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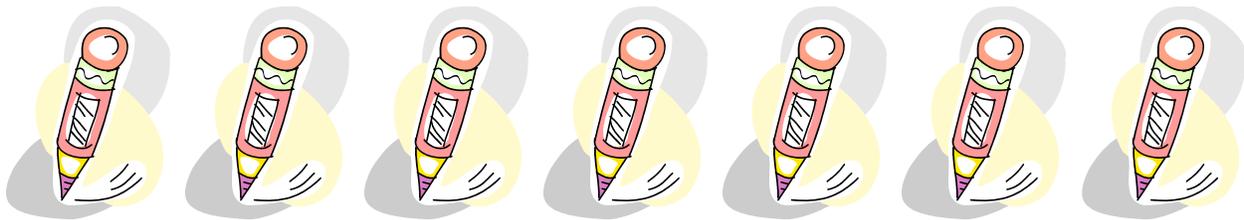
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GETTING READY FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

- ⇒ 2 WEEKS BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS BEGIN GOING TO BED AND GETTING UP ON A SCHOOL SCHEDULE.
- ⇒ DON'T FORGET TO CHECK THE BUS SCHEDULE!
- ⇒ MAKE SURE ALL IMMUNIZATIONS AND PHYSICALS ARE COMPLETED.
- ⇒ MAKE SURE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE SCHOOL NURSE FOR ANY MEDICATIONS THAT NEED TO BE GIVEN DURING SCHOOL.
- ⇒ LABEL ALL ITEMS THAT WILL BE WORN AND TAKEN OFF AT SCHOOL.
- ⇒ MAKE A CALENDAR FOR ALL SCHOOL EVENTS AND SCHOOL VACATION DAYS.
- ⇒ HAVE A SPECIAL PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO PUT FORMS FROM SCHOOL THAT PARENTS NEED TO SEE.
- ⇒ BUY SMALLER BOXES OF CRAYONS AND GLUE SINCE SPACE IN BACKPACKS AND DESKS IS LIMITED.
- ⇒ MAKE SURE YOU REVIEW THE SCHOOL DRESS CODES BEFORE SHOPPING.
- ⇒ TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES AND STOCK UP ON PAPER, CRAYONS, PENCILS, ETC. IT'S EVEN A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE AN EXTRA BACKPACK ON HAND, THEY CAN BE MORE EXPENSIVE AND HARDER TO FIND AFTER THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS.



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 A child miseducated is a child lost.

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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 The teacher is one who makes two ideas grow where only one grew before.

~Elbert Hubbard

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August 2008 Calendar of Events Northern Virginia & Points South

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | |  | | | <p>1</p>  <p>Birthday Jay King</p> | <p>2 National Night Out 1:30-5:30 Prince William 703-792-7270</p> <p>Birthday Troy Hoelcher</p> |
| <p>3 Ice Cream & Music Social Harris Pavilion Manassas 3-4:30 703-361-9800</p> <p>Birthday Melissa Harner</p> | 4 | 5 | <p>6</p>  <p>Birthdays Cindy Fox Mary Clark</p> | <p>7 Summer Concert 7-9 Pentagon Row Arlington 703-413-6691</p> | <p>8 Arlington County Fair Thomas Jefferson Comm. Center 703-920-4556</p> | <p>9 Ballston Arts & Crafts Market 10-4 Welborn Square Arlington 703-528-3527</p> |
| <p>10 Arlington County Fair Continues</p>  | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | <p>15 Prince William County Fair P.W. Fairgrounds Manassas 703-368-0173</p> | <p>16 P.W. Fair Continues</p>  |
| <p>17 Prince William County Fair Continues</p>  | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | <p>22 Fabulous Films of '58 Manassas Museum 8-10 703-368-1873</p>  | 23 |
| <p>24 Ice Cream & Music Social Harris Pavilion</p>  | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | <p>29</p>  <p>Birthday Steve Bachman</p> | 30 |
| <p>31 Bug Out #64 Old Dominion Speedway 9-5 Manassas 703-361-7753</p>  | | |  | | | |

ASHLEY'S ACTION PAGE

In this day and age people are getting divorced every time you turn around. In the past few months, for the very first time in my life, I am experiencing what it's like to have two people who I love go through this tragic event. A friend sent me this article and I wanted to share it with all of you and perhaps help some of you who may be going through something similar. Her name is Michelle Langley and she wrote a book called "Women's Infidelity, Living in Limbo". She states that women initiate 70%-75% of all divorces and female infidelity will not only continue to be extremely common but it will also continue to be on the rise. Michelle believes that "Trying to have a relationship today without the information in this book is like trying to read without knowing the letters of the alphabet." So if you've read her book or have heard of her research, please let me what you think and how you feel about it. Here is a small excerpt of an article she had wrote about what she knows.

Women's relationships today follow a very predictable pattern:

- They push men for a commitment and they get what they want
- They lose interest in sex
- They become attracted to someone else and they start cheating
- They become angry and resentful and begin telling their partners that they need time apart.
- They blame their partners for their behavior...and eventually, after making themselves and everyone around them miserable for an indefinite, but usually, long period of time, they end their relationships or marriages.

If you're a male, like most other males, you would probably never suspect that your partner is cheating, not only because of your wife's or girlfriend's seeming disinterest in sex; but also because you have the belief that your wife or girlfriend is a "good girl." Unfortunately, males are frequently left/divorced by their wives and girlfriends without ever knowing about their wives' and girlfriends' infidelities.

