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Haiti Gets Humanitarian Aid, Awaits Justice After Storms

BY JENEFER B. THOMPSON, Contributing Writer

After losing 14 of its 18 major institutions in recent weeks, Haiti is suffering in silence. While much attention has been directed toward the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew, the government of Haiti has been silent. A bill that would remove a major obstacle to foreign aid is currently held up in Congress, and unless it is signed, the country may receive little support.

The situation in Haiti continues to worsen, with homes burned and government corruption. The crisis in Haiti is now being exacerbated by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, as they are looking for answers. With as many as 10 million people now homeless and 100,000 living in makeshift shelters, Eugene Puryear, a Haitian-American singer, has joined relief efforts in cities like Port-au-Prince, where she is a native.

"People have been living in these makeshift shelters for so long, they are not even sure what it means to have a home," said Puryear. "It is a disheartening situation, and we must continue to support those in need."


**The Student's Guide to Absentee Voting**

**Students, Organizations Prepare Campus for Absentee Voting in November's Presidential Election**

BY OMAR EVANS

Staff Writer

This year, college students will play a crucial role in determining who will be the next president of the United States. As Nov. 4 draws near, many out-of-state students are registering to vote, and will have to fill out absentee ballots for their home states in order to be able to fill out absentee ballots. Here’s how to do it:

The first step in the absentee voting process is registering to vote, which can be done by downloading a voter registration application from any official state web site. Each state has different requirements for voting in absentee ballots, including how late you can vote and the variety of registration deadlines.

For example, Rhode Island has the earliest deadline of the country—October 14. Students must fill out the application before Monday, October 14, at 3 p.m. To obtain the application, visit the Rhode Island Secretary of State’s website or call 1-877-578-VOTE.

After obtaining the ballots, make sure to fill out, sign and send back the absentee ballot to complete the process. HU’s Residential Life office assists the process by making up lists of students who are registered to vote. There is a list that you can find on the Montgomery Initiative’s Facebook page for your home state. By doing so, the Montgomery Initiative students will help students with absentee ballots as well.

This year, college students are encouraged to vote absentee. They will vote in droves—according to the Center for American Progress, 3.6 million college students are registered to vote.

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Pros of Absentee Voting

- You get to participate in the electoral process of your home state.
- You will have the chance to get your voice heard.
- You could be the “swing” your state needs to solidify a win for either candidate.
- A vote in D.C. may not be as useful as a vote in an actual state.

**Things Every Student Voter Should Know**

Myth #1: My vote won’t count if I do absentee voting.

WRONG! Most states only require currently registered voters to fill out a simple form to get a ballot. You can do this online through the voter registration website for your state.

Myth #2: I have to go through too much to get an absentee ballot.

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Myth #3: I’m too young to vote.

WRONG! You can vote if you are a registered voter and are at least 18 years old. You can also vote if you are a registered voter and are at least 17 years old. You can vote if you are a registered voter and are at least 16 years old.

Myth #4: I don’t have enough time to get an absentee ballot.

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Myth #5: I’m too busy to vote.

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Myth #6: I’m not sure if I’m registered to vote.

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Please bring your HU student identification card. If you are not validated in the Banner system, you MUST bring proof of
BY ASHLEY JOHNSON-ALFORD

WHAT: Hampton University Sports Information Office

The Hampton softball team returned to the diamond on Friday, September 19, and defeated Seton Keough High School 13-0. The Lady Bison had a dominant offensive day, outscoring their opponents 13-0.

This victory comes after the Lady Bison suffered losses to Howard University and Norfolk State. Courtesy of Howard University Sports Information Office

The Lady Bison had been outscored in three contests at DSU and did the offensive work, according to Coach Toi Tolja Braxton and her team had opportunities to push runs across. Braxton elaborated. “We wouldn’t be an indication of how the State…”

In addition, the Lady Bison have scored three wins in a row, which is their best stretch of the season. This game was the first in a doubleheader, and the Lady Bison had good things to say about their victory.

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However, when things needed their offense the most, the team stepped up and delivered. We added to injury with bad hitting, Braxton added.

