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DADS ARE SPECIAL PEOPLE

Dads are special people
No home should be without,
For every family will agree
They're "SO NICE TO HAVE ABOUT"-

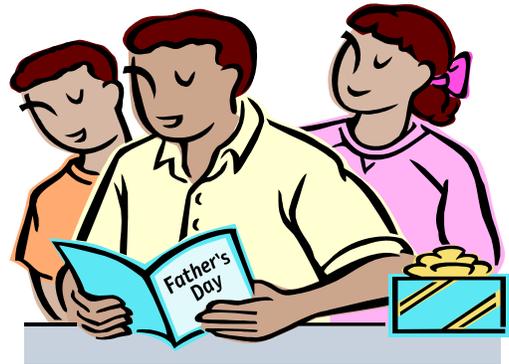
They are a happy mixture
Of a "SMALL BOY" and a "MAN"
And they're very necessary
In every "FAMILY PLAN"

Sometimes they're most demanding
And stern, and firm and tough
But underneath they're "SOFT AS SILK"
For this is just a "BLUFF"

But in any kind of trouble
Dad reaches out his hand,
And you can always count on him
To help and understand -

And while we do not praise Dad
As often as we should,
We love him and admire him,
And while that's understood,

It's only fair to emphasize
His importance and his worth -
For if there were no loving Dads
This would be a "LOVELESS EARTH".



Here's a simple dessert that little one's can help make their special dads this Father's Day.

Mom's Banana Dessert

Courtesy of Paula Deen

2 cups whipping cream
2 tablespoons sugar
15 Oreo cookies, crushed
4 bananas, sliced
1/4 cup chopped pecans
Cholocate syrup

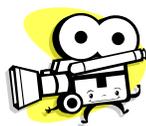
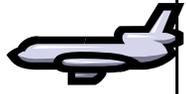
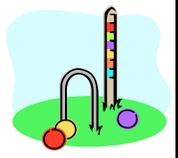
Whip the cream with the sugar until firm peaks form.

Fill a large glass bowl or parfait glasses with half the cookies crumbs, banana slices, nuts and half the whipped cream. Drizzle cholocate syrup over the cream, then repeat the layers.

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June 2008 Calendar of Events Northern Virginia & Points South

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Herndon Festival 6-11 Downtown Herndon Happy Birthday Gavin Clark Helen King Arie Sellers	2  Happy Birthday Meridith Meixner	3	4	5	6	7 Bluegrass & BBQ 12-5 Lee-Fendall House- Alex. 703-548-1789 
8 Celebrate Fairfax 10-6 FFX. Gov. Center Occoquan Arts & Craft Show 10-5 Birthday Rowan Bergman	9	10	11	12  Birthday Pam Grubaugh Ell Grubaugh	13 Movie Night Harris Pavilion Manassas 8:30-? 	14 Family Day & Aviation Display 10-5:30 Chantilly 202-630-1000 
15 Fathers Day 	16	17	18	19	20  Summer Begins	21 Games on the Lawn - Bristow 703-365-7895 11-5 
22 Birthday Shaun Michael Blackburn Kim Clifton Darrin Hall	23	24	25 Happy Birthday Chris Grubaugh Rob Riebe	26  Happy Birthday Lauren Arrington	27  Happy Birthday Kim Hager	28 Kids Fishing Tournament Leesylvania Park Woodbridge 9-11 
29	30					



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ASHLEY'S ACTION PAGE

Recessions are as normal as death and taxes. They're also about as much fun. With the national unemployment rate at 5 percent, and by some measures much higher, the American worker has every reason to be wary of the economy's downturn.

The U.S. Department of Labor reports that about 240,000 people lost their jobs in the first four months of the year. Among the industries affected are the obvious: home construction, finance and real estate. Perhaps not so obvious are the losses in other fields, ranging from marketing to transportation to companies that offer luxury and leisure services, such as hotels or boat builders.

But how or where you earned your living before you lost your job isn't really the point. What does matter is that you get back on your feet before your savings -- and spirit -- run dry. And that means you need to attack joblessness the same way you would your work: with a strategic plan.

8 tips for job-hunters:

- List your accomplishments from previous jobs. You might be surprised at how much you've done, plus you can highlight them in your resume and job interviews.
- Don't take your layoff personally. It happens to almost everybody at some point.
- Compose an "elevator speech." That's a very short pitch (about one minute) that you can use when you run into someone who might be able to help you. Practice it often.
- Update your resume. Neece says resumes that present competencies and skills separately -- not linked to your industry -- work best.
- Have business card-sized mini-resumes printed and hand them out.
- Work to get the financial monkey off your back. Realistically assess your finances. Cut expenses wherever you can.
- Exercise. Really. Not only will you feel better but you're doing something proactive in your downtime.
- Lower the bar on what makes for a good day. While you are job hunting you need to keep your spirits up and your attitude positive.

My Quote of the Month: Dreams are the touchstones of our character.

My Featured Listing of the Month:

13522 Kaslo Ct. Woodbridge, VA 22193

Price: \$202,000

This is a charming well kept 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath with 1 car garage on a cul-de-sac. Combo living room-dining room with fireplace. Extension on the second floor can be used a family room. Eat in kitchen with side by side fridge and built in microwave. Sunroom off kitchen leads to deck and fenced in backyard. This is a short sale and appraisal is completed. Bank offering 3% in closing cost help.



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ACTIVE LISTINGS



**16330 Taconic Circle
Dumfries, VA 22025
\$225,000**

Great 3 Bedroom end unit condo conveniently located just minutes from 95, Commuter lot, Omni bus and shopping. This home offers 2.5 Bathrooms, Eat-in Kitchen, formal Dining Room, wood burning fireplace in Living Room, Deck, Patio and a fully fenced rear yard for added privacy. No Exterior Maintenance is required for this home and the Condo Association is going to replace all of the windows this year!