If you're a female, like most other females, prior to cheating on your partner you always proclaimed yourself to be "*not the type*" who would ever cheat. However, also like most other females, *after* you have cheated, you're shocked and appalled by your behavior; but at the same time *you can't stop cheating*.

Women's relationships and marriages will continue to follow this same pattern unless we develop an accurate understanding of females - particularly in regard to their sexuality. In fact, after researching women's sexuality for more than ten years, I can honestly say that most of our societal beliefs about females are grossly distorted and many are completely erroneous.

The media has finally begun to acknowledge, albeit to a small degree, **the widespread problem of female infidelity**. Recently, several books and articles have attempted to explain why women are now cheating as much as men. However, none were successful in their attempt. All of them left out very important pieces to this extremely complicated puzzle. I believe the majority were simply unable to find all of the information necessary to figure out the problem. Although, I'm certain that some were just afraid to disclose certain key pieces of information because the truth, quite frankly, is so contrary to our current beliefs. Unfortunately, without these missing pieces, it's impossible to understand, and to subsequently fix, the real problem occurring in relationships today.

My Quote of the Month: Everyday my Dad is my hero.

My Featured Listing of the Month:

12713 Gordon Blvd. #89 Woodbridge, VA 22192

Price: \$220,000

This 1 level, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo has water views of the Occoquan River. Whether its your primary home or an investment/vacation home, this condo is bright and cheery and has been completely renovated with new carpet, paint, kitchen appliances and bathroom updates. Walking distance to marina and historic Occoquan. Right off Route 123 and very close to I95 and commuter lots. Also available for rent for \$1200 per month.



This page was produced by Ashley Spencer.. If you have any interesting facts that you would like to share or would like additional information about what's published on this page contact me at 703-986-5813/703-598-9385 or email me at

ACTIVE LISTINGS



**13522 Kaslo Ct.
Woodbridge, VA 22193
\$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.



**13881 Napa Drive
Manassas, VA 20112
\$525,000 or rent \$2,400/mth**

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.



**4600 S Four Mile Run Drive
Arlington, VA 22209
\$250,000**

This freshly painted, sunny condo features wood floors, updated kitchen and bath, mirrored wall and balcony. Comes with 1 underground parking and secured parking in the rear,. The Condo fee includes all utilities, pool, tennis, exercise room and sauna. Close to metro bus and metro stations.



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FOR RENT



**4748 Wermuth Way
Woodbridge, VA 22192
\$2500/mth**

This home has 4 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths, fully finished basement, privacy fenced rear yard, neutral décor, large rooms, 2 car garage and is located on a quiet pipe stem. The kitchen is the heart of the home with granite countertops and island. The Family Room is off the kitchen making it great for entertaining. Close to 95, VRE and slug lines. The community offers a nice pool and community center.



**2414 Brookmoor Lane #410A
Woodbridge, VA 22191
\$2,300/mth**

Gorgeous 2 level 3 Bedroom, 2.5 Bath upper level condo with 1 car garage. Hardwood floors on the main level with ceramic tile in the Kitchen and Family Room. This home has a large gourmet Kitchen with island, Family Room with fireplace and balcony, separate Dining Room off the Living Room, stack washer and dryer and plenty of windows. The Master Bedroom boasts a large walk-in closet and Luxury Bath with jetted tub. All the bedrooms are spacious. Close to VRE and I95.



**12658 Dara Drive #302
Woodbridge, VA 22192
\$1,150/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.



**12713 Gordon Blve. #89
Woodridge, VA 22192
\$220,000 or rent \$1,200/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.

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The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008

On Wednesday, July 30th, President Bush signed in to law the “Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008”. There are several key provisions that are aimed at helping revive home sales, curtail fore closures, and restore confidence in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac as well as our entire mortgage market. In this article, I want to focus on two key provisions that have gained a lot of publicity:

First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit:

Any individual or couple who is a first-time homebuyer of a principal residence in the US from April 9, 2008 through April 1, 2009 will be eligible for a tax credit not to exceed \$7,500 when they file their taxes for either 2008 or 2009. This is a great cash incentive for homebuyers now! However, please know that it is not an outright grant, but actually a loan from the IRS. The amount of the credit will have to be paid back to the government interest-free over the following 15 years when you file your taxes. Even still, a 15 year interest-free loan is great to have when you move into your first home! The tax credit does phase out if a single taxpayer’s income exceeds \$75,000 per year, or the couple’s income exceeds \$150,000.

HOPE for Homeowners Program:

A new FHA program is being established under which participating lenders will agree to reduce a borrower’s existing loan to 90% of the current appraised value with a new 30 Year Fixed Rate mortgage that is insured by FHA. The borrower will be required to share future equity with FHA when the property is sold or the loan is refinanced. While this sounds like it is going to help a tremendous amount of homeowners who are currently suffering with loans they cannot afford or loans that have balances significantly higher than the current value of the home, there has been no word yet on what banks and mortgage servicers are going to participate in the program. This certainly has the possibility of helping thousands of current homeowners, but it remains to be seen who will qualify for the program. Stay tuned for future details!

Please call me with questions and more details on the above provisions, or for any other questions regarding this landmark housing bill or mortgage financing in general.