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## 'NNU Idol' rocks the Perk Monday

by IAN BAUDER

Josh Cremer, Eddie Wheeler, Dan Reimer and John Shenck took first place in this year's NNU Idol with their accapella rendition of the gospel song "I Live for You." The quartet was chosen by the audience and received a gift card as a prize.

It was a short show, as only five acts performed. Those included Heather Begin, a country duet performed by Stephanie Swanson and Katie Zook, a quasi-lip synch routine by Logan Sevier and Jared Joffer and trio comprised of Zach Beech, Mike Wheatley, and SGA president Landon Loeber singing "Listen to Your Heart."

The hit of the night was the hosting, done by Trevan Hauck and Tony Napier. The duo cracked jokes about each

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Sophomore Heather Begin performs for the crowd Monday night (photo by Amber Ford).

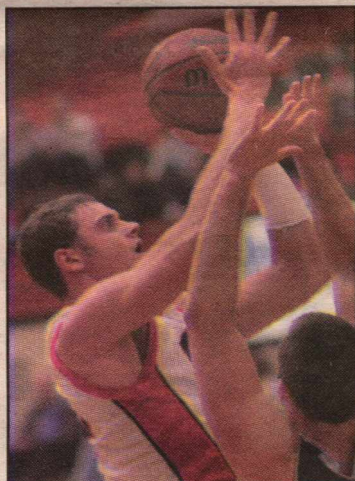
## Crusaders sweep Shilo Classic

Men's basketball goes 5-0 for the regular season

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

The NNU men's basketball team defeated the Colorado Christian Cougars on Friday 82-74 and the Colorado School of Mines Orediggers on Saturday 77-71 to win the Shilo Inn & Suites Classic title for 2007.

In Friday's game, NNU



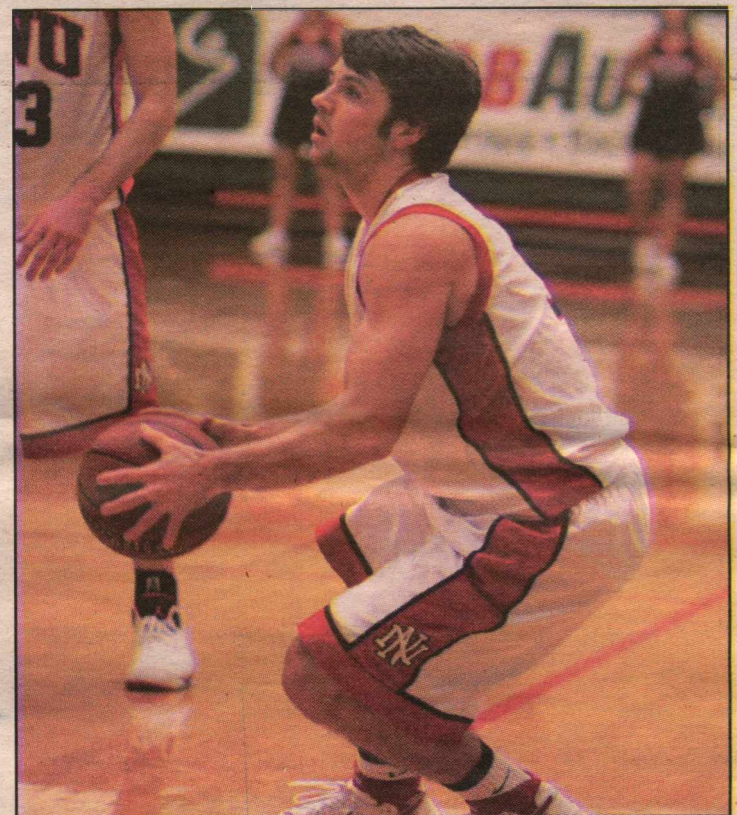
Crusader Scott Helpenstell goes up for the shot (photo by Jenn Hush).

led the first half 38-30 thanks to freshman Joel Ryman's sinking 4-for-4 three-pointers and 5-for-5 from the field. Altogether the Crusaders shot 60.9 percent (14-23) from the field and 70 percent (7-10) of three-pointers in the first half. The Cougars trailed behind, scoring 52 percent (11-21) from the field and 40 percent (2-5) in three-pointers.

In the second half of the game, Brian Stamer led the Cougars shooting 6-for-9 field goals, totaling his score to a game-high 23 points. Ryman followed after him with a total game score of 18 points, while Rory Morgan and Jordan Long of Colorado Christian scored 14 and 10 game points, respectively.

In Saturday's game, NNU led 34-31 at halftime with Crusader junior Scott

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Joel Ryman is ready to go for the basket Saturday against Colorado School of the Mines in the Crusaders' 77-71 win (photo by Jenn Hush).

## Funding delays science building progress

by ALLI SCHISLER

It is now December and the structure for the new science/nursing/math building has, obviously, not begun.

According to Dr. Dan Nogales, Dean of the School of Health and Science, the delay on the new science/nursing/

math building, which will be located between the Riley Library and Wiley Learning Center, is because NNU is waiting for the final price of the building. Once the final estimate is in, the board of trustees must offer final approval of the plans.

Dr. Jennifer Chase, professor

in the biology department, says, "It was known from the start of summer that if we didn't get all the plans/permits in place in September then there was no way to start digging with frozen ground. Since that was what happened, the opening date had to slide a bit." So this delay is not a

huge surprise."

Plans have changed for the facility due to budgets. Nogales says he thinks the new plan is actually better than the original, so the delay has not been completely in vain.

Both the basement and

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Wednesday



Hi: 44°, Low: 26°  
30% chance rain.

Thursday



Hi: 38°, Low: 23°  
Mostly cloudy.

Friday



Hi: 36°, Low: 21°  
Mostly cloudy.

Saturday



Hi: 39°, Low: 22°  
Partly sunny.

Sunday



Hi: 39°, Low: 24°  
Mostly cloudy.

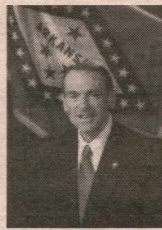


## Political Spotlight

The final installment of an 8 piece series on nominees

by TREVAN HAUCK

Governor Mike Huckabee, A republican senator from Arkansas, has risen in the polls sense the YouTube debate last Wednesday where he strongly proclaimed his Christian values and defended his stance on the death penalty.



Mike Huckabee

H u c k a - b e e was elected as governor in 1996 and served until January of this

year when he left to start his campaign for president. So far, Huckabee has steadily climbed the polls and has sometimes been listed as high as third place by Gallop and Rasmussen. He has said that it's his faith that defines him and stands firm to his protestant roots. This fact has attracted a lot of conservative Christian support over that of Giuliani, whose pro-choice stance causes some concern with the far right side of the Republican Party.

Huckabee opposes gay marriage and believes that an amendment should be made to the constitution defining marriage as a union between one man and one woman.

The Arkansas Governor also strongly advocates energy independence with three statements:

- Achieve energy independence by the end of my second term.
- Energy independence will help guarantee both our safety and our prosperity.
- We have to explore, we have to conserve, and we have to pursue all avenues of alternative energy.

For more information on former governor Mike Huckabee, log on to [www.mikehuckabee.com](http://www.mikehuckabee.com).

# Inside look at key players in Middle East peace talks

by AIMEE NILES

After a one day meeting in Annapolis, Md. on November 27, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert pledged to reach a peace agreement between Israel and Palestine by the end of 2008. Negotiation teams from either country will participate in talks that begin on December 12.

But who are the men who are leading these conflicting peoples? Here are short profiles on Mahmoud Abbas and Ehud Olmert to give more insight to the leaders that will perhaps lead the Palestinians and Israelis to a lasting peace.

## Mahmoud Abbas

Mahmoud Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, was



Mahmoud Abbas

born in Safad in British Mandate Palestine (modern day Israel) in 1935. Upon the founding of the State of Israel in 1948, Abbas and his family fled to Syria during what Palestinian history calls "el Nakba" or "the catastrophe."

Abbas received a BA in Law from Damascus University, and a Ph.D. in history from Oriental College in Moscow. He became one of the founders of the Fatah Party and has been a member of the Palestine National Council since 1968.

In March 2003, Abbas was appointed Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority by Yasser Arafat. Following Arafat's death in November of 2004, Abbas was elected President of the Palestinian Authority in the January 9, 2005.

After a long history of power struggles with Arafat, Hamas and various other Middle Eastern power brokers, Abbas has emerged as the favorite leader of the Palestinians for the international community. He has consistently called for the cessation of violent tactics against Israel and is supportive of a peace deal with the Israelis (compiled from the BBC News Profile: Mahmoud Abbas [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/1933453.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/1933453.stm)).

## Ehud Olmert

Ehud Olmert was born in Binyamina, Israel in 1945. His political career began in 1973 when he was elected to the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament. He was elected mayor of Jerusalem in 1993 and held that post until 2003 when he joined former Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's cabinet.

Seen as a Sharon loyalist, Olmert followed Sharon's

disengagement from the conservative Likud Party and helped found the more center Kadima Party in November 2005. He became the leader of



Ehud Olmert

the Kadima Party in January 2006 when Sharon suffered a massive stroke.

Olmert became the Prime Minister of Israel following the Israeli elections of April 2006. However, since the summer of 2006 war with Hezbollah, Olmert's approval ratings have been low. In early 2007, his approval rating was at 23 percent ([www.haaretz.com](http://www.haaretz.com)). However, his ratings have improved after a September 2007 air raid on Syria.

