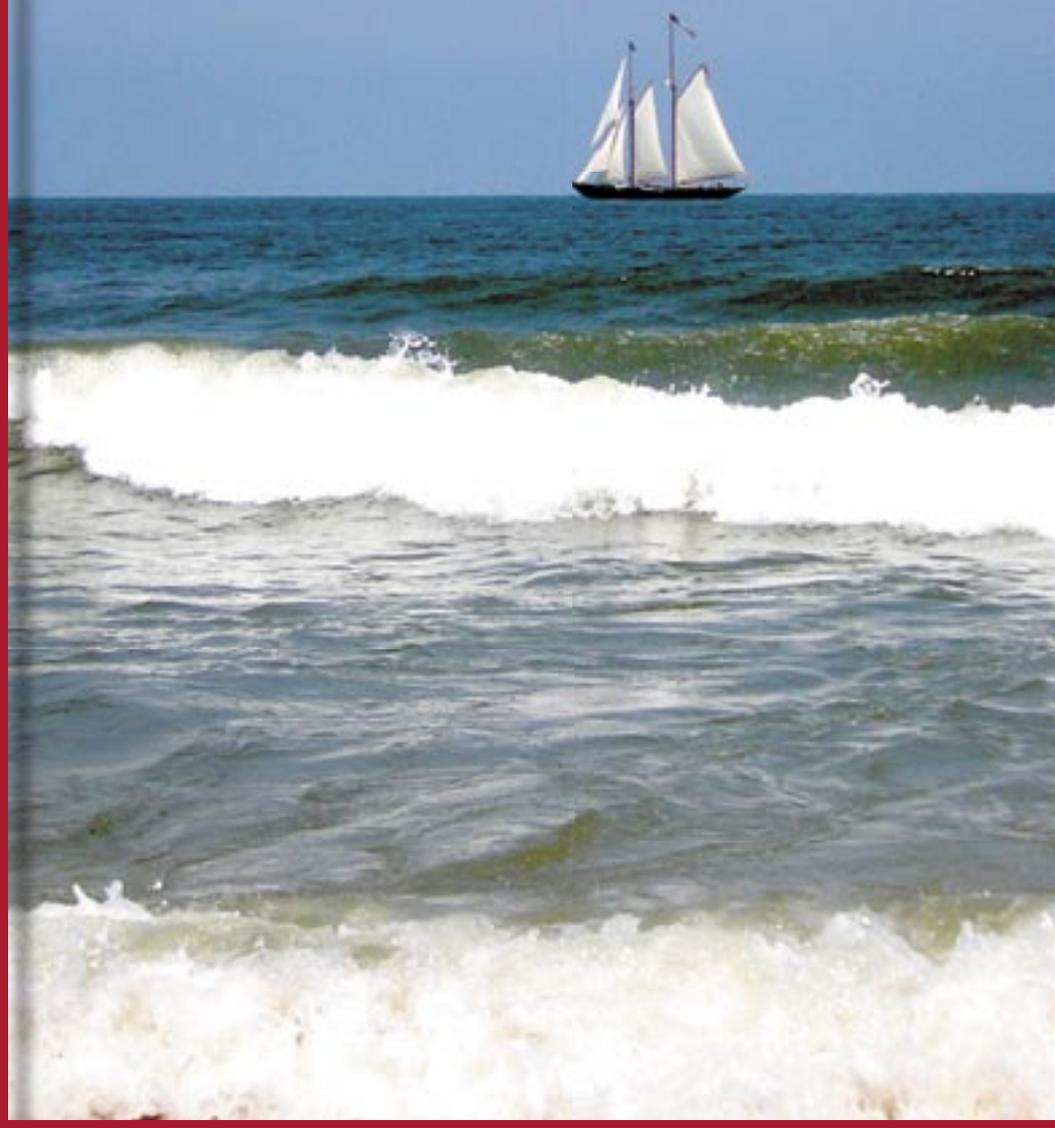
