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Students gather with distinguished guests after the annual MLK assembly.

## "Diversity is the key to peace" —MLK Assembly '11

*By James Terry '11*

The schedule was confusing, but that did not stop the Fairfield Prep community from honoring one of America's most notable citizens. After first period and a one-hour delay, Prep's students trudged through the snowy grounds of Fairfield University to the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts for the school's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly.

This year's festivities featured Kersten Stevens, a very talented jazz violinist who played the student body a few songs. The ceremony also included a speech from Coast Guard Lieutenant Tim Tilghman, who graduated from Fairfield Prep in 2000. Perhaps the most popular event during the assembly was an original rap song, composed and performed by current Prep students. This rap highlighted many historic achievements by (cont. pg 3)

## *Bullying Policies Reviewed*

*By Max Rein '11*

As defined: bullying is a form of abuse demonstrating the use of one's power over another. In early January, Fairfield Prep students experienced a seminar on the ongoing struggle of bullying in schools nationwide, and how it affects our prep community as well. Listening to this eye-opening assembly, students came to the realization that bullying is truly a powerful form of abuse that can negatively affect students in any school; it can even affect the faculty and staff members at Fairfield Prep.

Comments were made on a somewhat popular website known as [ratemyteacher.com](http://ratemyteacher.com), derived from the original [ratemyprofessor.com](http://ratemyprofessor.com) website made for college students. The website gives access to anyone who wishes to discuss any teacher including their teaching method or even grading style, and Mr. Mauritz was shown the comments made about certain female teachers at Prep. "The words said on this website were so vulgar and (cont. pg 3)

## WHY SHOULD I GO ON A RETREAT?

(go to RELIGIOUS CORNER to find out)

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## Explore and take a chance

Dear Readers,

As we enter the second semester of our academic year, I can't help but want something more. Staying focused on academic work and extracurricular responsibilities is important, but students must be able to explore more. And that's where the success of a Jesuit education really comes in.

Retreats are an integral part of not just the Jesuit tradition, but also the Fairfield Prep tradition and it is the aspect of school that connects with all students like nothing else. Whether it's the Freshman Retreat, the Sophomore Retreat or the Kairos Retreat—students have returned, after a time of reflection and exploration, knowing more about their peers, God and themselves.

While the Freshman Retreat is mandatory, the Sophomore Retreat and the Kairos Retreat (retreat for juniors and seniors) requires students to find it in themselves to take that risk, and to explore. I encourage you to take advantage of the unique opportunities that Fairfield Prep lays at your feet. Act on those opportunities—you never know what you'll find.

While the recent snow has hindered not just lesson plans, but also part of this month's Soundings production, we nevertheless have pulled together a strong issue. I especially would like to point out Daniel Sanchez's Religious Corner where students have gathered together to talk about the different retreats offered here at Prep.

This month also features some great sports stories as teams continue to rack up W's. As well, as some in depth national stories including a preview into the 2012 presidential election and a fabulous Arts page complete with our Academy Award predictions!

Stay warm,



### Correction

James Terry '11 was left off the December issue's masthead.

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## ***Bullying (continued)***

(cont. from cover) and inappropriate that I can't even repeat the actual remarks made," he commented in the assembly.

Bullying is seen from all perspectives whether it is from students or from teachers and I had the opportunity to talk to some teachers about the topic. Mr. Tellis stated, "There's not one thing we need to do to change the problem of bullying." Bullying is compiled of many aspects as seen from the surveys passed out at Prep before the assembly. It can consist of verbal, emotional, or even physical abuse. Mr. Tellis continued, "We need to change how students characterize their own behavior and language. Students have to know that they have people to go to, and there needs to be a means of holding students accountable for their actions if bullying occurs. When it comes to specifics, we need a direct knowledge of the topic to help." Mr. Tellis intuitively connected the idea of bullying to academic integrity, and how they are both similar because students feel as if they can't talk to anyone about either of the problems.

Regarding to helping the students, Ms. Mumma had commented, "Teachers will always be there to help the students, but the students need to gain an understanding of helping each other."

Bullying is a harsh form of abuse that encompasses many different perspectives and it is certainly something seen in schools everywhere. Fairfield Prep is working diligently to decrease the bullying problem little by little each day.

## ***Cafe: Debit Cards Now Accepted***

***By Kevin Sphunt '13***

Fairfield Prep is about to get one enhancement that everyone is looking forward to.

The company that runs Berchmans cafeteria, F & V Services, Inc, will now be accepting debit cards, in addition to cash, for purchases in the cafeteria. Any debit card will be accepted.