Olmert has been in favor of withdrawing Israeli settlers from the occupied territories. He believes withdrawing is the only way to keep Israel democratic and Jewish. To remain Jewish, Israel must withdraw from the Occupied Territories and redraw a border with as many Jews on the Israeli side (compiled from the BBC News Profile: Ehud Olmert [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/4135680.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/4135680.stm)). percent

# Science: Building on its way in less than a year

the tentative natural science museum have been deleted. Though the plans have changed, all of the academic programs retained the same space but in a slightly different plan.

Though donations have kept coming in, the cost of the building has increased. Hopefully, the two will match up. Nogales says the science department should know by mid-December if donations and cost even out. A donation of \$10,000 just came in, so Nogales does not foresee more budget problems.

When asked if the winter weather will inhibit progress on the facility, Nogales says he does not believe it will. Once the building process has actually started, the construction process should take ten months. Nogales projects a building time of about twelve months, in case weather or other factors slow down building.

Nogales says, "This has been a long road, but it is at least a 9 million dollar project which takes a lot of planning and fund-raising. We have accomplished a lot in the short time that we began the idea of a new science/math/nursing building."

# State Caucuses and primaries turn into shell game

by IAN BAUDER

With Florida announcing that it will be moving its presidential primary dates to the early date of January 29, a tussle has evolved amongst states as to which state will vote earliest.

Earlier this year officials in Florida, representing both

Democrats and Republicans, announced that they would be moving the state's presidential primaries to January in order to have more impact in the election. This move spurred other states, such as South Carolina to move their primaries even earlier, in order to maintain their political prominence.

The situation was aggravated when states, such as Nevada, who have traditionally not been influential in the elections, also made the move to an earlier date. The Democratic National Convention and the G.O.P. have put pressure on the states to change their decisions, but as of yet there is no sign that

the states will back down.

Currently Iowa has the earliest primary, with its Republican primary taking place on Jan. 3, and its Democratic primary taking place on Jan. 14. Idaho has the distinction of having the next to last primary, followed only by South Dakota.

# Late night at the library promises food and fun

by ALLI SCHISLER

The Riley Library is hosting several upcoming events. Not used to spending time studying at the library? Perhaps these happenings will provide incentive!

Late Nights @ the Library! Need a good place to complete that paper or study for finals? The NNU Riley Library will host Late Nights @ the Library through Thursday, December 6. Hours are extended to midnight Sunday through Thursday for your studying pleasure! If you remember the regional

coffees from Dutch Bros., Starbucks, Ravens Brew, Thomas Hammer, Seattle's Best and the Flying M that were served up last semester then you won't want to miss this. We'll be enjoying coffee with an international theme. Bring your trusty mug, grab some joe (or tea...or cocoa) and prepare to study your brains out at the library during Late Nights! We'll see you at the library.

Food for Fines: Got library fines? Have we got a deal for you! In the spirit of the Christmas season Riley Library

will forgive each \$ (dollar, buck, 1-post, greenback) of fines owed for each can of food brought to the Circulation Desk. Please bring canned food only - boxes, jars, and dented or damaged cans cannot be accepted. Food for Fines runs from Monday, November 26 through Friday, December 7. Food for Fines applies to fines only, not to charges for lost items. Contributions will be given to the local Salvation Army for distribution to needy Nampa families. Merry Christmas!

# 'Living Christmas Tree' performance entertains the Treasure Valley

by ANDREA HALL

College Church of the Nazarene's 33 annual production of the Living Christmas Tree has come to a great close. The show ran four days, from Friday through Monday evening, with two shows per night.

The sanctuary of College Church was packed on Sunday night for the second-to-last evening of the program for 2007. Tickets are free, but require a little planning ahead to make sure seats are available. The church distributes paper tickets in order to control crowding and to maintain fire code regulations, according to the Idaho Press-Tribune.

A key performer in this year's program was the tree itself. The tree is a brand-new one, replacing the 32-year-old frame that the church had been using. This tree reaches all the way to the ceiling and has ten risers and over 100,000 lights. The lights move and blink to the musical numbers, and according to the program, help to tell the story.

Though the new tree is gloriously bright and shiny as all new things should be, it came with one disadvantage: there are no longer any singers in the tree as in years before. When asked after Sunday night's show, usher and NNU staff member



A decorated Christmas tree (photo by wikisommons).

Joel Pearsall said that the tree's frame has only fifteen inches in between the platforms of each level, leaving the show's planners with a tough choice: singers or lights. For the comfort of the singers (it must get hot up there!) and to better exhibit the tree, they went with lights.

The choir arranged itself on either side of the tree, easily moving to accommodate soloists and actors coming on stage. The program featured many of the singers in solos or special pieces with smaller groups formed from the choir.

With a mix of humorous songs and serious drama shorts, the performers tell the story of a young woman transported from a busy mall to the Israeli desert, traveling with Joseph toward Bethlehem. She learns

what Mary went through to be the mother of Jesus. Throughout the show, "Sadie" comes to realize the comforting reality of God, even across timelines.

The only disappointment in the show was five angels doing an interpretive dance around Sadie to "Breath of Heaven," and a bad photo montage of Sadie and Joseph on a donkey. Too bad most churches look down on actually bringing livestock into the sanctuary; that scene would have been much more interesting with the live action. And what is it about Christmas specials that seem to require at least one silent interpretive dance?

The program ended with a rousing rendition of the Hallelujah chorus. Afterwards it was announced that the evening's offering had received over \$5,000 towards the Salvation Army.

Each year, College Church chooses one local community center to give its Living Christmas Tree offering to. This year, the Salvation Army will be the recipient of this year's donations. According to the Tree's bulletin, over the past eleven years the church has received and distributed almost \$120,000 to local organizations. The Living Christmas Tree aims to be a gift to the community it performs for, and is worth going to see.

# AP News Blurbs: Around the world in five stories

## Teacher pardoned in Muhammad teddy bear case

LONDON, England

A British teacher jailed in Sudan for letting her students name a teddy bear Muhammad as part of a writing project arrived home Tuesday after being pardoned and said she was "very upset to think that I might have caused offense to people."

Gillian Gibbons told reporters after arriving at London's Heathrow Airport that she was looking forward to seeing her family and friends.

"I'm just an ordinary middle-aged primary school teacher. I went out there to have an adventure, and got a bit more than I bargained for," Gibbons said at a brief news conference.

"I don't think anyone could have imagined it would snowball like this," she added.

## Iran farther behind in nuke program than previously thought

WASHINGTON, D.C.

A new U.S. intelligence report concludes that Iran's nuclear weapons development program has been halted since the fall of 2003 because of international pressure — a stark contrast to the conclusions U.S. spy agencies drew just two years ago.

The finding is part of a National Intelligence Estimate on Iran that also cautions that Tehran continues to enrich uranium and still could develop a bomb between 2010 and 2015 if it decided to do so.

The conclusion that Iran's weapons program was still frozen, through at least mid-2007, represents a sharp turnaround from the previous intelligence assessment in 2005.

## Al-Qaida may be stepping up activities

KABUL, Afghanistan

Defense Secretary Robert Gates plans to talk with NATO military leaders about increasing levels of violence in Afghanistan amid concerns by U.S. defense official that the reason may be an escalation of al-Qaida activity.

On his third trip to Afghanistan, Gates said he has not yet seen data on any uptick in al-Qaida activity, but increasing levels of violence in the country are clear and that he plans to talk about it with other defense leaders from NATO nations operating in Afghanistan.

Gates was expected to meet with key country leaders, including a Tuesday visit with President Hamid Karzai, as well as talk to commanders about conditions across the provinces.

## American official visits North Korean reactor

SEOUL, South Korea

The top U.S. nuclear negotiator for North Korea visited its reactor, becoming the highest-level American official to go there, an official said Tuesday, amid progress in efforts to end the communist nation's decades-old pursuit of atomic weapons.

Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill inspected work at the Yongbyon complex, north of Pyongyang, Monday afternoon, said Max Kwak, a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Seoul.

He gave no more details, including Hill's reaction to the ongoing work to disable the plutonium-producing reactor being conducted under a six-nation agreement.

## Folk remedy proves rue

CHICAGO, Illinois

A teaspoon of honey before bed seems to calm children's coughs and help them sleep better, according to a new study that relied on parents' reports of their children's symptoms.

The folk remedy did better than cough medicine or no treatment in a three-way comparison. Honey may work by coating and soothing an irritated throat.

"Many families are going to relate to these findings and say that grandma was right," said lead author Dr. Ian Paul of Pennsylvania State University's College of Medicine. Research appears in *Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine*

# Four confirmed deaths as wind and rain wreak havoc across the Pacific Northwest

by ASSOCIATED PRESS

Downed trees blocked roads and power outages were widespread Tuesday across much of the Northwest, where residents prepared for a massive cleanup effort after being battered by back-to-back storms.

A severe storm smacked the region Monday with hurricane-force winds and several inches of rain, and was blamed for four deaths. It came only a day after another severe system moved through Sunday.

By Tuesday, the second system had moved on to the Upper Midwest, where it was predicted to drop just a few inches of snow. In its path, it left chaos: Roads were closed in Washington and Oregon because of downed trees and landslides, and many schools and government offices were closed for a second day.

