

THE EXPEDITION

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THE FIRST WORD...

Some of you have commented that a newsletter has not been issued for a while.

It has not been for lack of urging on my part, but ol' Jones has been extremely busy learning a new language. For someone who took a lot of comparative anatomy classes over the years, you would have thought he would have acquired a greater knowledge of animal "husbandry"! It would appear there that the human male and female speak a different language altogether. What's more, the single female and the married female speak in different dialects, much like the Chinese. Mandarins do not always understand Cantonese.

When a single woman says, "I will be ready in a few seconds" usually that means less than 120 seconds. When a married woman says, "I will be ready in a few seconds" ol' Jones has learned that could be a "minimum of 5 minutes" to (if one is lucky) a "maximum of 15-20 minutes". When a married woman says at social gathering "We have to leave" that doesn't mean stand up and head for the door, it means "stand up when the wife stands up and be prepared to stand at the door talking for another 10 minutes".

Ol' Jones has found that having broken the single woman's code book does not necessarily mean you know the entire married woman's code book. It has been a very expensive lesson. Case in point, when MOJ saw the hacienda in which she was to move she stated that, "All the house needs is a little cleaning and a coat of paint". To the uneducated in "married speak" that sounds encouraging, doable, and innocent. Here is the translation of "all the house needs..."

1. The garage is going to have a thorough cleanup! All the things you have accumulated in your garage are going either to Goodwill or in the shed in the backyard because all the things that the new wife should have thrown away or cannot part with for some emotional (that is a word that comes into play often) reason must now go into that newly cleaned garage.
2. All hunting and off-season clothes of yours will be stored in plastic hanger bags in a space you can no longer get to because her stuff is now in the way.
3. The kitchen floor has to be replaced.
4. Although one of the four burners on the old stove is still working, the old stove has to be replaced with a new stove. New stove must be specially ordered because stove sizes have changed in the last half century. New stove costs 60% more than standard size stove.
5. The hanging kitchen light is replaced with 8 recessed lights with dimmers. It is not important that we will only use 2 of the recessed lights (plus a lamp that has been placed on a countertop)!
6. The guest bath needs a new floor. The guest bath needs a new commode. The fact that there was a window in the guest bath and no fan in the guest bath no longer remains "charming". The guest bath now has a new fan. The sheetrock around the guest bath shower is now tiled. This is a good thing (in a way) because ol' Jones now gets to use the guest bath more often because the Master bath is often occupied. The guest bath now has nice new clean towels. Ol' Jones is not allowed to touch the nice new clean towels.
7. Master Bedroom gets new carpet...same color as old carpet.
8. New mattress and box spring for master bedroom. Ghosts evidently haunt the old mattress.
9. Master bathroom gets new floor. Master bathroom has sliding glass installed on tub. Master bath has new vanity installed. Master bath fan is extremely noisy. Master bath fan replaced with extremely quiet fan.*
10. Former storage room is now ol' Jones' new office and he "...can put anything he wants in it" ** Ol' Jones' office now has MOJ's gargantuan hutch/sideboard, her dining room table, and a small chest in his office. Ol' Jones has one of his chairs and one of his end tables in his office. Ol' Jones papers are however, neatly filed in drawers and file cabinets now in his office. Ol' Jones has no idea where anything is, but he knows that thanks to MOJ, they are neatly filed away.
11. MOJ has moved into ol' Jones' old office.
12. New ceiling light fixture for MOJ's office. Old light fixture installed in the 1950's and considered "dated" by MOJ who purchased a new retro light fixture that looks like it came from the 1930's. Now, if you are like ol' Jones and new at this marriage thing, you would probably ask your dear sweet bride the point of removing a "dated" fixture and spending money on an even more "dated" looking fixture. If you are an old hand at this arcane legal bonding procedure you humans have created for yourselves, you know better.
13. New ceiling light for hallway.
14. MOJ brings Pomeranian/Sheltie bitch to live with us. The dog barks at the drop of a leaf!
15. The Pom/Sheltie does not sleep outside even on nice days or nights, meaning that I no longer spend time outside unless it is for a walk or hunting. Life is at room temperature in summer or winter. *Life is good.*

* It should be noted that when acquiring a new living partner in an older home where wall insulation was not a priority, a somewhat noisy bathroom fan does have its advantages.

** It should also be noted that ol' Jones once had a whole house where he could put anything in it.

Keep a leg up,
Luke



SIDE BAR

If you're making a trip to Warrenton, maybe to see the Virginia Gold Cup steeplechase races on May 2nd this year www.vagoldcup.com, here are some suggestions.

If you are spending the night, the [Hampton Inn](#) is newly renovated and very nice.

Have lunch or dinner in Old Town. Places to check out are the [Iron Bridge Wine Company](#), [The Crescendo Bistro](#), or [Molly's Irish Pub](#).



The Enright sisters greet you at their pub Molly's with "Cead Mile Failte!"

Ladies, if you are looking for that stylish hat for the races, check out [Horse Country Saddlery](#) in Warrenton.

If you are shopping for something different in furniture, you might like a place called [Shelf Life](#).

If you are a Civil War buff, take one of the historical tours in the area or

visit one of the many vineyards in the area, if you are a grape juice buff.



Ol' Jones learns more about Warrenton and his relative, John Singleton Mosby, outside the old Fauquier County Jail at Courthouse Square.

For Women Only

Interested in you and your daughters learning more about the outdoors?

