyone else. Been there - -Done that!

I gave her a beautiful aquamarine, circle necklace. She really liked it. I did, too. I knew it would look nice on her. I told her it symbolized "completion" to me. Accomplishing what you set out to do!

Later, we went to the Jewish Mother for her graduation celebration and for Scotty's birthday. It was fun because there was an awesome



Blues band there in concert, Tinsley Ellis. And honestly - more food than you can imagine. They just kept bringing out trays of cheese balls and shrimp, crabmeat and salmon. AND CAKES! Just unreal! Wish we had been hungry!



Ricky was there, too, but he was swamped! The place was absolutely packed - elbow to elbow! I love it when they have shows like that. It is such an intimate environment for a concert!



Going to a great wedding this weekend. Looking forward to it, but also glad it is a five day weekend for me! (They are using some of my sauces at the reception!) Anyway, I need a break! I plan to work in the yard, work on my cook book #3, go to several Tides games with Ken, go to dinner in Norfolk, have a cook out here with friends, and just chill! (Let's see - when was I gonna chill?) Plus the neighborhood pool opens this weekend! Yahoo! Summer is almost here (Still cold and rainy here, though... Very strange spring.)

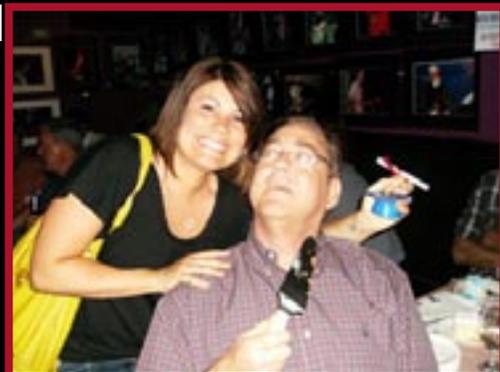


Still running, ya'll! Not strong every night - but pretty much full-power every other night. Power walk on the opposite nights. Man, I feel so old, though! Not fair! I just discovered it! Maybe it will get easier... Ha!



OK! Now for the really FUN stuff of the week! Did you see the "Bachelorette?" Did you see Chandler? I thought he was **adorable!**

I simply cannot tell you how much fun it was to be with his family as they viewed it for the first time!





I also had some incredibly intense, but nice, conversations with the press! You see, the family and Chandler were bound by legal contracts not to talk with the press. My problem was that I wanted the press to know about it in case he did not get a rose the first night! All

would be over and no one here would have known about it! It was really pretty frustrating because there was so much I wanted to say, but couldn't! I just - after a certain point - had to say - you have to talk with the ABC representative. (Not fun!)

Anyway, it worked out great and my friends in the media figured it out and ran this cute photo (above) and an article about Chandler's duck call before it aired. That way - no one was in trouble, and the community was alerted to watch!

'THE BACHELORETTE'

NO ROSE - JUST A TRIP HOME - FOR BEACH NATIVE ON DATING SHOW

the bachelor
Chandler Fulton, a Virginia Beach native and 25-year-old insurance representative, was secretly nominated by his sisters to be on ABC's "The Bachelorette."

the bachelorette
The show's competition centers around DeAnna Pappas, this season's bachelorette, a 26-year-old real estate agent who is looking for a husband.

the bachelorette
Laine Mednick Rutherford, Laine.R@cox.net.

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Judi Godsey, a family friend of Chandler Fulton

“If Chandler Fulton takes issue with the way he was portrayed on ABC's "The Bachelorette" on Monday night, he can struggle his index fingers in the direction of two people: younger twin sisters Alex and Whitney.

They were the instigators in getting the Virginia Beach native cast on the series. But he was eliminated with nine other men in the first episode.

After seeing an online casting call for the reality dating show, the 21-year-old Elon University student sent in an application two years ago with their brother's name and contact information - but didn't tell him.

Family friend Judi Godsey said the venture to get Fulton on TV was pretty much forgotten after a few months passed with no response. In January, however, Fulton was surprised when show producers called and asked him if he was interested in vying for the affections of DeAnna Pappas, this season's bachelorette.

The 25-year-old insurance representative agreed.

"Not surprising to me - he was selected out of over 18,000 to be one of the 25 on the show," Godsey wrote in an e-mail.

The show's competition centers around Pappas, a 26-year-old real estate agent who is looking for a husband.