The governors of Washington and Oregon declared states of emergency, which could speed relief efforts in flood-hit areas. The National Weather Service said 3 to 6 inches of rain had fallen across much of western Washington. The 24-hour rain total for Bremerton was 10.78 inches.

In Olympia, the rain turned a normally small creek into a roiling, muddy surge of water that tore through a wall at the Ranch House BBQ restaurant. Tables and booths were strewn across the street, and a storage shed was pushed about 300 feet away.

Christy Romo, who lives just up the hill, said she could hear the floodwaters coming and started packing before the first floor of her cabin was inundated.

"I knew I wouldn't have much time," Romo said. "I



This is the overpass in Chehalis at exit 77 looking west over a shopping center completely under water including Wal Mart on the right. Interstate 5 goes below the overpass--it's completely submerged Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007, in Chehalis, Wash. (photo by Associated Press).

heard a bang, and then saw the water rising quickly."

Mudslides blocked numerous roads and forced an undetermined number of residents to evacuate condominiums, apartments and houses in Seattle, at least nine houses in suburban Burien and several mobile homes in Shelton.

Mudslides halted Amtrak passenger train service between Portland and Vancouver, British Columbia, for a second day Tuesday. Interstate 5, the principal north-south route along the West Coast, was closed near Centralia because of about 3 feet of water over the road.

The freeway will remain closed at least through Wednesday, and "it could well be longer than that if we've had some road washout," state transportation

engineer Peter H. Craig said.

Rescue boats were used to grab flood-stranded residents, and GPS-equipped helicopters were used at night. One helicopter plucked people from the roof of a house, sheriff's Detective Matt Wallace said. Coast Guard helicopters had hoisted more than 100 people from areas surrounded by water in Washington, officials said.

Power companies said electricity may not be restored to some areas for three or four days, and some utilities planned to survey the damage by helicopter Tuesday. More stiff winds were likely, but nothing like the blasts that exceeded 120 miles mph at the height of the storm.

Most of the Olympic Peninsula, Kitsap County and southwest Washington were hit

particularly hard by the storm. Gov. Chris Gregoire said some 80,000 people had lost electric power across western Washington. Portland-based Pacific Power said about 23,000 customers still were without power Monday night.

At least four people were killed by the storm.

Two Oregon deaths were reported, including that of a 90-year-old woman who suffered what Tillamook County medical examiner Dr. Paul Betlinski called "a weather-related heart attack" as she evacuated. The driver of a truck swept away by floodwaters in the same area also was reported dead.

In Washington, one man in Aberdeen died when a tree fell on him as he was trying to clear another downed tree.



Downed trees lie on top of and around a home just north of the Seaside airport on the northern coast of Oregon on Tuesday Dec. 4, 2007. Tree damage has been reported all over the Pacific Northwest and has added to the flooding and driving difficulties (photo by Associated Press).

## SGA looks for donations for the annual Nursing Home Gift Drive

by AMBER FORD

The Nursing Home Gift Drive has officially begun and will continue until the end of next week. SGA Community Relations Coordinator Eric Knape has compiled all of the wish lists from the nursing homes and is looking for people to sponsor residents.

Students sponsor a nursing home resident and pledge to buy them something from their wish list. Afterwards, the gifts are delivered to the residents. Knape urges students to get involved in this activity because "it is a great opportunity to get involved in giving during a season that has become so much about receiving."

The wish list is available at [www.societyforachange.org](http://www.societyforachange.org) and was also published in Tuesday's Idaho Press-Tribune. After selecting a resident to sponsor, students should contact Knape by calling campus extension 4454 or e-mail him at [esknap@nnu.edu](mailto:esknap@nnu.edu). Anyone wanting to volunteer time should also e-mail for opportunities.

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# Show love this Christmas through the joy of giving

STAFF EDITORIAL

Christmas time is here and we all know what that means, that's right, presents! Ipods, Play Stations and snow tires, oh my! That's not true, but that's the way it seems with all the "last chance, biggest sale of the year" and "buy, buy, buy" attitudes in our society. However, in this season we often hear how Christmas is commercialized and how selfish the holiday has become. In many ways, this is true; but getting presents is not a bad thing.

What's bad is when we take the message beyond the joyful giving and receiving of presents from our friends and family. When presents are expected and not a wonderful surprise, that's when the true meaning of

Christmas is lost.

God gave us the greatest gift of all with God's Son, Jesus Christ. It may sound cliché and over-used, but it's true. The tradition of exchanging gifts during this season is a great reminder of that awesome act of love.

The act of love is what Christmas is all about. It is easy to see how much someone loves you when you receive a well thought out gift. It does not matter how big, or expensive it is. It matters that the person who gave it to you deliberately thought about what would make you the happiest.

Our society constantly bombards us with a self-centered, commercialized view of the holiday season. And wanting presents is not

a bad thing. But don't lose sight as to what the point of gift giving is—to show love. God showed love to us on Jesus' birthday two thousand years ago, and we can love God through loving our friends and family.

So, instead of concentrating on what you're going to get this holiday season, perhaps spend a little time to think out how you can show love this holiday season. Perhaps it is through presents, but don't rule out things like playing Monopoly with your little brother, or going shopping with your mom. It all matters and it's all relevant. The Beatle's got it right; sometimes "all you need is love."

## Letters to the editor

Dear *Crusader*,

I felt I must write in response to the guest opinion by Mr. Tony Napier on November 29, 2007. What I found most distressing about Mr. Napier's letter was his insistence that my salvation is dependent on whether or not I bear children. I had thought I was saved by faith through grace. Perhaps that means of salvation through Christ is only available to men (since Paul does not say that men/husbands are saved by impregnating women). Mr. Napier clearly anticipated the accusation that laying this extra burden on women might be interpreted as misogyny. He will have to acknowledge that this would be a fair interpretation of his motives – why else would he choose to quote and interpret a small portion of Paul's message as excluding women from salvation (unless they have a baby)? This same kind of mistaken message was delivered to the Galatians church: an insistence that in order to be a Christian one must first become circumcised (unfortunately, also excluding women from Christianity since we can't be circumcised.) Paul had to scold the Galatians, reminding them the gospel message was freedom in Christ.

I trust that Mr. Napier actually thinks highly of women's ability to come to Christ with their minds, souls, hearts, and strength, not just their uterus, and that salvation for women in is the GIFT of God in Christ – for every man, child, the barren, widows, widowers, women who've had babies, and anyone who responds to God's call.

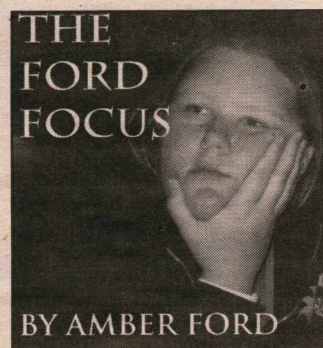
Dr. Jennifer Chase

## If *The Crusader* needs improvement, call us out on it

As we come to a close for the semester, it is important to consider your progress over the past few months. What have we really learned here and, more importantly, what impact has your presence made on this campus?

I know that this year has been drastically different for me. Not only did I add on the responsibility of managing the newspaper, but I still had to fit in time for homework somewhere. I found this to be my most challenging semester yet—however, I think it has been my most productive.

The newspaper has greatly exceeded my expectations thus far, but that doesn't mean we are



done. My goal was to bring NNU a newspaper that would provide the campus with relevant news and reflect the things that make our community unique. We

have attempted to do just that by representing a wider variety of opinions and departments on campus.

From the feedback I have received this semester, we are well on our way to accomplishing this goal.

However, I feel the most challenging part is still yet to come. With the expectation of being a weekly paper all of next semester, the bar is set even higher and I don't intend to disappoint. I always tell people that "as long as we are improving, I am doing my job." I am asking for some accountability—if you don't feel like the newspaper is

improving on a consistent basis, call me on it.

Student fees pay for the publication of the newspaper, therefore my target audience is students (even though faculty and staff read it as well). I highly encourage the student population to take an interest in where their money is going, and one way to do that is to keep up on things your money goes towards, such as the newspaper.

I would say we have made tremendous progress this semester in shaping the newspaper into something that reflects our community.

I am honored that I could be a part of this process.

My plea here is simple—hold us accountable to representing our school accurately and delivering the things you want to read. I am looking forward to the break where we can all go home and feel refreshed. I will be taking this time to reflect on where the newspaper is going and return in January with new ways to direct us towards our goal. Have a safe holiday with your families and know you can count on *The Crusader* to be around when you return.

Guest Column

## Ron Paul pushes ahead despite media biases

by TREVAN HAUCK

Ron Paul has been the underdog candidate since he entered the Republican presidential nomination race. However, despite the fact that many across the nation had never heard of this House Representative from Texas, and the fact that the media has overwhelming disdain for Paul and limits his coverage, he has been able to gain the largest online following of all Republican candidates. On November 5, Paul raised more money online in a twenty-four hour period (over \$4 million) than any other candidate in history. He is also only \$1.5 million away from reaching \$12 million in three months; this is an amazing feat for any candidate, let alone one

who has been consistently avoided by most major news corporations.

Paul promotes what has been called a libertarian style of politics though he is really practicing a return to the traditional Republican platform. Paul stands for keeping the central government out of our homes and lives. He advocates giving the states more power so citizens can vote on what laws they wish to have in their own communities. He stands for reducing free trade agreements that threaten our nation. We are outsourcing and importing at an alarming rate. This should concern us in that with the trade policies we have now jobs for the low

educated middle class will continue to decline thus putting more strain on our social spending.

