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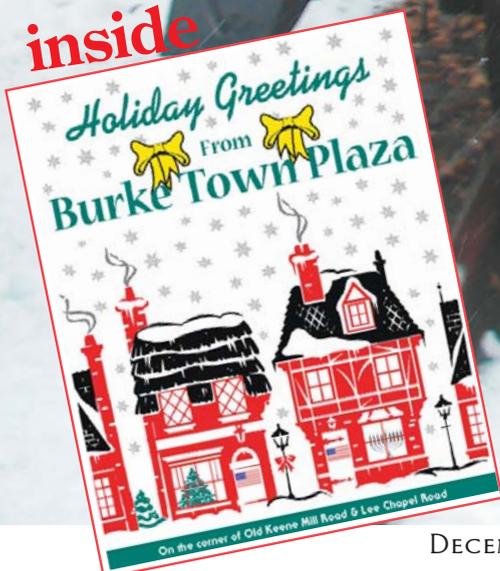
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# HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

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Artist Mary Gallagher Stout works to transform a rock into an angel, a piece commissioned by a 10-year-old boy.



Resident basket weaver Barbara Weber was happy to work and greet the local arts community.

## Far from the Crowds

Lorton's Workhouse Arts Center offers escape on Black Friday.

BY CHELSEA MUTH  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n Nov. 26, Lorton's 2-year-old Workhouse Arts Center hosted its second "Escape to Black Friday." The historic grounds provided a day of consignment and activities for the community, free of lines, overproduced jingles and billboard-size sale ads.

Opening two hours early Friday, the Workhouse offered live music, interactive dem-

onstrations, food and original artwork. From paintings and drawings, to textiles, glass, and beyond, artists of all mediums showcased their work. Patrons browsed artwork while grazing on free cookies, cider and coffee. Hungrier shoppers, nipped by sudden winter weather, refueled with chili and cornbread.

Throughout the 11 buildings' studio rooms, visitors watched glass blowing and chandelier installation demonstrations, and participated in snowflake-making clinics. They also attended free classes, such as Tai



Lisa St. Martin demonstrates glass blowing and bead making in her studio space.

chi and Hula, and a performance from Potomac Jazz Project.

Aside from programming, many patrons spent the day talking to artists, learning about their work. "The highlight of today's events has to be meeting the artists," said volunteer worker Elaine Morrow. "Their creativity is just awesome."

A number of artists worked in-studio all day, sharing their creative processes.

Painter Songmi Park, an award-winning South Korean artist, explained the meaning behind her series of nest paintings. "To me, nest means home, safety, community," she said, tracing her canvas' intricate web of lines.

While transforming a rock into an angel, a piece commissioned by a 10-year-old boy,

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## Bringing The Rooms Together

Artists, real estate agent team up to incorporate art into living spaces.

BY AMBER HEALY  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen most people think about what real estate agents do to make a home inviting for prospective buyers, little things like scented candles or freshly baked cookies probably come to mind as ways to make a vacant house feel like a home.

June Shea and Realtor Elizabeth Lucciesi of McInerney and Associates had a different idea. They use original pieces from artists at the Workhouse Arts Center to incorporate color and creativity into a room.

Shea has been involved with the Workhouse since before the doors officially opened and had partnered with the Association of Interior Design Professionals to design the administration building's conference room at the Workhouse, which is now the office of chief executive officer Sharon Mason.

"I have also been the 'on-call' designer when they need colors selected for wall and have helped with gallery installations," Shea said.

Working with a real estate agent to show that art can become a part of any living space seemed like a natural collaboration, she said.

"Designers are always looking for the perfect finishing touches for their projects and artists need a conduit to those people," she said. "The clients win because they can have the perfect art, and if the artist doesn't already have it made, they can create it."

Shea said she often makes a circuit at the Workhouse to see what's new in the galleries and studios, sometimes expanding her horizons a little by going to artists on the West Coast with whom she's acquainted.

"I tend to gravitate to art no matter where I am," she said.

Shea puts no limit on the medium or style of art she'll consider for a room, she said, noting that she can find a use or spot for any kind of art that will complete a room.

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Guests browse for art and gifts, stress free, at The Workhouse's 'Escape to Black Friday.'