In addition to the use of debit cards, Fairfield Prep students are now able to set up accounts in the Fairfield University Credit Union. With this new account in the Fairfield University Credit Union, a student will now be able to obtain a debit card in his name, for purchases, where debit cards are accepted, including the Prep cafeteria.

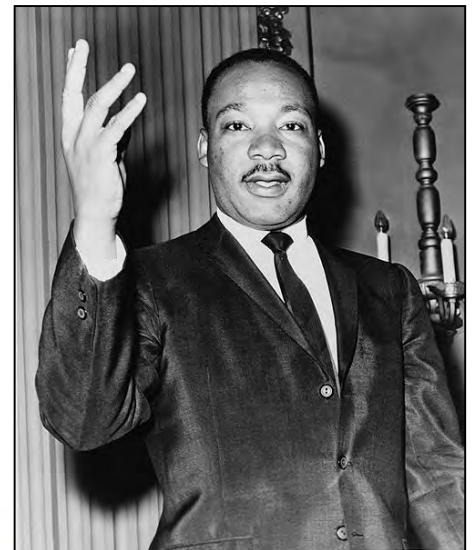
To set up an account in the Fairfield University Credit union, or to receive more information, please contact: Personal Care America Federal Credit Union Campus Branch Manager, Ms. Jeannette Padro, at 203-254-4161.

## ***MLK Assembly (continued)***

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African Americans throughout history. The students who performed were juniors Brendan Bernard, Juwan Crawley and Alexander Decoteau-Fredericks as well as freshman John Arnold.

On top of the distinguished guests and the musical interludes, SEED coordinator, Ms. Alecia Watson, introduced the one sustaining message when she said: "Diversity is the key to peace."





# Bars of ice lock out students



*By Nick Martinez '13*

I bet you never thought you'd go to bed dreading the thought of yet another snow day, huh? In this month alone, we have had four snow days and two delayed openings as a result of the snowy beat down the northeast has been receiving. These disruptions to our normal schedule tend to throw off the equilibrium of the school week and add a touch of uncertainty to all the plans our teachers make for our curriculum—"We'll have our test tomorrow. If we have school, that is," and "What were we covering when we last had class?" may be phrases you've heard in your lessons in recent weeks. If you're like me, you may even be feeling as if we were still in some bizarre extension of the Christmas break. Of course, this feeling isn't so strange at all when you consider the fact that we have not had a full week of classes since the break. You may even be waking in cold sweats from nightmares of losing precious days of your summer vacation as a result of these snow days. But never fear! The good people on Prep's scheduling committee, or whatever higher power it is that rules on these matters, build three extra days onto our schedule each year in anticipation of snow days. Should we surpass this limit, as we have already this year, we do not begin adding days on to the end of the year until we have gone below the 170 required class days. So, on second thought, maybe a few more cancellations wouldn't be so bad after all.

## **First Semester Honors Announced**

First semester academic honors have been posted on Fairfield Prep's website. The academic honors recognize students who have achieved Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude or Summa Cum Laude.

The honors are posted at the conclusion of each academic semester. Congratulations to all the recognized students for their high academic achievement.

CHECK IT OUT:

<http://www.fairfieldprep.org/uploaded/Registrar/10-111STSEMWEB.pdf>

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## **Squires Sponsor Drive**

*By Jonathan Formichella '11*

The mission statement of the youth led organization, Souper Bowl of Caring, is to mobilize youth to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. The Columbian Squires of Fairfield Prep sponsored this activity to draw awareness to the plight of soup kitchens across Fairfield County in the off-season of giving.

To promote a greater turnout of participation the Squires of Fairfield Prep sponsored a Prep Spirit Day in which students were permitted to dress down if he brought in 8 non-perishable items in order to gain a dress down day on February 4<sup>th</sup>. We appreciated all support given to us by the Prep Community during the Thanksgiving Food Drive and we thank you for your support in this endeavor.



## *Intramurals heat up as temperatures drop*

It isn't even spring yet, but inside in the Brissette Gym after school are some intense 3-on-3 intramural basketball games going on. Every Monday and Wednesday, players from 33 teams come and play against each other or just watch.

Often times, there's some intense fans on the sidelines. Every block results in an "OOHHH!" or every clean swish draws an "aahhhh" from the observant crowd. The onomatopoeia certainly isn't the only factor making these games exciting. The games themselves have been competitive and many players have experiences tough luck.

For example, my team, Knicks 2.0, was knocked out in the first round, a disappointing setback. My teammates were so disappointed, they stood on the sideline looking out into the court imagining what it would've been like to win and move on to the second round. Well, as many people say: there's always next year!

