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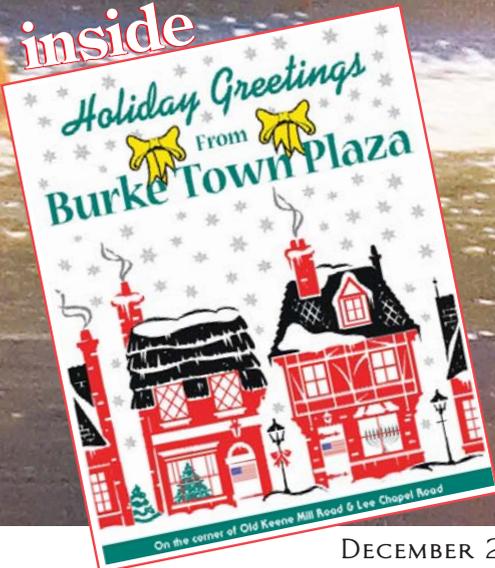
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## Encore Holiday Aims To Dazzle, Delight

Local dance school stages 'Santa Got Frostbite.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

Featuring dazzling costumes, colorful sets and songs and dances bursting with Christmas spirit, Encore Theatrical Arts Project (ETAP) presents its holiday show, "Santa Got Frostbite."

Marking the group's 15th anniversary, it's a new and original musical showcasing the talents of guest performers Tina and Dan Delafield, plus nearly 40 students who mainly attend school in Centreville or Chantilly.

"Tabitha Dees designed the set, and it makes you feel you're in a magical space," said director Raynor van der Merwe. "There's Christmas in New York, with Rockefeller Center and Radio City Music Hall; the North Pole; and an enormous Santa's Workshop with staircases and Nutcrackers."

WATCH (Washington Area Theatre Community Honors) award-winner van der Merwe also choreographed the show, so her dancers will perform with split-second precision. They've been rehearsing since August.

"I have so many wonderful singers, too," said van der Merwe. "They truly are growing to be triple threats, singing, dancing and acting."

Performances are at Northern Virginia Community College's Richard J. Ernst Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike in Annandale. Show times are Saturday Dec. 11, at 12 p.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 17, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 18, at 12 p.m.,



PHOTOS BY LINDA HELMS

Raggedly Ann and Andy dancers take the stage during Encore Theatrical Arts Project's holiday show, 'Santa Got Frostbite.'

3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sunday Dec. 19, at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$18-\$21; call 703-222-5511 or see [www.Encore-tap.org](http://www.Encore-tap.org).

Written by Brandon Kalbaugh, "Santa Got Frostbite" shows what happens when Jack Frost, who is always jealous of Santa Claus, tries to shift the spotlight from Santa to himself. "If Santa or the elves drink coffee, instead of hot chocolate, they fall under Jack Frost's spell," said van der Merwe. "But with the help of the reindeer, Mrs. Claus saves the day."

The Encore dancers rehearse more than 20 hours a week, leading up to the performances, and van der Merwe said it's rewarding to see their passion and dedication. "They get inspired by Encore alumni success, such as Paige Williams, now a Rockette," she said. "And they also have their own sense of pride in performing well."

Noting the camaraderie between the dancers and audience during Encore's holiday shows, she said this year's extravaganza will affect all of the audience's senses. "It's lighthearted and is something for the whole family," she said. "This Broadway-style spectacular will take their mind off everything else and transport them to a special place, and everybody will leave the theater feeling uplifted."

Centreville High senior Ali Waldman has been with Encore since fourth grade and appreciates the opportunities it's given her. "We performed in Spain, in various theaters and for different groups and get to meet a lot of people," she said. "And I love the rush I get from performing on stage."

Over the years, said Waldman, van der Merwe's taught her many life lessons that helped her prepare for college. "I know I'll

be fine because of the time-management skills and other things she's taught me," said Waldman.

Her favorite number in this show is "Wooden Soldiers," in which the dancers wear long red jackets, black pants and tall

hats like Buckingham Palace guards. "It's fun moving stiffly like a wooden soldier." She added that the product will bring joy to the audience. "It's also really funny," said Waldman. "Everything about this show is phenomenal."

Katie Dudzik, also a Centreville senior, is delighted that what she loves to do makes people smile. "Being in Encore is amazing," she said.

"We all share a special bond because we've been through so much together, and it shows on stage when we perform."

She said van der Merwe has taught her discipline and that "you can do anything as long as you set your mind to it. Go after what you love and put your whole heart into it, and you'll be happy."

Dudzik especially likes the "Reindeer" song in which the dancers wear brown-velvet jackets and antlers. "It's really upbeat

**"If Santa or the elves drink coffee, instead of hot chocolate, they fall under Jack Frost's spell."**

— Raynor van der Merwe



Santa reviews a line of dancers.

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## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

# Scaled Back Celebration Still Set To Light Up Fairfax

## Annual Festival of Lights features lunch with Santa.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he City of Fairfax will conduct its annual Festival of Lights and Carols on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The event has been scaled back from previous years because of the economic downturn and the city's current fiscal constraints, said Leslie Herman, special events and facilities manager for the city.

"Due to budget cuts, we have been unable to light up the [Kitty Pozner] Garden like we have in the past. We just didn't have the funds to do it," she said.

Herman added that festival features that were cut last year — like the yule log segment, fire pit and hot cider — remain off the schedule because of budget limitations. Like 2009, the festival will also continue to take place on one day instead of across two days as it traditionally has, she said.

According to Herman, the City of Fairfax was only able to have the light festival this year because of the Northern Virginia Re-



Mayor Robert Lederer and a group of children prepare to light last year's tree.

gional Park Authority. The authority, which oversees the Bull Run Festival of Lights in western Fairfax, donated all the lighting for the City of Fairfax's tree this year, she said.

Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer and a group of children will "use magic" to light up the

large Christmas tree between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., said Herman.

The Northern Virginia Park Authority's Christmas tree light display will be far more elaborate than those the city has erected in the past. This year, the tree lights will be

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— Jo Ormesher

set to change color with music playing in the garden.

"Normally we do the lights ourselves but these are going to be very, very different lights. They are animated lights," said Jo Ormesher, Fairfax City spokeswoman.

