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**Students Produce 'A Chorus Line'**

**BY CURTIS MCCLOUD**

The acclaimed Broadway musical will be performed at the Ira Aldridge Theater. Students are in the process of putting the final touches on the upcoming production. The cast is divided among a number of exciting dance and storytelling numbers.

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**In the News:**

"The musical 'A Chorus Line' is set to run through March 7 and runs through March 19. The show is scheduled to run from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Stage manager, Charles Goode, who is coordinator of theatre arts administration and director by the name of Zach, said, "The show is about this group of dancers that have met at this dance studio and they both share but they also have their separate careers. Whenever it is possible, they both make time for the studio.""

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**Break News**

**US Has Poor Child Welfare Concern**

A study by the United Nations says the U.S. has the worst record in the world for child welfare. The study, which is the first comprehensive report on child welfare in the U.S., finds that the nation is falling behind in providing adequate care for children. The report, released by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, is based on data from 1990 to 2000. The study found that the U.S. has the highest rate of child abuse and neglect in the world, with over 7 million children affected. The report also found that the U.S. has the highest rate of child poverty in the world, with over 16 million children living in poverty. The study concludes that the U.S. is failing to address the needs of children in a timely and effective manner.

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**History of the Oscars**

The Academy Awards, also known as the Oscars, are presented annually by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences to recognize excellence in the film industry. The first Academy Awards were presented on May 16, 1929, at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel in Los Angeles. The ceremony was called the "Annual Presentation of Awards," and the winners were announced in a special section of the Los Angeles Times.

The Academy has since grown to include over 6,000 members who are involved in the film industry. The Academy Awards have become one of the most prestigious and highly coveted awards in the film industry. The awards are presented in 24 categories, including Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, and Best Actress.

The Academy Awards are broadcast live every year, and the ceremony is watched by millions of people around the world. The awards are considered a reflection of the film industry's artistic achievement and commercial success.

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**School, Children Fail Academically**

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**Racialization of the No Child Left Behind Act**

The No Child Left Behind Act has been criticized for its racialization. The act is seen as perpetuating a system of racial discrimination and denying students of color the educational opportunities they deserve. The act is often cited as a tool for school closures and displacements, and it has been used to justify the closure of schools in low-income communities of color.
Students Faiths Tested When Away At College

BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG

Keeping up practicing faith can be a test coming from the stressful eyes of going to college. The test could lie in the ability to connect with groups with similar beliefs.

"Campus is not immediately representative of our home backgrounds," one fact that it is not in mission is how to get on different campuses as other religions like Baptist and Methodist, I don't feel like an outsider or anything but I am aware that the way we worship is somewhat different," said Crystal Grant, a junior public relations major.

I have just, a few (other) students, in Baptist, though I have not had any problem.

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"I'm not part of any religious groups on campus. My father is a minister, so yes, I was brought up a Christian," said junior political science major Crystal Grant. However, I'm probably more active now than I was before. I do attend services from other religious organizations set up on campus, and occasionally attend Bible study. I'm also the president of the College Family Ministry at Elements A.M.E. Church, I sing in their Young Adult Choir.

Others choose not to follow traditions.

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Sisters Make Movie Music

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For Howard students who wish to pursue their other career goals along with music, the Hunter sisters leave this advice.

"We're optimistic about the future. Nowadays even though some people in the music industry don't realize the power of music or play instruments, I think it is desirable to be able to do both," Chen said.

She added, "My fellow Howardians should keep in mind that music is a job. It is just important to be aware that you are able to come into contact with more positive people that you have something special which will sustain you until the time the movie is released. Like that record executive who support and encourage your work."

The Hunters are looking forward to creating more music in the future. The Hunter sisters are currently working on a sampler of five original songs.

We hope to put it out by the end of this summer. Before the end of the year, we plan to compile a long-playing CD of about 12 to 14 original songs. It will be a mix of music, Chen said.

Student can check out their music at www.dailycelebrity.com/hiphop

Oscars Celebrate Actors

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Frederick Douglass' House Reopened

BY STEPHANIE HAY

On Feb. 14, the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site reopened to the public on the 188th anniversary of the abolitionist's birthday. Douglass died in 1895, and his family left his home at Cedar Hill to the government in 1962. The site opened to the public in 1988.

The Cedar Hill house was renovated in more than 30 phases over the years. It has been a symbol of progress and a reminder that the fight for freedom was far from over.

Douglass was a leader in the abolitionist movement. He worked to end slavery and fought for civil rights for African Americans.

The site has been closed due to the coronavirus pandemic for more than a year. It will now be open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Douglass was a key figure in the fight for civil rights. He was one of the first black men to own a home in Washington, D.C. He was also a prominent speaker and author.

The site includes a museum with exhibits about Douglass' life and work. Visitors can learn about his role in the abolitionist movement and his impact on American history.

Douglass' home is a symbol of progress and a reminder of the fight for freedom. It is open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The site also includes a small outdoor garden where visitors can sit and reflect on Douglass' life and work.

The Cedar Hill house was reopened to the public in 1988. Tours are given daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The site is located at 1441 16th St. NW, Washington, D.C.

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Purple Line Debate Continues Over Track Placement

BY RALIEH MARIE HAZEN

With Metro's plans for the Purple Line under multiple delays, yet another question has been added to the list.

The possibility of extending the underground Purple Line to Tysons Corner, Va., as an underground tunnel is on the minds of many Northern Virginia residents. Residents would be fighting for an underground tunnel to boost business in their downtown area.

Chamber residents, business owners, and residents have been urged to fight for an underground tunnel, as it will save them money and time.

Many residents have the Purple Line as a symbol of progress, and they want it to continue to be a symbol of progress for the future.