—*Ethan Doerger '13*



Basketball team gathers around new coach, Leo Redgate, during a recent game.

## Prep B-Ball is “Reborn”

This season for Fairfield Prep basketball has been a “rebirth” so to speak. Last season, Prep regained respect, finishing with a (insert record here). So far this season, they have exceeded just about everyone's expectations. Under first year head coach Leo Redgate, the Jesuits came out of the gates hot, with wins at Cheshire, Amity and Xavier, as well as a victory in the home opener at Alumni Hall 69-45 over Branford.

As Christmas break approached, so did the annual Fairfield Prep Holiday Classic. Backed by hundreds of fans in the Bomb Squad, Prep defeated rival Fairfield Ludlowe 60-49, backed by Junior Terry Tarpey's 15 points. In the finals, Prep faced off in an epic battle vs. Notre Dame-Fairfield. Trailing by a dozen at halftime, the Jesuits stormed back. Terry Tarpey led Prep with 25 points, 16 of them coming in the second half. Tarpey was named tournament MVP. Senior Robby Bier was also named to the all-tournament team.

Coming off that emotional high, Prep defeated Hamden and East Haven handily. The Jesuits faced off against Notre Dame-West Haven, with Prep taking their first defeat of the season, 68-60. With an 8-1 record, Prep returned home to take on Foran. After jumping out to a 15-0 lead, Prep was dealt a heartbreaking 50-47 loss.

That loss really hit the Jesuits hard, as they returned to the court the next night and was shocked again by West Haven in a thriller, 61-59. With 9 more games left to go, 5 of them at Alumni Hall, and with an 8-3 record, Prep needs you to go out and cheer them on as they enter this part of their schedule.

—*Timmy Attolino '13*





Senior, John Galiani, makes a great save during a recent game.

CREDIT: CT POST

# Seniors lead hockey to victory(s)

*By Ethan Doerger '13*

Fairfield Prep has been known in recent years for its outstanding hockey program. This year is no different. With an 8-2 record and a #2 ranking in most polls in the state of Connecticut, the Jesuits have started out hot, especially at the forward position. Junior AJ Unker and senior co-captain Bryan Puffer have led the way, scoring 8 goals each for the Jesuits. Puffer also is tops on the team with 8 assists. Up-and-coming sophomore David White has also scored 5 goals and recording 6 assists. Co-captain Don Carnicky has also played an important part at forward, with 5 goals and 5 assists as well. Goalie is another area where the Jesuits have excelled, particularly thanks to senior John Galiani, who's only allowed 10 goals in an equal amount of games. The defense for the Jesuits is young, but also capable of getting the job done. Junior Evan Antisdale has scored 7 goals, second on the team, and has 6 assists, tied for second with White on the team. Coach Matt Sather is still looking for juniors Matt Brophy and Ray Boudiette along with talented sophomore Kevin Brown to step up.

Prep opened the season with an 8-0 thrashing of Trinity Catholic at home. After that, they went to New Hampshire for the Mount St. Charles Invitational, getting to the semifinals, later receiving 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their efforts. The road stops continued, with tough stops at Notre Dame-West Haven, Hamden, and West Haven, all top 5 teams. Prep went 2-1 in those games, scoring 13 goals and only allowing 5. With the tough away games mostly off the schedule, the Jesuits can look forward to home dates with rival Hamden, Notre Dame-Fairfield, Xavier, and out-of-state teams St. Augustine Prep and Seton Hall Prep. It will certainly be thrilling to see the Jesuits continue to play well and win many of these tough home dates ahead, so go support Prep!

# SOUNDINGS

## 2011 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

### FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

**Friday, February 11 vs. Notre Dame-West Haven @ Alumni Hall 3:45**

Thursday, February 17 vs. Foran @ Foran High School 3:45

**Friday, February 18 vs. Cheshire @ Alumni Hall 3:45**

Monday, February 21 vs. Branford @ James L MacVeigh Alumni Athletic Complex 3:45

### JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Tuesday, February 8 vs. West Haven @ West Haven High School 5:15

