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Judge Fred Seraphin swears in City of North Miami Mayor Smith Joseph on Wednesday at City Hall as his wife Patricia and one of his children look on. Photo Ricardo Saint-Cyr

Mayor Joseph takes a public oath at 8 p.m. Wednesday (Nov. 12) as hundreds of people gather in front of the Museum of Contemporary Art in North Miami.

By Dessalines Ferdinand

In an hour-and-a-half outdoor ceremony on Wednesday night, Dr. Smith Joseph was sworn in as North Miami's new mayor, pledging to listen to residents' concerns and work tirelessly to improve the quality of life of all North Miamians.

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L'interview du président d'Haïti, Michel Joseph Martelly, continue de susciter la controverse et ou l'indignation. Smith Augustin et Tahar Mateo, doctorant à l'Université Laval de Montréal et du Milken Institute, George Washington University, ont soumis ce texte sous le titre: L'interview de TV5 Monde : Drame présidentiel ou faillite collective d'un peuple. Nous le publions in extenso.



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Art Basel in Little Haiti



By Joann Millord

Snuggled in between Thanksgiving and Christmas, Miami celebrates another great holiday called Art Basel from Dec. 4-7. All lights shine on greater Miami as art collectors from all over the world come to explore Miami's art collection. Once a Miami Beach event, Art Basel now has satellite events

in Downtown, Wynwood and the Design District. This year, Miami's black communities refuse to be left behind. Events are being planned from Overtown to Little Haiti.

Art Basel is a great opportunity for economic development because the event brings over 75,000 visitors to South Florida. The Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau (GMCVB) has taken note and created Art of Black Miami, capitalizing on the opportunity for tourists to explore a different side of Miami through the diversity of cultural communities. The GMCVB will host its kick-off event for Art of Black Miami at the Little Haiti Cultural Center at 6 p.m. Nov. 18. The support of the GMCVB is exactly what cultural communities such as Little Haiti need to gain worldwide exposure.

Northeast Second Avenue Partnership (NE2P) is participating in Little Haiti's Art Beat, a collection of local and international artwork pro-

viding a multi-media experience to promote Little Haiti as a cultural gem. These events happening at the Little Haiti Cultural Center, Caribbean Marketplace and Chef Creole Restaurant showcase diverse art, music and culture through paintings, sculptures, installations and photography. On Dec. 4, Art Beat will unveil a pop-up gallery inside the Caribbean Marketplace featuring an exhibit of local artwork. Street art will not be lacking in Little Haiti as Art Beat is currently curating 20 building murals along 54th St. and NE 2nd Ave.

Let's not forget the small businesses in Little Haiti. Art galleries such as Daleus, Moeska and Yeleen will all have great events during Art Basel week as well. A new small business that is creating a splash during Art Basel is the Little Haiti Thrift Store which has partnered with #IHaitiBasel produced by MGKAT. Magic Kat is a collective of artists and designers, based in New York and Miami, whose work focuses on creating site-specific, community-oriented, interdisciplinary installations and events that seek to highlight and enhance the inherent qualities of the community it inhabits. MGKAT will be hosting nightly activities Dec. 3-7 at the Little Haiti Thrift Store.

With so much activity and commerce happening all throughout greater Miami during Art Basel, it only seems natural for Little Haiti to shine as the vibrant and colorful neighborhood that it has become.

Schedule of Art Beat Events

- Dec. 4: Opening Reception, 6-9 p.m. at the Little Haiti Cultural Center, 212 NE 59th Terrace, Miami FL 33137

- Dec. 4-6: Art Beat Pop-Up Gallery, 12-8 p.m. (open daily) at the Caribbean Marketplace, 5925 NE 2nd Ave., Miami, FL 33137

- Dec. 4-6: Art Beat Mural Showcase, ongoing along NE 2nd Ave. from 54th St. to 62nd St. and NE/NW 54th St. from NE 2nd Ave. to NW 6th Ave., Miami, FL

- Dec. 5: Conversations with the Artists, 6-8 p.m. at Chef Creole Restaurant Tiki Hut, 200 NW 54th St., Miami, FL 33127

- Dec. 6: Celebrity Brunch with Chef Creole, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Little Haiti Cultural Center, 212 NE 59th Terrace, Miami, FL 33137

- Dec. 6: Art Beat Finale, 6-9 p.m. at the Caribbean Marketplace, 212 NE 59th Terrace, Miami, FL 33137

For more information on Art Beat please visit the website at www.artbeatmiami.com.

If you want to be up-to-date on all developments happening in Little Haiti, be sure to follow Northeast Second Avenue Partnership (NE2P) on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ne2porg or "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ne2p.org. Please contact NE2P at 786-908-3724 or at info@ne2p.org

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The new mayor vowed to work together with other council members and the city manager in the best interests of all residents, regardless of their racial or ethnic origins, in order to keep the city moving forward.

Dr. Joseph spoke after Miami-Dade's first Haitian-American county judge, Fred Seraphin, administered the oath of office before a crowd of hundreds, a citywide television audience and Island TV (a local Haitian station) which also broadcast the event live.

In his inaugural address as mayor, Joseph took time to thank first, God, for all He has done for him, Who took him from the small town of Saint-Louis du Nord, Haiti, to the great city of North Miami, Florida. He then thanked his wife, Patricia Saint-Vil Joseph, who, he said, always stands by him; his other family members; his entire campaign team, and of course the voters who trusted him and came out to vote for him.

"By casting your votes, you give me

the mandate to represent you everywhere I go during my tenure, and I don't take it lightly," Joseph, 52, said, before adding: "I proudly accept the task and I will rightfully decide for you when you are unable to do so."

He said he will work with his colleagues at the council to bring help to the small business owners in the city.

The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), the MoCA museum and citizen safety were among the many points outlined by the successor of suspended mayor Lucie Tondreau.

The new mayor, who acknowledged that crimes have been considerably reduced in the city in recent years, said there is still more to be done in terms of safety of the citizens.

"If a city is not safe, it has no value," Joseph said. Therefore, he committed to work closely with the other council members to provide more necessary tools to the police force in order to be more effective in fighting crimes in the city.

