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Carrying wrapping paper and cookies to be delivered with each family's gifts are (from left) Virginia Run Elementary fifth-grader Jay Rennyson, mom Lisa Rennyson and sister Callie, a Harvard University sophomore and 2016 Westfield grad.

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'It's the True Meaning of Christmas'

FACETS, Centerpointe Church bring holiday joy to local families.

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BY BONNIE HOBBS

Not everyone in Fairfax County is wealthy. And when parents are struggling just to pay the electric bill or put food on the table, it's tough to scrape together extra money for Christmas gifts.

So nonprofit FACETS held Sibling Shops before the holidays at its five community centers to lend a hand. They were holiday parties for children whose families live in affordable and public-housing communities and have an average income under \$20,000 for a family of four.

Also invited were children whose families were recently homeless. The parties featured food and games and let children "shop" among donated gifts to pick out presents for their brothers and sisters. Then volunteers wrapped them for the holidays and gave them to the children to take home.

One of these Sibling Shops was held Dec. 13 at Centerpointe Church in Fair Oaks and was for local children living in the Ragan Oaks community and attending FACETS' community center at Centerpointe. But the church took things one step further.

"We wanted to find a unique way to touch



Serving up spaghetti, meatballs and rolls to the parents and children are (from left) FACETS volunteers Miranda Lan, Katie Plaster and Ngan Pham.

our community," said the Rev. Keith Edwards. "So we decided to help kids 'shop' for their parents, and we've been doing this for five years. Church members donate clothing, hats, scarves, gloves, etc., and then church and FACETS volunteers wrap them as presents."

"This year is the first year FACETS has

joined us for this event, with its Sibling Shop, but we partner with them on other things," continued Edwards. "We sometimes mentor the children at Ragan Oaks and they use our basketball court and playground area."

However, he stressed, it's not an evangelist outreach, but a relationship outreach.

And, added Edwards, "It's created a wonderful relationship over the years, and so many people got on board."

For the holiday event, the church set up a wish list on Amazon and then people were able to purchase the gift items online. "We

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Rose Johnson (left) and Elizabeth Sullivan wrap presents.

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Westfield lacrosse players (from left) senior Joseph O'Brien, sophomore Owen Yoham and freshman Jacob Susko with a box of gifts going to recipient family No. 3.



Virginia Run's Frank Giancola brings out bicycles for delivery.



Westfield High lacrosse team members load bikes for four families into the truck of Virginia Run's Joe Trigg.

ONC Makes Season Bright

The all-volunteer, local nonprofit, Our Neighbor's Child (ONC), brought holiday joy to some 700 families in need in Centreville and Chantilly. Delivery day was Dec. 17, with high-school students packing presents into cars so area residents could deliver them to the recipients.

What made them lend a hand? "We've been doing it for years," said former Virginia Run resident Pat Shelton, who drove from Gainesville to ONC's warehouse in Chantilly to get several gift bags to deliver. "We're just trying to help out."



Westfield freshmen and lacrosse team members Sebastian Krauss, Cameron Sutton (left) and Elijah Tarlton prepare to bring these bicycles to the vehicle that will deliver them.



Rachel Hughes loads packages into her car's trunk for delivery.



Cathe and George Hargenrader of Chantilly Highlands prepare to deliver Christmas gifts to three families.

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Pat Shelton packs bicycles and gift bags for four families into his car.



Handing out cookies to go to each family are (from left) Oakton High juniors Kaitlyn DeHarde and Mason Bram, plus Kaitlyn's mom Helene DeHarde of Oak Hill.

Pulling Legal Status from Local Salvadorans

Bad for communities, bad for the economy, bad for the families, and no upside.

It's going to hurt right here in Northern Virginia.

As this administration continues its persecution against immigrants, it will move to end protected status for more than 200,000 Salvadorans, tens of thousands of whom live among us as neighbors, coworkers, friends, business owners, homeowners.

These neighbors, Salvadorans who came here in the wake of terrible natural disaster and political unrest, have been living and working here legally since 2001 at least. Temporary Protected Status was given to approximately 217,000 Salvadoran immigrants living in the United States at the time of the disasters.