Earlier in the day, the festival also features a lunch with Santa for children under 12. Tickets for the lunch are \$5 and seatings take place at 11:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 1 p.m. All children attending will receive a gift certificate to Woody's Ice Cream.

"We just moved to the heart of Fairfax City and joined in the heart of the celebration," said Woody Lashley, owner of the store on North Street.

Lashley said he will also have a Santa Claus at the ice cream parlor on Dec. 10 and 18 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

# Faith Communities Begin Winter Shelter Program

## Homeless stay in local places of worship during winter months.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**K**raig Stoneman was working at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Springfield five years ago when FACETS, a local social service organization, sent out an e-mail asking if any of the local faith communities would mind hosting a new, roaming hypothermia shelter for one week.

A few churches and one synagogue in the area were already volunteering to open their doors to homeless singles seeking refuge from the cold during that winter. Stoneman thought it was a good idea for Prince of Peace to participate, but he wasn't sure other members of the congregation would be as excited.

At the time, FACETS was looking for someone to run the temporary facility during the week of Christmas specifically, including Christmas Day and Christmas Eve.

"I thought there might be some push back. As people were coming to the church to worship on Christmas Eve, they would be stepping around homeless people sleeping on the floor," said Stoneman.

To his surprise, other members of the Lutheran church enthusiastically embraced the project and Prince of Peace has been

hosting the hypothermia shelter over the Christmas holiday ever since.

"Everyone felt like it was the exact right thing to do, especially for this time of year," said Stoneman.

**THE CENTRAL FAIRFAX** hypothermia program, which turned six-years-old this year, is one of three or four such operations across Fairfax County.

Over a five-month period from December to March, the central county shelter will move to 27 different places of worship in Burke, Springfield, Annandale and Fairfax. Three additional churches, which are not large enough to accommodate the sleep over, also help out with food and supervision, said Amanda Andere, chief executive officer of FACETS.

"There wasn't a shelter in that part of the county and there was always a need," said Andere, of how the program got started.

Andere said the hypothermia program not only provides a dry, warm place for residents who are homeless to stay in the winter but also provides an opportunity for

counselors at FACETS to try and help address any underlying issues that may be contributing to a guest's homelessness.

"We help veterans apply for benefits. We provide employment counseling and work on interview skills. Some of our clients have very rich employment histories," said Andere.

A member of FACETS staff is always on site at the church or synagogue while the shelter is open, she added.

FACETS also makes an effort to "recruit" guests to the shelter by going to areas, including small tent cities in the woods, where they know people might be living outside.

Since homeless people are not necessarily as visible in Fairfax as they are in urban settings like downtown Washington, D.C., some local residents are unaware that homelessness is a local problem, said Andere.

"Most homeless people here are not wearing dirty rags and out on the street corner. They are the working poor," said Andere.

By involving the local faith communities in hypothermia prevention, FACETS is raising awareness among area residents about homelessness in the region, she said.

Several local volunteers said they had

learned a lot through volunteering with the program.

"It is an opportunity to get to know people in a different way and to recognize that people who are homeless are not that different than we are. It breaks down some of those barriers," said Melissa Porter-Miller, associate pastor at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Burke.

St. Stephen's happened to host a shelter during one of the large blizzards last year. Since the guests were unable to leave the church during the day, Porter-Miller said many of the volunteers had to improvise, bringing in extra food, puzzles and board games for round-the-clock entertainment.

"We pretty much had people that came in and stayed here for three days. The guests helped us shovel and went around to other homes and helped them shovel out too," said Miller-Porter.

Hosting the shelter, which rotates during different places of worship in central Fairfax throughout the winter, during the Christmas holiday does take some extra coordination, said Stoneman.

FACETS expects the hosting church and its volunteers to provide supper, breakfast and a brown bag lunch for the guest every day of their week. Members of the congregation are also asked to stay in the church overnight while the men and women are sleeping.

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# GIVING



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Students at Nativity Catholic School in Burke take part in Nov. 19 Race For Education.

## Nativity's Race for Education Raises \$16,000

**N**ativity Catholic School children, preschool through eighth grade, participated in a Race For Education on Nov. 19. The children have spent the last month collecting donations and seeking sponsors to whom they have pledged to run, jog and walk for an hour. The children raised more than \$16,000 to fund their school's Hands-on Science Curriculum, Lab Learner. This program allows each child to take their education into their own hands and begin to feel the world in which they live.

"The support has been amazing, from the parents, faculty and the local Burke community," said Carin MacLean, Race for Education coordinator. "We have not only raised money, but school and community spirit, as well. We are truly blessed."

In addition to the run, a few local businesses including Pacers, Great Harvest Bread Company, Dahn Yoga, USDA and Tina's Personal Training, presented a Health and Fitness fair, aimed at educating the children and their families about good health choices for their lives.

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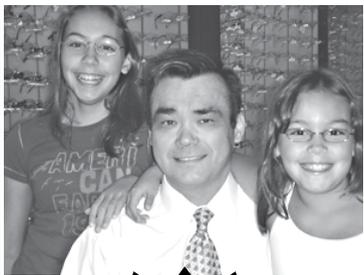
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# OPINION

## Safety Net for Celebrating with Alcohol

Plan ahead, have a designated driver and carry the SoberRide number.

**T**he season for holiday parties is upon us, and with it the increased incidence of driving under the influence. This year, with increased awareness about so-called “distracted driving,” it’s worth noting that both driving after drinking at a party and using your cell phone while you drive are behaviors you can control.

The possible consequences of driving drunk and underage drinking are often hard to comprehend, but the stories and grief of local families who have lost loved ones to such accidents provide a chilling reminder.

William Cameron Schlifke, born in Fairfax and a graduate of Robinson Secondary School, died Monday, Nov. 24, 2008, less than three days after he was rear-ended in Newport News. He was 22. Schlifke was serving as designated driver for friends in his fraternity at Christopher Newport University. The driver who crashed into him, 20 at the time and also a student at CNU, was arrested at the scene and charged with DUI refusal, reckless driving and underage possession of alcohol, and was convicted of manslaughter.