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Haitian-American lawyer makes history as first-ever elected D.C. attorney general

As White House counsel, Racine helped prepare President Clinton for depositions for independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr

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Philippe Derose, Philippe Brutus, Josaphat "Joe" Celestin and Jean Monestime made history in the state of Florida by becoming, respectively, the first Haitian-American elected official in the United States of America as mayor of the City of El Portal; member of the Florida Legislature; mayor of a large Miami-Dade city (North Miami), and Miami-Dade county commissioner. Beyond Florida, two political Americans with Haitian roots just added their names to the honor list. Mia Bourdeau Love, a Republican from Utah, was elected Nov. 4 to become the first Haitian-American in Congress, and Karl Anthony Racine won the first-ever race for District of Columbia attorney general.

The 51-year-old Democrat is a longtime Washingtonian. He claimed the job by winning 41 percent of the vote (more than 145,000 votes cast) in a field of five candidates.

The Haitian-American topped an all-Democrat field with diverse backgrounds that included Lorie Masters, 59, a litigator for insurance claimants; Edward "Smitty" Smith, 34, the youngest candidate in the race; Lateefah Williams, 37, an openly gay African-American woman, and Paul Zukerberg, 56, a criminal defense specialist. Smith, his nearest contender, won 19 percent of the vote.

As the first elected attorney general, Racine will help transform what has been regarded as an important but largely low-profile administrative job into a premier political seat in the nation's capital. He will succeed Irvin B. Nathan, the former general counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives who was appointed as D.C. attorney general by Mayor Vincent Gray in



Karl Racine is the son of Haitian immigrants. His commitment to equal justice was inspired by his parents, who fled the dictatorial Duvalier rule in Haiti to start a new life in D.C.

2011.

Sean Rankin, a Racine campaign spokesman, said that D.C. voters were impressed by the candidate's integrity.

"People want to have faith in their elected officials," Rankin said. "It started with credibility and it differentiated him for the rest of the field," Rankin added speaking about Racine.

During his 25-year legal career, the Penn graduate became the first African American to become a managing partner of a top 100 firm, at Venable LLP, which has 600 lawyers.

Racine is the son of Haitian immigrants. His commitment to equal justice was inspired by his parents, who fled the dictatorial Duvalier rule in Haiti to start a new life in D.C.

Racine attended Murch Elementary School, Deal Junior High, Wilson High, and graduated from St. John's College High School, all public schools in the District of Columbia. A star athlete, he was an All-Met basketball player who later held court with the likes of Patrick Ewing and Michael Jordan in the 1981 McDonald's Capital Classic.

He later played basketball at the University of Pennsylvania and received a law degree from the University of Virginia.

In between stints in private practice, Racine served as D.C. public defender in the early 1990s and associate White House counsel during the second term of the Clinton administra-

tion, helping to prepare the president for depositions for independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr.

Campaigning in recent months, Racine secured endorsements from the former president, The Washington Post and City Council member Marion Barry. He also led the field in

fundraising, including \$500,000 from his own coffers.

Clinton said in a statement that Racine "has the integrity and ethics to be the District's first elected Attorney General."

"I got into this race because I believe D.C. Attorney General needs to have the right kind of experience, a clear vision, and be prepared to fight for the people of the District of Columbia," said Racine during his address to supporters at his Nov. 4 victory party in Washington, D.C.

"I will make sure to live up to the principles we set forth when we started this campaign. To weed out corruption and make our government as fair and transparent as possible, to fight for the most vulnerable among us, to get our kids out of prison and into classrooms, and to make sure hard-working Washingtonians are protected under the law and have the opportunities they deserve," he added.

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First Haitian-American Elected to the US Congress Ludmya "Mia" Love makes some Haitians in Miami proud

LITTLE HAITI, Fla. - Ludmya "Mia" Love is Haitian-American and Tuesday night (Nov. 4) she became the first Republican black woman in Congress.



Ludmya "Mia" Bourdeau Love

Sen. John McCain and former Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney flew in to Utah to campaign on her behalf. Love's immigrant story is one that is familiar to some in South Florida.

"We are very happy. We still don't know much about her, but we want to know," said Jan Mapou, owner of Libreri Mapou, 5919 NE 2nd Ave., in Miami's Little Haiti.

Love won a seat in Utah's 4th congressional district. "It is big news for us [Haitians] today," Mapou said. "How can you not be proud?"

Love was born Dec. 6, 1975 in Brooklyn -- a few years after her parents, Mary and Jean Maxine Bourdeau, left the island for New York. They only had \$10 in their pocket when they left running from Tonton Macoutes, a "Pap Doc" Duvalier paramilitary that was active until 1986.

When her parents "finally became U.S. citizens, they had studied the Constitution, American history, they learned the English language," Love, 39, said, during an interview with Newsweek. "And when they pledged allegiance to the American flag for the first time, they meant every word."

She grew up in Norwalk, Connecticut and was raised a Catholic. After graduating from the University of Hartford, she moved to Utah, joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and wed Jason Love.

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President Obama is expected to make a move on Immigration



By Patricia Elizee, Esq

With midterm elections out of the way, President Obama is expected to take executive action on immigration as soon as the end of this year. According to some reports, the President delayed any executive action on immigration due to pressure from Senate Democrats that were anxious about losing their election.

The President is expected to expanded the already in place Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program, better known as DACA, that was put into place in 2012. Deferred action is a discretionary power of the government to not exercise their ability to remove an undocumented person living in the United States. It is part of the government's prosecutorial discretion. It can be granted to any undocumented individual currently residing in the United States regardless of whether they have an order of removal or ever been in removal proceedings. When deferred action is granted to the individual, they are able to stay in the country free of fear of deportation, and they are able to apply for a work permit. There is no direct path from being granted deferred action to being a lawful permanent resident or a citizen of the U.S.

DACA, is a deferred action program that was created by the Department of Homeland Security, due to the request of the President, to shelter young immigrants who came to the United States before reaching the age of 16. With the failure of immigration reform by congress, President Obama, is now rumored to be expanding the DACA program to include a wider range of immigrants. Some advocated have suggested getting rid DACA's age restrictions. An immigrant must show that they entered the country under the age of 16 and that they were under the age of 31 as of June 15, 2012 to qualify for DACA. Another suggestion is that President Obama includes parents or spouses of US citizens to those already benefiting under the DACA program, it is estimated that about four million undocumented immigrants could be impacted.

