

Happy Summer! I mean it is in full swing, isn't it! 90's again today!

Plenty to do, still, but time to slow down a bit and take some time off, too. That has been really great and much needed. For a couple of weeks in a row, now, I have taken Fridays and Mondays off. I am telling you - WOW!

It seems I had *over three weeks* of vacation left on the books at the beginning of June, and if I do not take them before June 30, I will lose them. Ugh! I simply cannot take that much time off. I still have too many dead-

lines, so I am trying to take a day or two off here and there. Sounds like something is wrong with this picture,

doesn't it? Oh well, I am truly enjoying the time I do have off.

I have even had some time to work on those paintings I showed you over the last couple of weeks. Even finished a new one that I LOVE! The black cow is almost finished, but my new one (Brown cow above) is finished, as far as Lam concerned. I simply adore her! Again

(Brown cow above) is finished, as far as I am concerned. I simply adore her! Again, it is hard to show you details with a digital camera and very low resolution photos like this, but trust me... she is CUTE! I may frame her and keep her!







BoBo is fine and is starting to mature and find new places to perch and chatter. The little bird outside has not been back... not a good sign...

Garden is growing and I have LOTS of tomatoes already! Not ripe yet, but red, yellow, orange, patio, Roma, and the squash is starting to ripen, too. I cannot wait! I'll can some stuff for you.









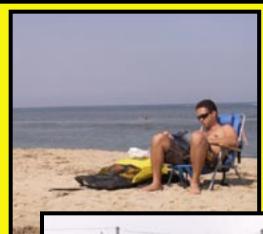
I also wanted to show you this giant water trampoline! It took several adults to walk it out past where the waves were crashing, but MAN! Did the kids have fun!











It was probably one of the

prettiest days at the beach that I can remember. Not a cloud in the sky, high 80's, and a cool breeze off the water. I got a great start on a tan, that is for sure! It was also the weekend of the Boardwalk Art Show, so there were thousands of folks walking the boardwalk for four days. Always fun to people watch in this town!

Jessica, Ricky, his parents, and I had a nice evening at The Jewish Mother, too. That is always fun. Wedding plans are coming right along, and the happy couple has even put an offer in on a house! They are so excited. I'll tell you all about it when plans are farther along. It is now going to be outside in the Blue Ridge Mountains! Beautiful! And I go to my first Bridal Shower for her this weekend! Hee Hee!

Jeremy is doing great, and I am anxious to see him in August. That kid (now a young man) sends the most incredible letters and cards. Just amazing. Very, very thoughtful...











And I will end this week with these photos. You know my nephew was home for two weeks R&R this past month.
The whole family gathered for a crawfish boil in his honor. His

cousins from as far away as Chicago, Memphis, and Atlanta came in for the event. I sure would have liked to have been there. Timing was just miserable for me. Anyway, they sure are a handsome

bunch,
aren't
they? I love
'em!



Remember to pray for our men and women overseas - - May they return to us safe, successful, and soon.

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, 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,

Tudi Godsey



P.S. 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!