Unfortunately, such tragedy is not rare. In fall 2008, a different young man from Fairfax was sentenced to three years in jail for involuntary manslaughter because of a drunk-driving accident on Dec. 3, 2007 that resulted in the death of one of his friends in the car and permanent injury for another. One family lost

a beloved daughter after she clung to life for five brutal days; one family has seen their active son reduced to 70 pounds and “unresponsive” and living in a nursing home.

Such tragedies, if they do not touch us personally, often seem remote. Perhaps in these tough economic times, it’s also worth adding up some the financial cost of an arrest for driving under the influence. In Fairfax County, there were more than 3,100 arrests for driving under the influence in 2008. In Arlington, 677 arrests. In Alexandria, 515 arrests. In the City of Fairfax, 181 arrests.

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Such an arrest is likely to cost as much as \$20,000 or more in legal fees. A conviction results in long term increases in insurances costs of \$1,500 a year or more. A conviction could result in losing a job. And once convicted you’ll have to answer “yes” on any job application that asks if you have been convicted of a crime.

**DON’T TAKE THE RISK.** Plan ahead, leave your car at home, take public transportation, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn’t available.

But if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home on your own this holiday season, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program has provided you with a safety net called SoberRide. Take their number with you when you head out, and

be sure any young adults (must be 21 or over) in your family are similarly armed.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is a public-private partnership working to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking in the Washington-metropolitan area. The program gave more than 500 people a safe ride home on Halloween weekend this year.

Parents are well advised to talk to their teens and let them know that if they find themselves without a safe ride home, that they can call their parents to be picked up. There are consequences of binge drinking for teens that go beyond driving under the influence. But it is also important for parents to let their teens know that whatever happens, it is not OK to drink and drive or to get into a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

WRAP’s 2010 Holiday SoberRide program is available beginning from 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17 to 6 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011. To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older. (Callers are responsible for anything over \$30.)

### Safely Home

Washington Regional Alcohol Program’s 2010 Holiday SoberRide program will begin at 10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17, 2010, and run through 6 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011. To receive a free cab ride home up to a \$30 fare, call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older. WRAP needs sponsors and contributions to continue to offer this service. See [www.wrap.org](http://www.wrap.org) to contribute.

## One Bad Idea Counter to long-standing practice, Virginia piles up mountain of debt.

BY SEN. CHAP PETERSEN  
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**L**ast week, the Virginia State Senate held its annual finance retreat in the City of Staunton, which is located in the Shenandoah Valley. Staunton is a city with many steep hills. Going for a 2-mile run in Staunton is like running 5 miles anywhere else.

That’s ironic because in Virginia we are creating another mountain. It’s called state-supported debt.

Debt? In the Old Dominion?

Virginia has traditionally operated on the “pay as you go” financial model instituted by Gov. Harry Byrd in the 1920s. Gov. Byrd insisted on using cash, and not debt, to build the state’s highway system. This approach led Virginia to become the first U.S. state to be rated “AAA” by the Wall Street rating agencies in 1934.

That positive legacy has stayed with us for the past 76 years. Today, Virginia is still one of only seven states to be “AAA” rated, which allows us access to the cheapest credit when we do borrow. One of the reasons for this highest rating is our 5 per-

cent “debt to equity” ratio on our borrowing. In other words, Virginia will not issue debt if the total outstanding is more than 5 percent of general fund revenues.

That’s an important standard. Yet we do borrow.

Historically, that borrowing went for capital projects at our state universities. While that is still a factor, increasingly universities pay for buildings (dorms, student unions, stadiums) out of “9d” bonds that are paid back from non-general revenue, e.g. student fees.

**TODAY**, state borrowing increasingly subsidizes highway projects. Not just new construction but existing maintenance. In other words, we’re borrowing money to repave our roads, while using student fees to build our college campuses.

That doesn’t make sense.

Currently, Virginia has about \$9 billion in aggregated tax-supported debt. (That’s still less than Maryland, which has 60 percent of our population). Annual service on that debt is approximately \$594 million, which is a large portion of our General Fund budget.

What is more worrisome is that an additional

52 percent of our dedicated Transportation Trust Fund dollars (from gas and car titling taxes) are being used to pay down debt, not as cash for existing maintenance or new projects. That is a radical change from our system, even 10 years ago.

That’s because the Assembly in 2000 and 2007 passed ambitious transportation programs, without new revenues to raise the funds (or taxes that were constitutional).

So the new bonds are paid back with existing funds. And then additional bonds are issued to pay the ongoing costs on the existing system. The whole thing is completely backwards.

Today Virginia is sitting on the authority to issue another \$3 billion in transportation bonds without any new taxes or revenues to pay them back. Some lawmakers are talking about raising our debt ceiling to let those bonds be issued in 2011. That’s a bad idea.

In the meantime, the projects are started. The bonds are issued. And they’re paid back with borrowed dollars for which our kids will pay the interest.

And the mountain slowly grows.

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## Shelter

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Prince of Peace must also carefully plan the timing of the hypothermia events around their own Christmas festivities.

"We average over 2,000 members of the congregation during the week of Christmas. We get about 500 people coming to each worship service," said Stoneman.

In addition to their own events, Prince of Peace also lends its space to a few ethnic churches, including the Ethiopian community and Korean community, who also have to celebrate the Christmas holiday.

Since they host the shelter on Christmas, Prince of Peace also tends to go above and beyond what FACETS typically asks of its hosts. The guests are allowed to stay in the church building during the day on Christmas. Under normal circumstances, they are not allowed to stay at the sites of the hypothermia shelter between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., he said.

Last year, one of the congregation's families also gave each of the guests a gift basket with bathroom products in celebration of the holidays, said Stoneman.

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# Wine Gifts for the Holidays

BY MIKE POTASHNIK  
& DON WINKLER  
INTERNATIONAL WINE REVIEW

**W**hy not give wine for the holidays? Wine makes a great gift. Both the casual wine drinker and the seasoned wine enthusiast will be excited to receive a gift of wine.

Local wine shops are a great place to browse for that special wine gift. One of the many benefits of living in Northern Virginia and Maryland is the abundance of choices of wines from all over the world and at every price level.