Lin-Dai Yu-Shan Kendall

## New Leadership for RWC

The Republican Women of Clifton (RWC) elected Lin-Dai Yu-Shan Kendall, a Honduran native and an American citizen, as president of the group for 2011. Other Board members chosen to lead the organization in the coming year are: First Vice President (Programs) Alina Neas and Wendy Burdette; Second Vice President (Membership) Alice Butler-Short; Recording Secretary Angela Ganey; Corresponding Secretary Donna Curtin and Treasurer Irina Farquhar.

"I am proud to have been elected president of RWC, which I joined during the group's first year," said Kendall, in a RWC press release. "This group welcomed me with open arms and represents the American values that make this such a great country."

"My goals for the RWC in 2011 are to help every member of our club take advantage of Republican Party resources to become powerhouses of activism in cyber social media and any forum that can serve our political interests of preserving the founding principles of America," said Kendall. "Also, we will continue to work to get Republicans elected to office by strengthening our network in two main community segments, the elderly and the college age, young professional."

Kendall has a B.S. in architecture and a master's in public administration and urban planning (Madrid, Spain). She is a Fulbright Scholar and obtained her second master's in international management from the Thunderbird. She immigrated to the United States of 19 years ago. Kendall considers herself an artisan architect and owns a home based-studio following a vertical business model. She lives in Fairfax County with her husband of 18 years and their two younger children. Their two older children graduated from NYU and RIT.

The RWC is made up of many conservative Republican women from Clifton, Centreville, Fairfax Station, Fairfax and surrounding areas. Formed in the fall of 2006 and welcomed with much support, the RWC has grown 700 percent in a few short years. The club conducts monthly meetings with speakers, takes part in elections and hosts special events.

## Woodson Jams for Pakistan

In the hopes of helping some of the millions of people affected by July's flooding in Pakistan, the Woodson High School DECA is hosting a concert on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at 7:30 p.m., at Jammin' Java, in Vienna. Proceeds from the concert will benefit Pakistan relief efforts. To promote the concert, Woodson marketing students and DECA members will be handing out water bottles with labels on them on Saturday, Dec. 4, at the bike trail near Freeman Store in Vienna. Performing at the Dec. 8 show will be Escape the Armada, an area alternative band with a nationwide following. Tickets for the concert can be purchased for \$12 prior to the show and \$15 at the door. Jammin' Java is located at 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. For more information, go to jamminjava.com.

## GIFTS & GIVING



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Shapes Salon and Day Spa offers a quiet rooms for people getting manicures and pedicures.

# Spa Serves Up Luxury

Fairfax Station salon offers December deals.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

A massage is only the tip of iceberg when it comes to the treatments and services offered at the high-end Shapes Salon and Day Spa located in Fairfax Station and Herndon.

The luxury outlet, founded by Fairfax Station resident Sam Lane, was named the top day spa in the United States and Canada by industry publication "DaySpa Magazine" in 2010.

Shapes conducts hair consultations — cutting, coloring, relaxing and adding extensions — as well as an assortment of massages, pedicures, manicures, body wraps, facials and other skin treatments.

According to the staff, the owners have made a commitment to only using the highest quality products and hiring top-notch employees, which is why the spa is so highly regarded.

"Our spa staff is very well-trained and well disciplined. People drive in from Baltimore to come get a massage here," said Bonnie Steane, salon director at the Fairfax Station location.

**ACCORDING TO** Steane, many of Shapes hair stylists have been with the company for more than 20 years and most technicians have worked for at the luxury spa for about five years.

Diane Pyne, who has worked as Shapes hair styles for more than two decades, said the company is

unusual because the owners not only pay for continuing education for stylists but require it.

For example, Shapes brought in world-renowned hair stylists Christopher and Sonya Dove, who have won multiple international hair styling competitions, to give hands-on instruction to the salon staff, said Pyne.

"We stand out because we do wow every guest that walks through our door," she said.

**MOST SPAS** pamper their customer, but Shapes goes the extra mile, said staff at the Fairfax Station location.

"We are in the feel good business. If you take care of your skin and hair, you feel good," said Ida Kharazmi, an esthetician with the salon six years.

According to Kharazmi, the products used in the spa's treatments and sold in the lobby are only the well-regarded.

"This is a higher level product. It is stuff that you would usually find in a dermatologist's or plastic surgeon's office," said

Kharazmi.

Customers who come in for a simple haircut are treated to a complimentary scalp and shoulder massage as well as a hand treatment.