**Friday, February 11 vs. East Haven @ Alumni Hall 5:15**

Tuesday, February 15 vs. Foran @ Foran High School 5:15

**Friday, February 18 vs. Cheshire @ Alumni Hall 5:15**

Monday, February 21 vs. Branford @ James L MacVeigh Alumni Athletic Complex 5:15

### VARSITY BASKETBALL

Tuesday, February 8 vs. West Haven @ West Haven High School 7:00

**Friday, February 11 vs. East Haven @ Alumni Hall 7:00**

Tuesday, February 15 vs. Foran @ Foran High School 7:00

**Friday, February 18 vs. Cheshire @ Alumni Hall 7:00**

Monday, February 21 vs. Branford @ James L MacVeigh Alumni Athletic Complex 7:00

### JUNIOR VARSITY HOCKEY

**Saturday, February 5 vs. Hamden @ Wonderland of Ice 11:15 a.m.**

Thursday, February 10 vs. Fairfield Country Day School @ FCD Outdoor Rink 3:30

Tuesday, February 15 vs. Notre Dame-Fairfield @ Milford Ice Pavilion 4:15

**Wednesday, February 16 vs. Notre Dame-West Haven @ Wonderland of Ice 4:15**

### VARSITY HOCKEY

**Saturday, February 5 vs. Xavier @ Wonderland of Ice 1:00**

**Wednesday, February 9 vs. Seton Hall Prep @ Wonderland of Ice 6:45**

**Saturday, February 12 vs. Notre Dame-Fairfield @ Wonderland of Ice 1:00**

**Wednesday, February 16 vs. Ridgefield @ Wonderland of Ice 6:00**

**Saturday, February 19 vs. Notre Dame-West Haven @ Wonderland of Ice 1:00**

Monday, February 21 vs. North Haven @ Northford Pavilion 6:00

**Wednesday, February 23 vs. Catholic Memorial @ Wonderland of Ice 1:00**

—TURN OVER FOR MORE TEAM SCHEDULES—

**VARISTY SWIMMING AND DIVING**

Wednesday, February 9 vs. Cheshire @ Cheshire Community Pool 7:00

**Friday, February 11 vs. Glastonbury @ Fairfield University Pool 7:00**

**Wednesday, February 16 vs. Branford @ Fairfield University Pool 4:00**

**Thursday, February 17 vs. Hamden @ Fairfield University Pool 4:00**

Tuesday, February 22 vs. Xavier @ Freeman Athletic Center 7:30

Saturday, March 12 Swimming Trials @ Hamden High School 3:30

Tuesday, March 15 LL Swimming Finals @ Wesleyan University 7:15

Thursday, March 17 State Open Diving @ Hamden High School 7:00

Saturday, March 19 State Open Diving @ Yale University 2:30

**VARISITY WRESTLING**

Saturday, February 5 vs. Staples @ TBD

Wednesday, February 9 vs. East Haven @ East Haven High School 7:00

**VARISITY ALPINE SKIING**

Monday, February 7 CISL Race @ Mt. Southington Ski Area 3:00

Thursday, February 10 CISL Race @ Mt. Southington Ski Area 4:30

Wednesday, March 2 CISL Race @ Mt. Southington Ski Area 3:00

Visit [fairfieldprep.org/athletics](http://fairfieldprep.org/athletics) for more information.



## Academy Award PREDICTIONS

By Alex Giobbi '11

The Academy Awards is watched by millions and is recognized as the most prestigious award to win in the film industry. There were a lot of fantastic performances this year, but we've made it easy for you. Our predictions are in *red*.

The Oscars will air February 27, 2011 at 8 p.m.



Actors: Anne Hathaway and James Franco will host the awards show.