Make your gifts exotic by choosing wines from lesser known countries and producers. Some countries like Argentina and Chile are well known for their wines, whereas Austria and Portugal are relatively new international producers.

Of course, which wine you buy as a gift depends on both your pocketbook and the person you're giving to. We usually think of wine-drinkers as falling into three categories: The Casual Wine Drinker, who may not know the difference between Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio. Serious Wine Drinkers, who know what they like but pretty much limit themselves to the popular brands. And the Semi-Pro who knows wine and probably has more than a few bottles stashed in a wine cooler, closet or cellar.

Let's consider which wines each of these might like to receive for the Holidays. We've limited our choices to wines that should be available in most good wine stores. All prices are retail prices recommended by the winery or importer; the shelf price is often lower.

❖ **The Casual Wine Drinker.** While you might not be spending lots of money on the casual wine drinker, you can still give a bottle that will give a lot of pleasure. Stick



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**Total Wine offers kosher wine imported from Israel.**

with the well-known varietals, but find a new producer or new region. Argentine Malbec would fit the bill. Ask your purveyor for a mid-priced Malbec from a producer like Andeluna, Salentein, or Doña Paula. We recently tasted the 2009 Doña Paula Los Cardos Malbec and especially like it. Best of all, it costs just \$10 a bottle.

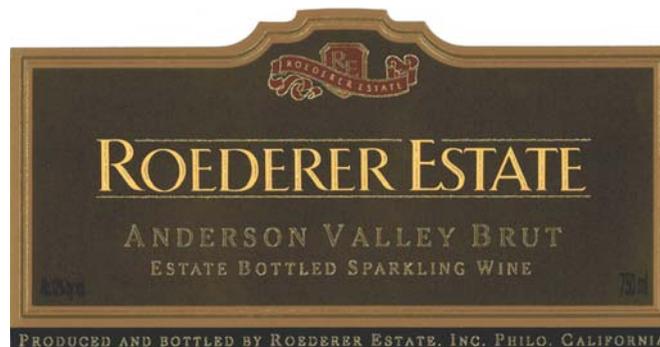
Everyone these days loves Pinot Noir, and a good one for the casual drinker has been produced by Carneros winemaker, Sean Minor. His 2009 4 Bears Pinot Noir (\$17) is ripe, flavorful and fleshy and is unbeatable for the price.

A good, sparkling wine is another option. One that all casual wine drinkers would love is the Roederer Estate (\$18) from California's Anderson Valley.

If your friend prefers white wines, try a cool coastal Chardonnay from California. When we visited the Santa Lucia Highlands



**Mike Patashnik and Don Winkler of International Wine Review offer tips for the gift of wine this holiday season.**



## WINE ADVICE

*Mike Potashnik and Don Winkler have for the past 30 years traveled the globe and tasted thousands of wines in search of the best wines and innovative winemakers to recommend to consumers and wine professionals. They have published the International Wine Review, based in McLean, since 2005.*

### Wine makes a great holiday gift.

last year we enjoyed the 2008 Mer Soleil Barrel Fermented Chardonnay (\$19). While a little more pricey than the other wines recommended here, it's a sure thing.

❖ **The Serious Wine Drinker.** The Serious Wine Drinker is likely to be a little more open than the Casual Wine Drinker to trying something new. Here we recommend you find something that will stretch his or her wine knowledge just a bit. Our first choice might be a different varietal from a reliable producer. One such bottle we tasted this past year is Montes Alpha Carmenere (\$19) from Chile. It's a reasonably priced, delicious, full-bodied red wine from a very good Chilean winery. (We also offer many suggestions on pairing Carmenere and food on our website [www.i-winereview.com](http://www.i-winereview.com).) Among white wines, we'd recommend an Austrian Grüner Veltliner such as Anton Bauer's 2009 Rosenberg Reserve (\$24) or other Anton Bauer cuvees. They combine flavor, acidity, and minerality that is hard to find in one bottle.

Red table wine from Portugal would also be different. We recommend the 2008 Quinta Vale Meão Meandro (\$20), the 2008 Quinta do Vallado Tinto (\$29), or the Herdade do Esporão Reserva (\$21) all

wines which have abundant red and black fruit, spice, and complex flavors.

❖ **The Semi-Pro.** The Semi-Pro is the most difficult to buy for. If you have lots to spend, you can pick a top end wine that is certain not to disappoint. The 2008 Phelps Insignia (\$185) is one such wine — expensive but worth it, and the person receiving it will recognize both its quality and value.

If your pocketbook is looking for something a little lower in price, there are many options. Everyone loves a good Oregon Pinot Noir, and Cristom produces some of the best.

The 2007 Cristom Marjorie Vineyard Pinot Noir (\$50) is exceptionally good, but so are Cristom's other bottlings, (reviews at [www.iwinereview.com](http://www.iwinereview.com)).

Another option is a rich, full-bodied Ribera del Duero wine like the 2006 Bodegas Condado de Haza Crianza (\$30) or the 2006 Cyclo (\$51). If these specific bottlings are not available in your local store, ask for something similar from Ribera del Duero.

Another terrific wine gift is an introductory subscription to the International Wine Review, just \$25 for six months. Purchase online at [www.iwinereview.com](http://www.iwinereview.com).



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# HOLIDAY Encore

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and fun and is technically difficult, so it's a real crowd-pleaser," she said. "All the dancers work well to make the show come together; it puts you in the holiday mood. Our costumes and sets are always fantastic, our singing is wonderful and our dancing is just great."

Melissa Pyne, a Fairfax High senior and member of the Fairfax Dance Academy at her school, is in her ninth year with Encore. She said that she's bonded with people outside her home and the peers who'll help further her future. She said all dancers start out with passion, but van der Merwe "makes sure it stays alive."

Her favorite number is "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" because it's bright and peppy, "stylized and versatile, and includes everyone from Santa to elves to Rockettes." And, she added, "The 'Multiplying Santas' number is always exciting to see."

Pyne also likes the new, Starbuck's waitress costumes that are white with green-satin aprons. "They're gorgeous and so well-put-together," she said.

Sully Station's Yanelle Artieda, who is homeschooled, has danced with Encore since she was 9. "I used to dance at a ballet company," she said. "Then I saw an Encore Christmas show, with the whole package, singing, dancing and acting, and decided that's what I like."