"At our spa, people are guests, like they would be in our homes. They are not called customers or clients," said Steane.

Shapes is offering discounts and special packages for the holiday season. The staff has put together a number of spa treatment packages for people to purchase as gifts during the entire holiday season.

Shapes Salon and Day Spa is located at 5622-K Ox Road, Fairfax Station, 703-250-000; 2435 Centreville Road, Herndon, 703-713-0222.

**"Our spa staff is very well-trained and well disciplined."**

— Bonnie Steane, salon director

# GIFTS Escape

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Mary Gallagher Stout shared her thoughts on art. "For me, art is all about healing power and connecting," she said, speaking about her pastel drawings.

Barbara Weber, a resident basket weaver, worked on a basket beside her display of framed pieces and woven ornaments. "The Workhouse offers one-of-a-kind, unique artistic creations, in a warm atmosphere," said Weber. This might explain the stress-free shoppers at the Black Friday event.

With regular gallery hours and community programming, the Workhouse's interactive art center aims to foster a "cultural community." The historic space, converted from a century old correctional facility, offers a range of art classes, workshops, and performances, and has plans for a performing arts center and restaurant.

Despite wind and intermittent rain, Escape to Black Friday welcomed a steady stream of patrons. 10 percent of all commissions went to benefit Food for Others.

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# Artists Bring Their Talents to Open Houses

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But there's a difference between making a house smell homey and turning a room into a living space where art is an essential part of the atmosphere, she said.

"Interior decorating usually involves putting the client's imprint and personality into a home," she said. "Staging involves taking it out and making it more neutral and appealing to the masses. In real estate staging, the Realtor will want to get a stager in right away so they can begin to market the home immediately."

So far, Shea has invited several Workhouse artists to showcase their artwork inside homes, including Dale Marhanka, Richard Allnut, Wendy Anderson, Jeanne Treshuck, Lynn Goldstein, Beverly Cline, Larry Rood, Eileen Olsen, Darlene Kaplan, Antonio Petrov, Songmi Park, Jonathan Woods and Wayne Guenther.

Goldstein said she's been a creative person in one way or another most of her life, starting with playing the flute at a young age while studying ballet and drawing with her mother.

"My mother is an artist. She encouraged me," Goldstein said. "I studied art in college and was a graphic designer for 17 years. My medium of choice is pastel because I like holding the colors in my hands

without brushes distancing me from the surface with which I work. I often use watercolor to make under paintings and then apply my pastels. I enjoy that because I respond to the unpredictable quality of watercolor.

Goldstein knows Shea through her work at the Workhouse and has so far submitted three pieces to be used in homes.

"I think living with art enhances our lives," she said. "Some work will make us think, some work will challenge us and some work will provide us a respite from our hectic lives. The work can help us reach outside ourselves."

Often, Goldstein will be told that her work makes people feel at peace, she said.

"The best response that I had was from a collector who was working in Iraq. He took one of my pieces with him so that he would have something beautiful to look at in a place that held little beauty or peace for him. That response was a gift to me."

People looking to buy art for their own homes shouldn't be overwhelmed or intimidated when looking for a piece of art, she suggested. "Talk to the artists about their work. Most artists I know enjoy talking about their work and can help you understand it," she said.

Marhanka has been working with clay for more than 32 years and said he likes the

idea of art taking up residence in a room as a way to transform the environment.

"Art challenges us to think, see — not just look — and allows us to express ourselves in a unique way," he said. "Art gives us the ability to personally express ourselves and react to the world around us, that transcends the years and brings cultures and people together."

Living close to the nation's capital provides numerous opportunities for people to learn about and become comfortable with art, Marhanka said. The best way to bring more art into a person's life is to get out and take a look around, he said.

Since focusing on her art as a business in 2006, Gillmann said she works mostly as a painter who also likes to draw.

"My primary media currently are acrylic paint, soft pastels and various drawing media," she said. "Interestingly, I had a water color painting take an honorable mention in a juried show late last summer. In January, I had a charcoal and colored pencil drawing take an honorable mention in the Art League show in the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria and an acrylic painting took Best in Show in May at the Truro Arts Festival Show."

Shea originally contacted Gillmann in June when a client was interested in one of her paintings, she said.

She had just been involved in her first exhibit at the Workhouse in January and was the Featured Artist in Building W-16 in March, she said. It was at this time that she learned about Shea's AIDP program, and when Shea contacted Gillmann to participate, Gillmann said she was pleasantly surprised.