Why not contact Jimmy Mootz at jimmy.mootz@dgif.virginia.gov and attend the *Becoming an Outdoor Woman* seminar held this year at Holiday Lake 4-H Center near Appomattox, Virginia

OFF THE LEASH

Dear Luke,

My wife and I are taking a trip and want to take our Carolina dog with us. The problem is she has a tendency to throw up in the car. Can you help us?

Marshall B. Dalton, GA

Dear Marshall,

Not many people have a Carolina dog. Did you know they are also called a *Dixie Dingo*? These dogs are more primitive than most and some may have the habit of regurgitating their food to feed their pups, so you may not have picked a great dog for car travel. Hopefully she is crate trained. If not, work on that and at least you will confine your problem. Start taking short trips with her in the crate and make sure you check on her for nervousness or if she gets anxious. Let her out only after a few short minutes and give her a treat when she gets in and out of the car. Gradually build up the time you have her in the car. Don't rush it. Hopefully that will help. If not, play some beach music by General Johnson and the Chairmen of the Board.

Keep a leg up,
Luke

Dear Luke,

I have just gotten a Chesapeake beaver pup and have been training it with an older Jessie of mine. Things have been progressing but the older dog has become more aggressive with the bumpers and keeps trying to take them from the younger dog. Any suggestions?

Billy R. Salisbury, MD

Dear Billy,

If you don't correct this quickly, the younger pup may just start refusing to pick up the training dummies altogether. If the older dog won't sit and stay when sending the young pup, you have got two problems. It may be best to just spend one-on-one time with the pup and work with it so it can build its confidence and bond to you. You want the pup to understand that **you** are the Alpha dog and the older Chesapeake is not.

Keep a leg up,
Luke

HOT OFF THE PRESS

Be sure to catch ol' Jones' latest articles in the April issue of [FiftyPlus](#) about people and their dogs.

Look for the May issue of [Virginia Wildlife Magazine](#), about the *Brotherhood of the Jungle Cocks*, an organization started in the 1930's to promote and teach children the art of fly fishing.

Their unusual name comes from the fact that the feathers of the Jungle Cock, a pheasant-like bird, were highly prized as a material for making fly lures.

The Great Dismal Swamp Birding Festival

is May 7 thru May 9 in Suffolk, Virginia.

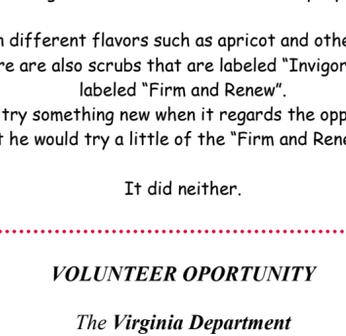
Contact the Great Dismal Swamp Wildlife Refuge or go to greatdismalwetland@fws.gov

The annual **Fly Fishing Festival** in Waynesboro, Virginia is this weekend April 18 and 19, 2009.

For more information, check out www.vaflyfishingfestival.org

LUKE'S FUN TIME

Ol' Jones is working on an article about Warrenton, Virginia for [Virginia Living Magazine](#), and while doing so, got to meet Mayor George Fitch.



Now the name may not mean anything to you, but in the summer of 1987, George Fitch was in Kingston, Jamaica visiting a friend who was getting married. They were discussing the upcoming 1988 Winter Olympics. George, who had been on a bobsled, knew that it was the push-start that wins bobsled races, and because Jamaicans had such a wealth of sprinters, he thought Jamaica could do well in bobsled competitions.

Because he could not get either the Jamaican government or corporate sponsors, (they all thought him a bit crazy) he, with his own money, put together the famous *Jamaican Bobsled Team*. His wife designed the T-Shirts that they sold to help pay the bills. Disney made a movie *Cool Runnings* about the Jamaicans, but George said the movie was nothing like the real event.

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Grab your flip-flops and shag'n clothes for **May Fest on Main** in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina Saturday May 9, 2009.

STIMULUS PACKAGE

Ol' Jones has noticed that the previous renovations to his old house should have included shelf space inside the shower area. For a man who thought showers consisted of water, soap, and a shampoo, women NEED far more additional items when bathing.

There are now numerous shampoos (why more than one is needed is beyond him), lotions, and something called scrubs that must accompany a bathing female.

Scrubs come in different flavors such as apricot and other assorted fruity mixtures. There are also scrubs that are labeled "Invigorating" and others labeled "Firm and Renew".

Always willing to try something new when it regards the opposite sex, ol' Jones thought he would try a little of the "Firm and Renew" scrub.

It did neither.

VOLUNTEER OPORTUNITY

The *Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries* is offering great volunteer opportunities for both individuals and corporations for those who love the outdoors and would like to make a difference. There is even a Corporate Certification Program.

Contact Susan Alger at Susan.alger@dgif.virginia.gov

THE LAST WORD...

You never know what's going to happen when you wake up in the morning....

Almost two years ago, my niece Emily Jones Casey was a new bride with a new job and a new husband who was just starting his first semester at the Med School at the University of Virginia. Then she was diagnosed with [Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia](#). No kid should have to go through what she has had to endure...and she's done it without a complaint or frown!

On Saturday, May 16, at Midlothian High School there will be a 5K run/walk, kid run, carnival and band festival which will have a field day atmosphere to benefit Emily, a former Midlothian High School student. It's a fundraiser to help them pay their medical bills. It was organized by the high school students themselves, to benefit one of their own. You can find out more about it at the website www.ejc5k.com.

That's what still makes Midlothian a great place to live, people who still care.

Go well,
Clarke

Emily and Clarke sometime in the late 80's