Immigration advocates have also been encouraging the President to put in a place a wide "parole in place" program. This would enable immigrants who entered the United States illegally, that are now married to US citizens, to remain in the country to obtain their green card applications. Currently, if you are illegal because you entered the United States without inspection, you first have to leave the country and apply for your visa in the US consulate in your native country. Individuals who choose to do that take the risk of never being able to re-enter the United States. If the President creates a parole in place program where these individuals could be paroled into the country, they would no longer be

considered to have entered without inspection and they would qualify to apply for their green cards in the U.S.

Recent reports have said that the President is ready to unveil a 10 part immigration reform plan that he is ready to carry out through executive action, meaning without the support of congress. In this 10 part plan, the President is said to lay out initiatives to not only suspend deportations of immigrants with no criminal records and strong family ties, but to also plans to increase border security and increase the pay for immigration officers.

Please keep in mind that nothing has been ordered yet. No executive orders have been announced. Visit USCIS.gov to educate yourself on the current immigration laws. Do not allow non-attorneys to take advantage of you and your family with misinformation.

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Alibaba's Jack Ma Is Tired and Doesn't Like Being Rich

Alibaba founder and executive chairman Jack Ma finds being his country's richest man "a great pain."

good, but not the richest man in China. It's a great pain because when you're (the) richest person in the world, everybody (is) surround-

"This month I'm not very happy—I think too much pressure," Ma said, speaking to CNBC from his company's headquarters in Hangzhou, China. "I try to make myself happy no, because I know that if I'm not happy my colleagues are not happy, and my shareholders are not happy, and my customers are not happy." He suggested that the company's historic IPO—valued at a record-setting \$25 billion—may have contributed to this stress. "Maybe the stock goes so up, maybe people have high expectations on you, maybe I think too much about the future and have too many things to worry about," Ma said. "IPO is great because ... I'm happy with the results, but honestly I think when people think too highly of you, you have the responsibility to calm down and be yourself." But Ma said the stress in his life is coming from more than just his job. "People say, 'Well Jack, rich people is good.' Yeah it is



Jack Ma, founder and executive chairman of Alibaba, is China's richest man.

ing you for money," he said. "Today when I walk on the street, people look at you in a different—I want people to see this is entrepreneur, this is a guy who is having fun of himself, and I want to be myself." To get rid of this "pain," Ma suggested he is looking at ways to use his money to give back to society. Any philanthropy will have to be efficient and effective, he said, because "spending money is much more difficult than making money."



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Digicel Launches "Christmas On Us" Campaign

MIAMI - "Christmas On Us," an annual campaign during the holiday season, gives Digicel customers a chance to win fantastic prizes, including a brand-new car.

This year's campaign started Nov. 3 and will continue until Dec. 28, 2014. This is Digicel's way of thanking its customers for another successful year and also to allow them to share in the joy of the Christmas season.

Members of the media serving the Caribbean migrant population in the South Florida were invited to a press conference on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2014, to toast and learn about this year's "Christmas On Us."

The event was held at Hilton Hotel Miami Airport, between 3 and 5 pm. It is considered one of the biggest promotions for Digicel Group Limited, which has been doing business in the Caribbean for about 13 years.

Natasha Babulal, of Digicel's Diaspora office, welcomed the guests and commented that "the program this year has gotten off to a great start. Our customers can anticipate a sensational season with lots of surprises. Our Christmas theme this year means more than simply handing over free gifts to our customers." Sebastien Antoine, brand and advertising manager at Digicel Diaspora, then introduced last year's winner, Jamaican-born Nicola Daley-White, a resident of Miami for three years, who shared her wonderful experience with the campaign with the audience.



A partial view of the audience at Hilton Hotel Miami Airport.

"Usually, I send minutes to my family in Jamaica every month. I was surprised when I received a call notifying me that I am the winner. I could not believe, until I realized the caller on the phone was serious," said Daley-White.

"I used a portion of the money to buy myself a new phone, and some items for my kids," added the lucky customer.

During each week of the eight-week campaign, one winner will randomly win a \$1,000 cash prize. Other customers will win prizes, too, with a total of up to \$5,000 being awarded each week. The competition also brings families closer as they will have the chance to win airline tickets, courtesy of American Airlines. The grand prize winner of the promotion will drive off with a brand-new car.

"We are proud to say this year our Christmas campaign is bigger and

stronger than ever," said Andreina Gonzalez, head of marketing in Digicel's Diaspora division. "At Digicel, we believe the customer is the boss. That's why we always take time to talk and listen to them in order to know the better ways to serve them."

During this holiday season, Digicel is tapping into South Florida's close ties to the Caribbean, particularly Haiti and Jamaica, in a campaign that asks families stateside to use online top up service to send minutes to families throughout the Caribbean and Central America.

The message is simple: "Send Minutes Home. More often for more chances to win." The advertising features a happy man driving an SUV, smiling and waving his left hand to bystanders.

The South Florida Digicel campaign includes bus bench and newspaper

ads, billboards and radio and television spots. Ads will be seen throughout the streets of Little Haiti, North Miami and North Miami Beach to target the large Haitian community. In South Broward, the focus shifts to the Jamaican population, and other Caribbean migrants.

The "all top up" transactions during the eight-week promotional period include Digicel minutes sent to friends and family in Haiti, Jamaica, Grenada, Guyana, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago and other Caribbean countries via www.digicelgroup.com or from any authorized retail location.

"The more they send, the higher their chances to win. We count on the partnership of the media to spread the news to our customers," concluded Gonzalez.

At the end of the event, Timothy Gross, senior manager, digital marketing channels, directed a surprise contest, where three members of the media had a chance to win a \$25 minutes gift card from Digicel. The prizes went to the first three persons in the room to quickly download the new Digicel Top Up app on their cell phones.