Their families have added almost as many U.S.-born children. They are intertwined with naturalized citizens and other legal residents from their country, with the withdrawal of protected status affecting a community far larger than the TPS recipients. These communities are concentrated, intensifying the overall impact, and more live here in the D.C. suburbs than

anywhere else.

On average, Salvadoran TPS recipients have been in the U.S. for 21 years; one-third have mortgages. These are people who have had legal work permits, who suddenly will not be able to work legally here. Their mortgages, and the mortgages of people who depend on them, will be at risk. Removing the ability of recipients to work legally will increase the risk of foreclosure, with negative economic impact across communities.

Salvadorans with protected status pay sales and property taxes. The communities they live in will be damaged. Their children will be more at risk. Our economy will be damaged.

THE SALVADORAN IMMIGRANT population is most concentrated in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, where 165,000 El Salvador-born residents make up 2.9 percent of the population.

Salvadorans in the United States sent \$3.6 billion home to El Salvador in 2012, 16.5 percent of that country's GDP.

Virginia has nearly 45,000 El Salvadoran TPS

residents, almost all in Northern Virginia, and concentrated in particular neighborhoods. Arlington has identified just four census tracts with more than 1,000 Salvadoran residents each (two with more than 1,400). In 2015, the most common birthplace for the foreign-born residents of Virginia was El Salvador, accounting for 96,515 Virginia residents. Fairfax County in 2010 was home to 43,566 Salvadorans.

Analysis shows that when Salvadoran, Honduran, and Haitian workers with TPS are removed from the labor force, the United States will lose \$45.2 billion in gross domestic product (GDP) over the next decade, according to Immigrant Legal Resource Center. When TPS holders lose their work authorization, it will result in a \$6.9 billion reduction to Social Security and Medicare contributions over a decade, as calculated by the ILRC.

All of that shows why this will damage communities and the economy. It says nothing about the harm to families. But the harm is great.

— MARY KIMM

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Sources: American Progress, Pew Hispanic, Center for Immigration Studies, U.S. Census, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, local government demographic data.

EDITORIAL

LETTER

Exceptional Role

To the Editor:

Jesus is unequivocally the central theme of the Christian faith, with an astonishing two billion followers and counting. There is no doubt Jesus has captured the hearts of God fearing people, by initiating hope and peace through his admirable teachings and practices. However, many fail to realize the utmost role Jesus plays in also Islam and Judaism. Although these two faiths do not celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the presence of immense respect and values continue to surround this spectacular, historical being for thousands of years. As a result, it is critical we gain knowledge and diversify our religious perspective of the ample role Jesus has played in not only Christianity, but also in the entwining of the three predominant religions in this world.

For example, Jesus is commonly known as Isa in the Qur'an. He is regarded so highly that, in fact, the Qur'an mentions him 25 times by the name Isa, 48 times in third-person, and 35 times in first person, and the rest as titles and attributes. However, unlike Christianity, most Muslims believe that God saved Jesus from "death by crucifixion" and ascended bodily to heaven, and will come down to

earth again to break the cross and what it stands for and to purify the faith of the believers. However, a sect in Islam called Ahmadiyya Muslim Community believes that Jesus Christ only fell into a swoon on the Cross, but when he was taken down from it, he recovered and migrated to Kashmir, India where he died a natural death at the old age of 120.

On the other hand, in Judaism, Jews believe Jesus did not fulfill the requirements of messianic prophecies that distinguish the criteria for the coming of the messiah. Judaism also has never accepted any of the claimed fulfillments of prophecy that Christianity attributes to Jesus. Thus, Judaism forbids the worship of a person as a form of idolatry, since its central belief is the complete unity and singularity of God. The religious concept of Jesus in these historical religions is broad, and numerous scriptures have been written regarding the complexity of his character. So, it is critical we reflect upon the exceptional role Jesus Christ played in these Abrahamic religions. After all, his presence changed the course of mankind forever.