## BULLETIN BOARD

### THURSDAY/DEC. 2

**Running/Walking Club.** 10 a.m. Potomac River Running Store, 5715 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. For age 55 and up. A facilitated walk/run in the Burke area. Wear running/walking shoes and comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor activity. Ongoing, meets every Thursday. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec) or 703-324-5544, TTY 711.

**Coping with the Holidays after the Death of a Loved One.** 7:30 p.m. Haven of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Registration required at 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org).

### FRIDAY/DEC. 3

**Line Dance Class.** 10 a.m. Durga Temple, 8400 Durga Place, Fairfax Station. For age 55 and up. All levels. Ongoing, meets every Friday. \$5. Registration required at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec) or 703-324-5544, TTY 711.

**Parkwood WEE Center Parents' Night Out.** 6-9 p.m. Parkwood WEE Center, 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale. Ages 12 months to 12 years are invited for pizza, games, crafts, a movie and a trip to the Christmas workshop to pick out a present for Mom or Dad. \$20 for the first child, \$7 for each additional child. A non-refundable deposit of \$10 is required per family to reserve a spot. 703-978-0640.

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### THURSDAY/DEC. 2

**Holiday Tunes for Tots Concert.** 10 a.m. W.T. Woodson High School, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Geared for preschool and early elementary students. Tickets \$3. [HolidayTunesForTots@gmail.com](mailto:HolidayTunesForTots@gmail.com) or 703-352-7715.

**Cartoon Johnny Holiday CD Release Show** at 7:30 p.m. and It's First Dubstep & DnB Banger, Grime Syndicate and Ameerkat vs Matheus at 10 p.m.. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).  
**Art and Law.** 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 703-993-8898.

### FRIDAY/DEC. 3

**The Virginia Opera: Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte."** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com).  
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**"Amahl and the Night Visitors."** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Gian Carlo Menotti's classic story. \$20 adults, \$15 students and seniors. 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**NOVA Community College Green Club Eco Rage.** 7:30 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, An environmentally friendly dance party. \$5 admission, which will go to the participating student clubs to further the movement to improve NOVA's environmental impact. Food provided by the African Caribbean Student Association. [nova.greenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nova.greenclub@gmail.com) or 703-909 6655.

### SATURDAY/DEC. 4

**Fairfax Festival of Lights and Carols.** 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets available at Parks and Recreation office at City Hall and Green Acres Center. 703-385-7858 or [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov).

❖ **Lunch with Santa.** 11:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 1 p.m. at Old Town Hall.  
❖ **Band, Chorus and Orchestra Performance.** 2:30 p.m. at Sidney Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road, Fairfax.  
❖ **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.** 5 p.m. in the Kitty Pozer Garden behind Old Town Hall. Caroling, music by Good News Ringers and the Jubil-Aires.  
❖ **Candlelight Tours of Historic Ratcliffe-Allison House.** 6-7 p.m. Ratcliffe-Allison House, next to Old Town Hall. Candlelight tours of the city's oldest residence.

**Turtle Island String Quartet.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With jazz pianist Cyrus Chestnut and mandolinist Mike Marshall. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$22-\$44, available at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Gift Fair.** 12-5 p.m. at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Donations and some tangible items for local non-profits in all price



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**Ballyhoo and Mojo.** 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Incorporating Fresh Flowers with Holiday Greens.** 10 a.m. Merrifield Garden Center's Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Hwy, Fairfax. [MerrifieldGardenCenter.com](http://MerrifieldGardenCenter.com).

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**Lloyd Dobler Effect Holiday Unplugged Show & CD Release.** Elizabeth Coyle and Albert Ketler & Chris Brooks. 3 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Our Daily Bread Presents Dave LaMotte.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Proceeds benefit Our Daily Bread's Holiday program, matching individuals, businesses and community groups with needy families throughout the Fairfax County area. [www.our-daily-bread.org](http://www.our-daily-bread.org) or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Cut-a-thon for Bethany House.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Salon Antoine and Spa, 11092 Lee Highway, #101-A, Fairfax. All of the day's proceeds will benefit Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc., helping women and children who have suffered from domestic violence. Contact Salon Antoine at 703-691-8878 or [www.SalonAntoine.com](http://www.SalonAntoine.com) or Bethany House at 703-658-9500 or [www.bhmv.org](http://www.bhmv.org).

**World AIDS Day Concert.** 5 p.m. Lutheran Church of the Abiding Presence, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Sponsored by 25:40, a local

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non-profit organization dedicated to children in South Africa fighting poverty and AIDS. Free admission. www.2540.org.

**Living History Civil War Winter Encampment.** 2-4 p.m. The Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Talk to re-enactors from "Fairfax Rifles," Company D of the 17th Virginia Infantry as they portray Confederate soldiers and civilians in a winter encampment. Hear how the soldiers celebrated Christmas and their thoughts on being away from home for the holidays. Free. Hot cider and cookies served. 703-591-0560.

**Main Street Community Band: 'Tis the Season.** 4 p.m. at W. T. Woodson High School Auditorium, 9525 Main St., Fairfax. Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker," the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah, Holst's "Christmas Day," "Winter Wonderland," "Good King Wence-Salsa!" by Morales and Bulla's "Rhapsody for Hanukkah." Santa Claus will make an appearance. Bring a nonperishable food item to benefit Food for Others. Free. Early admittance for advanced ticket holders begins at 3 p.m. Doors open to the general public at 3:45 p.m. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org.

**Wolftrap's 42nd Annual Holiday Sing-A-Long.** 4 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Led by the United States Marine and a 400-member choir. Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted at the entrance for Toys for Tots, but are not required. Free admission. 703-255-1917 or graham@wolftrap.org.

**Hands on Chanukah Celebration.** 1-4 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. "Shalom Sesame," arts and crafts, a hi-tech game room for ages 8 and up, Chanukah songs and stories, a recyclable Menorah and dreidel making project, moon bounce, face painting, balloon artist and more. Design a fused glass dreidel for an additional fee. Lunch available for purchase. \$7-\$18. 703-537-3036 or LAdler@jccnv.org.