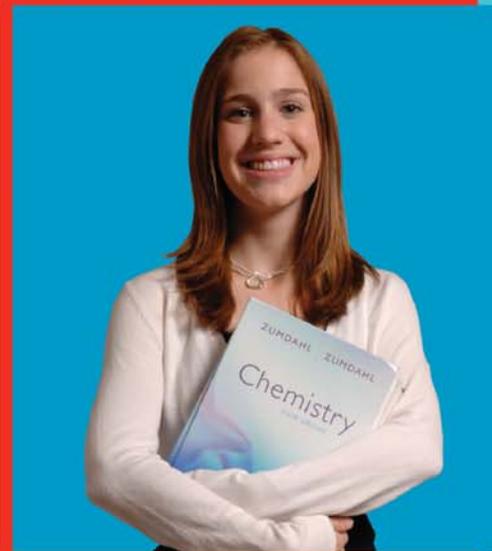
"She explained over the phone what the project was, how she was looking for a fairly large painting to go into her client's dining room, how the client was from Boston and would probably like my seascapes which currently are based on Maine scenes," Gillmann said.

Shea picked up three very large paintings from Gillmann's house just as Gillmann was leaving town for a few days. The client enjoyed the paintings so much, she contacted Gillmann directly to commission a painting based on one of the three Shea picked up, because the piece needed to be even larger than the original.

"We are surrounded by art daily in our culture if you include all the advertising, graphic art, media art and music we are bombarded with daily," she said, when asked why it's important for people to embrace the idea of living with art. "I would love to see everyone have the opportunity

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# Artistic Perspective to Home Sales

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to live with original art. And in some cases, it is no more expensive to buy a piece of original art compared to purchasing a reproduction. I once spent close to \$200 to frame a \$35 poster from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts."

Shea said that there is art for every budget, but it's important to keep in mind that "art work is handmade so the purchaser needs to realize that the artist needs to charge a reasonable rate for the amount of time they put into creating the work."

It's also key to make sure you "choose only what really speaks to you," Gillmann said. One sale in particular stands out to Gillmann.

"The most rewarding sales experience I had with a client was when a client explained that she was purchasing the work for her 3-year-old granddaughter and hoped that the granddaughter, once grown, would cherish the work enough to pass it along to her child or grandchild eventually," she said. "That is a client with vision who gives new meaning to concept of investment."

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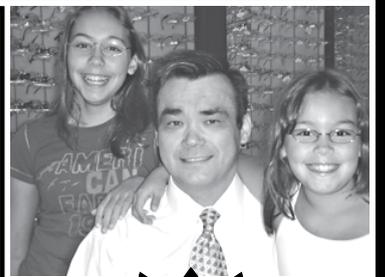
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# OPINION

## Safety Net for Celebrating with Alcohol

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

The 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

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## Coming Together for Historic Preservation

### Chairwoman says Sixth Annual Fairfax History Conference a success.

BY LYNNE GARVEY-HODGE  
HISTORY COMMISSIONER

With more than 100 attendees, the Sixth Annual Fairfax County History Conference, Preserving Our Paths in History, Nov. 6 was a tremendous success this year.

Dedicated to the memories of local historians Nan and Ross Netherton, event was sponsored by the Fairfax County History Commission, the Fairfax County Park Authority, the Fairfax Museum & Visitors Center and Preservation Virginia.

Conference Committee members were Rob Orisson (Preservation Virginia), Dr. Elizabeth Crowell, Fairfax County Park Authority; Fairfax County History Commissioners Naomi Zeavin, Esther McCullough, Sallie Lyons, Barbara Naef, Anne Barnes, Carole Herrick, Mary Lipsey and Mike Irwin; and Susan Gray, Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center.

Nine authors and nine exhibitors participated as well and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)



**Michael Rierson received the Fairfax County History Lifetime Achievement Award. Shown here are Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), Rierson, Conference Chairwoman Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Barbara Naef.**

kicked off the conference reminiscing about the importance of historic preservation, by sharing the story of Ilda, an early 20th century interracial community enclave near the site of the Jewish Community Center on Route 236. The community had been long forgotten and then rediscovered when the Virginia Department of Transportation began to expand the roads at that intersection.