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Florida Politician Calls For Boycott Of Bahamas

By RASHAD ROLLE

A FLORIDA lawmaker of Haitian descent vowed yesterday to stop at nothing until tourists and international businesses boycott this country because of controversial immigration policies that came into effect on November 1.

Daphne Campbell, Democratic member of the Florida House of Representatives, spoke in Florida about the matter during a press conference broadcast on Channel 7 news yesterday.

At one point during the conference, she exclaimed: "Boycott Bahamas! Boycott Bahamas to end discrimination against Haitian children!"

Proclaiming to be a "voice for the voiceless," Mrs Campbell later told this newspaper that she took her position after seeing a video showing Haitian children facing deportation to Haiti being led away during recent immigration arrests.

Distressed Haitian parents in Florida showed her the video, along with other "alarming" photos, she said.

She said Bahamian government officials have one week to apologise and reverse the new policies, or she will travel here with a delegation to address them face-to-face.

#She also pledged to be persistent in raising awareness around the world about the "injustices" performed in this country as long as the immigration policies remain unchanged.

She said she will hold another press conference in a week if offi-



Haitian-American Daphne Campbell, a member of the Florida House of Representatives.

cialists here do not reverse the policies.

Foreign Affairs and Immigration Minister Fred Mitchell dismissed her threats yesterday.

"She's a fool," he said when contacted for comment. "Anyone who talks about boycotting the Bahamas, I can't have any time for them. That's absolute rot. It's amazing the stupidity that's circulating around this. It's just astounding."

He later noted in a statement that her claims about Haitian children being mistreated here are false.

Mrs Campbell said Haitian parents in Florida, expressing their distress over recent immigration apprehensions in this country, have been overcome with emotion as they seek her help even while she campaigns for re-election.

"I got the information from a group of Haitian parents who came to my office in alarming and overwhelming distress," she said. "I was preparing my campaign for my re-election. Even though I have a very nasty opponent, I put everything on the side to make sure my office wrote a letter to the

Bahamian government, the prime minister of the Bahamas and we even reached out to the consulate in Miami. Plenty people came to my office to complain with videos and pictures."

"I call on President Obama, Governor (Rick

Scott and the people who are supposed to make sure the voice of the voiceless are heard; we must boycott Bahamas."

Asked how she planned to succeed in her efforts, she said: "We will do as much we can. I am a lawmaker. I could slap Bahamas with a law in Florida."

"I will get all my colleagues with me," she added. "I will get elected officials. We have Cuban elected officials with us supporting that initiative because it involves every culture, everybody who understands the meaning of children."

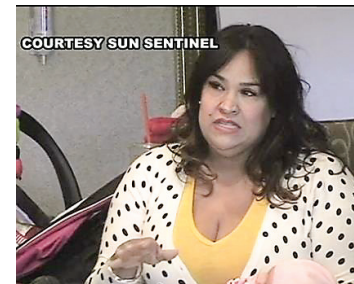
She said children born in the Bahamas should never be deported.

"To me it is very unfair (to deport them)," she said. "It's an injustice. . . for them to be deported to a country they don't know, a country they can't speak the language of, with no one to take care of them, to be deported - that's terrible."

"Bahamian culture has been doing this for years," she continued. "I think they have no heart of God of all." S: tribune242.com

Woman survives 45 minutes with no pulse

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) -- A Florida mother is home and tending to her new infant less than a month after surviving 45 minutes following complications from a routine cesarean section.



A spokesman for Boca Raton Regional Hospital told The Associated Press on Sunday that a team of medical workers spent three hours attempting to revive the woman after a rare amniotic fluid embolism.

Spokesman Thomas Chakurda says the doctors were preparing to pronounce her death when a blip on a monitor indicated a heartbeat. Despite going 45 minutes without a pulse, she suffered no brain damage during the Sept. 23 ordeal.

"We had called a code that lasted for three hours. She essentially spontaneously resuscitated when we were about to call the time of death," said Thomas Chakurda, the hospital spokesman.

Doctors had called the family into the operating room and told them there was nothing more they could do for 40-year-old Ruby Graupera-Cassimiro.

Graupera-Cassimiro gave birth to a healthy daughter before amniotic fluid entered her bloodstream and heart and created a vacuum, stopping circulation. Doctors say condition is often fatal.

Chakurda said the woman's survival is a story of two miracles -- her resuscitation and the fact that she survived without serious brain damage.

"Today she is the picture of health," he said.

Police: 3 suspects in Miramar rape cases lured victims online

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (WSVN) -- Three South Florida men remain behind bars after, police said, they used social media to lure women and then sexually assaulted them.

Nineteen-year-old Britton Blackwood, 20-year-old Frankie Lee Gatlin Jr. and 19-year-old Kinshon Johnekins are facing a long list of charges, including sexual battery, false imprisonment and robbery. "Basically, they robbed, raped and terrorized women," said Miramar Police spokesperson Tania Rues.

Investigators said the trio held a total of three women at gunpoint and sexually assaulted them on two separate occasions, on Sept. 24 and Oct. 26. In the first incident, police said, two women were driving to South Florida from Port Charlotte to meet Blackwood and Gatlin at a home in Miramar. "Both women were held at gunpoint, both women were raped by both of these individuals," said Rues. "Their personal belongings were also stolen."

In the Oct. 26 incident, a woman in her 20s was



From left: 19-year-old Britton Blackwood, 20-year-old Frankie Lee Gatlin Jr., 19-year-old Kinshon Johnekins

raped in her car outside a KFC in Miramar, around 5 a.m. Police said the victim was on her way home after leaving a nearby club. "Her friend left her at her vehicle; as this victim was punching her home address into the GPS, two men approached her with weapons," said Rues.

Police said those two men were Blackwood and Johnekins. Investigators were able to obtain DNA evidence as well as other clues to link the trio to these cases. "We also were able to obtain surveillance video from a nearby location," said Rues. "This video was key because it showed these two individuals coming from a particular residence."

All three victims were able to positively identify the men, and on Friday, Skyforce HD hovered above the scene as Miramar Police arrested the suspects.

Authorities are also investigating another incident that happened Friday morning in which, they said, two women were terrorized and one of them was raped. Police believe at least one of the suspects is connected to that case. "We do believe that there are other victims out there, and we want them to come forward," said Rues.