### Best Picture

**127 Hours**

**Black Swan**

**The Fighter**

**Inception**

**The Kids Are All Right**

***The King's Speech***

**The Social Network**

**Toy Story 3**

**True Grit**

**Winter's Bone**

### Best Actor

Javier Bardem in *Biutiful*

Jeff Bridges in *True Grit*

Jesse Eisenberg in *The Social Network*

**Colin Firth in *The King's Speech***

James Franco in *127 Hours*

### Best Actress

Annette Bening in *The Kids Are All Right*

Nicole Kidman in *Rabbit Hole*

Jennifer Lawrence in *Winter's Bone*

**Natalie Portman in *Black Swan***

Michelle Williams in *Blue Valentine*

### Best Supporting Actor

**Christian Bale in *The Fighter***

John Hawkes in *Winter's Bone*

Jeremy Renner in *The Town*

Mark Ruffalo in *The Kids Are All Right*

Geoffrey Rush in *The King's Speech*

### Best Supporting Actress

Amy Adams in *The Fighter*

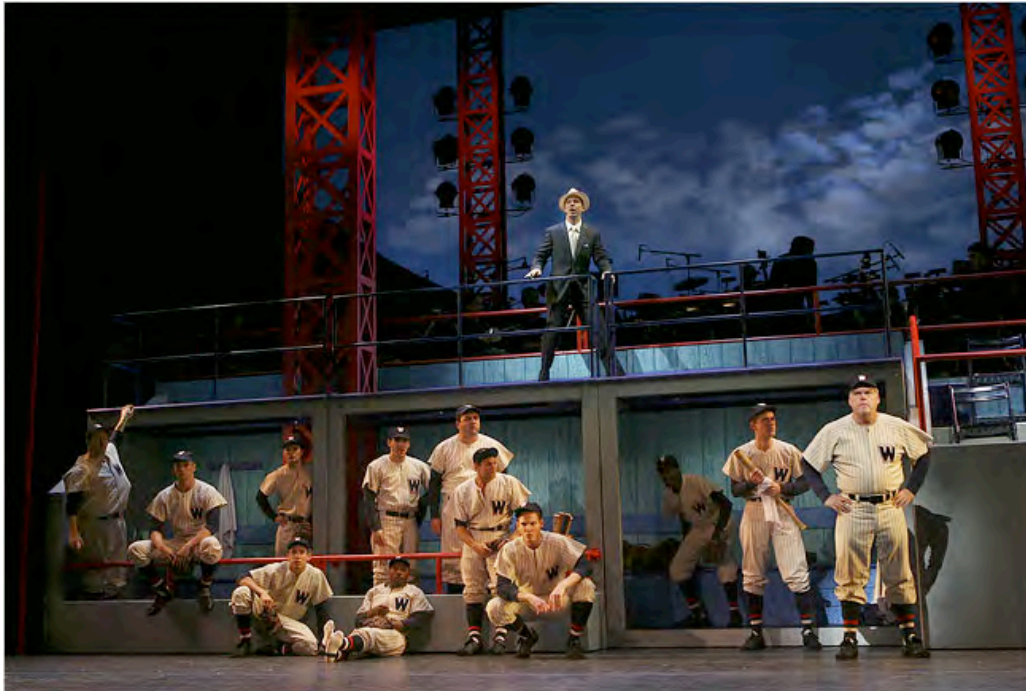
Helena Bonham Carter in *The King's Speech*

**Melissa Leo in *The Fighter***

Hailee Steinfeld in *True Grit*

Jacki Weaver in *Animal Kingdom*

# 'Damn Yankees' will be the musical '11



**By Max Rein '11**

After much thought and deliberation, Mrs. Hoover has finally announced this year's musical for the spring production. The Prep Players will be performing *Damn Yankees* on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Quick Center right here on Fairfield University's campus. The play is an outstanding musical comedy set in the 1950's when the Yankees dominated major league baseball. It captured the audience's attention in 1955 when it opened on Broadway, winning many Tony awards including the Best Musical.

Auditions are TODAY (Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup>), and Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Sign up right in Mrs. Hoover's room.

## Interested in writing for Soundings?



Email [fbramble@fairfieldprep.org](mailto:fbramble@fairfieldprep.org)  
for more information about joining!



As the February Kairos approaches, we should all take the time to look at all the opportunities Campus Ministry gives to us to further understand ourselves and our faith. Kairos, Urban Plunge, sophomore retreat, freshmen retreat, and other spiritual opportunities are shortly arriving. Many Prep students ignore these events without a second thought; however, if you talk to anyone who has been on one of these retreats, you will surely hear how that specific retreat changed them. When I was a freshman I remember upperclassmen randomly coming up to me, telling me to sign up. For any underclassmen thinking about these retreats I believe it will change the way you view the world, because that is what it did to me. —Daniel Sanchez '12

*Why should I go  
on a retreat?*





# Freshman Retreat

The highly anticipated Freshman Retreat is only a month away, which means that the administration and retreat leaders are kicking it in gear to get everything prepared for this wonderful event. The Freshman Retreat is very special for several reasons. First, it is the first retreat that the Class of 2014 will have a chance to partake in, here at Prep. It is also a great way to meet new people. Some of the freshman may have already found their core group of friends, while others are still searching; nevertheless this retreat allows them to see each other outside of classroom environment. The culmination of the faculty faith talks (where a faculty member shares an experience that broadened their faith with your group), the gathering of the whole freshman class for a late night mass, and the dinner at your leaders house all help to create an ambience where brotherhood and friendships can form and excel. The Freshman Retreat is truly the start of something great; the experiences shared with each other and the friends you make on this retreat will last a lifetime. In conclusion, the Freshman Retreat is a fantastic experience, and I'm sure as many upperclassmen could tell you, you will walk away with many new friends, stronger relationships with pre-existing friends, and a broader sense of your classmates in the Class of 2014. Keep an open mind and you shall receive.