**Fairfax Art League Open House.** 5-7 p.m. Old Town Hall, Second Floor gallery, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Featured artists will include Glenda Kirkman, Abol Bahadori, Dixon Vergaray, Kay Burris, Al Marra and Consuela Woodford. Live music by Sior Og, an Irish musical combo headed by Howard Rhile. Refreshments. The Fairfax Art League will offer a 10 percent discount on any artwork purchased over \$30 in December. www.fairfaxartleague.com.

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## MONDAY/DEC. 6

**Sparks The Rescue, Amely and You, Me & Everyone We Know.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

## TUESDAY/DEC. 7

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Lake Braddock quarterback Michael Nebrich accounted for six touchdowns during Lake Braddock's 56-18 win over Chantilly in Saturday's region championship game.

## Back-To-Back for Bruins

### Lake Braddock crushes Chantilly for second straight region title

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

The Chantilly football team ran option on the first play from scrimmage during Saturday's Division 6 Northern Region championship game. The Chargers botched the pitch, putting the ball on the ground and Lake Braddock recovered on the Chantilly 7-yard line.

On the ensuing play, Lake Braddock quarterback Michael Nebrich scored on the ground to give the Bruins a 7-0 lead.

Game over.

Chantilly's fumble on the first play not only represented a bad start, it sealed the Chargers' fate within the game's first 10 seconds. Lake Braddock rode the momentum surge to a 56-18 blowout victory and a second consecutive region title on its home field. The Bruins will host Battlefield of the Northwest Region in the Group AAA Division 6 state semifinals on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m.

"It's a new team, it's a new feeling," said Nebrich, who quarterbacked the Bruins to a state runner-up finish last season. "Last year was real special because it was our first [region title]. Coming out and winning back-to-back with this specific group of guys, it makes it that much more fun for us."

Nebrich completed 15 of 16 pass attempts for 235 yards and two touchdowns. He rushed 19 times for 99 yards and four touchdowns and led the Bruins to the end zone on each of their four first-half possessions.

Chantilly punted on its second possession and

quickly fell behind 14-0 on Nebrich's second rushing touchdown run of the day. A 15-play, 77-yard drive resulted in a field goal on the Chargers' third possession but Lake Braddock reached the end zone twice more in the second quarter and led 28-3 at halftime.

Chantilly's ground-oriented offense didn't have the firepower to overcome the deficit it created by turning the ball over on the game's first play.

"They outplayed us," Chantilly head coach Michael Lalli said. "They played really well. We just wanted to come and complete and play well. We did some good things but we did, unfortunately, some bad things, too. We fell behind too fast."

When asked how tough it was to come back from the early fumble and touchdown, Lalli looked at the scoreboard and said, "56-18."

"It wasn't so much that" play, Lalli said. "You can overcome the one mistake. We let them score so many [times] before we made our adjustments. We started moving the ball on them, but we weren't getting the stops. Once we got the stops, we stopped moving the ball."

Lake Braddock led 35-3 entering the fourth quarter. The Bruins seemingly moved the ball at will through the air or on the ground.

"A lot of these games end up [coming down to] matchups: who matches up against who," Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress said. "I thought it was a favorable matchup for us as opposed to, say, Robinson, who might have had a little more speed in the defensive secondary. Even though Chantilly beat them in the regular season, I felt pretty good about our chances coming in."

Chantilly defeated Robinson during the regular season, but the Rams handed Lake Braddock its only regular season defeat and lost to Lake Braddock by one point in the regional semifinals.

Nebrich's top target Saturday — and throughout the season — was Matt Zanellato, who the night

## Zanellato a Winner Before, After Game

### Lake Braddock receiver commits to Penn State, wins region title.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Lake Braddock receiver Matt Zanellato had something to prove after transferring from Robinson prior to his senior year, and he intended to silence his critics.

If putting up big numbers in the Bruins' powerful spread offense wasn't enough, Zanellato's doozy of a weekend might have done the trick.

The receiver verbally committed to Penn State on Friday and then caught 10 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns during Lake Braddock's 56-18 win over Chantilly in the region championship game on Saturday.

"Getting the offer [from Penn State] and winning the region is really big to me and my family," Zanellato said, "to put an end to all the naysayers who said I shouldn't have transferred and said I made a mistake."

The 6-foot-3, 190-pound Zanellato said he fell in love with Penn State while visiting with his brother, who attends the university.

Zanellato's move from Robinson's ground-oriented Wing-T offense to Lake Braddock's receiver-friendly spread attack led to some big-time pass-catching numbers. Zanellato has 86 receptions for 1,588 yards and 19 touchdowns through 13 games. On Saturday, he caught two more touchdown passes, including a 27-yarder that gave Lake Braddock a 28-3 lead in the second quarter.

"I knew Matt was getting down the field and he had the height advantage on his corner," said quarterback Michael Nebrich, who got hit after the throw and was lying on his back when Zanellato scored. "Once I felt the pressure I knew I just had to throw it up to him and he was going to make a play and he did. I actually thought I threw it out of bounds at first. When I heard the crowd go crazy [I knew something good happened]. I didn't even know he had a touchdown until I got up. That's just a great play by Matt."

**SCOUTS INC.** gives Zanellato a grade of 45 out of 100 on ESPN.com. Athletes are also rated on a 1-5 scale, with five-star recruits being the nation's elite. Zanellato did not receive a star as he is below the minimum rating of 55. ESPN Recruiting writes an athlete with a rating of 55-67.9 "does not show the physical tools or skill set at this point to project at the major college level, but could contribute at mid-major or FCS programs."

Zanellato did receive three stars for an average "user rating."

Lake Braddock will host Battlefield on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 3:30 p.m., in the Group AAA Division 6 state semifinals.



Lake Braddock receiver Matt Zanellato caught 10 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns against Chantilly in Saturday's region title game.

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## SPORTS

# It's a Bruins, Bobcats Rematch in State Semifinals

Lake Braddock's defense must slow down Battlefield rushing attack.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

For a second straight year, the Lake Braddock High football team is set to face Battlefield High (Haymarket) in a semifinals game of the Virginia State AAA playoffs. The two state football forces will square off at Lake Braddock Secondary School this Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

The winner will advance to the following week's state finals. A year ago, Lake Braddock, coached by Jim Poythress, defeated Battlefield, 27-24 in overtime, in the state postseason game played on a Monday night at Liberty High in Bealeton. The contest had originally been scheduled to take place two days earlier at Battlefield, but icy weather and poor field conditions resulted in the venue and date change.