Blackwood, Gatlin and Johnekins are being held at the Broward County Jail.

If you have any information on any of these cases or have been targeted by these suspects, call Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS. Remember, you can always remain anonymous, and you may be eligible for a reward.

Dr. Smith Joseph Sworn In As North Miami's New Mayor

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"We cannot let MoCA museum fail. As a city commission, we need to do whatever possible in our power to keep it on its feet," Joseph also said. The newcomer, who presents himself as a unifier, is hoping to strategize a plan to bring the city together as evidenced by the diversity of support in his campaign.

"I am the mayor of everybody; Caucasians, blacks, Latinos, etc. As mayor, my door will be open for you anytime you will need me," he said, gaining him a long round of applause from the crowd.

"I have to tell you tonight that the great city of North Miami is on the move. We are on the move," Joseph said.

Many current and past elected local officials were in the audience, including North Miami Beach Mayor George Vallejo, North Miami Beach Councilman Frantz Pierre, former Florida State Rep. Philip Brutus, Former Florida State Yolly Roberson and former North Miami mayors Josaphat "Joe" Celestin and Andre Pierre.

The induction of Joseph is viewed by some as a victory for the Haitian population in North Miami, since Haitian-American members keep their majority on the City Council as three out of five.

In a speech 90 percent in English, Joseph shouted some Creole words to address directly his fellow Haitians. Joseph, who speaks four languages, took a little time to also address the Latino residents in the city with some words in Spanish, before he concluded by saying: "Let's build a stronger city of North Miami! Let's build a unified city of North Miami!"

At the very end, the new mayor shouted: "God bless America! God bless the great city of North Miami."

The celebration ended with a private reception for the new mayor at



North Miami's New Mayor, Dr. Smith Joseph (4th from left), poses for a photo with the five other elected officials of the city. Photo credit: Jean Gary Bourdeau/Feel Good Photo & Video, Inc.

MoCA.

Joseph won over former Mayor Kevin Burns in a run-off with 55 percent (7,058) of the votes. He becomes the fourth Haitian-American (after Joe Celestin, Andre Pierre and Lucie Tondreau) to be elected as mayor of the sixth largest city in Miami-Dade County. The special election was held to fill out the rest of Tondreau's term, so the new mayor will be up for re-election in seven months, May 2015. This is Joseph's second race for North Miami's mayoral seat.

Joseph was joined by his wife and their children (Yummy, Manoucheka and Sebastien), whose appearances in campaign spots on the radio helped propel him to victory. Joseph gave them a special shout-out in his first address as mayor.

Joseph's mother, Janette Joseph, said she knew her son would become a leader. "He really cares so much about people. He always has."

Frere Sanon, a well-known personality in the Haitian community who attended the ceremony, reacted positively to Joseph's speech, which, he

said, left him heartened.

"He made the point that he is equally the mayor of everybody. That was the most important point," Sanon said.

But Jean (who chose to keep his last name anonymous), a longtime resident and business owner in North Miami, thinks what the new mayor said during the campaign and in his inaugural speech is just rhetoric; just political talk in the interest of getting

elected and making him look good in front of the audience.

"Dr. Smith Joseph will have to keep his campaign promise and more important prove he is the one in charge. It is a fact, he got elected with the heavy support of many well-known figures in the community. It is clear that he (Joseph) owes a debt of gratitude to those people and will have to pay them back somehow. This is politics," said the long-time entrepreneur.

About the new mayor

Dr. Smith Joseph is a medical professional in the city of North Miami. He got his associate degree from Miami Dade College and his degree in pharmacy and doctorate from FAMU (Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University). While working as a pharmacist at Walgreens Joseph enrolled in Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, graduating with a doctorate in osteopathic medicine. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Grady Memorial Hospital/Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Joseph is married to a practicing attorney Patricia Saint-Vil Joseph. The couple has three beautiful children.

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Colossal success for Jerry Tardieu in North Miami

NORTH MIAMI -- The huge success of Jerry Tardieu's book signing in North Miami on November 6, has taken everybody by surprise, and understandably so. In general, Book signings are a hard sell within South Florida's Haitian community, even for renowned published foreign writers. Yet hundreds of Haitians and Haitian-Americans rushed to Moca Café and patiently stayed in line for hours to get a signed copy of JERRY TARDIEU's latest book: INVESTIR et S'INVESTIR EN HAÏTI : UN ACTE DE FOI.

I have attended many -if not most- book signings in Miami and have never seen any author achieve such a colossal success. In my opinion, many factors have coalesced to make this feat possible.

First of all, the author! Indeed, Jerry Tardieu, a 47-year old Harvard-educated entrepreneur and author, displays an interesting combination of charisma and unique communication skills. Two days before the event, he toured our local radio stations and wooed the audience with his impressive knowledge, smooth language, simplicity and captivating personality. I don't know Jerry Tardieu but he came across as genuine and authentic when I listened to him on Alex Saint-Surin's daily show, CARREFOUR. In fact, he made a huge impact on me as he spoke from the heart. Actually, that is what motivated me to attend his book signing.



Author Jerry Tardieu Book-Signing photo at Moca Cafe, North Miami. Photo Ricardo Saint-Cyr

Furthermore, Tardieu is such a word-smith (hombre de palabras as would say some of my Cuban friends), that it is impossible not to be fascinated by his way of dumbing down the most arcane of concepts. Quite interestingly, he seems to also be a man of action, a doer. Did I mention that JERRY is the main promoter of the Royal Oasis Hotel, a landmark in Haiti and the first high-end hotel to have emerged from the ashes of the earthquake? It is so refreshing to actually listen to a Haitian private sector leader with a record! A real one.

The other reason having contributed to this success is encapsulated in the title of the book itself. The book's title "INVESTIR Et S'INVESTIR EN HAÏTI : UN ACTE DE FOI " is

catchy and attractive. It is powerful enough to move the community by hundreds who felt they needed to delve into it to better grasp the realities of their beloved Haiti.