Paul stands for life. He is the rare individual that opposes abortion and the death penalty. As a Christian, it is difficult to say one life is more valuable as the next. God creates us all equally. To have a presidential candidate that upholds life at both ends is invaluable.

Ron Paul is exactly what his campaign slogan states "Hope for America". We need to restore ourselves as a respectable nation that does not succumb to the pressures of the world that leads us to engage in global ventures that throw away our resources. We

are a nation that leads the world in international affairs through dialog and reasoning. Washington and Jefferson warned against getting involved in the affairs of other nations. Do not confuse preserving our sovereignty, resources and authority with isolationism. Isolationism entails relying solely upon ourselves and cutting off the rest of the world, Paul's foreign policy calls for engaged nations and global issues through communication not force. As Paul has stated at every debate "We would not allow such intervention here, why do we engage in it there?"

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### Letters

I do not know how many times I have heard people talking about the verses "Wives submit to your husbands." I am frustrated to hear only that part, and not hear the proceeding verse in Ephesians 5:21-- "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." So we are all called to submission in love. John 15:13 states, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." I am going to marry my best friend, and there is no greater love to show him than laying my life down for him. Laying my life down for him does not just mean that I would die for him, but that I would die to myself, my selfish ambitions, selfish desires or silly wants, and put him before myself

(submission).

The Bible does not say that husbands are the bosses of their wives. The family does suffer when the roles are "played" that way. Living in a way that a husband is superior to his wife is living the way the world lives. Women are pushed around, used, abused, disrespected, and trampled on. Women are property to people "of the world." Aren't we conforming to the "world" when men treat their wives as only a helper and a second class citizen? There is nothing Godly in that. It is self serving and self satisfying for a man to be the "boss" over a woman. God does teach submission, a huge Christian goal is submission. Presenting only that women

should submit to their husbands, is twisting the theology and desired interpretation that God wants us to understand, and when you only preach "wives submit to your husbands" and not say that we are all called to submit to one another, God's Word is not examined honestly.

Klarey Collins  
Junior

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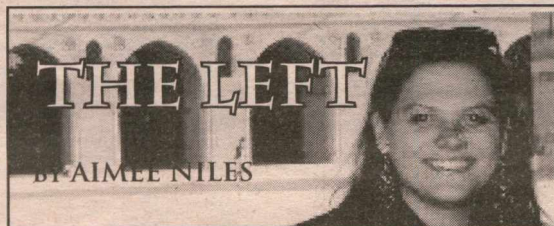
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# Should civilians own assault rifles?

## Advanced firepower is unnecessary

I just don't see how a fully automatic rifle is necessary in civilian life. Frankly, I'm not too big a fan of automatic rifles



in others walks of life either—however, in the military sense, I see how they are useful. But, Johnny Gunslinger does not need his own assault rifle. Assault rifles are dangerous and legislation that bans civilians from owning them—even legally—should be passed.

Automatic assault rifles—such as the AK-47 or the M-16—are designed for military use. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, assault rifles are operated by “using either propellant gases or blowback forces generated by a fired round to force back the bolt, eject the spent cartridge case, and cock the firing mechanism. A spring then pushes the bolt forward as a fresh cartridge is fed into the chamber, and the gun is fired again.” Or, you pull the trigger and all hell breaks loose.

True, law abiding citizens are the ones who use the legal course of action to gain these firearms, yet is there truly a reason for it? Unless you're planning an assault on Capitol Hill or shooting the bejeezus out of a deer, why do you need that kind of firepower?

Criminals are the ones we need to worry about with guns—true. But people who have already committed crimes will get these guns illegally if they want them.

And isn't it possible that someone who has responsibly gained these kind of weapons legally could snap and commit horrible crimes

with these weapons? Why even take the chance?

Sure, automatic weapons are fun to shoot. You know what else is fun to shoot? Heroin, yet that's

illegal and we don't boo-hoo over



Comparison between two common assault rifles (Image by wikicommons).

stopping people from doing that.

I'm not saying that drugs and guns are the same thing; I'm saying I fail to see why recreational use is an appropriate use of this kind of excessive fire power.

Banning assault rifles isn't infringing upon the right to bear arms; it's protecting American society from dangerous firearms. The second amendment was included in the Bill of Rights to protect the American people; this is the intent that we must remember when legislating unnecessary guns and firepower.

## Lawful ownership is a constitutional right

Almost every time harsher gun laws are implemented, crime goes up. This isn't right wing propaganda, these are actual studies. Mess with the citizens' guns and the criminals get bolder. The assault rifle issue is one more aspect of the gun control mess. I agree that criminals with automatic weapons are bad, but most of these criminals are not going through the

one will hunt elk with an M-16 or ducks with an Uzi. These guns are not for hunting, but they do have a purpose.



Anyone who has ever fired an assault rifle or a submachine gun will tell you they are incredibly fun to shoot. A day at the firing range with a pistol and a rifle is fun, but a day at the range with an AK-47 and a MP-5 is an event that will be remembered for many years to come.

Irresponsible gun owners are not going to own an assault rifle. A good assault rifle can cost thousands of dollars and the license and background check for an automatic rifle will cost even more. For the most part, ammo for these particular calibers can be hard to find and expensive, further adding to the cost. They are not going to fall into the hands of poor gangbangers and the criminals who could afford one will obtain it through cheaper, probably illegal, means.

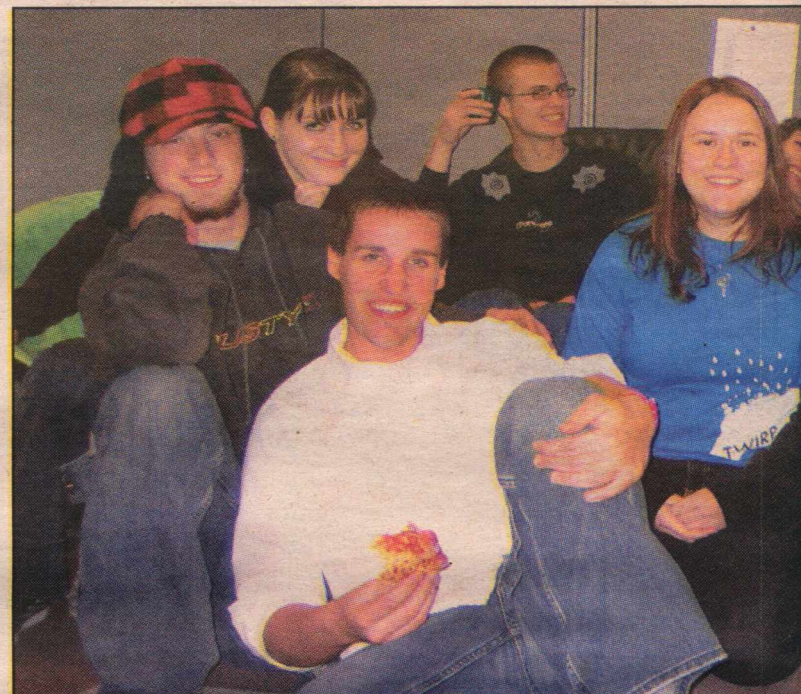
The assault rifle ban is just another violation of our right to bear arms. By all means, restrict access, make it so irresponsible or criminal buyers can't get a hold of the guns, but don't take the guns out of good hands. Make it so the outlaws aren't the only ones with guns.

background check and paying for their automatic weapons license. They are obtaining them illegally, the same way that they will be obtained if assault rifles are banned outright.

When politicians make it illegal to own a specific type of firearm, they are only taking them out of the hands those who are going to use them responsibly. It takes a lot of work and money to get a hold of a semi-auto assault rifle now, let alone a fully-automatic one.

For those that will argue that there is no need for automatic firearms, I would partially agree. No

# Merry Christmas



The staff of *the Crusader* from left to right: T.J. Barr, Rachael Finch, Derek De Rooy, Napier and Amber Ford. Not pictured: Trevan Hauck, Aubrie Scott, Robin McConkey.

## from the staff of

These are a few of our favorite things  
answers to the question, "What do I want for Christmas?"

**Stephanie:**  
"I started swing dancing this last summer, and what I would like for Christmas are some serious swing dancing clothes as well as some shoes with suede soles--those are the best for spinning while dancing."

**Alli:**  
"My perfect gift would be Jack Kerouac's *On The Road: The Original Scroll*. This is the version of Kerouac's novel penned on one huge scroll of paper, cut and pasted together by Kerouac. It contains the actual names of Kerouac's characters and contemporaries, making it, in essence, nonfiction."

**Aimee:** "Get me a goat. Well, actually two. And they're not for me. Mercy Corps has this amazing program that allows you to donate money with which two goats are purchased for a family in a third world country. The goats will provide food and income for that family for years to come. I have what I need. Anything I want isn't necessary. I'd much rather help a family."

**Andrea:** "I would like a loaded gift card to the local hardware/electric supply store so I can buy lots of different kinds of wire. I would then take that wire and over the next couple months twist and shape it into sculptures for my senior show that's coming up spring semester."

**Kyle:** "A PMS book would be the best gift for me. No, not that kind of PMS, you silly people. I'm talking about a Pantone Matching System ink swatch book. It's only the greatest gift a graphic designer could have! Not only does it provide the most accurate color information but it makes you look legit when you have your big ol' swatch book sitting on your designer desk as you chat with your latest client. It's the real deal."

