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ARMY CHARGES ALLEGED FORT HOOD SHOOTER

The Army charged MB. Nidal Hasan with 12 counts of attempted premeditated murder on Wednesday for the Nov. 5 shooting in Fort Hood, Texas. The 13 counts included the 30 soldiers and two police officers that were wounded during the shooting. Hasan attorneys noted that he is not sure if the new charges will affect his punishment because if convicted, the premeditated murder charges will carry the death penalty.

PRESIDENT OBAMA PRESENTS AFGHANISTAN PLAN

President Obama announced Tuesday night that he will order 30,000 troops to be sent to Afghanistan to stimulate military efforts. Obama also announced a June 30, 2011 deadline for all American troops out of Afghanistan and security transfers in the 60% of the country.

President Obama unveiled a three-part strategy for stabilization of the region. He said that it will boost military effort, improve combat conditions and conditions in the country. The president increased his plans for a more concentrated effort in Afghanistan and rejected a bill to withdraw troops.

NEW YORK LEGISLATORS VETO GAY MARRIAGE BILL

The Senate passed its gay marriage bill, 32-30, in New York, which gives the state the authority to grant gay couples legal marriages. Advocates of the bill said that the economy is gaining momentum for sending more troops, saying that it was necessary.

SURVEY SHOWS ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS INCREASING

A Federal Reserve survey showed "considerable activity" last Wednesday that the U.S. economy, recovery is getting traction. The survey showed that new orders increased at a minimum rate for the first time since November.

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WINTER WONDERLAND — Liberty University students utilized the Snowflex during the snow storms that visited the region on Saturday. The Snowflex is made to mimic the feel and grip of snow, but when real snow falls, it does not compromise the effectiveness of the slope.

Amanda Bullock reports that the Liberty student said, "This year's Coffeehouse is different than what we've had in previous years. We have a new set of rules and regulations, and we are focusing on being more inclusive.

Coffeehouse comes to town

Lotz pleads 'get off our backs'

Lotz has been a vocal supporter of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and has been critical of gun control measures. He is known for his strong opposition to any attempts to restrict gun rights. In a recent interview, Lotz said, "We need to give the NRA the support they need to continue their efforts to protect our Second Amendment rights."

Lotz said that the NRA has been a strong ally in his efforts to promote gun rights and that he is committed to defending the Second Amendment. He added, "I believe in the right to bear arms and I will continue to fight for that right as long as I am able to do so."

For anyone who was fortunate enough to miss out on our wine fest during the fall, students are excited to rise next month. Such a resurgence of the wine festival could catch many off guard. Fortunately for Liberty students, HIN1 vaccinations are now available for free through Light Medical.

Liberty has announced on its splash page that the H1N1 vaccine is available in stock and is available to all students and staff with chronic health problems such as asthma and chronic respiratory disease, according to Liberty University."
FLYING HIGH: Aeronautics patch reaches final frontier

Matthew Colen

The NASA shuttle Atlantis began its right-side-up sail Monday on its final mission.

Liberty student receives award

Senior Christopher Wong was select-ed as a recipient of the Outstanding Lib-erty Foundation, 2010 Most Promi-

sistency Award. He will be honored on Feb. 24 at the New York Athletic Club in New York City. Wong will also be fea-
tured in Advertising Age, USA Today and New York Times.

Reverend William A. Campbell, the university's president, has earned the title of "Father of Liberty University." He has served the university for 34 years and has been instrumental in its growth and development.

Call for information

The Liberty University Police Depart-
ment is offering a $1,000 award for anyone who has information that leads to the arrest of the person or per-
sons who crashed the car into the Snowflex parking lot on Nov. 22 between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. Anyone with information needs to contact the LPD at (434) 847-7676 or libulpd@gmail.com.

Health care debate on campus

College Democrats, College Repub-
licans and College Libertarians will be having a debate Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. in Dinklesheim 1110 on the health care bill recently passed by the House of Representatives. The public is welcome to attend the debate and discuss the issues in a safe, respectful environment.

Health care debate on campus continued

The debate was well attended, with over 100 students and faculty members in attendance. The discussion was open and lively, with many students sharing their thoughts and opinions on the healthcare bill.