The Redskins defeated the Giants 13-3. The Redskins were led by running back Chris Thompson with 104 yards and two touchdowns. Quarterback Dwayne Haskins completed 20 of 24 passes for 285 yards and two touchdowns. The Redskins defense held the Giants to just 164 yards.

Hampton University’s Men’s Tennis Team has been awarded the ITA Academic Scholar Award for Exceptional Performance On and Off the Court. The ITA Academic Scholar Award is given to teams who meet academic criteria set by the ITA and meet performance standards set by the ITA. The award recognizes teams who have achieved a high level of academic excellence.

Howard’s Tennis Team Rewarded by the ITA For Exceptional Performance On and Off the Court

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Graffiti Remains Relevant to Artistic Expression

BY LAUREN McEWEN
Contributing Writer

Despite numerous "No Vandalism" signs and the threat of arrest, graffiti artists continue to tag their work onto everything—from old buildings and billboards to fences and the faces of unsuspecting people.

New signs seem to appear almost overnight, but those who truly treasure the art want to preserve their freedom of expression and are fighting for more than a single sign.

"Graffiti is not for the drugged; it started for the only art forms that came out of the "ghetto," not as people caught on to hip-hop culture," Joe Joe "ebb, a graffiti artist, said.

"It's interesting to know that graffiti started long ago, but it's hard to explain the how—that part of its appeal," said Slick Six, a traveling graffiti outfit.

The history of mature—age graffiti, included in the book of graffiti art, began in New York. From Philadelphia, this new phenomenon trickled over to New York. Though there were a number of early writers, graffiti has dominated the scene ever since. For example, the art of Peter Konecny began to appear on walls of subway stations all around the city.

In 1973, the New York Times tracked down and interviewed the writer responsible for the tags, a 14-year-old student named Ether. In the 1960s in Philadelphia, Pa., the "bombing," or "tagging," became commonly associated with "legal graffiti." Since then, graffiti has become more mainstream, it seems harder to get a chance to experience it," said Kris-City, a graffiti artist.

"If I were a homeowner or a community leader, I would be highly upset," said Nickia King, a sophomore biology major. "Artists have more presence in the media, some question whether or not "legal graffiti" can really be classified as art.

"In the 1960s and 1970s, the "graffiti" name of their passion. "The public is becoming more aware of law and order issues, and graffiti seems to be one of the only art forms that are left untouched," King said.

"Graffiti is not always viewed in a negative light by the public," King added. "Many people view graffiti as an art form that can lead to self-expression, and it's a way for the person to express their feelings in a creative way."

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TopShop Brings London Style to the States

BY TAMARA HAIRSTON

Contributing Writer

TopShop, the high-fashion retailer that has become synonymous with British style, recently opened its first store in the United States. TopShop, which was founded in 1964, is known for its trendy, affordable clothing and has become a favorite among fashion-forward shoppers.

The store features a wide range of women's and men's clothing, accessories, and shoes. TopShop's fashion-forward style is heavily influenced by London's vibrant and diverse street style, making it a true reflection of British culture.

TopShop's interior design is modern and stylish, with a focus on creating a seamless shopping experience. The store is well-lit and features large, open spaces that allow customers to easily navigate the collection.

TopShop is not just about fashion; it's also about experience. The store offers a range of services, including personal styling, fashion advice, and in-store workshops. These added-value services make the shopping experience even more enjoyable and satisfying for customers.

For those who want to shop from the comfort of their own homes, TopShop also offers an online store. This allows customers to browse and purchase their favorite pieces from anywhere in the world.

In conclusion, TopShop is a great addition to the New York fashion scene. It offers a unique and exciting shopping experience that is sure to attract fashion lovers from all over the world.
America's reputation as "Big Brother" is on the rise. The new world it is trying to dominate, one in which America is the new "empire," is now in a very vulnerable position. Unfortunately, other countries who are not being dominated by the U.S. are also starting to feel the vulnerability of this new world. For the past eight years, our foreign alliances and diplomatic relationships have been neglected and forgotten.

Our View:
America's position in the world is being challenged by new global power and the government should not take other countries and their threats lightly.

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