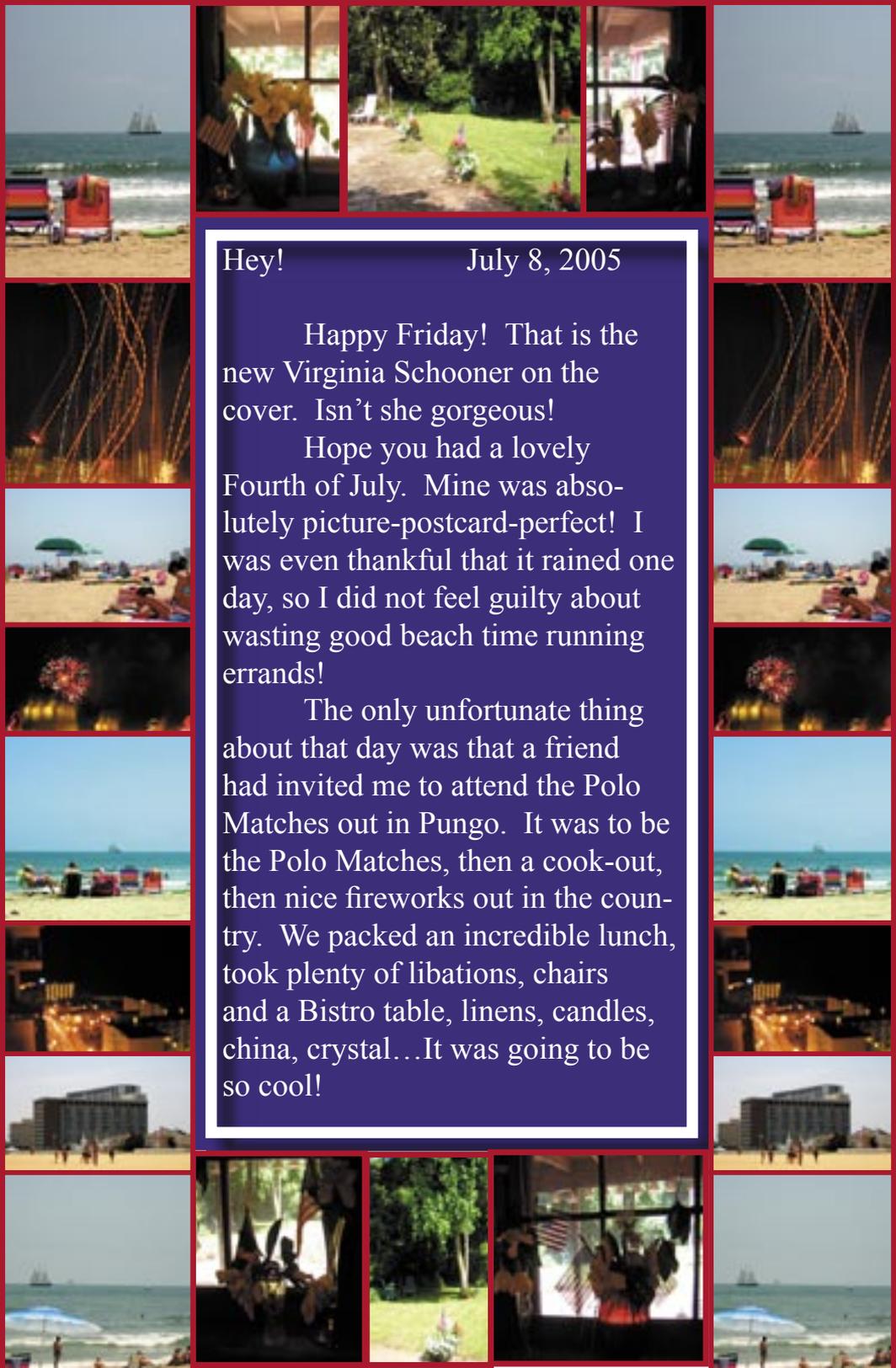