Sabiha Basit
Centreville

Assistance League

At the Assistance League events, members have a chance to socialize as well as raise funds or awareness for happenings in the Centreville-Fairfax area. Pictured here, members Pat and Kathy sell tickets to a wine event. Learn more about the group at a meeting Jan. 15 from 10 a.m.-noon at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd.



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FY 2019 SCHOOLS BUDGET

FCPS Superintendent Scott S. Brabrand will present the **2018-19 school year (FY 2019) Proposed Budget** at the School Board meeting

on Thursday, Jan. 11, at Jackson Middle School at 7 p.m. The School Board plans to hold a budget work session on Jan. 22, and a public hearing on the Proposed Budget on Jan. 29, with additional hearings on Jan. 30 and Jan. 31, if needed. Get more information on the FCPS budget at www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/fy2019.

SATURDAY/JAN. 13

Pollution Weekshop. 1-4 p.m. at the Centreville Library Meeting Room 1&2, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Clean Fairfax Council will be leading a two-hour workshop to help communities surrounding Cub Run Stream Valley Park identify sources of pollution flowing into the stream and lead them in group exercises designed to mitigate those effects. Visit www.cleanfairfax.org for more.

2018 Color of the Year: Ultra Violet

Mixed reactions from local tastemakers who offer design ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

It's a moment that interior designers anticipate all year: the announcement of the Pantone Color of the Year. Ultra Violet is the selection for 2018, and local designers are giving it a mixed reception.

"Interiors have gone so neutral, I look forward to suggesting... Ultra Violet, a color [that] can bridge warm and cool gray neutrals," said Moira Denson, interior designer and assistant professor of Interior Design at Marymount University.

"There's nothing subtle about Ultra Violet. It's one-dimensional and difficult to decorate with, except in very small doses," said interior designer Annie Elliott of Annie Elliott Interiors and Bossy Color. "I find the color loud. 'Look at me!' It screams."

The selection by Pantone, the self-described global authority on color, is intended to be a harbinger of the hue that will be on trend in the coming year. The organization's color gurus spend about nine months observing trends in industries ranging from film and entertainment to art and fashion.

This year's pick can add a burst of vibrancy to a home's interior in impermanent ways, advises interior designer Cathleen Gruver of Gruver Cooley. "Some quick easy ways to use the color are adding throw pillows, which are relatively inexpensive and easy to trade out," she said. "Accent plates on a dining table are an option for those who may not want to commit in their home."

"Use this color in extremely small doses," added Elliott. "If you really love this color, I suggest using it as part of a larger pattern. Don't buy a solid purple pillow; choose a pretty floral that has some Ultra Violet in it."

For those with less trepidation about Ultra Violet, interior designer Sarah Glenn of Braswell Design + Build in Alexandria, said, "The powder room is a great place to incorporate deep colors in interesting ways. Install a graphic violet wallpaper behind a bright white pedestal sink, or paint the ceiling a high gloss violet to reflect the decorative lighting in the room."

Dark and dramatic cabinetry, which Glenn says is trending this year, offers an-



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"Ultra violet sets a mood that allows all my landscapes to feel grounded," says artist Moira Denson, who is an assistant professor of Interior Design at Marymount University

other use for the Pantone pick. "Go bold and incorporate a deep violet island or base cabinets into a new kitchen," she said. "Incorporate a violet glass mosaic tile on your shower floor or as an accent stripe around tub walls. I especially love violet glass paired with the grey and taupe tones of

wooden white marble tile."

Some designers describe Ultra Violet as commanding, particularly when used inside a home. "This shade of purple is a powerful color and one that I would use as an accent," said interior designer Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors. "A little bit will go a long way. It is also a great color to pair with other colors, it is a very friendly complementary color."

"Good pairings include green and purple, a classic combination, but I've always liked red with purple," added Elliott. "Ultra Violet is a vivid color, so make sure you use equally strong colors with it so it doesn't dominate a palette."

Pair it with gold and yellow tones, suggests Denson, who is also an artist. "I paint skies all the time," she said. "It's what watercolorists do. To me, shades of the ultra-violet are the most pleasing sky. It works super well with what we traditionally think of skies: blue toned. It sets a mood that allows all my landscapes to feel grounded."