FLU continued

Larson said that this is an important time for students to take advantage of the immunization effort, especially if a student mammal has been diagnosed with the flu. "If a student is sick and cannot attend class, they should immediately contact their healthcare provider," Larson said. "In order to prevent the spread of the flu, all students are encouraged to get vaccinated."
Anne Graham Lotz on women in ministry

Basically, after the resurrection, when Peter and John met the empty tomb, and they thought that He was still there but they couldn't find Him, He told them, ‘If you find me, you will not see any human body.’ Lotz said. The women were told to do that.

For women, it is all about faith. It is not about being a teacher. It is about knowing God and being a close friend to Him.

Lotz believes that women can be called to preach, but they need to be prepared and trained. She encourages women to study the Bible and to become knowledgeable about their faith.

Lotz is the daughter of Billy Graham and the founder of Lausanne Movement. She is known for her ministry to women and for her passion for evangelism.

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Santa fights off the swine flu

Tim Mattingly

Seventy-five children are set to clash this Christmas with Ken Kringle in a deadly holiday struggle. In this conflict, Santa's obesity puts him at greater risk to the swine flu, according to Santa America News. "Santas out there, be on your guard," warns Santa America News. "We have even revoked their manly right of bringing home for fear that they will pick a less-than-perfect tree. They would rather have the cold and pull a Griswold family-type expedition."

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The Climate-Gate conspiracy

What began as a simple virtual burglary last month in Britain has evolved into a political crisis that has divided academics and political leaders. The Climate Research Unit at the University of East Anglia (CRU) of East Anglia was hacked and more than a thousand e-mails and other documents were removed and distributed, many of which contained evidence of scientific misconduct. The documents include e-mails from senior scientists who were attempting to conceal the existence of global warming. The following is an excerpt from the files, written by CRU research team.

"The documents in question contained numerous accounts of scientific misconduct and scientific consensus. The scientists who did not conform to the widely popular view in the climate community are no longer subject to, or cited papers in, this consensus. According to the Wall Street Journal, however, pushing forward this global warming theory has gained scientific consensus, according to the Wall Street Journal. However, pushing forward this global warming theory has gained scientific consensus, according to the Wall Street Journal. As a result, the scientists who are no longer subject to, or cited papers in, this consensus are no longer subject to, or cited papers in, this consensus. The trend is likely to continue."
The body of Cassandra Morton was found by a Liberty student near Camp Hydaway Road.

The Liberty University Police Department (LUPD) helped the Campbell County Police Department during the early stages of the investigation.

"We took the original call and had an officer assisting Campbell County with the recovery of the evidence," LUPD Police Chief Richard Hinkleysaid.

Morton was last seen at 10 p.m., Oct. 10 around the Park Avenue area in Lynchburg, according to WDBJ7.

There was some speculation in the first hours after the discovery that the body could have been Morgan Harrington, a Virginia Tech student who went missing after a Metallica concert Oct. 17. Investigators told the Roanoke Times that they did not believe the body to be Harrington because the clothes did not match what she was last seen wearing.

The News and Advance reported that the land where Morton was found is owned by Liberty University but it does not appear that Morton was killed on campus.

Morton was a mother of two young girls, ages two and three.

"I tell you it’s going to be a long time before we get over it. I tell you, she is really missed, I cry every day, all day long," Morton’s grandmother Grade Morton said. "I tried to get her to go with me home and stay with me and get her off these streets but she wouldn’t go. She wouldn’t go. If she had went with me home, she would have been here today."

The time and date for the memorial service has not been determined, but it will be held at Tree of Life Ministries in Lynchburg.

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BRINGING PEACE — Buddy "Armory" Rushing demonstrates his moves at a Peacemakers’ practice Dec. 4.

BRINGING PEACE TO A FOREIGN LAND — Buddy "Armory" Rushing demonstrates his moves at a Peacemakers’ practice Dec. 4.

"We want each performer to be high quality, but we also have to consider the flow of the show and the fact that we want the show to have variety in the types of acts we showcase," Misiano said. The multicultural group, founded in 2007, said that they use their skills as ministry in competitions around the country. Johnson started B-Boying in California when he was 15, and he tells new Christian partners about his faith.

"B-Boying is rooted in original hip hop and break dance, which is completely different than today’s hip hop," he said. "It’s a way for people to see that performers can defeat the odds physically, according to Johnson.

I like to ask people, "Is there anything you have that was not given to you?" in order for them to understand that God alone can give man the capability to spin on one hand over thirty times or defy the expectations of physical capacity," Johnson said. The team works together and encourages each other during practice and performances.