FRIDAY FOLLIES

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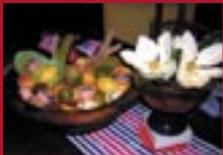
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Happy Friday! That is the new Virginia Schooner on the cover. Isn't she gorgeous!

Hope you had a lovely Fourth of July. Mine was absolutely picture-postcard-perfect! I was even thankful that it rained one day, so I did not feel guilty about wasting good beach time running errands!

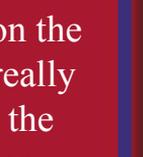
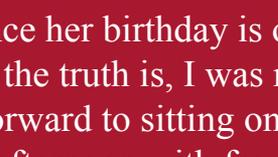
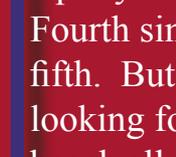
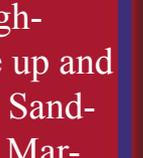
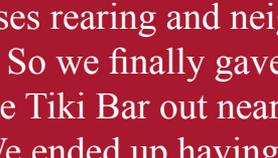
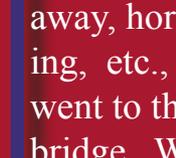
The only unfortunate thing about that day was that a friend had invited me to attend the Polo Matches out in Pungo. It was to be the Polo Matches, then a cook-out, then nice fireworks out in the country. We packed an incredible lunch, took plenty of libations, chairs and a Bistro table, linens, candles, china, crystal...It was going to be so cool!



Well, it started to pour on the way out there. I mean torrential! My friend looked at me and said, "It probably isn't even raining out there" – the eternal optimist!

It never, ever let up. There was thunder, lightening, tents blowing away, horses rearing and neighing, etc., So we finally gave up and went to the Tiki Bar out near Sandbridge. We ended up having Margaritas and calamari! Ha! It was so much fun, and I actually saw some folks I knew.

I had an invitation to go on a boat over night to Cape Charles for the Fourth, but I usually have a party/cook out for Jessica on the Fourth since her birthday is on the fifth. But the truth is, I was really looking forward to sitting on the beach all afternoon with frozen cocktails, a couple of sandwiches





and five or six of the magazines I have not had a chance to read yet – and just EXISTING! It was blissful! Blissful!

That evening, I had a couple of invitations to go with friends on their boats and watch the fireworks...but I honestly thought it might be fun to grab a sandwich and beach chair and simply walk back and sit on the beach **BY MYSELF** and watch them reflected off the water in all directions... Well, I was running later than planned because of a new addition to the family (I will explain in a minute) and at the last minute friends called me to come to their 11th floor condo on the beach and watch. It was a great, unplanned, last minute invitation. I jumped in the car and was there in five. From their place, we could see fireworks from the beach to Norfolk. Just absolutely memorable. (Kinda like you sleeping through them on the roof top garden that year, Jim H. in West Virginia... smile).

Anyway, it was just grand.





On Sunday, friends who live in an incredibly beautiful home invited me for a small, quiet cook out. Oh my! The weather was as perfect as I have ever seen it. We had a great time and lingered and talked for hours. Just a perfect, perfect time with great friends...new and old.



OK. I have a new baby and also have someone who, I think, is going to take the parakeets and maybe even the finch family!

I have a new baby parrot that I mentioned to you last week. I got him sooner than I expected. He is **WONDERFUL**. I **LOVE** him...**LOVE** him! He is a Quaker Parrot, and as I mentioned, he is small, yet fully grown, and is supposed to be one of the best talkers around. (We will see...) Anyway, I was trying to think of a name for him and came up with patriotic stuff like George, Freedom, you know – the usual. But nothing really *hit me*.

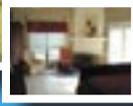
THEN, my friend Debbie sent me an email and said, “Call him Liberty.” I thought. “Hmm, kinda cool.” Then I read the rest of her



email. She said, “No! Listen to me! It is spelled ‘L’il Birdie!’ Get it?” Now is that the most clever thing you have ever heard? I could have thought for a decade and not come up with that. So, my new baby who loves to ride on “Gandalf the White’s” back is named Liberty (‘L’il Birdie!’) Too Cute!

Here he is asleep on my arm...(above - riding Gandy, after a bath, and working in the yard with me - in the tree)





*Top left is on the National Historic Register - is "better than new" and is listed at \$274,000.
Top right has 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 acres, a pool, a workshop and is (are you ready for this?)...\$199,000!*

My mom's house sold this past week in Mississippi, and we three kids are glad and sad about that. I, as you know, have been house hunting and have seen some really cute places – much more appropriate than this mansion I am currently living in. But the prices are astronomical! I simply cannot believe it! I actually went on line to see what was available in and around my hometown in Mississippi for future reference and look at these two palaces above. Unreal. They would be a million a piece here at "The Beach!"



Compare them with this house at the beach I looked at that is a whopping \$400,000! \$400,000! It is a cottage that was built in 1929 - has NO closets...AND they are going to split the property and build a condo on the back half of the lot! Amazing, this place.