In announcing the selection, Laurie Pressman, vice president of the Pantone Color Institute described Ultra Violet as, "a blue-based purple that takes our awareness and potential to a higher level. Ultra Violet communicates originality, ingenuity and visionary thinking that points us toward the future."

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NEWS



**Lorelei Graham, 3, shows
the teddy bear she chose
for her brother.**



**Nathan Boateng, 9,
shopped for a Barbie doll
for his sister.**



**Nabeel Bhatti selected a
gift card for his brother
and candles for his mom.**

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Bringing Holiday Joy

FROM PAGE 2

know what gifts go fastest in this community," said Edwards. "And we received [financial] offerings to fill in the gaps."

For both the church and FACETS, presents were in the \$10-\$25 price range. Items for children included toy cars and trucks, games, books, dolls and stuffed animals. Gifts for parents were things such as slippers, candles, small appliances and throw blankets.

At Centerpointe, children sat at tables with volunteers, ate a spaghetti dinner and did holiday activities until it was their turn to go shop in the rooms with the presents. The table volunteers were from FACETS, area businesses and the church.

"Some of our church teenagers host each table, visit with the kids and supervise them," said Edwards. "They also help them pick out gifts and get them wrapped. The kids don't have a lot of resources to buy presents, so this is their opportunity to get gifts for their parents, and they're excited about it."

Among those hosting a table were four employees of Capital One in Vienna. They recruit potential employees from college campuses and said Capital One offers volunteer opportunities all year 'round. So what made them choose this, particular chance to volunteer?

"I have a little sister, 10 years younger than me, so shopping for siblings is really sweet," said Chelsea Woods at the start of the event. "We're going to help them shop and do whatever FACETS needs us to do."

"When I was younger, I did a Toys for Tots thing, helping other kids," said Lauren Wright. "So this brings back memories, and I wanted to do it again."

Alexis Barron said she really likes children and being around them. And, she said, "It's always nice to give back, especially at this time of year, so I'm excited to be here."

"We travel a lot in our jobs, so we don't get a lot of opportunities to do things like this at home," added Kelly Skahan. "So it's nice to be with a different demographic and do something to impact the local community."

Also hosting tables were Centerpointe Church youth group members C.J. McDonald and Malcolm Vanderiet. "I've been part of the youth group here for a while, and this is a good way to help people," said McDonald. "This really helps out the local neighborhoods, and the kids get to experience what we



FACETS volunteer Kati Hesford and daughter Frances, 13, help children pick out toys for their siblings.

do here and have a good time."

"We did this last year, and it was such a good experience," added Vanderiet. "It also shows the local community how this church works and that we love Christ. And it's a good opportunity to give back."

Children picking out gifts included 3-year-old Lorelei Graham, who selected a teddy bear for her brother Aiden. Nathan Boateng, 9, chose a Barbie doll for his sister, and Nabeel Bhatti, 16, shopped for candles for his mother and a Target gift card for his brother.

Helping children pick out toys for their siblings were FACETS volunteer Kati Hesford and her teenage daughter Frances. "This is the third year I've done it," said Kati Hesford. "And for me, it's the true meaning of Christmas – helping other people experience a little moment of joy and giving that they might not have been able to, otherwise, since they're financially struggling. And they're our neighbors. I'm happy to be here – it gets me in the Christmas spirit."

ROUNDUPS

WFCCA Quarterly Meeting Jan. 15

The quarterly meeting of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) is set for next Monday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m., at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) is scheduled to be the guest speaker. She'll give an update on projects in Sully and answer residents' questions.

Proposed Land Use Changes

Residents are invited to attend a community meeting about proposed land use plan changes to a currently undeveloped 8-acre site at the northwest corner of the intersection of Wall/Centreville roads. The meeting will take place on Jan. 16 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly.

The proposal is to consider a reduction in the planned retail and office uses for this site. See DSC-D3-1 submission at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/dulles-suburban-center/submissions/dsc-d3-1. This site includes Discovery Square and is adjacent to the Chantilly Highlands subdivision.