But, there is also a question of whether an underground tunnel of that size would be feasible. The Purple Line is expected to be completed in 2022.

Virginia residents have a plan that accommodates the Reston co-op's national boycott.

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Test Yourself

Knowledge is power, so we at The Hilltop decided to test your knowledge. We'll be posing questions and providing you with activities to sharpen your skills and build your knowledge.

The NBA All-Star Weekend is coming up. Test your knowledge of NBA All-Star Trivia by answering these questions.

1.) Who has played in the most All-Star games?

2.) Who has aced the most points in a single All-Star game?

3.) Who has scored the most points in All-Star games throughout his career?

4.) Who won the Three-Point Shootout last year?

5.) What year did the Slam Dunk contest begin?

Overheard @ The Mecca

Just A List I Wait On
Overheard at The Mecca

Guy 1: You know UTC has a waiting list now.

Girl: What are you talking about I just went there today and there's no waiting list.

Guy 2: So you have your apt and everything ready?

Girl: No not yet I just put my name on this list and I'll sign my lease when an apartment is available.

"Nasty" Roommates Strikes

Overheard in the Punchout

Girl 1: Oh hey, we just were talking about my nasty roommate.

Girl 2: (scrunches face)

Girl 1: Oh no, I don't mean freaky nasty.

Girl 2: Oh, I thought you meant mean nasty.

Girl 1: Naw, I meant dirty nasty. Like she puts the shells back in the carton after she uses an egg. And when she used all those eggs up she just bought another carton and put it on top of the one with nothing but shells...

Girl 3: That is so nasty!

The Real Spirit of Christmas

Overheard in Slove Hall

Holiday Girl: I swear to God, my dad better buy me a PS3 for Christmas, or I'm going to deport him.

Friend Mechal?!

HG: Yep. I'm going to open my gifts and if it's not there, I'm going to have INS on speed dial.

Submit to Overheard@thehouseasagmail.com

Six Degrees of Separation

Can you figure out a path that connects these two individuals with six steps along the way?

Try it out and send us the six degrees you come up with.

Anna Michelle Smith

Mandy Poled

Nancy Poikey

Please send any responses to Meccanisms, including "Is It Just Me?" topics, things you've overheard @ The Mecca, things to test ourselves on or 'Six Degrees of Separation' sets to meccanisms@gmail.com

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Academy Awards Few and Far Between for Blacks

BY JESSICA DETHIE
Hilltop Staff Photographer

Passports Required for Citizens to Enter United States

Dr. Donald Marbury, a professor in the Emory University's Department of Psychology, said that co-existence for Blacks and Whites is a "must have a valid passport when traveling to Bermuda, Canada and many other countries".

Applications for a passport, including those for citizens abroad, can be submitted to receive their passport in an airport from anywhere that is not a U.S. territory. The exclusion that had been applied to certain international flight routes has ended, allowing passengers to travel to Bermuda, Canada and many other countries with a valid passport.

Today marks the 42nd anniversary of the death of singer and musician Nat King Cole. Vickers is currently working on an article about Cole's life and career.

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Obama’s Speech Misstep Overblown by the Media

Last weekend, Senator Barack Obama gave a speech at an Iowa town hall during a campaign rally. During his speech, Obama said, “We even have our own ‘the hill’ today and have seen over 3,000 lives of American soldiers. Some of words, specifically the use of the word ‘shut-up,” in reference to the lives of American soldiers, some argued the mistake was due to his political inexperience.

We at The Hilltop believe Obama’s choice of words was not due to a lack of experience but simply a mistake someone could have made while addressing such an sensitive issue.

Recently, many have been making mistakes in the political arena over the wrong word or phrase in the wrong context or setting and endure the scrutiny of the media and the general public as a result.

Our View: American citizens, as well as the media, should listen to the whole message before judging one’s word choice over context.

When a politician makes the mistake, the incident is blown out of proportion and many Americans are left knowing only of the mistake and not the message. Sen. George Allen, R-Va., slammed his opponent, Kerry, for using the word “macaca” during a campaign rally. “Macaca” is also known to be a racial slur. Allen responded to criticism, saying he did not know the word’s meaning.

While it may not have been racist, using words without knowing the connotations is not becoming of any political candidate. However, one word that could easily be replaced by another, as Obama did, is slightly more understandable.

Additionally, Sen. Joe Biden said Obama was the first sort of mainstream African American who is articulate and bright and clean and a new looking face, according to CNN.

Our View: We believe Biden’s comments are meant to be a compliment, but were interpreted as a racist statement. Before that incident, Biden also made provocative remarks regarding Indian Americans and “Eleven stories in reference to the status of immigrants. As a result, many believe Biden’s campaign may be in trouble regardless of the change he may bring to America as a president.

Politicians are, however, the first to criticize each other for not making mistakes. It is likely that each person has made many mistakes. The measure of a leader is not the amount or type of mistakes they make. The measure of a leader is the way they address, and move forward with, those mistakes.
Track Set for MEAC Championships

BY ERIKA ROBINSON

IT'S JUST SPORTS

A major highlight of the season is at hand. It is a time to see which school will pull ahead with their frosh. It is a time to see which team will be best prepared. It is a time for teams to face the test of their new talent. It is a time for teams to face the test of their new talent.

The championships start Feb. 15 and 16 at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. These championships will be the culmination of the season, giving the four teams the chance to prove their worth.

We are looking to see which team will be crowned the champion. We are looking to see which team will be crowned the champion. We are looking to see which team will be crowned the champion.

Don't forget to tune in and watch the action unfold. It's a time to see which team will be crowned the champion. It's a time to see which team will be crowned the champion. It's a time to see which team will be crowned the champion.