Jerry Tardieu's style exudes a refreshing optimism. His opinions are balanced. He comes across as a non-partisan analyst and one more interested to push an economic agenda for Haiti than anything else. He uses facts to convince. His optimism is contagious to a point that one feels compelled to consider investing in Haiti after listening to him. In fact, the current Martelly-Lamothe government could not have a better advocate in their quest to convince people that Haiti is open for business. In answering Alex Saint-Surin's questions, Jerry Tardieu

has praised some of the government's efforts and achievements.

One other observation: Tardieu questions our collective mentality which is one of skepticism and doubts. He wishes that more Haitians would believe in their country and actually invest some time, energy to help in the rebuilding process.

Another key to Jerry Tardieu's collaring book signing success seems to be the social media strategy that he deployed. As any modern leader, Tardieu is very present on the internet. His very public social involvement in his native district of Petion-Ville has caught many people's attention. Many bloggers comment on his posts, his articles or simply his media appearances. For instance, I first heard of Jerry Tardieu through a friend who follows him on Facebook and appreciate his growing social work in Petion-Ville.

A book launch event is a fabulous opportunity to celebrate the years of sweat and tears that have led to the book's publication. After such a successful event, Jerry Tardieu must be proud. He was able to rally the community on a positive message and gather in one place so many Haitians from so many parts of Florida, from different generations and social backgrounds, only connected by one passion : HAÏTI !

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Heureuse de vivre à 118 ans après avoir survécu au séisme

À 118 ans, une Haïtienne résidant à Laval pourrait devenir la doyenne de l'humanité après avoir survécu à plusieurs périls, dont le tremblement de terre de 2010, cachée sous les décombres.

Laval -- «Je vais prier pour que vous ayez une longue vie et que vous gagniez beaucoup d'argent, comme ça vous pourrez le partager avec moi», lance en créole Cicilia Laurent à la fin de l'entrevue.

Née le 31 janvier 1896, elle ne manque ni d'humour ni de foi. Sa longue et riche vie a été célébrée hier soir (vendredi 7 novembre) par sa famille à l'occasion d'un gala.

Cette mère de 12 enfants, grand-mère d'une trentaine de petits-enfants et d'encore plus d'arrière-petits-enfants, a traversé trois siècles. Elle a connu les premières années de l'automobile en passant par les deux guerres mondiales, pour finir à l'époque d'internet.

DANS LES DÉCOMBRES

Rester en vie si longtemps n'est pas un mince exploit vu ce qu'elle a dû affronter.

Le 12 janvier 2010, à Port-au-Prince, elle était à genoux dans sa chambre en train de prier quand le terrible séisme s'est abattu sur l'île, provoquant plus de 230 000 morts et 300 000 blessés.

Le mur de sa chambre s'est effondré au-dessus de sa tête. Elle allait fêter son 114e anniversaire.

Elle est restée ainsi trois jours sous les décombres... et elle a été retrouvée, vivante, toujours en train de prier.

«Elle m'a dit que pendant ce temps, elle avait simplement essayé de comprendre ce qu'il se passait. Ce n'est pas quelqu'un qui a peur ou qui panique», raconte son arrière-petit-fils, Ronald Chery, qui a toujours vécu au Québec.

À l'époque, ce dernier avait été prévenu par la députée fédérale de Laval, Raymonde Folco, que sa «gran'n» était vivante et qu'il fallait la ramener.

«Elle est restée trois jours là-bas. Le lendemain, je suis parti la chercher, et le cinquième jour, elle était dans l'avion d'Air-Canada», se souvient M. Chery.

Pour Cicilia Laurent, c'était la fin de 114 années passées en terre haïtienne, où elle a travaillé comme commerçante. Elle a survécu à tout, aux catastrophes naturelles comme au régime dictatorial des Duvalier père et fils.

POULET ET BANANES



Cicilia Laurent

L'organisation des records Guinness est en train de procéder aux vérifications avant de la proclamer Doyenne de l'humanité. Avec un peu de patience, elle pourrait battre le record de la Française Jeanne Calment, décédée en 1997 à l'âge de 122 ans et 164 jours.

Le secret de sa longévité, selon elle? La prière et une alimentation saine. «Je ne mange que du naturel, rien de chimique. Du poulet, des bananes et du jus d'orange pressée», affirme-t-elle. C'était son menu hier soir.

Elle évite aussi de regarder les nouvelles, pour ne

pas se stresser. À la télévision, elle privilégie les dessins animés.

La recette a l'air de fonctionner. «Des fois, j'ai un peu froid aux pieds», admet-elle. Son arrière-petit-fils rappelle que c'est ce qui arrive quand on va à l'église même quand il neige. Ça ne l'empêche pas, selon lui, de chanter et de danser.

«C'est une grande source de sagesse pour nous. Elle prend tout de manière positive. La neige, la pluie, pour elle, c'est ce que Dieu nous donne, alors elle le prend», explique Ronald Chery.

«Et elle aime tout le monde, les hommes, les femmes, comme s'ils étaient ses enfants», ajoute-t-il.

«Et je n'ai jamais trompé mon mari», conclut Mme Laurent.

— Pour entrer en contact avec la famille ou pour aider Cicilia Laurent dans ses tâches quotidiennes: roncherri@gmail.com

Baptiste Zapirain
S: Journal de Montréal

70 haïtiens abandonnés sur l'île de Mona, près de Porto-Rico

Les Agents de patrouille frontalière de la « U.S. Customs and Border Protection » (CBP) ont appréhendé dimanche après-midi 70 migrants haïtiens sans papiers qui ont débarqué samedi soir sur l'île de Mona.

La CBP a reçu un appel du Département des ressources naturelles et de l'environnement (DNER) de Porto Rico, qui ont déclaré qu'un grand groupe d'haïtiens présumés, avait débarqué près de la plage Uvero à l'île de Mona, un territoire américain situé à 38 miles à l'Ouest de Puerto Rico.

Le groupe était composé de 70 haïtiens sans papiers, 46 hommes adultes et 24 femmes; dont 3 étaient des mineurs et une femme enceinte. Tous les migrants ont été trouvés en bonne santé.