Proposed Park Fee Changes

The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold its annual public comment meeting on the agency's proposed fee adjustments. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. in Room 106 of the Herryty Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Information outlining all proposed fee changes is available for review at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/feemeeting.

Wegmans Seeks Job Applicants

Wegmans Food Markets is now hiring and training for 320 part-time positions and select remaining full-time jobs at its new location in Chantilly, which is set to open Sunday, June 3. The store is located at The Field at Commonwealth near the intersection of Route 28 and Westfields Boulevard.

Wegmans will host a hiring event at its Chantilly recruitment office, 14280 Park Meadow Dr., Suite 100, Wednesday, Jan. 17, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. See wegmans.com/careers.

Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Jan. 18, 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. The first 35 vehicles will be inspected. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140.

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Litter Box Humor



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

We have five indoor cats: Biscuit, Chino, Twinkle, Sloan and Andrew, ranging in ages from 11+ years to 5+ years. We live in a two-story converted log cabin with approximately 1,750 square feet, closets not included. Closets in which you're bound to find cats, especially in the winter.

A few moths back, we contracted to have our two full bathrooms, one on each floor, renovated. Given that our house is over 250 years old, not likely a normal renovation. So far the renovation has taken months, as we were told, and as such, we wanted to employ some kind of strategy where we weren't constantly worrying about cats coming and going, sneaking outside, disappearing, and getting in the way of the workman and/or possibly suffering some kind of injury in the process. (Particularly true of Andrew and Biscuit who, uncharacteristic of many cats, are not the least bit put off by unknown people wandering about the house.)

And sure enough, after dinner on the first night FOLLOWING DEMOLITION, Andrew and his sister, Sloane, managed to break through some protective plastic surrounding the door blocking entrance to the upstairs bathroom where they managed to get into the house through an internal wall which had been torn down to the studs. It was their faint meowing which led to their discovery - in the downstairs attic above the kitchen. Their subsequent rescue confirmed that we would need to be extra vigilant to prevent further ado.

To secure the perimeter, we decided to segregate the cats on one side of the house on the first floor: including the kitchen, dining room and my office, with two sets of doors connecting to the living room and to the hall leading past the downstairs bathroom. This disconnect works perfectly because it prevents any escape and it enables the workman to walk in and out of the front door to ply their trade without needing any access to either of the three rooms where the cats are confined.

The cats food and water remains in its usual place in the kitchen. However there is one item (two actually) which has required a major move. You recall I said our cats are 'indoor,' right? And we're confining them to three rooms, right? Have I mentioned their litter boxes yet? Well, I am now.

Not a Herculean task by any means because once cats are shown their litter box's new location, they figure it out. But now their litter boxes which had previously been out of sight and sort of out of mind - one on each floor, have now been placed in two of the three rooms where they've been living most days and they are now most definitely in sight and on my mind.

One box was placed in the dining room where we rarely go at present since it's somewhat cluttered due to the renovation, and the other box was placed in my home office - which box seems to get the most use. (We sort of figured that the kitchen was out of the question.)

My office is approximately eight feet wide by 20 feet long, a space which separates the dining room from the outside wall. The litter box is on the floor at the far end of the room, not at all under foot, but neither out of sight nor out of smell. Where I sit, I am a well-positioned observer of the cats visits to their litter box.

As a consequence of this segregation - designed to secure their safety, and for the subsequent relocation of their litter boxes, in effect, I am now sharing a bathroom with five indoor cats.

All day long I am witness to their litter box proclivities; their arrival and departure, the sights, sounds and smells; their individual tendencies and habits, and of course, their comparative interest in visiting me on my desk before and/or after the paperwork is finished.

Soon we'll have to decide whether to return the boxes to their original location, and risk disrupting yet another new routine. Perhaps we'll leave well enough alone. After all, as any devoted cat owner knows: it's not about us, it's about them.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday.