—John Boehringer '12

# Sophomore Retreat

It is said that with faith comes understanding; the sophomore retreat gives you this understanding and allows you to deeply contemplate. The sophomore retreat allows you to get together with an overall smaller group at Wisdom House in Litchfield, Connecticut. This setting helps create a peaceful atmosphere where meditation and deep contemplation of faith can occur. When I participated in the sophomore retreat I found Prep to become more of a brotherhood from the people I met at sophomore retreat. If you went to and enjoyed the freshman retreat this would be your next step in Campus Ministry.

—Daniel Sanchez '12

# Kairos Retreat

The Kairos Retreat is probably the most talked about and, with that, most powerful retreat that Fairfield Prep offers its students. Occurring three times a year, the Kairos retreat offers a four day period for deep reflection, meditation and exploration. I say deep reflection because the retreat is geared strongly towards God, and the development of one's relationship with God through prayer. And I say exploration because the retreat offers students a time to get away from hectic routines that often pollute development and allow them a chance to rediscover. Through large group discussion and small group discussion, alike, students are given a chance to learn more about their peers—the ones they see everyday in the hallways, but have never have a chance to talk to. But as much as the discussions help students discover more about their peers, it also gives them an opportunity to find themselves. Through the whole experience, students are given a chance to look inward and thereby define priorities and relationships.

While this retreat contains mysterious parts that aren't allowed to leave the isolated site in Monroe, I can wholeheartedly say that as a person who has attend this retreat, I have returned to Prep a new person complete with a renewed relationship with God and new friends. I enjoyed the retreat so much that I will be going back this year as a leader.

I encourage all juniors and seniors to look into going on this retreat—as long as you have an open mind and an open heart, it is an experience that will stay with you for years to come. See Mr. Gualtierre for more details about signing up.

—Connor Ryan '11

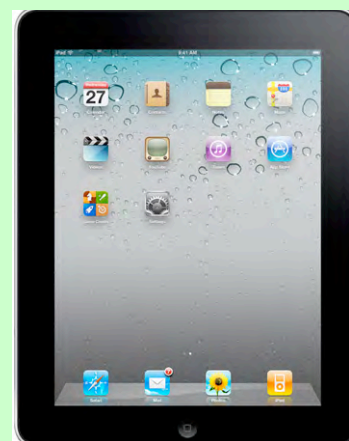


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## App of the Month Fruit Ninja

This month's app is the very popular app: Fruit Ninja, which happens to be the #2 paid app in the USA and #1 paid app in many other nations. Fruit Ninja is a game where fruit is tossed up into the screen and you try to get slice fruit with your finger by swiping it across the screen. You also are supposed to get combo slices to get a good score and avoid bombs and dropping fruits to avoid losing. This app although simple will provide hours of endless fun and is also rated 4 and ½ stars. It is only 99 cents from the app store, along with the free "lite version."

## TOP 5 CHRISTMAS GIFTS OF 2010



Christmas has passed and many people may be wondering, "What were the best electronics for Christmas this year?" As it turns out there were many new technologies or brands releasing similar items this year. Such as the Kindle and the Nook or the iPad or the Galaxy Tab.

This year the iPad by Apple came out on top as the #1 electronic gift this Christmas. Following the iPad in 2<sup>nd</sup>, unsurprisingly, is the Amazon Kindle which is literally an electronic book.

In 3<sup>rd</sup> was one of the newest technologies of 2010, 3D TVs which have been very popular since they were released. Another new technological advancement will take 4<sup>th</sup> place, with the Xbox 360 Kinect, the Kinect is a controller free video game add on system to the Xbox 360.

In 5<sup>th</sup> for the best electronic Christmas gifts of 2010 is the iPod Touch or iPhone, the iPods are still a popular item for people of all ages and there are always new apps for them.

—Matt Kingsbury '13





## "Game Day Bites"

With the spirit of Super Bowl XLV in mind, why not have a game day snack that is easy to make, clean up, and to eat? I've got a mango salsa recipe that's packed with flavor and can stretch a buck. This delicious and sweet creation is sure to impress.

-Sebastien Laforest '11

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## Mango Salsa

### Ingredients:

- 1 medium red onion
- 1 large mango
- 1 red, yellow, or orange bell pepper
- 1-2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1-2 tbsp flat leaf parsley, finely chopped
- salt
- freshly cracked black pepper

### Directions:

1. Peel mango and cut it into chunks. Dice red onion and bell pepper.
2. Place the mango, red onion, and bell pepper into a bowl. Mix together with a spoon while adding in the extra-virgin olive oil and flat leaf parsley. Season with salt & pepper.
3. Transfer to serving bowl.