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International students celebrate Christmas

The newly formed Nations United club held its first International Christmas Banquet Thursday night. Nations United formed to give international students the chance to create relationships and help each other become accustomed to living in America.

The banquet featured a variety of international foods prepared by the students. The international hip-hop team performed, as well as a trio who sang "I Surrender All" in three different languages.

President of Nations United Ali Al-hada said he sparked the club because international students have such a hard time adjusting to living in America for a long period of time, especially during this time of year.

According to Al-hada, most international students stay in America during Christmas break. He attributes this to factors including time, money and transportation. "I think students have to make plans in America for the holidays," Al-hada said.

Some students, like Anna Chakashina from Russia, have family in the U.S. to celebrate Christmas with. "My sister is living in Lynchburg and I am spending Christmas with her, her husband and her husband's family," Chakashina said.

According to Chakashina, in Russia, Christmas is celebrated on Jan. 7. "I will celebrate here Dec. 25 and I think I will also celebrate Jan. 7 with my sister," Chakashina said.

Jennifer Mshamma, who is from Tanzania, also has family in the U.S. and has brought part of her country's celebration to America. "So far we've brought our traditional dances, and we try to teach some people here on campus. We kind of celebrate it in a family way," Mshamma said.

She also said that food is a large part of their celebration, and Al-hada, who lives in Yemen, agrees. "I personally enjoy cooking, and food is one of things that people miss the most," Al-hada said.

Some students like Benyam Abebe from Ethiopia are lucky enough to go home for Christmas. He said that Christmas for his family in Ethiopia is very similar to Christmas in America. "We basically do the Western-style Christmas. We have the tree, the cookies and milk," Abebe said.

No matter where students are from, whether from America or across the world, the one thing that is common between Christmas traditions is family. Al-hada said that one of his reasons for starting the Nations United club was to match students with host families so they can have someone to go during the holidays.

Since most international students stay in America, many are given the opportunity to stay with host families. Al-hada's host family is from Pennsylvania and he will be visiting with them over the break.

"(With host families, students) would say something like, 'I've been in American homes and American people are really nice and kind to us.' So I want them to have the best experience," Al-hada said.

Al-hada said that Nations United needs the help of students and staff to host international students. He said that host families do not have to be in the Lynchburg area. International students can be matched with homes all over as long as transportation is provided. Families interested in hosting or international students wanting more information about Nations United can e-mail nationsunited@liberty.edu.

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Lady Flames rebound against Glenville

Hockey teams lend helping hands

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Christmas Cheer
Downtown Lynchburg is transformed into a winter wonderland

Lady Flames rebound against Glenville

Chris McNair

SPORTS REPORTER

Racing their first red out of the sea- son in the James Madison-Ducks after a 5-0 start and a 2.42 average margins of victory the Lady Flames started cold and cold shooting a sea- son-low 85 percent from the field in their way to a 60-59 loss.

Both teams started their slow and were tied at two different times in the game. The Lady Flames were just 6-11 from the field in the first 10 minutes and committed eight turnovers early on.

Liberty went scoreless for a total of 2:57 while Madison went on an 11-0 run, sparked by Kaia Francisco- s of the Ducks, giving them an early 11-advantage.

A Ducks free-three pointer gave the Ducks a double digit lead of 16:5 at the 11:30 mark.

The Lady Flames' defense is weak and they have to play a perfect game and make correct shots in order to win.

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Lady Flames head coach Craig Green also knew that JMU's back- up was going to be a huge open for us," Bauman said.

The players are excited about what God is going to do in their lives while they're in Russia. The best thing about doing these trips is how God can change people. You get to see lacking, to serve others, but it's often changes the people around you, and just experiencing different cul- tures can have a huge impact," Bauman said.

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Men's basketball winning streak snapped by Coastal

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roots in the Liberty program. There was uncertainty about how the young Flames would play this year, but one thing was for certain: the team would feature its underclassmen. Whether on the sideline or on the court, that makes for one of the youngest teams that Lib-
erty has had in years. Fans may have seen some of the growing pains for this team this past week.

Liberty opened up the doors of the Vines Center to the Big-South playing in a first conference game against Charle-
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"Many of these students will walk into a church after graduation and say that they are not Christians. But the students who volunteered their time to help others in need, however, have shown that they truly do love their neighbor as themselves. They have shown the love of Christ every day.