Bulova also presented history awards to outstanding citizens which included Lifetime Achievement Awards to Ed Wenzel, for his 22

year work preserving and protecting Ox Hill Battlefield; John McAnaw, for more than 25 years of dedicated service as a Civil War historian and protector of land in the Kings Park area; and Michael Rierson, for more than 33 years of dedicated service with the Fairfax County Park Authority in preserving and protecting numerous county sites from Sully Plantation to Fryling Pan Park.

John Browne was presented with the Beth

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## THURSDAY/DEC. 2

**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.

**"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.

**Holiday Used Book Sale.** 10 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. christine.peterson@hotmail.com.

## SATURDAY/DEC. 4

**21st Annual Model Train Display.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax. N-track trains will be running. \$5 adults, \$1 children. 703-425-9225 or www.fairfax-station.org.

**Northern Virginia Chorale with the NVCC Annandale Chorale.** 7 p.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield. A mix of madrigals, motets, carols and holiday songs, featuring Conrad

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**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 or jamminjava.com.

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## SATURDAY/DEC. 11

**Second Saturday Art Walk.** 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's

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## GIFTS & GIVING

# Wine Gifts for the Holidays

BY MIKE POTASHNIK AND  
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.



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

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Hard-to-find Orin Swift's 'the Prisoner' red blend is available at The Clifton Wine Shop.

❖ **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 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 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

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## Wine

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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.

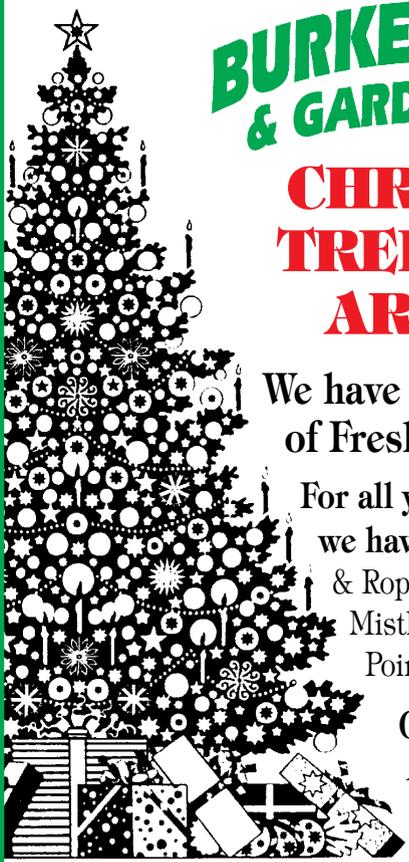
Red table wine from Portugal would also be different. We recommend the 2008 Quinta Vale Meão Meandro (\$20), the 2008 Quinta do Vallado Tinto (\$29), or the Herdade do Esporão Reserva (\$21) all wines which have abundant red and black fruit, spice, and complex flavors.

❖ **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).

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.



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**“Christmas in Brass.”** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Brass arrangements of Bach’s choral works, Handel’s triumphant “Messiah” and a selection of classic Christmas carols. \$22-\$44, youth through grade 12 half price. Tickets available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

**Artists’ Reception.** 6-9 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center Building 5, 96012 Ox Road, Studio 505, Lorton. With artists Eileen Olsen and Marni Maree. 703-644-5375.

## SUNDAY/DEC. 12

### Encore Theatrical Arts Project:

**“Santa Got Frostbite.”** 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Theatre, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Christmas chaos and fun for the whole family in a Broadway-style, song and dance holiday spectacular. Tickets \$18-\$21.

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**Concert.** 3 p.m. Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield. Five handbell choirs perform seasonal favorites. Dessert reception to follow. Free

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## THURSDAY/DEC. 16

**Sesame Street Live: Elmo’s Healthy Heroes.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$28, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035. www.sesamestreetlive.com.

## Places and Faces

Area artists Lydia Jechorek and Tony Di Francesco are teaming to show off their original oil paintings and sculptures in the show “Places and Faces” at The Loft Gallery in Occoquan. The show runs Dec. 5-Jan. 2. A meet-the-artist reception takes place Sunday, Dec. 5, from 1-4 p.m. The Loft Gallery is located at 313 Mill St., Occoquan. For more information about the show and hours, go to www.theloftgallery.org.

The Loft Gallery is also presenting a Holiday Treasures show Nov. 16-Dec. 23, which will feature hundreds of original, miniature are created by the Loft’s artists.