**Amber:**  
"All I really want for Christmas is to go back home and see my family and friends. My only real hope is that I can have a nice, relaxing time full of reading good books to recharge before next semester."

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# Christmas



Bauder, Andrea Hall, Alli Schisler, Aimee Niles, Stephanie Elliott, Tony Andersen and Darby Montgomery. (Photo by Amber Ford)

Trevan:  
"A pancreas  
that works."  
  
Darby:  
"World  
peace."

Rachael:  
"What I  
really want for  
Christmas is for my roommates to  
have a wonderful holiday. These  
girls are some of the hardest  
working people I know,  
and I hope they get to slow  
down, laugh, and to know  
they are loved."

Ian: "I remem-  
ber the first time I saw it.  
It was eleven in the p.m. and I was  
making a food-run at Wal-Mart with my  
roommate. As per our usual Wal-Mart ritual,  
we went to the back of the store to look at the  
movies and video games we can't afford. It was then  
that I saw it: an unassuming microphone resting at the  
demo station next to guitar hero. Intrigued, I picked  
it up and chose my song: "Rocket Man" by Elton  
John. Moments later a small crowd had gathered as  
I hit combo after combo with nothing more than  
the power of my voice. All eyes were on me.  
That's when I knew that Singstar had to  
be mine."

Aubrie:  
"My Christ-  
mas wish has already come true! This  
year I wished for my nine army buddies to return  
from their tours of duty in Iraq in time for Christmas.  
As of last week, all nine had made it back safely, with  
stories, purple hearts and satisfaction that they  
had done their country an incred-  
ible service."

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...s: the staff's serious (or not)  
...you want for Christmas?"

Robin:  
"I would like the  
Cup. I know, the playoffs  
even finish until June. But  
I was in sixth grade, I  
I for the Denver Bron-  
to win the Super  
owl for Christmas,  
and they did. So I  
keep trying ev-  
ery year."

Derek:  
"There's a  
gray NNU  
sweatshirt in  
the student store.  
The killer is this: it's made  
of UnderArmour material! It's  
so cool on the outside,  
but really warm on  
the inside, just like it  
should be. This sweatshirt  
will actually make me start to  
jog religiously, as opposed to some  
other, NOT cool sweatshirts. I look  
good in it, too."

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## 'Roses at Midnight' sparsely attended

By DARBY MONTGOMERY

Although scantily advertised and hurriedly planned, *Roses at Midnight* turned out to be quite an enjoyable evening. Dessert and a movie: the perfect recipe; you can't go wrong.

The event was held this last Saturday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, in the Ferdinand Suite of the Johnson Sports Center.

Upon entering the sports

center, rose petals led the way up the stairs and through the doors to a magically lit hallway of candles, roses and dessert. The suite was darkened and tastefully done in red and black. Rose bouquets adorned the tables and classically romantic, somewhat jazzy love songs played in the background. On the menu were three varieties of cheese cake, and an assortment of fruits and

cookies for the milk chocolate tower. There was also cheese and crackers, for those hungry men-folk who need subsidence every two hours or else. For drinks, there was water or what one can only assume was some sort of punch. It was pink in color, sour lemon in taste, very bad indeed. The desserts were tasty though, and the atmosphere special.

After dessert it was off to the

ever popular and highly classy Nampa dollar theater. Couples could see whatever midnight movie they preferred. Movie choices included *Ratatouille*, *Rush Hour Three*, *The Bourne Ultimatum*, *Good Luck Chuck*, and *Things We Lost in the Fire*. Thanks goes out to the junior class council who planned *Roses at Midnight*. Turnout may have been low, but those that went had fun.

## 'NNU Idol' short and sweet: 'no one wanted to sign up'

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other's health problems, the performances and generally mocked everyone they could. They also lead a rousing Christmas sing-a-long while the crowd waited for the votes to be counted.

Hauck said that their impromptu performance was mostly inspired by "our health problems." Napier said that his ideas for the show came from "our gargantuan brains, and the Barney bag."

The event was not as well received as last year due to the hastily put-together feel of the evening. The two hosts were recruited for the event only minutes before the show was supposed to start. "I walked in the door, and then I knew," said Napier. Junior Amy

Bloomquist echoed the sentiment of the majority of the crowd when she said that "It was really short."

The man in charge of the event was Student Center Director Jeff Shaw. Shaw said that he thought the event "went alright, despite the fact that no one wanted to sign up." He blamed the lack of participation on the timing, saying that "It's a student event late in the semester."

Hauck seemed to enjoy the event. He said that he thought "the returning acts were better than last year." He specifically mentioned Joffer/Sevier and Begin. Hauck said that "last year she was wearing all red, and this year she is wearing all black." He also added that he thinks "she will be wearing all white next year."



Jared Joffer and Logan Sevier performing "Hero" during NNU Idol. Their act was one of the returning acts from last year's Idol (photo by Amber Ford).

## Give the gift of reading this Christmas

by RACHAEL FINCH

For the twelfth year, NNU



will be participating in Operation Wish Book, providing children all over Canyon County with new books.

Professor Kevin Dennis has volunteered to collect books and financial donations from NNU and other areas in Canyon County for the past twelve years. Operation Wish Book is a program that collects new books to distribute to children of all ages, through the Salvation Army, said Dennis.

Since recipients of the books include children of all ages, all kinds of books are needed, said Dennis, but there is a particular need for baby board books

and books written in Spanish.

Collection boxes can be found in the bookstore, Riley library, the English office, the administration building, and other locations on campus. The bookstore also offers a discount on books purchased for this program, said Dennis. Financial donations can also be made at the bookstore, or through Dennis by way of campus mail, said Dennis. All checks should be made payable to Operation Wish Book. All donations will be accepted through the end of finals week.

Dennis encourages students and faculty to get involved in

this program.

"Most of us, teachers and students alike have been privileged with literacy, but there is a huge literacy problem in Canyon County," said Dennis. "For the price of a latte, you could give a book."

## Procrastination party provides finals relief

by STEPHANIE ELLIOTT

It's finals time again, and the SGA is putting on its annual Procrastination Party on Saturday, December 8, from 8-10 p.m. This year they're bringing in Santa Claus and one of his elves for holiday pictures and he'll be handing out candy canes to everyone.

There will be lots of opportunities for creative expression to get away from all those highly structured projects and papers that you're finishing up for the last week of classes. In the Dex, during the procrastination party you can make ice cream snowmen.

In the Perk and other areas of the Student Center, you can decorate Christmas ornaments or Christmas cards. The decorated ornaments will go on a tree that will be in the Student Center, or you can take them home with you and decorate your own trees. As for the Christmas cards, you can make a card to be taken to a resident at a local nursing home, or you can send them to your own friends and family.

The best part of this party is that it's free to everyone. So come take a break from studying and have a little Christmas fun at the Procrastination Party this Saturday.

### Student Life Events

**Wednesday, December 5**  
 9:00 p.m.: Time Out with  
 10:00 p.m.: WNL featuring Upon Beauty  
 Rests with Seat Belt Tragedy (in the Perk)

**Friday, December 7**  
 10:20 a.m.: Chapel Christmas Carol Sing  
 (bring your keys to jingle!)

**Saturday, December 8**  
 8:00 p.m.: SGA Procrastination Party

**Wednesday, December 12**  
 9:00 p.m.: Time Out with  
 10:00 p.m.: WNL featuring Cavalier,  
 Bank and Don't Tell Sophie (in the Perk)

# Women improve to 4-1 against Whitman

by DEREK DE ROOY

NNU's team effort, including four Crusaders scoring in double figures, beat Whitman by a score of 68-56 on Saturday, improving their record to 4-1.

Krista Oliver led the lady Saders in scoring, with 11, while Jennifer Williams,

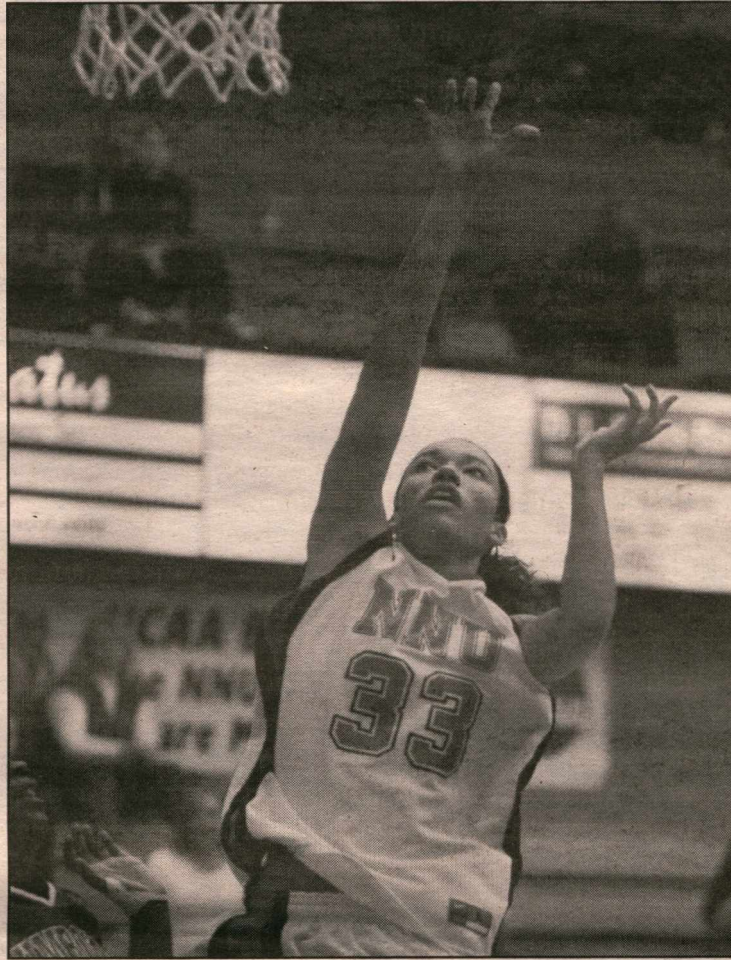
Brittney Roggenkamp, and Nikki Schutte each pitched in with 10. Whitman sophomore Michelle Krall scored a game-high 20 points, and fellow Missionaries Hilary White and Kelsey Drumdieck had 14 and 12, respectively.