« Les contrebandiers ont laissé les migrants sur la Mona, leur faisant croire qu'ils avaient atteint en toute sécurité Puerto Rico » a déclaré Ramiro Cerrillo, Agent Chef de patrouille de la CBP, ajoutant « Les migrants ne doivent pas se laisser bernés par de fausses promesses faites par les contrebandiers. »



Le navire de la Garde côtière américaine Drummond, a transporté le groupe à Port Mayaguez où les Agents de patrouille frontalière de la CBP ont assuré leur garde pour le traitement de l'immigration.

Après le traitement, les Agents de patrouille frontalière ont transféré la garde à la « US Immigration and Customs Enforcement » (ICE) « Enforcement Removal Operations » pour le retour accéléré des migrants. S: haitilibre.com

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Ces anciens musiciens qui vivent dans la misère !

MIAMI -- Rares sont les anciens musiciens haïtiens qui, une fois décidés de se retirer de la scène après une longue carrière, ont suffisamment d'argent de côté pour passer le reste de leur vie sans aucun souci financier. Nombreux sont les musiciens actifs qui ont du mal à mener une vie décente à la dimension de leur profil de "vedette", tant qu'ils sont confrontés au quotidien à d'énormes problèmes financiers.

La musique compas ne parvient pas à nourrir correctement les musiciens, dit-on. Selon plusieurs sources fiables du milieu musical haïtien, certains musiciens gagnent jusqu'au minimum de cent dollars par prestation. Ce montant se définit par son instrument et sa position dans l'orchestre, aussi bien la cote de popularité du groupe. Les membres de l'état-major d'un groupe - très en demande - gagnent en moyenne trois cent dollars par prestation, toujours selon ces mêmes sources.

Environ 5 % des musiciens jouant la musique compas vivent exclusivement de ce rythme créé en 1955 par l'immortel saxophoniste Nemours Jean Baptiste. Les autres trouvent un boulot parallèle en semaine - comme un plan de secours - pour combler leur déficit budgétaire afin de pouvoir maintenir un standard de vie plus ou moins raisonnable.

Plusieurs anciennes figures connues de la scène musicale haïtienne - dont nous nous gardons de citer des noms - vivent actuellement dans la précarité, obligés parfois de tendre la main à des parents et des amis, pour vivre.

Des personnalités qui, durant leur moment de gloire, ont ému, fait danser et donné de la joie à toute une génération.

"Anticiper pour vivre mieux. Anticiper, c'est épargner. !!! " explique Wesley Laurent, un économiste haïtien dans son approche du sujet.

Préparer financièrement votre retraite revient à mettre en place des revenus stables et sans risque afin de maintenir votre niveau de vie à l'âge de la retraite.

Notre interlocuteur a fait une analyse très approfondie sur la situation de ces anciennes gloires de la musique haïtienne qui vivent aujourd'hui dans la "quasi-mendicité", et ceux mourant dans la misère.

" L'essentiel pour nos musiciens, au départ c'est de prendre ce qu'on fait au sérieux, prendre la musique comme un métier et se dire qu'on peut gagner sa vie grâce à la musique, c'est la première idée qu'on doit se faire dans la tête," conseille le gradué de l'Université de Montréal.

" Si on prend la musique comme un jeu, comme un moyen de se distraire, de boire ou de sauter les femmes, on ne va pas réussir financièrement. Donc il faut prendre la musique comme un métier comme tout le monde a son métier, " raisonne-t-il.

Il faut prendre une meilleure résolution, c'est à dire " décider d'être décidé ". On s'arrange un peu avec soi-même. En fait, prendre de bonnes résolutions revient à se fixer des objectifs à atteindre. Il faut

définir vos objectifs et établir un plan financier qui simplifiera la gestion de vos finances.

" On doit se dire je suis musicien et dans mon métier je dois construire ma vie. Là on va réussir, et le peu qu'on va gagner, on saura gérer ce peu, on saura l'épargner pour faire des réalisations, " conseille-t-il encore plus loin.

Selon l'économiste, si les musiciens haïtiens peinent à gérer leurs finances personnelles avec ce qu'ils gagnent, c'est par ce que dans leur tête, la musique est un jeu, un moyen de distraction, ils sont contents d'être populaires, d'avoir les femmes par dizaines, de boire de gauche à droite et pour eux tout se limite là, le succès et tout. Mais ils doivent se poser la question : après quand ils finissent tout ça, ils vont dormir où ? jouir paisiblement de leur retraite comment où s'habiller comment ?

Notre interlocuteur conclut pour dire : " les musiciens haïtiens doivent dire : ok, qu'est-ce que je peux faire de mes revenus et comment je peux les épargner pour pouvoir faire quelque chose. À partir de cette réflexion, ils peuvent gérer leurs finances. Ils doivent comprendre qu'en épargnant le peu qu'on gagne, on peut faire quelque chose. Il ne suffit pas d'avoir des millions pour bâtir ou s'acheter une petite maison. Non non non, si tu gagnes un montant X par weekend, tu enlèves une partie de ce montant pour épargner, c'est comme ça qu'on investit dans un plan de retraite. "

Dessalines Ferdinand

Haïti-Genre : Martelly a sali l'image des femmes haïtiennes sur les plateaux de TV5, selon Sofa

[AlterPresse] --- Dans ses interventions sur la condition féminine, à l'émission « Internationales » de TV5 monde, le président de la république, Joseph Michel Martelly, a déshonoré les femmes haïtiennes, a sali leur image, les a humiliées et leur a manqué de respect, face à plus de 55 millions de francophones qui ont suivi l'interview du dimanche 2 novembre 2014, estime la Solidarité des femmes haïtiennes (Sofa) dans une lettre ouverte dont a pris connaissance l'agence en ligne AlterPresse.

En tournée en Europe, de fin octobre à début novembre 2014, Martelly a été pris, sur les plateaux de TV5, entre les questions de 3 journalistes français, issus de Radio France Internationale (Rfi), du journal Le Monde et de TV5.

Maladroit sur la question de l'avortement, Martelly s'est complu dans l'exemple d'une femme mère de 18 enfants, qu'il compare à une suicidaire.

Sofa interprète l'exemple de Martelly comme le fait de « dire que les femmes haïtiennes n'ont pas le sens des responsabilités, en mettant au monde sans limites ».