## FRIDAY/DEC. 17

**Sesame Street Live: Elmo’s Healthy Heroes.** 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$28, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035. www.sesamestreetlive.com.

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## SUNDAY/DEC. 19

**Sesame Street Live: Elmo’s Healthy Heroes.** 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$28, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035.

**Vienna Boys Choir.** 4 p.m. at George Mason University Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Holiday music from Gregorian chant to favorite Christmas carols. \$24-\$48, youth through grade 12 half price. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

## SATURDAY/JAN. 8

**2nd Saturday Art Walk.** 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building’s featured artist, reception from 6-7 p.m. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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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.

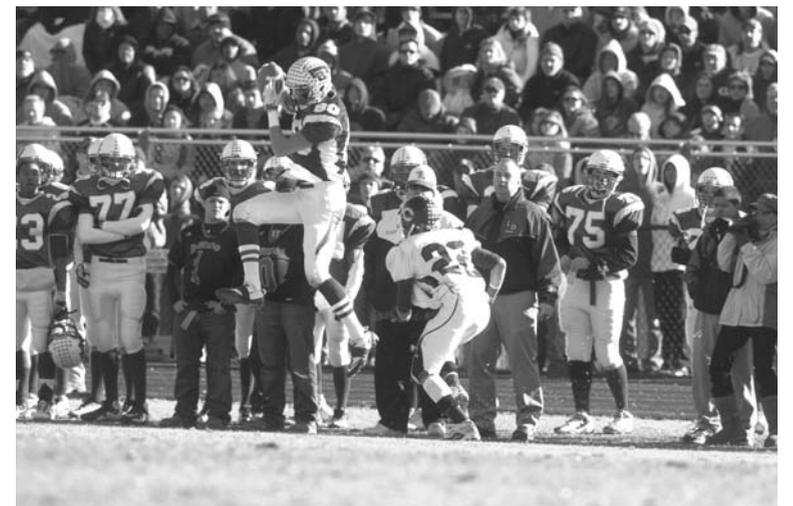
Zanellato's move from Robinson's ground-oriented Wing-T offense to Lake Braddock's receiver-friendly spread attack led to some big-time pass-catching numbers. Zanellato has 86 receptions for 1,588 yards and 19 touchdowns through 13 games. On Saturday, he caught two more touchdown passes, including a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



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."



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.

# Local Historians Recognized

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Mitchell award for his work researching the Ravensworth estate, dating back to 1796, the original home of William Fitzhugh and land that once covered nearly an eighth of the county.

Susan Hellman received the Nan Netherton award for her outstanding research and documentation on the property called "Kenmore."

Cora Foley was not present, but she received the first Cultural Heritage Engagement Award, Maddy McCoy, also not present, received a Distinguished Service award for her assistance on the "Kenmore" paper as well as for her work creating the African-American Slave index of Fairfax County.

Rick Castelli received the Edith Moore Sprouse award for his extensive research on Fenwick Park.

The Hunter Mill Defense League History Committee received the most prestigious award that the Fairfax County History Commission bestows, the Ross Netherton Award, for their work in creating the DVD "Danger Between the Lines," a documentary relating the story of the people living amid the turmoil along Hunter Mill Road during the Civil War. Tom Evans, Jim Lewis, Charlie Balch, Bob Eldridge and Steve Hull accepted the award.

The Awards committee included Commissioners Naomi Zeavin, Bob Beach, Jack L. Hiller and Lynne Garvey-Hodge, chairwoman.

"We have never received so many awards nominations as we have this year, and we are delighted with the quality of the work done in preserving the

county's history," said Hiller.

The keynote speaker was Elizabeth Kostelny, who spoke on the importance of historic preservation, even during economically difficult times. As executive director of Preservation Virginia, she spoke on "Growing Virginia's Movement - Historic Preservation in the 21st Century" and encouraged Fairfax County to continue doing good work in preserving the rich historic resources of the county and affirmed the conference as evidence of this good work.

Michael C. Rierson gave a lively, animated talk on his time with the Park Authority, "It Dozent Matter - The Beginnings of a Museum & Historic Preservation Program."

Andrea Loewenwarter from the Fairfax Museum & Visitors Center shared the history of preserving the newly renovated and preserved Blenheim Mansion, "Preserving Historic Blenheim" and the county Archaeology staff was on hand to discuss their work in their offices located at the conference site, the James Lee Community Center.