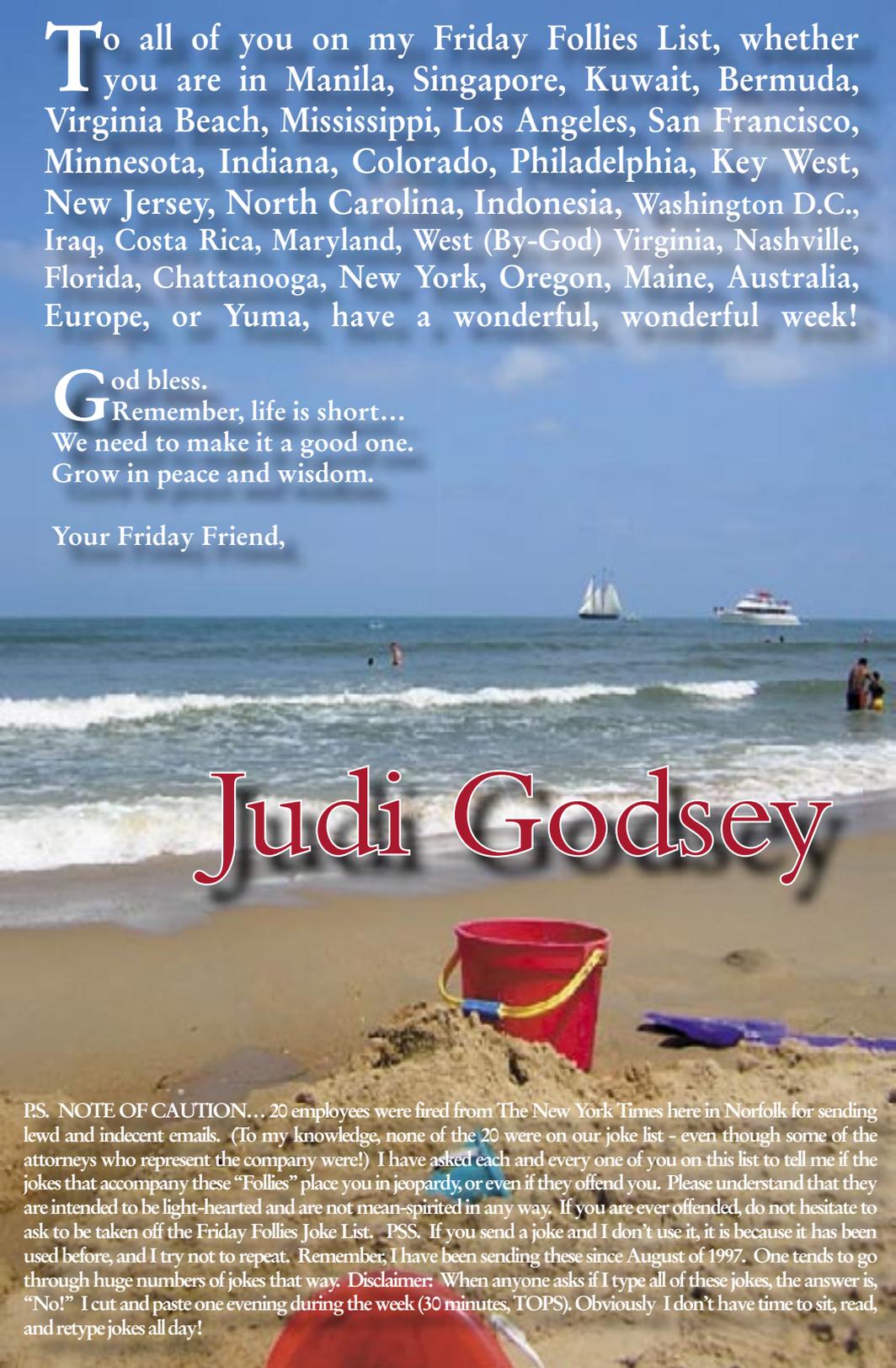
OK. I guess that is basically it for this week even though there is so much more I want to tell you. Thanks to all of you who are looking out for me!!!

Have a great one!

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,

A photograph of a beach scene. In the foreground, a red bucket with a yellow handle sits on the sand. To its right, a purple towel is laid out. The middle ground shows waves breaking on the shore. In the background, a sailboat and a motorboat are visible on the blue sea under a clear sky. A few people are seen swimming in the water.

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. 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!