## A Crime Against Liberty

*How the assassination attempt on Rep. Gifford threatens America's government*



Rep. Gabrielle Gifford receiving medical treatment after assassination attempt in Arizona..

**By Jonathan Formichella '11**

On January 8, 2011, Gabrielle Gifford, a Representative from Arizona's 8th district, was one of the victims of a shooting near Tucson, AZ. There were six people killed, and another thirteen people injured during the shooting. It is believed that this was an assassination attempt on Rep. Gifford. The perpetrator of this crime is Jared Loughner who now is on trial. Loughner killed two of Gifford's aides and a federal judge.

There are many theories and controversies over this shooting: whether this man was Republican or Democrat, a Fascist or Communist, or just mentally unstable. When asking these questions debate and bickering arises.

First from the left: The left accuses and blames Sarah Palin for posting on her website crosshairs on key Congressional seats. One of which was Rep. Gifford's. Those who use this map as a tool to blame Sarah Palin for the shooting are being less than accurate when placing blame on the former Alaskan Governor.

From the right: The right blames the books Loughner reads. The two books Loughner put as his favorite books on Facebook were the Communist Manifesto and Mein Kampf. The right states that the Communist Manifesto drove Loughner to shoot Gifford this is also misguided blame.

The real story is that this man is mentally unstable and had met Gifford on several occasions before. Loughner has gone to Town Hall meetings and confronted her on minor issues. From the information recently received security and the police were aware of Loughner.

The real crime here is the effect this tragic event has had on our way of connecting to our politicians. If elected officials cannot meet with their constituents than our form of government will be compromised.

Gifford has survived the shooting and has been transported to Houston for recovery. Although Rep. Gifford will recover the impact of the shooting, the shooting will have a lasting effect on public policy.

# Republicans Gear Up for 2012

*Who will represent the conservatives and challenge Obama for top spot?*

*Compiled by Jonathan Formichella '11*

## Mitt Romney

**Age:** 63

**Alma Mater:** Brigham Young University (B.A.),  
Harvard Business School (M.B.A), and Harvard Law School (J.D.).

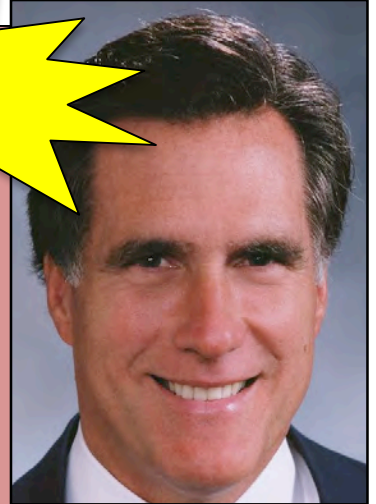
**Profession:** Businessman and Politician

**Religion:** The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**Political Experience:** Governor of Massachusetts (2003-2007)

**Bio:** Romney is the son of George W. Romney who was the Governor of Michigan. After his education was complete he received a job opportunity at Bain & Company, which culminated to him serving as the CEO and leading the Company out crisis. After this venture he was a co-founder in Bain Capital, a private equity investment firm, which became one of the largest firms in the nation. Romney then ran in 1994 for the Senate election in Massachusetts against Ted Kennedy and lost. Romney then went on to organize the 2002 Winter Olympics as President and CEO of the Salt Lake City Organizing Committee. And going off this great success he ran for the Governorship of Massachusetts in late 2002. Having great popularity in Massachusetts he decided to run in the Republican Primaries in 2008 for the position of the Republican nominee for President. Romney did not receive the nomination and looks ahead for a run in 2012.

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## Haley Barbour

**Age:** 63

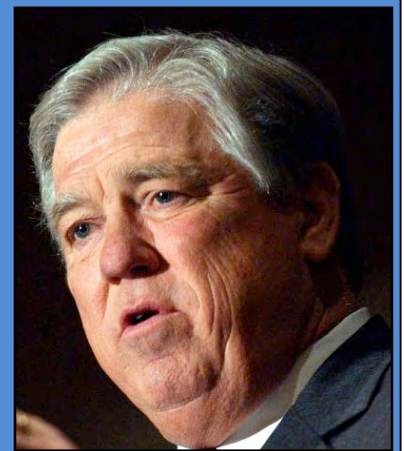
**Alma Mater:** University of Mississippi

**Profession:** Lawyer and Lobbyist

**Religion:** Presbyterian

**Political Experience:** Chairman of the Republican National Committee (1993- 1997), and Governor of Mississippi (2004- present).