The Crusaders jumped out to a 10 point lead 8 minutes into the game, 15-5, thanks to hot hands from everyone, but the shooting went cold for NNU after that. They would only score another nine points in the half, while Whitman was allowed to slowly claw their way back within two.

In the second half, however, the Missionaries' touch went away, as NNU steadily pulled away. Simply, the Crusaders started making 3-pointers. Lots of them. Mallory Whipple made one, Oliver made two, and Katy Sullivan then made three. NNU made 6 of 10 3-point attempts in the second half, following a dreary 0-for-7 first half.

The Missionaries would never be close again, and eventually started sending the Crusaders to the line. NNU would make 12-of-14 free throws in the second half, punishing Whitman. Guard Mallory Whipple, who finished with 8 points and 7 assists, would make 5-of-6 down the stretch herself.

Both teams were aggressive in getting to the line, and both



Forward Jennifer Williams puts up an easy two against Whitman (photo by Jenn Hush).

shot well. Whitman did manage to outshoot NNU, as the Crusaders only made 34 percent of their field goals in the game.

The real difference in the game was rebounding, though, as NNU hustled for 44 to Whitman's 28. What's more, 23 of NNU's 44 rebounds were

on the offensive end. Crusader Kristin Hein had a game-high 10 rebounds, while reserve Lindsay Brady added 7 boards of her own and Jennifer Williams grabbed 6.

The Crusaders are now 4-1 in non-conference games, and will host Cascade College tomorrow night at 7.

## Crusaders break four records at first track meet

by DARBY MONTGOMERY

NNU's track team is starting the season strong, breaking four school records at the first meet of the indoor track season at the Jackson Open last Saturday. NNU competed against Portland State and Boise State, as well as various other unattached athletes who paid to compete.

Junior Josh Grewe broke his own school record in the heptathlon, scoring 4,139 points. Heptathlon athletes compete in seven events, including the 60 meters, long jump, shot put, high jump, 60 meter hurdles, pole vault, and 1000 meters.

A heptathlon's scores are combined at the end, meaning that the athlete doesn't have to be the best or fastest at everything but they have to be good at everything from throwing events to sprinting.

Freshman LaToya Tidwell broke Assistant Coach Bekah Bowman's 60m school record of 8.25 with a time of 8.07 seconds.

Senior team captain Zach Barclay broke the men's shot put record with a 14.51m distance and the weight throw with a 15.47m distance.

Although not breaking a school record, sophomore Mitch Ward was fast enough to secure first in the 300m dash with a time of 1:05.62.

Kevin Lambert led all NNU competitors with a fifth place finish in the 3000m run, 8:55.52.

Women's track also competed well, with senior Amy Carroll finishing fifth in the shot put with a throw of 12.08m. Freshman Shayna Shute finished ninth at 11.09m.

In the 1000m distance race, NNU's Jaelyn Puga clocked in at 3:02.25, good for fifth place, while teammate Elisa Decker was only seven seconds back in ninth place, at 3:09.35.

Indoor track is a warm-up for the spring season. The next indoor track competition, the Blue and Orange Classic, will take place on Jan. 26 2008, at the Idaho Center.



Forward Brittney Roggenkamp takes a jumper (photo by Jenn Hush).

# Gielow named GNAC Player of the Week

by DEREK DE ROOY

NNU's Kendall Gielow was voted Great Northwest Athletic Conference basketball Player of the Week for the week ending Dec. 1.

Gielow (F, 6-7, Medford, OR) scored 33 points, grabbed 11 rebounds, and dished out six assists in two games, as NNU won the Shilo Inn & Suites Classic title. NNU defeated Colorado Christian University and The

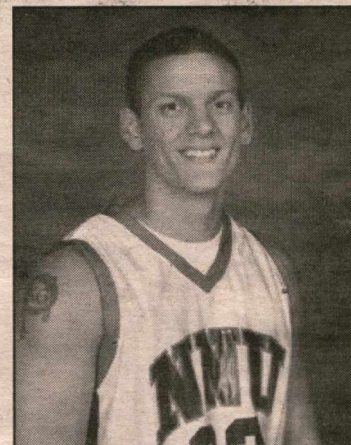
Colorado School of Mines, both members of the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (NCAA Div. II) in the tournament.

In the tournament, Gielow made 13 of 21 field goal attempts, including 3 of 5 from 3-point range. In the tournament opener, against Colorado Christian, Gielow scored 12 points, grabbing 7 rebounds and handing out two assists. Against Colorado School of Mines, Gielow

scored 19 points in only 25 minutes, shooting 8-of-11 from the field.

Gielow leads the 5-0 Crusaders in scoring (15.2 ppg) and rebounding (5 rpg).

The Crusaders will be headed to College of Idaho for the Wendy's Classic Tournament, facing off against Westmont College on Friday and Western Montana on Saturday. Both games begin at 6 p.m.



Gielow leads the Crusaders in scoring and rebounding this season (photo from www.nnusports.com).

# SPORTS\_BOX

## Recent Scores:

Men's Basketball, vs. Colorado Christian, 11/30: W 82-74

Women's Basketball, vs. Whitman College, 12/1: W 68-56

Men's Basketball, vs. Colorado School of Mines, 12/1: W 77-71

## Upcoming Games:

Women's Basketball, vs. Cascade College, 12/6, 7:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball, vs. Westmont College, 12/7, 6:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball, vs. Western Montana, 12/8, 6:00 p.m.

## NCAA Bowl Schedule

We'll have a lot of time to watch football over the break, so we thought we'd let you in on some of the important bowl games:

### Dec. 23

Hawaii Bowl, East Carolina (7-5) vs. Boise State (10-2), 8 p.m.

### Dec. 27

Holiday Bowl, Arizona State (10-2) vs. Texas (9-3), 8 p.m.

### Dec. 31

Sun Bowl, South Florida (9-3) vs. Oregon (8-4), 2 p.m.

### Jan. 1

Cotton Bowl, Missouri (11-2) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 11:30 a.m.

Capital One Bowl, Michigan (8-4) vs. Florida (9-3), 1 p.m.

Rose Bowl, Southern California (10-2) vs. Illinois (9-3), 5 p.m.

Sugar Bowl, Hawaii (12-0) vs. Georgia (10-2), 8:30 p.m.

### Jan. 2

Fiesta Bowl, West Virginia (10-2) vs. Oklahoma (11-2), 8 p.m.

### Jan. 3

Orange Bowl, Kansas (11-1) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2), 8 p.m.

### Jan. 7

BCS Championship, Ohio State (11-1) vs. LSU (11-2), 8 p.m.

## Amid Santana trade rumors, Tigers acquire Cabrera, Willis

by THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

While the Boston Red Sox appeared to be closing in on Johan Santana, an even bigger trade emerged Tuesday at the winter meetings: The Detroit Tigers reached a preliminary agreement to acquire Miguel Cabrera and Dontrelle Willis from the Florida Marlins for a package of six players.

Florida would get left-hander Andrew Miller, outfielder Cameron Maybin and four other prospects, a baseball official with knowledge of the talks said on condition of anonymity because the deal had not yet been finalized.

The players involved must pass physicals for the deal to be completed.

"If it does happen, obviously they're getting two very good players," said Yankees manager Joe Girardi, who managed the Marlins in 2006. "Miguel Cabrera is one of the finest hitters in the game. He can do so many things with a bat, whether you want him to hit a home run for you, you want to hit and run, work the count, get on base. And Dontrelle Willis has been one of the premier lefties in the National League."

Boston, meanwhile, was focused on Santana, the Minnesota Twins' two-time Cy Young Award winner. Finding the price too high, the Yankees ended their efforts to acquire

the 28-year-old left-hander.

Yankees senior vice president Hank Steinbrenner had set a Monday deadline for an agreement with the Twins.

"A deadline is a deadline. It was pretty much done as of this morning," he said. "He's a fine pitcher, but there's a lot of things that go into this. This isn't fantasy baseball."

Boston had offered the Twins packages built either around pitcher Jon Lester or outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury, but not both.

New York had proposed pitcher Phil Hughes and center fielder Melky Cabrera. "To tell you the truth, toward the end, Minnesota negotiated in good faith. They really did," Steinbrenner said. "I have no problem with them."