The Bruins, following last year's semifinals victory, went on to lose in the state championship game to Thomas Dale, 35-21, at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Last Saturday, Lake Braddock (12-1) earned its second straight trip to states by overwhelming Chantilly, 56-18, in the Division 6 Northern Region finals.

Battlefield (11-2), a member of the Cedar Run District, qualified for states by defeating host Colonial Forge (Stafford), 42-14, last Saturday in the Northwest Region title game. It marked the second straight



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**The Bruins, shown here entering the stadium prior to the Chantilly game last week, will take on visiting Battlefield for a second straight season in the state playoffs this Saturday afternoon in Burke.**

year in which the Bobcats captured the region crown.

Battlefield, in its seventh year of existence as a school, has qualified for the playoffs four straight years under head coach Mark Cox, the former Annandale High star quarterback who, prior to becoming Battlefield's first-ever head coach in 2004, had head coaching stints in the Northern Region at both Falls Church and W.T. Woodson high schools.

**COX'S CURRENT SQUAD** has utilized an outstanding running game to move the football. All-Northwest Region senior tailback Nagee Jackson has rushed for over 1,000 yards and versatile back/receiver Bobo Beathard, also a senior, has been a key

playmaker for the Bobcats, whose losses this season came at Hylton (Woodbridge), 19-14, in week five of the regular season and at Osbourn (Manassas), 24-21, in week seven. Since the latter setback, Battlefield has scored 40 or more points five times. Quarterbacks Ryan Swingle, a sophomore, and senior Devon Greene, who alternate play by play, run the Bobcats' offense.

"We've been really successful running the football this year," said Cox, who, as a high school sophomore quarterback back in 1981, led the Annandale Atoms to the state championship. "We use play action [in the passing attack]."

Lake Braddock's defense will need to hold down Jackson, Battlefield's 220-pound running back who rushed for 264 yards in his

"If we do not tackle well, we will be in trouble."

— Lake Braddock Coach  
**Jim Poythress**

team's win over Colonial Forge last week. "I am very concerned about him," said Poythress, of Jackson. "He is a big back with breakaway speed. If we do not tackle well, we will be in trouble."

Cox said his Battlefield defense, which has recorded two shutouts this season, must find a way to contain Lake Braddock quarterback Michael Nebrich, the top signal caller in the Northern Region. Nebrich's ability to both pass and run the football successfully has been troublesome to opponents all season long.

"Anytime he gets outside the tackles, he's a good runner and he has good speed as well," said Cox, of Nebrich. "He's there best running back."

Battlefield's top defensive player is All-State nose guard Zavier Stingfellow, who wears jersey No. 53 for the Bobcats. Two other outstanding defensive players are All-Region standouts Turner Meeks, an end, and linebacker Chris Wendle.

Battlefield has won two games this season by three points — 28-25 over Potomac (Dumfries) in week two of the regular season and 17-14 over Gar-Field in a first round region playoff game.

Poythress knows his team will be in for a big test in beating a determined Battlefield squad.

"Battlefield is well coached," said Poythress. "They are not a flashy team. Instead, they depend on fundamentals and toughness. Their defense is very sound. A lot of their boys play both ways, so we are hoping they get tired."

## BRYC Elite U12 Girls Finish 28-1-1

The Braddock Road Youth Club's (BRYC) Elite, a U12 girls' travel soccer team, completed a remarkable fall season by beating Maryland's top teams at the Bethesda Thanksgiving Tournament last weekend. The Elite, the top-ranked team in Virginia and ninth ranked team nationally, finished the fall season with a 28-1-1 record.

At the Thanksgiving Tournament, the Elite won games over the Baltimore Lady Hawks, Arundel Azzurri, and Bethesda Soccer Academy in group play, then bested the Parkville Cobras in the championship game to claim their third consecutive tournament victory.

Over the course of the fall season, BRYC won four of five tournaments and was undefeated in regular season play of the Washington Area Girls Soccer League (WAGS). Overall, the team had 28 wins, one loss — the setback coming in the championship game of the OBGC Capital Cup — and one draw. They scored 117 goals and allowed only 11. The team is currently ranked first in Virginia and ninth nationally by soccercollege.com.

Players on the BRYC Elite roster represent various communities in Fairfax County, including Annandale, Clifton, Fairfax, Herndon, Haymarket, Manassas and Springfield.

"We're fortunate to draw very talented and motivated soccer players from throughout Northern Virginia," said coach Jim Abt, who played soccer at James Madison University and has coached for 25-plus years at the club, high school, and collegiate levels. "I'm very proud of our accomplishments this past season and look forward to competing in WAGS' first division next spring."



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**The BRYC Elite 12-under girls' travel soccer team were champions at the Bethesda Thanksgiving Tournament. On the back row, from left, are Caroline Kulczycky, Emma Lee, Alyssa Serveiss, Tara Khayam, Ashley Andersen, Felecia Cedeno, Katie Abt and Coach Jim Abt. On the front row are Lilly Weber, Alexa Anderson, Claire Burke, Elise Lawson, Rachel Moody and Shannon Lee.**

# NBA Is One Way, Overseas Another

Former GMU star Gabe Norwood lives out basketball dream in the Philippines.

BY PAUL TOMASELLI  
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THE CONNECTION

Growing up, most basketball players have the same dream, which is to make it to the NBA. They want to be like Mike — Michael Jordan the greatest basketball player in history. They want to shoot like Larry Bird, they want to be in highlights like the “Human Highlight Reel,” Dominique Wilkins. They want to fly like Julius Erving. They want to dominate like LeBron James. Throw assists like Los Angeles Lakers great, Earvin “Magic” Johnson.

Gabe Norwood had this same NBA dream. Unfortunately, the NBA is not for everyone. For the George Mason University communications alumni, Norwood decided to take another route and play overseas in the Philippine Basketball Association, known as the PBA.