**Bio:** Barbour was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi and is the youngest of three sons. Barbour is a descendant of Walter Leake, who was a Mississippi Governor and U.S. Senator. Barbour skipped his first semester in college to work on Richard Nixon's campaign but later returned to the University of Mississippi. He then enrolled in the law school of the University of Mississippi. Barbour then became a Republican political operative and moved up in the party culminating to running Gerald Ford's 1976 campaign. Later Barbour became a lobbyist for the BGR Group. And he became the RNC Chairman in 1993. After his success term as Chairman he ran for Governor of Mississippi and won twice. Barbour is not well known but is a strong candidate.





# Tim Pawlenty

**Age:** 50

**Alma Mater:** University of Minnesota

**Profession:** Lawyer

**Religion:** Baptist

**Political Experience:** Member of the Minnesota House of Representatives (1993-2003), Majority Leader of the House of Representatives of Minnesota (1999-2003), and the 39<sup>th</sup> Governor of Minnesota (2003- 2011).

**Bio:** Pawlenty was born in St. Paul, Minnesota in 1960. He is one of five children of a working-class family and his father was a milk truck driver. Pawlenty graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in political science and went on to the University of Minnesota law school. After graduation Pawlenty went on to Rider Bennett law firm and practiced for a few years. Later, Pawlenty became the Vice President for a soft company called Wizmo Inc. Pawlenty was a Representative to the House of Representatives in Minnesota and was elected five times. In the House of Representatives he was the majority leader. In 2002 Pawlenty sought to be the Governor of Minnesota and was elected twice. Pawlenty has tested the waters and feels that he is a viable candidate in 2012.



# Mike Huckabee

**Age:** 55

**Alma Mater:** Ouachita Baptist University

**Profession:** Politician, Author, Public Speaker, and Ordained Minister

**Religion:** Southern Baptist

**Political Experience:** Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas (1993-1996), Governor of Arkansas (1996-2007), and Chairman of the National Governors Association (2005-2006).

**Bio:** Huckabee was born in Hope, Arkansas in 1955. Huckabee was born into a religious working-class family that still has an effect on his life today. He received his B.A. in Religion from Ouachita Baptist University. Before his political career began Huckabee was a pastor at Immanuel Baptist Church in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. In the wake of President Clinton leaving office in Arkansas, Huckabee decided to run for Lieutenant Governor and won on Conservative ideals that brought Conservative Republicans and Conservative Democrats together. After the conviction of Jim Guy Tucker there was an opening in the Governor's seat and Huckabee decided to run for Governor and won. As Governor Arkansas saw an economic boom and religious revival. After his term as Governor Huckabee ran for President in 2008 and lost to John McCain in the primaries. He now has a T.V. show on Fox and is a likely candidate in 2012.



## *Floods costing Australia \$3B in lost farming & coal production*

The river that opened floods of water along southeast Australia (especially in Brisbane) has caused at least 3 billion dollars worth of lost farming and coal exports. In southeast Victoria state, hundreds of homes faced threats over the weekend as four rivers northwest of the state capital Melbourne were expected to reach their highest peaks in a century. Eastern Australia has endured weeks of massive flooding that the government says could be the nation's most expensive natural disaster ever. It shut down much of Queensland's lucrative coal industry and has caused 30 deaths.

Australia is the driest continent after Antarctica and was recently in the grip of the worst drought in more than a century. But 2010 was Australia's third wettest year on record, even though the country's drought-stricken southwest region endured its driest ever year. And in the area of Victoria, 72 towns have been affected by flooding already and more than 3,500 people have evacuated their homes. Although experts say that the worst has passed no timetable has been set for when the floods will completely subdue, which have affected hundreds of thousands across Australia.

—Tony San Filippo '13

## Two charged in iPad hacking case

After months of investigation prosecutors have finally charged two individuals with a hack that exposed the personal data which included email addresses and passwords of over 120,000 iPad users in June. The two men Andrew Auernheimer and Daniel Spitler reportedly exploited an AT&T security flaw which allowed them to perpetrate the security wall and access the info. Among the list of those hacked are celebs like New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, ABC News anchor Diane Sawyer, movie maker Harvey Weinstein, and former White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel. According to the investigation the two men apparently used an "account slurper" to randomly guess user login info until it matched names and email addresses. However, even after all of the evidence was presented a representative from Goatse Security (which was the security protection broken by the hackers) claimed there was quote "no hack, no infiltration, and no breach, just a really poorly designed web application that returns email address when ICCID is passed to it." Fortunately, AT&T was quick to plug the security hole and informed all users who may have been affected by the breach. —Tony San Filippo '13