Local railroad historian Ron Beavers spoke with tremendous energy and exuberance on "Fairfax County Railroads - Pre-Civil War & What is Left Today" and the final presentations of the conference reflected preservation of a number of local sites. Chuck Mauro spoke on the preservation and history of Laura Ratcliffe's home, "Merrybrook," David Goetz on John Singleton Mosby's home in Warrenton, "Brentmoor" and Mary Lipsey spoke on the good work of the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association.

## FAITH NOTES

**Celebrate Eight Nights of Chanukah at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia,** 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, Dec. 1-8 at 7 p.m. (no program Friday, Dec. 3). Light candles each evening with the community and enjoy Chanukah activities, discussions, songs, dreidel games, refreshments and more. 703) 537-3064 or LaurieA@jccnv.org.

**Messiah United Methodist Church,** 6215 Rolling Road in Springfield, will have a Christmas Comfort Service on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Those who are hurting and in need of God's comfort are invited for a time of special music, scripture, silence, reflection, and healing prayer. dcarnes@messiahumc.org.

**Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax,** will have a Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24 at 8 p.m., with refreshments. 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

**Burke Presbyterian Church,** 5690 Oak Leather Drive in Burke, presents a sermon series entitled "Life in the Fast Lane: Slow Down for Relationships." Explore everyday relationships through the Biblical story of Joseph and his family (Genesis: 37-50). Worship services are Saturday Coffeehouse at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.BurkePresChurch.org.

**Interested in the Catholic Faith?** Classes will be held at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Center, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Contact Carolyn Smith at carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-5369.

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# NBA Is One Way, Overseas Another

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

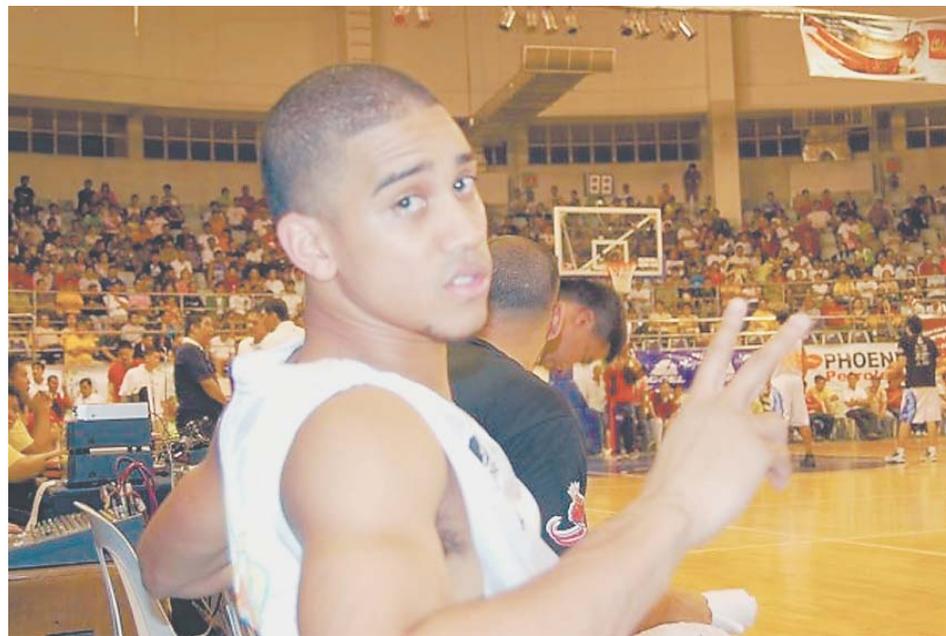
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Growing up, most basketball players have the same dream, which is to make it to the NBA. They want to be like Mike — Michael Jordan the greatest basketball player in history. They want to shoot like Larry Bird, they want to be in highlights like the “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



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 Qunito 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.”

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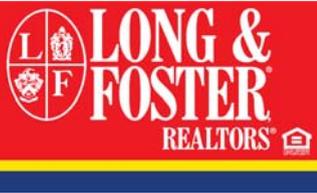


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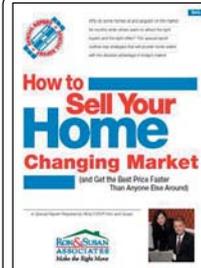


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