LIBRARY FUN

Toddlin' Twos. Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Storytime for Three to Fives. Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Stories and activities for children age 3-5 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Plant Clinic. Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. A neighborhood plant clinic with horticultural tips, information, techniques, and advice. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

Lego Block Party. Every other Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos will be provided for an afternoon of building. Grades 3-6. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Duplo Storytime. Every other Wednesday, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Develop and reinforce early literacy skills for reading success. Ages 1-3 with adult. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

Legos Kids Club. Every other Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Thousands of Legos for children to play with. Ages 6-12. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

Starlight Storytime. Every other Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Stories under the stars for ages 4-8. Wear pajamas and bring stuffed friends. Free. Call 703-830-2223 to reserve a space.

IMPROVING ENGLISH

ESL Book Club. Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.

One-on-One English Conversation. Various times at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Spend an hour with a volunteer tutor to practice conversing in English. Various times and days. Reservations are required. Call the library at 703-830-2223 to make a reservation.

Practice English Conversation Group. Saturdays, 3-5 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Drop in and enjoy casual conversation and learning for adult learners of English. Volunteer led program. Call 703-830-2223.

English as Second Language Book Club. Mondays, 7-9 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Adults learning English meet to discuss a book chosen by the group. Call the library 703-830-2223 for book title.

Advanced English Conversation Group. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Drop-in conversation group for adult English as Second Language speakers who want to improve their skills. Call 703-830-2223.

ESL Book Club. Every other Saturday,

11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English are welcome to meet and discuss a book chosen by the group. To find out book title, call 703-502-3883.

English Conversation Group. Thursdays, 7 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

English Conversation Group. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Practice English with a group of students and adults. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a space.

PET ADOPTIONS

Adopt a Dog. Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org.

Adopt a Dog. Saturdays, 12-3 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Highway. Visit hart90.org.

Adopt a Dog. Sundays, 1-4 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit aforeverhome.org.

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WEDNESDAY/JAN. 10

History Tots at E.C. Lawrence. 9:45 and 11 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. In this program, youngsters ages 1-3 will explore history through sight, sound, taste and touch. Topics vary by month. \$6 in-county or \$8 out-of-county. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/



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SATURDAY/JAN. 13

History Tots at E.C. Lawrence. 10 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. In this program, youngsters ages 1-3 will explore history through sight, sound, taste and touch. Topics vary by month. \$6 in-county or \$8 out-of-county. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ eclawrence.

MONDAY/JAN. 15

Centreville Garden Club. 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900

Dulles Expo Home Show

On Friday, Jan. 19 and Saturday, Jan. 20 the Madcap Cottage's John Loecke and Jason Oliver from HGTV will be at the Dulles Expo Home Show. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Visit www.homeandremodelingshow.com for more.

Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Talk and slide show by grower, Cyndie Rinek. Visit centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com or email: centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 17

Nature Tots at E.C. Lawrence. 9:45 and 11 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. In this program, youngsters ages 1-3 a chance to explore the great outdoors. Topics vary by month. \$6 in-county or \$8 out-of-county. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ eclawrence.

FRIDAY/JAN. 19

HGTV Stars at Home Show. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Headlining the Jan. 19-21 Home and Remodeling Show at the Dulles Expo Center will be HGTV's Kitchen Cousins, Anthony Carrino and John Colaneri, and Mapcap Cottage's John Loecke and Jason Oliver Nixon. Visit www.homeandremodelingshow.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 20

HGTV Stars at Home Show. 10 a.m.-9 p.m. at the Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Headlining the Jan. 19-21 Home and Remodeling Show at the Dulles Expo Center will be HGTV's Kitchen Cousins, Anthony Carrino and John Colaneri, and Mapcap Cottage's John Loecke and Jason Oliver Nixon. Visit www.homeandremodelingshow.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 21

G Gauge Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Sponsored by the Washington, Virginia and Maryland Garden Railway Society Admission, Museum members and age 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, or call 703-425-9225.

SATURDAY/FEB. 4

Outdoor Kids at E.C. Lawrence. 2 p.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, 5040 Walney Road, Chantilly. In this program, children ages 4-6 explore different habitats, trails, wild animals and wild places. Topics vary by month. \$6 in-county or \$8 out-of-county. Call 703-631-0013 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ eclawrence.

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