Twins general manager Bill Smith wouldn't discuss the talks in specific. He also refused to get into whether he was upset with Steinbrenner's repeated public comments about negotiations. When asked about Steinbrenner, Smith responded with praise for Yankees general manager Brian Cashman.

"I have the greatest respect for Brian Cashman. He's a gentleman. He's a classy professional in this game," Smith said. "I don't have any problems with the Yankees. They've been good to the Twins. They've been good to the Twins for a lot of years."

## Crusaders destroy Taekwondo competition

by IAN BAUDER

Sophomore Michael Murray took first place at a Tae-Kwon-Do tournament last Saturday. Sophomore Ryan Donnelly, junior T.J. Barr and senior Ryan Levinger all received awards of their own.

The students were representing the NNU Taekwondo class, which meets Mondays and Thursdays. "I believe the students represented our school very well," said instructor Rick Holloway, adding that: "They always do."

Murray took first place in

the "forms" competition, in which competitors memorize complex series of techniques, simulating an actual fight with multiple opponents. Donnelly took second in sparring, a non-contact fight against another competitor. Barr also second in sparring, as well as second in the breaking competition, breaking two boards with a hook-kick.

This is the third tournament that the class has participated in, the other two being the state tournaments which happens every year in March. Holloway said that the first year

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Helpenstell leading the teams, shooting 5-for-5 in field goals and 2-for-2 in free throws, for a total of 12 points. Sophomore Kendall Gielow followed behind with 3-for-3 field goals, but stepped up in the second half of the game, scoring 13 points for a team-high of 19. After Gielow in team points was sophomore Tyler Roberts, who scored six in the first half and nine in the second half, totaling out to 15 at the end of the game.

NNU's guards, Justin Parnell and Tyler Roberts, both managed the game beautifully. Both had six assists and only one assist. They punished the Orediggers, making a combined 13 of 14 free throw attempts.

Just above Gielow in game points was Oredigger Kyle Pape, who shot a game-high of 21. Oredigger Ben Mohr followed behind the top two scorers with a game total of 17 points, shooting 6-for-11 in field goals.

The Crusaders, now at 5-0 for the season, will play next at the Wendy's Classic Tournament, hosted by the College of Idaho in Caldwell. They will face Westmont College on Friday and Western Montana on Saturday.

the class went to a tournament, they sent six students and returned with nine trophies.

The NNU Taekwondo class has been meeting for three years. Holloway said that the best part of the class is that "Anyone can do it," and that the class is a confidence booster to those with little athletic ability. "The people who take the class find out they can do more than they thought they could."

Anyone interested in the class or those interested in Taekwondo can contact Rick Holloway at rllholloway@nnu.edu.

## Pass me "D-Rock" - A Heisman winner?

by DEREK DE ROOY

We'll have a Heisman trophy awarded on Saturday. Saturday! How did I miss this?

With the list of candidates shrinking, here's how things are shaking up:

**Tim Tebow, QB, Florida** -- Tebow is still in the lead of the race, despite breaking his non-throwing arm in Florida's win over Western Kentucky. He has over 3,100 yards, has completed 68 percent of his passes, and only has six interceptions on the year. Unfortunately, Florida has lost three games this year, against LSU, Auburn, and Georgia.

Tebow makes a real



Tim Tebow looks to to be this year's Heisman winner (photo courtesy of AP).

difference with his feet. Though he's no Michael Vick, he has been very involved as a runner, collecting over 800 yards and an amazing 22 touchdowns.

**Chase Daniel, QB, Missouri** -- Daniel has led Mizzou to a great year, with their first loss coming this past weekend against Oklahoma. Where Tebow has been a great double-threat quarterback, Daniel is a pure pocket passer. He has thrown for 33 touchdowns and only 10 interceptions, despite running the majority of the offense (534 attempts in 2007). He has also completed 69 percent of his passes, more than Tebow, and it all adds up to 4,100 yards and a trip to the Cotton Bowl.

**Darren McFadden, RB, Arkansas** -- Arguably the best college back out there this year, McFadden has had some amazing games. He ran for 321 yards against South Carolina, and 195 in Alabama. He's got over 1,700 yards, 15 touchdowns, and is averaging 5.8 yards/carry.

But he hasn't been unstoppable, as his 43-yard game against Auburn testifies. Against Florida Atlantic, McFadden averaged only 3.2 yards/carry. Lastly, McFadden isn't much

of a receiving threat.

**Pat White, QB, West Virginia** -- White has led Western Virginia, a preseason favorite and one of this season's most hyped teams. They still had a chance at the national championship until their loss to Pitt this past Saturday. But White has played well, completing 68 percent of his passes and running for almost 1,200 yards and 14 touchdowns.

White hasn't passed enough to win the Heisman (1,500 yards, 12 touchdowns).

**Colt Brennan, QB, Hawaii** -- Brennan has had a spectacular career at Hawaii, and the Warriors have gone undefeated this year, albeit against a very weak schedule. He's thrown for 38 touchdowns and 14 interceptions this year, and completed a whopping 71 percent of his passes. He also ran for 8 touchdowns.

**Verdict** -- If Oregon's Dennis Dixon hadn't been hurt, he would be in the hunt for the Heisman, too. But I have to give this year's Heisman to Tebow. He's had the best statistical year of anyone, putting up big numbers both in the air and on the ground.

## NBA News bytes

by the ASSOCIATED PRESS and DEREK DE ROOY

The 65-year-old Sloan is fourth on the NBA's career wins list.

### Duncan not expected to be sidelined long

**SAN ANTONIO** - Tim Duncan most likely will miss no more than a few games after injuring his ankle and knee. The San Antonio Spurs star was hurt against Portland on Sunday, and the team said his MRI came back negative Monday.

He has a sprained right ankle and will miss Wednesday's game against Dallas, Spurs spokesman Tom James said. The injury will be reassessed this week, and Duncan probably will return in the next few games.

Duncan, a two-time NBA MVP, is averaging 17.6 points and 8.9 rebounds this season.

### Jazz add a year to Sloan's deal

**SALT LAKE** - The Utah Jazz have reached an agreement with Jerry Sloan on a 1-year extension that keeps him under contract through 2008-2009.

Sloan has been coaching the Jazz since 1988, reaching the NBA Finals twice and winning six division titles. Following Monday's win over Miami, he needs just 46 victories to become the first coach in league history to win 1,000 games with the same franchise.

### Bobcats sign Varejao to offer sheet

**CHARLOTTE** - In need of a big man, the Charlotte Bobcats reached agreement Tuesday on a three-year offer sheet with Cleveland restricted free agent Anderson Varejao, giving the Cavaliers a week to match the deal or lose him.

The deal is for the Bobcats' midlevel salary cap exception, worth just over \$17 million.

The 6-foot-10 Varejao has been in a prolonged contract dispute with the Cavaliers, which has kept him sidelined this season. He said last week that he would prefer to play for another team.

The 25-year-old Varejao averaged a career-best 6.8 points and 6.7 rebounds last season in helping the Cavaliers reach the NBA finals for the first time.

Before training camp opened, Varejao turned down Cleveland's one-year, \$1.2 million qualifying offer.

The Bobcats, with 15 guaranteed contracts, would have to release a player to add Varejao if the Cavaliers don't match the offer.

### AFC

| East        | W  | L  | T | Pct   | PF  | PA  |
|-------------|----|----|---|-------|-----|-----|
| New England | 12 | 0  | 0 | 1.000 | 469 | 209 |
| Buffalo     | 6  | 6  | 0 | .500  | 167 | 274 |
| N.Y. Jets   | 3  | 9  | 0 | .250  | 181 | 291 |
| Miami       | 0  | 12 | 0 | .000  | 183 | 317 |

| South        | W  | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|--------------|----|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Indianapolis | 10 | 2 | 0 | .833 | 309 | 197 |
| Jacksonville | 8  | 4 | 0 | .667 | 243 | 223 |
| Tennessee    | 7  | 5 | 0 | .583 | 204 | 241 |
| Houston      | 5  | 7 | 0 | .417 | 243 | 291 |

| North      | W | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Pittsburgh | 9 | 3 | 0 | .750 | 272 | 155 |
| Cleveland  | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 315 | 338 |
| Cincinnati | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 281 | 316 |
| Baltimore  | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 182 | 270 |

| West        | W | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| San Diego   | 7 | 5 | 0 | .583 | 261 | 233 |
| Denver      | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 221 | 329 |
| Oakland     | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 162 | 260 |
| Kansas City | 4 | 8 | 0 | .333 | 200 | 230 |

### NFC

| East         | W  | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|--------------|----|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Dallas       | 11 | 1 | 0 | .917 | 395 | 248 |
| N.Y. Giants  | 8  | 4 | 0 | .667 | 274 | 257 |
| Washington   | 5  | 7 | 0 | .417 | 229 | 257 |
| Philadelphia | 5  | 7 | 0 | .417 | 258 | 246 |

| South       | W | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|-------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Tampa Bay   | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 241 | 187 |
| Carolina    | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 204 | 257 |
| New Orleans | 5 | 7 | 0 | .417 | 266 | 279 |
| Atlanta     | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 171 | 272 |

| North     | W  | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|-----------|----|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Green Bay | 10 | 2 | 0 | .833 | 323 | 222 |
| Detroit   | 6  | 6 | 0 | .500 | 267 | 311 |
| Minnesota | 6  | 6 | 0 | .500 | 278 | 237 |
| Chicago   | 5  | 7 | 0 | .417 | 237 | 272 |

| West          | W | L | T | Pct  | PF  | PA  |
|---------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Seattle       | 8 | 4 | 0 | .667 | 273 | 207 |
| Arizona       | 6 | 6 | 0 | .500 | 281 | 280 |
| San Francisco | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 164 | 285 |
| St. Louis     | 3 | 9 | 0 | .250 | 196 | 297 |

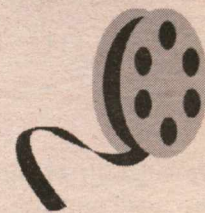


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# Hollywood's rendition of 'Hitman' makes gamers proud



by T.J. BARR

Agent 47 is back, but this time he's not on your console, he's on the big screen. Most gamers know the agony of watching a game based movie, the horror that Hollywood submits the gamer community to by taking something pure and great and then putting Angelina Jolie in it (*Tomb Raider*) or by destroying the canon established by a long series of successful games (*Resident Evil: Apocalypse*).