Picking up his first basketball at age 5, Norwood found his love for basketball at a young age. He played ball regularly at the YMCA and even got the nickname “Magic” after one of his favorite players. Norwood saw his love develop more and more for basketball even though he had to move a lot during his childhood. He went from Hawaii, Arizona, Virginia, Maryland, Texas, Pennsylvania and back to Virginia. Although he moved regularly, he made sure he took his basketball with him. Norwood played a couple hours a day, watched basketball regularly on television and also collected basketball cards.

**ALTHOUGH HIS** father was a defensive football coach, and currently the defensive



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## Gabe Norwood

coach at Baylor, he supported Norwood everyday with his basketball dreams. He drove his son to every basketball game and was his backbone and support. Norwood went to four different high schools in three different states. His senior year he played at State College Area High School in Pennsylvania, where his team won the state championship. As a result of his reputation, George Mason University Coach Jim Larranaga kept a good eye on Norwood's basketball career and offered him a full scholarship to play at George Mason University in 2003.

Norwood spent four good years at Mason and graduated in 2007.

The highlight of his college career was making the Final Four in 2006. Although making the Final Four is any college player's goal, Norwood's primary aspiration was to play in the NBA, but to his dismay was not even looked at for the league.

“I think it was my biggest setback,” he said. “I think I got content with playing a role in college, without really challenging myself and my game. Don't get me wrong, I worked hard, but it was just me not ex-

panding my game because what I did for four years at Mason seemed to be good enough for us to win.”

Little did he know that scouts from the Philippines came to Indianapolis to watch him play in a clinic during the Final Four. Norwood's media exposure allowed his audience to recognize that he had Filipino blood in him because his mother was half Filipino. Norwood learned that he met the basic criteria to play in the Filipino league.

**IN 2008**, Norwood was the first overall pick in the PBA Draft. He had the best season compared to any rookie and was named 2008-09 Rookie of the Year. He additionally won the Slam Dunk contest that same year. Evidently, his game adapted quickly to overseas rules and so did his persona.

Basketball is extremely popular in the Philippines, therefore his popularity grew as well as his celebrity status. Media coverage is similar to the NBA's with pre-game, post-game write-ups, guest appearances and magazine features.

Norwood adapted quickly and everyone speaks the basic English language, so com-

“I think I got content with playing a role in college, without really challenging myself and my game.”

— Gabe Norwood

munication was not a barrier. He has used his communications skills to help him build confidence when speaking to the media. It also helped him with commercials he has done and other speaking engagements. Norwood is also endorsed by Nike, and was part of the WNIKE radio show in Manila a couple summers ago.

“I want to try to get into broadcasting while I'm here,” Norwood said. Broadcasting could be his life after basketball.

Norwood's immediate goal is to win a championship in the PBA. “We have a talented team and need to be consistent this year,” he Norwood about his team. His future goals include continuing to get better and expanding his game. He does not know where that will take him, but he knows that he controls his own destiny.

Norwood's contract expires in August. He does have a strong feeling that his team would look to resign him. His agent is constantly looking on opportunities stateside, but until something comes up, Norwood plans to stay in the Philippines. He always wanted to be in the NBA, but says that the Philippines have filled in that void easily.

Although Norwood misses his family and friends stateside, he has created a great fan based network and has strong management team to keep him on his toes.

“NBA might not be for me, but PBA is just as good,” Norwood said. “I will continue to be the ‘President.’” This nickname was coined by Filipino journalist Quinto Henson to Norwood because of his basketball dominance and because he resembles President Barack Obama.

## Next Up: Battlefield on Dec. 4

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before the game verbally committed to Penn State. The senior transfer from Robinson caught 10 passes for 144 yards and two touchdowns, including a 27-yard reception that put the Bruins ahead by 25 in the second quarter.

“All season, all of [my teammates] have their yellow hats and their region championships last year and they'd give me crap,” Zanellato said. “Hey, you don't have one of these.’ It made me a little more motivated to get my own regional title.”

Greg Jones returned an interception 88 yards for a Lake Braddock touchdown in the third quarter, giving the Bruins a 35-3 lead. Kyle Shanahan put the finishing touches on the day's scoring with an 11-yard touchdown run.

Chantilly's Jimmy Hicks rushed 13 times for 64

yards and a touchdown. His 5-yard scoring run cut the Chargers' deficit to 35-10 early in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Carson Romine completed 14 of 24 passes for 163 yards and was intercepted twice. Tight end Trey Huelskamp caught four passes for 66 yards.

Chantilly's second touchdown came on via special teams. William Hill-Pensamiento fielded a kickoff at his own 1-yard line and brought it out to the 30 before fumbling. Teammate Ross Simms scooped up the loose ball and raced the remaining 70 yards for a touchdown. Hicks completed a pass to Hill-Pensamiento for the two-point conversion, making the score 42-18.

While Lake Braddock advanced to states, Chantilly's season ended with a 10 wins and a region runner-up finish. “Every week, someone stepped up,” Lalli said. “Every week they played together as a team. They didn't quit.”

### WEEK IN SPORTS

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Clark, meanwhile, won the 200-free competition, Slattery took first in the 100-breaststroke, Norfolk took the top spot in the 100-fly, and Cole was part of the Eagles' winning 400-free relay.

**Mike Cannon**, a three time All-American wrestler, has committed to be a Guest Clinician at Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax for the 2010-11 wrestling season. Last year, while competing for American University, Cannon finished third in the nation in his weight class.

The Panthers of Paul VI, under head coach Tom Healy, are coming off a successful season of a year ago when they finished second in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC) before taking third place at the Virginia State private school championships. For more information about the Paul VI Wrestling program, contact Healy at [thealy@paulvi.net](mailto:thealy@paulvi.net).

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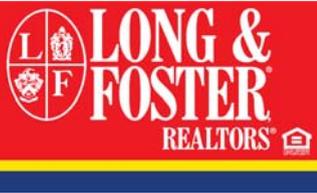


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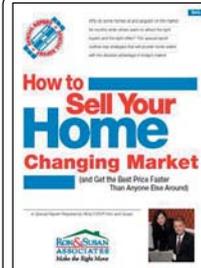


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