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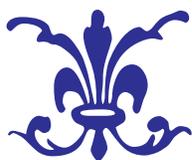
## VIRGINIA BEACH *and Me* THE PERFECT MATCH

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We both had "spots" in the newspaper, and JP played in the Thanksgiving Joy Fund Holiday Bowl.

***And from my Rotary Club - The Marilyn Monroe Award***—To a lady who always knew where her priorities lay 'cause "Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend." The gal who has more sparkle than Virginia Beach on the 4th of July: "JUDI GODSEY"



## Charity Bowl rookie finds holiday spirit

Before serving up meals to the needy, Beach man will play in Turkey Day game

BY CHIC RIEBEL  
THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT

Among the 20 rookies who will appear in the 35th annual Joy Fund Charity Bowl on Thanksgiving, J. P. Godsey of Virginia Beach may be the only one doing double duty charity work that day.

In addition to appearing in his first game at age 45, he also will help serve a holiday dinner to more than 400 less-fortunate folks at the Berkley Community Center.

"I'm not much of a football player anymore; I'm more into charity work," Godsey said on a cell phone Tuesday as he drove around picking up turkeys that will be distributed to another 75-100 needy families through the Richard Hassell

Foundation. "I just thought playing in the game would be a good thing to do. It's a wonderful charity. It should be a blast as long as I don't get hurt."

The game, which benefits the Virginian-Pilot's Joy Fund, begins at 11 a.m. at the Center for Effective Learning on Witchduck Road in Virginia Beach. Former athletes and coaches from the Southeastern District will take on a team of players from the Eastern and Beach districts. Tickets are \$5.

Godsey isn't the only rookie making a belated debut in the game. Stephen Shipp, Oscar Smith Class of 1975, and Jim Bordeaux (Princess Anne, '79) are other fortysomethings taking the field for the first time.

But, unlike Shipp and Bordeaux, Godsey, didn't attend a local high school. He grew up in Buchsannon, W.Va., before going on to play football at West Virginia Wesleyan and later becoming an unofficial practice player with the

Washington Federals of the defunct United States Football League.

The only reason Godsey is eligible to play in the Charity Bowl is "because I've helped some other guys coach, and they allow you to play if you've done that," he said.

"I've wanted to play in this game for years."

Godsey, a defensive back during his playing days, is listed as a 6-foot, 192-pound tight end from Cape Henry, Class of 1975, on the Charity Bowl roster.

"I guess people are going to look at that say, 'Who the heck is this guy? Cape Henry doesn't play football,'" said Godsey, now a financial planner. "I just used that because my wife works there and I love the school."

Godsey says he doesn't plan on embarrassing himself in the game.

"Hey, I can play a couple of series and some special teams," he said. "I'm in fair shape and I can still run, so why not play?"

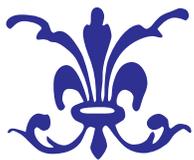
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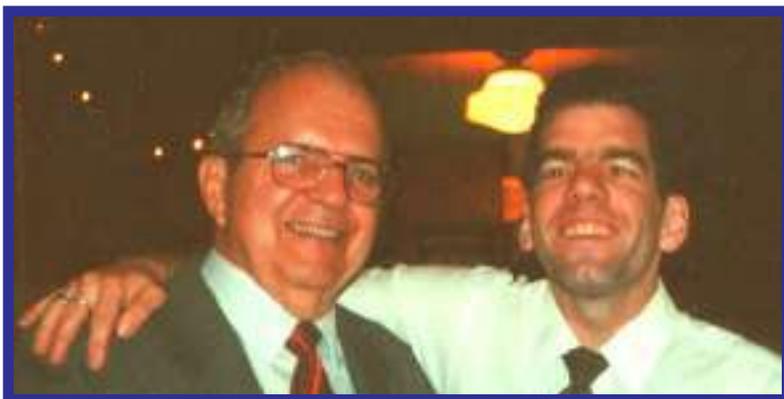
J.P.'s sister, Sue, and Teresa from Inidanapolis, and the Mesings from Pittsburg.



Just a spur of the moment get together, Fourth of July, and Christmas!



Dan and Skipper Clemsen from Belefonte, PA, and John Mills and Elmer Hopper from Los Angeles.



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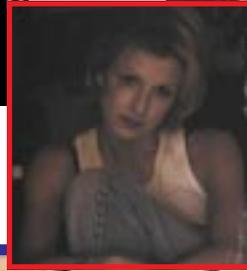
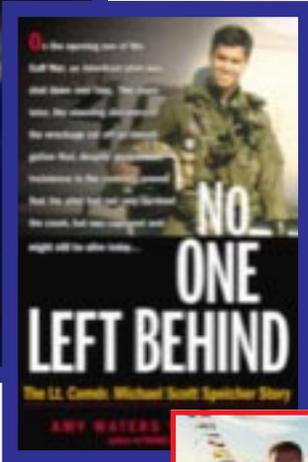
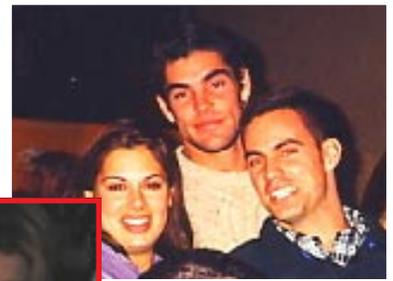
105 degrees on the Fourth of July, summer suppers and political fun raisers.



And we went to a few nice parties, too.  
Michelle's, Jim's, Blueprint's,  
Bob's, Frank's and more.



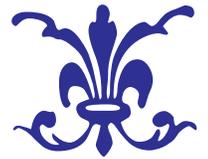
We celebrated the successes of many friends and family.



'John Fahey, also has a new book out called, "Licensed To Spy." It is getting wonderful reviews, so make sure you get a copy.'



We enjoyed the SNOW!



And went to a ton of concerts and events . . . too many to show here . . .



And then, the absolute best news of the year . . . J.P. "Gus" Godsey was named by *USA Weekend Magazine* as "The Happiest Man in America." Many of you have asked what happened to the Friday Follies this month - well, maybe this will explain . . . We now have two books coming out, a website ([www.mrhappyusa.com](http://www.mrhappyusa.com)) and a potential movie/documentary in the works . . . Can you believe it? Who would have thunk it!

Congratulations, baby! Now the whole world knows what I have known all along!

The day we got the phone call. We had to "sit on it" for over a month. The only people we were allowed to tell were family members. J.P., still numb from the news, (or was it the champagne) calling our extended family members.