Very rarely does a game based movie get it right, with *Silent Hill* and *Resident Evil* being two of the exceptions. Going into *Hitman*, I had low expectations. Needless to say, I was pleasantly surprised. Not only did the movie rock, but it stuck to game canon very well.

The movie has very few inconsistencies with the game, and it never goes completely against the game canon. An example of this is the movie never tells you Agent 47 is a genetically engineered clone, something that the games stress, but it never offers you an alternative either. This is great for gamers because it lets those



Agent 47 is played by Timothy Olyphant (photo by www.canmag.com).

who know the information to fill it in instead of screaming "NO!!! THAT'S NOT RIGHT" when the movie makers offer a non-canon alternative.

The character of Agent 47 was converted to the big screen well. Timothy Olyphant played the socially awkward hired killer incredibly well. The movie did something that most game movies fail at; it captured the essence of the main character. Agent 47 in the games is a silent, focused outcast-by-choice that doesn't play well with others. The Agent 47 of the movie is much the same. He doesn't know how to react

to women to the point that he is rude in his awkwardness, leaving conversations abruptly just because he doesn't know what to say next.

The games emphasized planning and knowing the map and the locations of the guards, and the movie took this aspect and rolled with it. Agent 47 is shown preparing for everything, absorbing every detail of the world around him. Attention to detail in the games is key, and the movie made sure to include that.

The storyline of the movie is not based on any of the games, but it doesn't mess

with the continuity of the games. It honestly could fit almost anywhere in between any of the games. This sort of removal from story line is what makes this movie good. *Resident Evil* did the same thing with the first movie and that's what made it good, but the second movie tried to butt into the game's storyline, which messed with the canon. These mistakes bother gamers. Hopefully *Hitman* won't spawn a sequel that tries to impose on

the world of the games.

Any fan of action movies will enjoy this movie, whether or not you are a gamer. While having played the games makes the watching more enjoyable, it is still a fun, intense movie to watch and knowledge of the game world is not necessary to enjoy it. This is a movie action fans should see, game fans should see, and I recommend seeing it in theaters. If all else fails, see it in the dollar theater or rent it.



Hitman the movie is based on the games (photo by www.digitalbattle.com).

## NNU choirs put on Christmas dessert theater

by ALLI SCHISLER

This year, the Christmas Dessert Theatre, sponsored by the music department will take place this Friday and Saturday night.

Dr. Swanson says, "It will be a fun, relaxed evening of a wide variety of Christmas music."

The Christmas Dessert Theatre has been a tradition of the music department for about ten years, says Dr. Barry Swanson, the head of the music department and director of Crusader Choir.

Though in previous years the Dessert Theatre has featured only Crusader Choir, this year

Bella Voce, Crusader Choir and Northwesterners will each perform two songs, "including a great jazz version of 'Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas' by the NW's jazz combo" says Dr. Swanson.

And student Scott King has written a version of "Silent Night" for string ensemble with piano. It will be premiered at this event.

The Dessert Theatre is one of the many fundraisers the Crusader Choir is participating in to raise money for its trip to Europe in May. The Choir is going to the British Isles for thirteen days,

though some students are staying even longer. Dr. Swanson says the choir is raising \$20,000 for the trip. Individual choir members are selling tickets to sponsor their trips.

Dr. Swanson says, "Those who come can expect good coffee and pie, a warm Christmas atmosphere, and beautiful music of the Christmas season."

The Dessert Theatre begins at 7:00 pm in the Brandt Center lobby.

Tickets at \$8 and can be purchased from the music department or a choir member.

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# 'Awake' keeps audiences on the edge of their seats

By DARBY MONTGOMERY

Intense, heart clutching, psychological drama/thriller, that's what the new movie *Awake* meant for me. *Awake*, written and directed by Joby Harold received a 7.5/10.

Starring Hayden Christensen, Jessica Alba and Terrence Howard, this movie breaks ground on its story line. It's not the average drama with bang bang shoot-'em up, or the passionate love crap, it's a thinker. But, one doesn't have to think too hard because of the many, not so subtle hints that lead you through the twists.

The movie begins with a statistic, "Every year, 1 in 700 people wake up during surgery." This waking up is called anesthetic awareness, where the person is completely paralyzed but completely aware, "awake", they can feel the pain of the knife slicing through their flesh. This is what Christensen's character experiences while he is on the table for a heart transplant.

*Awake* is a mix between a thriller and a drama. On the one hand, you've got Christensen and Alba's characters in love, on the other, a murder in the making. Overall, the movie was very entertaining and interesting. I wasn't bored. The movie made you feel for Christensen's character. First you started to really



Jessica Alba plays Hayden Christensen's love interest in this suspense film. (Picture by www.canmag.com)

like him and then he's down for surgery and you know he's going to experience the pain of the knife, the saw slicing through his sternum, and his chest being cracked open, without relief. Although I felt and cringed for the characters, I felt the pain was played down. Can you even be awake with that much pain? Christensen's character showed moderate pain most of the time. I'm pretty sure he would have

passed out, but then where would we be? The whole movie would be shot. New Title: "Awake, for a second."

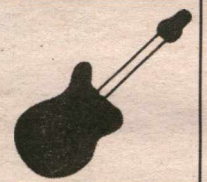
In addition, the producer had too little faith in the viewers, shown by the ridiculously obvious and leading clues throughout the movie. I guessed the twist right off; are you supposed to do that? The ending was insufficient as well. There is such a thing as justice and

punishment. People that try to kill you, do kill you, need to be punished and we didn't see much of that.

To sum up, good movie, entertaining and perhaps thought provoking. Being a nursing major, almost a real nurse, I always love a good medical movie. Go see it, maybe not at full price, but when this baby hits the dollar theater, be there for this heart-stopping film.

## Band Profile

by RACHAEL FINCH



Band: Wicked Tinkers  
Genre: Folk/rock  
Tagline: "Tribal Celtic bagpipes, drums, didgeridoos & bronze age Irish horn." (From wickedtinkers.com)

Members:  
Aaron Shaw—Highland Bagpipes  
Keith Jones—Drums and Percussion  
Warren Patrick Casey—Tapan and Bodhran  
Jay Atwood—Didgeridoo and Bronze-Age Irish Horn  
Hometown: Glendale, California  
Year Formed: 1995

Available recordings: *Whisky Supper, Banger for Breakfast, Loud, Hammered, Wicked Tinkers.*

For fans of: This band is unlike any other, and though this is not by any means a fair comparison, fans of Flogging Molly and The Dropkick Murphys will probably like them.

For more information visit: [www.wickedtinkers.com](http://www.wickedtinkers.com)  
<http://www.myspace.com/wickedtinkersmusic>

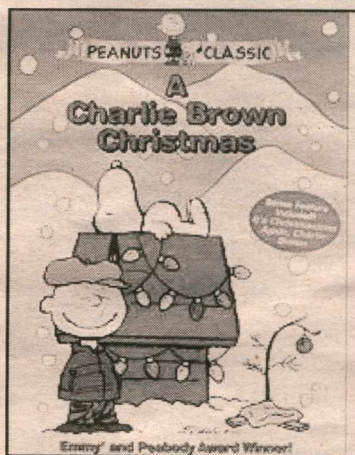
## Must see Christmas movies

Classic and modern Christmas favorites

by RACHAEL FINCH

Itching for a Christmas movie marathon, but don't know where to start? This can be a dangerous venture. Christmas movies abound, but who has the time or the desire to sift through them all just to find the few gems? Don't do all the sifting alone. Here's a list of ten quality Christmas movies. So sit back relax, and give these classic characters and modern marvels a try.

1. *A Charlie Brown Christmas*
2. *A Christmas Carol*
3. *A Christmas Story*
4. *Home Alone*
5. *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (animated version)
6. *It's a Wonderful Life*
7. *Miracle On 34<sup>th</sup> Street*
8. *The Muppet Christmas Carol*
9. *The Nightmare Before Christmas*
10. *White Christmas*



A Charlie Brown Christmas is a short flick. (photo by www.listal.com)

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|------------|------------------|------------------|
| Dec. 12    | The Big Easy     | Ky-Mani Marley   |
| Dec. 14-16 | The Idaho Center | Nutcracker       |
| Dec. 18    | Civic Center     | Babes in Toyland |
| Dec. 19    | The Big Easy     | en'er-je         |
| Dec. 28    | The Big Easy     | Wu-Tang Clan     |

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