On each episode, the Georgia beauty will give roses to suitors with whom she finds a connection and send the others packing. The final show will have one bachelor, and, she says, true love.

Pappas is familiar with the ritual - she was a contestant on a previous season of "The Bachelor," the male version of the show. She made it to the final show, but bachelor Brad Womack left her standing on the ceremonial altar without a proposal.

Fulton was the first competitor introduced to viewers. He was shown stepping out of a shower and then, muscles rippling, doing pushups beside his bed.

At their first meeting, Fulton emphasized their shared Southern backgrounds and accents. Later in the episode, he tried to win a "first impression" rose from Pappas by showing off his duck-calling skills.

Family and friends joined Fulton on Monday night to watch the show at Princess Anne Country Club.

They watched, laughed and groaned as 10 suitors were cut last night.

Especially so when Fulton did not receive a rose and lost the chance for more TV time and a chance at DeAnna.

Then the night of the show, the family had a small gathering to watch together and one of the reporters (a Friday Follier - I might add) was assigned to the task.

It was really weird for her. She could not take photos or talk with any of the family really, but could interview the guests. She stayed for a few minutes after the show

started to watch some of the reactions, but then slipped out. (Class act, Laine!) That had to be tough.



Anyway, the party was awesome! Connie did such a super job - even had a red carpet and "up lighting" when you walked into the country club. And Chandler and his twin sisters were the perfect host and hostesses! So dashing!



Then the show started and all of the formalities stopped - right there!



When the first scene was of Chandler stepping out of the shower, muscles rippling, and then doing push-ups, I thought all the girls were going to die! (below)





And the fun and goofs and laughs just went from there. Don't get me wrong, Chandler did take it all seriously - even though his twin sisters put him up to it without his knowledge. But Chandler is such a goofer, that it was great fun to watch his sense of humor. If you did not know him, you might have taken some of it the wrong way. For example, his exit interview was sincere. He was very tired and disappointed that he had not been given a better one-on-one time with the Bachelorette, but when he teared up and pretended to "cry" at the end - most folks, I guess, believed it. If you had been at the party and witnessed it, you would not have believed it! The room EXPLODED with laughter! So did Chandler! He was not being disrespectful, but was just spoofin' himself! He wished it had lasted longer, but he was also - not crying. Apparently, there was stuff all over the internet about whether his tears were real or "Crocodile Tears." Interesting. There was also some talk about trying to get him to do something else. He should. Even the reporter said, "Man, the camera LOVES him!" All I know is, WE do!





Speaking of good

Blues - Tinsley was great, but my good friend and high school buddy, Big Joe Shelton, is also great! Joe has a new CD out that is climbing the charts! "Black Prairie Blues" is the name of it and you can look it up on my links page! You GO, Big Joe! I have played it for a couple of friends here, and they LOVE it!

American Idol was tonight! Man, I loved both Davids and was really pulling for David A. even though I knew David C. would make a better idol. Loved them both - so happy about that.

And one last TV thingy... (Sound like all I do is watch TV, right?) Ha! I have been invited to TWO "Sex and the City" parties for next Friday! One group is in their twenties and the other group is - well - let's just say they are centurions. How cool is that? I will let you know what happens!

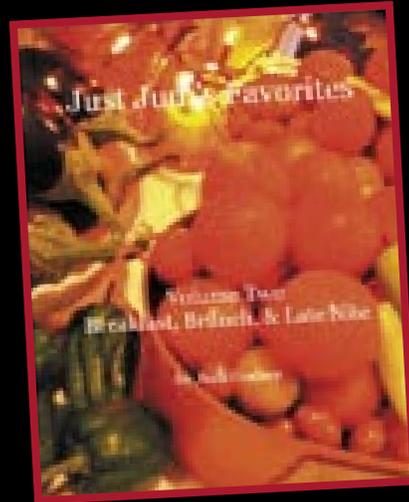
Have a wonderful and safe Memorial Day weekend and enjoy your families and friends. Love to you all.



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, Lake Tahoe, Philadelphia, Key West, New Jersey, North Carolina, Indonesia, Washington D.C., Iraq, Costa Rica, Poland, Maryland, West (By-God) Virginia, Nashville, Florida, Saudi Arabia, New Hampshire, Tampa, Chattanooga, France, Phoenix, New York, Oregon, Russia, Maine, Australia, Bangkok, 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

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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. 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!