"It's kind of hard, because I'm not with my family," Chappell said. "I like to help out, do what I can," Chappell said.

"It's important to let kids know that there are people out in the community who care," Smith said. "I like to see people come in and have their faces lit up. It's very rewarding to see that they've been through something really bad."

Liberty Online and Marine reserve students.

"'Christ, the Magi, Della and Jim have one thing in common,' Provost said. "Their gifts were sacrificial. I hope that when audiences come to see this production, they too will be inspired to give sacrificially this year to show love to others,' Provost said.

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Dorms boast brilliant Christmas cheer, joyous ornamentation

Thanksgiving break is over and final exams loom on the academic horizon as Liberty students strive to capture the Christmas spirit at their home away from home.

Main Campus Dorm 2-2 is a brilliant example of the Christmas spirit, literally. Resident Assistants (RA) Alyssa Coronato and Krystal Greene told girls if they hung Christmas lights around the exterior of their door frames, then they would get free room checks. By Wednesday night, 25 percent of the door frames had been lined in lights. Greene said that her previous hall had chosen to hang lights in the hallway instead of inside the room so that they could leave them up year-round. The unforeseen result was that the girls spent more time in the hallway than in their rooms. Greene and Coronato said the effect was "unifying."

"(The lights) make the dorm seem more like home," Greene said.

Mallory Cook, Jennifer Carlson and Amanda Morris of room 219 on Greene and Coronato's hall decided to take the home-like feeling to a new level by turning their air conditioning/heating unit into a fireplace. They took a piece of black paper and taped it to the wall just above the unit and attached yellow and orange streamers. When the unit is turned on, the streamers look like flickering flames.

According to Greene, a few students have been asked to take down their decorations, especially Christmas lights hanging from the ceiling. Starting this semester, such decorations are considered a fire hazard.

Students are welcome to decorate for Christmas but should remember the following, the 'E-Cog,' a weekly announcement newsletter distributed by resident directors, said. "No 'live' trees are permitted in the residence hall. Christmas lights and decorations cannot be hung from the ceiling or attached to ceiling tiles."

Ashley Topping, Tiffany Towne and Jasper-Lynne Sweazey of Dorm 2-2 room 220 are among the many students who have adapted to the rule. Instead of hanging lights from the ceiling itself, they hang the lights around the rim of the ceiling instead.

For students looking to decorate their rooms, they can take a cue from fellow students, or search the Web for great ideas. Examples of good Web sites include squidoo.com, ezinearticles.com and associatedcontent.com.

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Traditions offered pictures with the event will continue Saturday Dec. the Community Market on Main executive director said. Lynch's Landing's Holiday Traditions kicked Hamilton, Lynch's Landing's ready for the holidays," Angela arc Christmassy once again, With a look at the shop windows, they beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go, Take i Tucker, our outstanding lead baker would train them on all of sales. The Jazzman’s Pemoss

Jazzman’s Demoss #1 in the Nationl As supervisors at Jazzman’s student, staff, and faculty were able to raise monetary donations to shelters. Liberty Dining and had a benefit concert as part of their monthly program that Sodexo

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Jazzman’s Demoss #1 in the Nation! A Big “Thank You” for Your Help! Helping Hands Across America is a national program that Sodexo run across the United States to help local shelters. Liberty Dining collected cans and monetary donations to purchase the cans for The Daily Bread shelter downtown Lynchburg. Student Activities partnered with Liberty Dining and had a benefit concert as part of their monthly campus artist series. This year Liberty Dining with the help of the students, staff, and faculty were able to raise 3,354 pounds of food for The Daily Bread Downtown. Liberty Dining will deliver the cans to The Daily Bread on December 8.

A History of Subconnection The Sub Connection in Demoss has been around since 1998. They have continually been improving its service to provide the customer the best experience possible. In 2009, Liberty University alumni, Amanda Evans watched the parade with her fiancé at the beginning of the parade route, outside of the Community Market and happily, collected cadets from parade participants. “It is definitely freezing,” Evans said. “But this is worth it. Merry Christmas.” Contact Camille Smith at csmith@liberty.edu
A Norwegian Family Christmas

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I love the lights and the snow and the chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Well, I’ve never actually roasted chestnuts, nor do I know anyone who has. But my family has our own traditions that stem from my grandparents’ upbringing in Norway.