**8021 Horseshoe Cottage Cir.
Lorton, VA 22079
\$420,000**

A Gorgeous home perfect for private homebuyer or investor. This 3 Bedroom, 2 full Bath , 2 half Bath home has every option and upgrade. Hardwood floor on main level, huge Master Bedroom with walk-in closet and luxury bath with jetted tub, Corian counters in kitchen, intercom, alarm system, surround sound, wood blinds throughout and fireplace in Rec. Room. The fenced yard with deck backs to trees. Short Sale!



**4371 Ensbrook Lane
Woodbridge, VA 22193
\$250,000**

Immaculate townhome with new paint, carpet, flooring, and updated ceramic tile in the bathrooms. With 3 finished levels, landscaped lot and fenced rear yard, eat-in kitchen, large Family Room, fireplace with glass doors, Master Bath and it's convenience to schools, shopping and commuter bus stop, this home is perfect.



**13881 Napa Drive
Manassas, VA 20112
\$525,000**

A rare and unique 4 Bedroom 3.5 Bat home on 2.64 acres in central Prince William County. This well maintained home has a private landscaped lot and deck in the rear. It features 2 Master Suites, 3 car garage and 2653 sq. feet of living space. This home is a Must See!



**7112 Token Valley Road
Manassas, VA 20112
\$1,150,000**

11.5 Acres in central Prince William county off Hoadly Road. Acres are divided by Hoadly Road. To the north we have 4 acres and to the south 7.5 acres. Potential for rezoning to multiple lots. Currently zoned A-1 surrounding lots SRR. Water available at road.



**13551 Warrenton Road
Catlett, VA 20119
\$285,000**

This 10 acre lot is ready for your custom home. A builders dream. Come experience this quiet serene area. This lot is zoned A-1 and has not been perked. It contains a small pond and a 1 bedroom, 1 bath cabin being sold as is. Long easement allows your new home to sit away from the road, providing tons of privacy.

FOR RENT



**12658 Dara Drive #302
Woodbridge, VA 22192
\$1200/mth**

This wonderful 3rd floor end unit condo is located very close to Historic Occoquan and the Occoquan River. It backs to the trees and calming stream and features 3 spacious bedrooms and 1 1/2 bathrooms with large balcony. All rooms are cable ready. Laundry room is in building on lower level. Gas, water, trash and basic cable are included in the rent. Small pets accepted. Very close to Rt. 123 and I-95. Available immediately.



**1506 George Mason Drive #1
Arlington, VA 22204
\$1,200/mth**

This 1 Bedroom Garden style condo has an updated Bathroom and will have new carpeting and kitchen cabinets for it's new tenant. Gas, basic cable, trash, air conditioning and water are just some of the Amenities included.



**3529 Nexus Court
Woodbridge, VA 22192
\$1,650/mth**

This rare and unique townhome is a gem to list and show. Conveniently located in Woodbridge in a great community close to shopping, Potomac Mills, commuter lots, restaurants, banking, etc. Almost everything has been replaced so it is move in ready



**9445 Fairfax Blvd. #203
Fairfax, VA 22031
\$1200/mth**

Located in the heart of Fairfax, this 1 Bedroom condo is very clean and recently updated. Close to restaurants, shopping and bus to Dunn Loring Metro Stop. Utilities are included in rent.



**12713 Gordon Blve. #89
Woodridge, VA 22192
\$1,500/mth**

This 2 Bedroom condo features a view of the Occoquan River and is in walking distance to the marina and Historic Old Town Occoquan. Totally renovated with new cabinets, paint, carpet, appliances, and baths.



**12487 Camborne Court
Bristow, VA 20136
\$2,400/mth**

Beautiful 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Bath home with new paint and carpet on cul-de-sac with a large pond at the rear of home. Features a large deck, 1st floor Study, large yard, 2 car garage, Eat-in Kitchen and cathedral ceiling in Family Room. Close to 66, shopping, Nissan Pavilion, VRE, schools and more.

CROW'S NEST



Mariel Berrios Reibe and her son Joey attended the May 1, 2008 dedication of the Crow's Nest Natural Area Preserve with Governor Timothy Kaine.

Crow's Nest is named after the black schooner called the Crow that harbored off the peninsula in the mid-1800's. It is one of the last undisturbed places in the Mid-Atlantic area. The peninsula is located between Accokeek and Potomac Creek. The area provides nesting, roosting and migratory habitat for a large number of migratory land birds, plants and animals. Crow's nest long history includes it's being occupied by Union troops during the Civil War.



Osprey



Tundra Swan



Ringed Neck Duck



Cooper's Hawk

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.

~Charles Wadsworth

He didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it.

~Clarence Budington Kelland



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ask Cherish



HOW ARE YOU DOING?

SINCERELY, Many, Many, Many People...

Answer:

Well, the question of the year goes to everyone that has called or emailed wondering how the market and myself are holding up through this past unpredictable 3 years. My answer is "Great I love the way real estate changes." People believe that real estate changes on a quarterly or annual basis, but it doesn't. It changes everyday. I believe that anyone can do well and be successful in anything they attempt to do as long as they work hard. Sure, it was nice to place a real estate sign in the yard and receive 3 offers in 1 day. That is not the current reality. I received a lot of calls from people wanting to get their real estate license during this time. We also saw new real estate companies, new mortgage companies even new real estate law firms opening on a weekly basis. So what do we do? We change with the market as it is. And, homes will always sell if they are priced right. It is an unwelcomed lesson to sellers who had all the control 5 years ago. This too will change. The media is very bleak about the market and its future condition but I believe that in any market any home can be sold.

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