Like many traditions, ours revolve around food. After my family gathers around the dining room table to consume large portions of Morsom’s skønkestek, which is roast pork, topped with gallons of gravy, we take some time to read the Christmas story aloud by candlelight.

After the reading of the Christmas story we dish out rice pudding. Each person is allowed one scoop as we all intently begin digging into the rice pudding, blindfolded. It is customary for the rice pudding to have hidden mandel, or almonds, hidden for one lucky person to find. The victor wins a prize, usually a board game of some sort.

After the rice pudding my family gathers in my grandparents’ warm basement to open presents and enjoy immense amounts of various types of Norwegian Christmas cookies. After the tree is decorated in my grandparents’ living room, we all gather around the brightly lit tree as children run and jump with excitement. December 25th is Christmas morning. I cannot wait to spend another Christmas with my family and I hope you and your families take some time to enjoy whatever traditions you may have for the Christmas season.

God Jul godt nyttår (Merry Christmas and Happy New Year).

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Lonely orphans on the streets of New York City in the 1940s find out that they are not alone and reminded unlikely members that God is with them always in the 2009 Virginia Christmas Spectacular (VCS) "Jingle in the City" at Thomas Road Baptist Church (TRBC).

On Wednesday Dec. 2, Liberty students had the opportunity to see the last dress rehearsal of the show, under the direction of Lorie Marsh, for Free Student Tickets and TRBC admission towards the show, according to Marsh.

"It was like they had so much energy they could go do another show!" seventh-grade Liberty Christmas Academy student, Isaiah Oak, who played the role of the orphan Harvey said after the performance.

"The idea for this year's production began back in January when a group of writers and producers went on a retreat to discuss ideas for the show, according to Marsh.

"Charles (Billingsly) wanted to do a show in New York City, one of his favorite places," Marsh said.

From that starting point, the theme of belonging to God eventually grew into the full production.

"Two members of the writing team had closed friends who had lost spouses and they were going through those really deep and dark times," Marsh said. "Their goal was to be able to comfort people and let them know that no matter what circumstances we are going through, no matter what our conditions are, we can know (that) the heart and the craftiness that God is with us always.

"The lyrics of the song help audiences to really understand that they are not alone. They are part of the family of God and are never alone."

"If people can realize that God is just as present in your life today, I think things can be much better."

The music in this production is mostly written to TRBC. Marsh said she has written 17 songs in the show. The show was written and arranged by TRBC and Liberty together, according to Marsh.

"The biggest thing right now is that sometimes your task can become even more important than people... I realize that the people are more important than the task, and you have to keep that positive attitude, even if you realize that they are not always grateful," Kristen Breedlove said.

"I thought it was very professional, and I think Liberty students who participated in it plan a dilemma in the quality of the program," Fiske said. "I think it is probably one of the best, and I've been to all 19 performances over the last 39 years. It gets a little better every year."

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**Student-written "Immanuel" performed in TRBC production**

"It was challenging because the process of writing the song was not just putting it down on paper," Eddie Hoagland said.

"It was going to be used in the Living Christmas Jim and goes all the glory to God for the impact the song has throughout the production."

"The fact that the song is powerful is not because I wrote a good line," Hoagland said. "I think that song is powerful because it relates to the lives of Gods people... It's not my content, it's that moment happens."

Production Director Lori Marsh knew she wanted to see Hoagland's song in the Living Christmas Tree from the moment she heard it.

"We knew we wanted to use the song "Immanuel", but we didn't how to work that into our Christmas story," Marsh said. "So we had to keep going back and adapting the story toward that song."

After the song was chosen for the production Michael W. Smith's arranger and orchestrator, David Hamilton helped arrange the pieces and it was recorded by the Nashville String Machine, according to Marsh.

During the rehearsal Marsh and scriptwriter Denise Thomas heard the song and Marsh thought of the Wrinkle video "Boarding House Testimonies."

"I thought it was just so inspired," Marsh said. "I just felt very close because of certain things that had happened... There were nights where I felt really alone... God reminded me that Immanuel is not just a word that means God with us... It's a word that is always with us..."}

"If people can realize that God is just as much present today and can be just as much present in your life today... I think things change," Hoagland said.

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**COMPOSER—Eddie Hoagland, author of the song "Immanuel" that was featured in TRBC's Virginia Christmas Spectacular.**