La moyenne d'enfants par foyer est de 4 à 5 en Haïti, souligne Sofa à Martelly, en se référant à l'Enquête sur la mortalité, morbidité et utilisation des services (Emmus V).

« Il est important de vous rappeler, Monsieur le Président, que les opérations d'avortement, effectuées dans de mauvaises conditions, sont la 3e cause de mortalité maternelle. Ce chiffre n'existerait pas si l'avortement était dépénalisé et s'il y avait des services gratuits de qualité pour les femmes obligées d'avorter », écrit la Sofa.

Sur l'amalgame, fait entre avortement et viol, Sofa signale à Martelly que le viol a existé avant le tremblement de terre du 12 janvier 2010. Et que ce discours du viol sous les tentes n'est que le produit d'une certaine communauté internationale, en vue d'utiliser « un problème des femmes pour amasser de l'argent ».

« Vous avez préféré déshonorer les femmes de votre pays, en déclarant qu'elles se prostituent avec les agents des forces onusiennes. Or, c'est l'Etat qui a protégé les soldats de l'Organisation des Nations unies (Onu), quand les organisations de femmes ont dénoncé le contingent sri-lankais qui a violé plus de 100 femmes et filles en-dessous de 18 ans », poursuit Sofa.

Joseph Michel Martelly n'a aucune considération pour les femmes, s'indigne la Sofa, insistant sur ses propos dans l'interview de TV5, qui font ressortir son « mépris », sa « haine des femmes haïtiennes, particulièrement les appauvries ».

Radio Caraïbes est en deuil: Notre "foufou" Comédien Jean-Mary GABRIEL est mort...

Jean Mary GABRIEL est un comédien sans frontières. Il taquine et provoque. Il énerve dans l'indiscrétion. Il ose dire au microphone ce que d'autres disent tout bas. Il fait la politique sans une idéologie sans hésiter de déclencher un vrai débat dans son attitude de "jem'enfoutisme".

Cette voix sur "Matin Caraïbes", encore ce matin avec le Colonel Himmler Rebu, l'actuel Ministre de la Jeunesse et des Sports va créer un vide sonore. A la fin de l'émission, c'est le meme Gabriel disparu ce soir par une crise d'asthme, pour avoir "égaré" ou "oublié" sa pompe, qui nous a donné rendez-vous avec le militant lavalas René Civil pour un Jeudi-Matin-Caraïbes plus chaud, pétillant et rigolo.

Ressortissant de l'Ecole Nationale des Arts, ENARTS, (UEH) dont il fut fier de rappeler au micro de Matin Caraïbes, une ancienne Ministre l'a rencontré une fois et a dit "Le fou Gabriel ne changera jamais...". Ce fou-fou de la comédie meurt et son style à la Gabriel part avec lui.

J-J JOSEPH
Le 13 novembre 2014



Jean Marie Gabriel

Martelly sur TV5: Drame présidentiel ou faillite collective d'un peuple?

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C'est quoi ce cirque*

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Que l'on soit pour ou contre, du camp Tèt kale ou de l'opposition désordonnée, du haut ou du bas, notre mémoire ne nous absoudra point du cauchemar de TV5 Monde.

C'est de cette manière que la ville lumière éclairera notre lanterne pour bien des jours.

La vérité, le président a trébuché, a cassé ses dents. L'opposition en rit, les cultivés aussi, mais qui de nous en est véritablement sorti vivant.

Un président humilié n'est-ce pas un peuple humilié ?

Après la livraison, la facture, comme d'habitude, parviendra à chaque Haïtien. Si de la honte, il nous en faut, de l'hypocrisie et de la paresse, il faut bien nous en désinfecter.

Un président sans pays, un pays sans président et un peuple avili

Pour Toussaint, ce qui restait du weekend de la Toussaint était peu. Martelly a volé l'attention au profit de son apparition sur TV5.

Vers l'autre côté de l'Atlantique, il était parti soigner la douleur de la mémoire et célébrer un ancien mort, notre Toussaint, avant de créer sa propre mort.

En voulant sauver sa personne, vendre sa propagande, déjà à bon marché, notre président a laissé également la peau du pays sur la table du boucher.

On peut avoir du mal à l'accepter, mais il est président. Même le sénateur Jean-Charles Moïse, qui a boudé l'investiture, se réfère toujours à lui par l'appellation « Président ».

Par faute de conviction, on a là une entente formelle. Ce n'est guère un père qui parle pour lui seul, sans engager la famille. D'ailleurs, il a bien rappelé à l'international le bon papa qu'il est. Le premier en plus. Avant lui, c'est le néant !

Ensuite, il faut privilégier les idées, dit-il.

Le musicien, jouant au président, est calme, puis se perd dans ses propres idées.

Moi aussi, je me perds. Le président devient subitement un président sans pays.

Un président qui ne parle que de lui. Entassant ses prouesses, ses lacunes, son manque de qualification, son bureau vierge de diplômes et la responsabilité à l'opposition et aux mauvaises manies anarchiques du peuple...

Quel peuple ?

Le nôtre.

Celui des stéréotypes que nourrissent tous les préjugés sociaux, reconduits par le Chef : Le peuple qui ignore ce qu'est la quarantaine, qui confond démocratie et anarchie, qui est incapable de contrôler sa fertilité – une légèreté encore pire que le viol lui-même-, qui vit sans ressources humaines en suppliant que les vieux professeurs, retraités de la



Le président haïtien Michel Martelly (g) interviewé par trois journalistes français sur le plateau de TV5MONDE

France, acceptent de venir l'éduquer.

Ce peuple, enfin, d'une diaspora égoïste, qui ne s'occupe que d'elle-même et des siens.

Après tout, quand nous croyons qu'après avoir tout perdu, il nous resterait encore la culture, eh bien, non !

Trouillot et une part de Laferrière et de Michaelle Jean à réclamer ne seraient que des réussites personnelles.

Et pour finir, qu'est-ce que vous êtes venu faire ici, Monsieur le président ? Venir vous dire qu'il peut encore avoir deux mondes dans un seul pays.

Deux mondes dans un seul pays

Oui, deux peuples en Haïti. Deux nationalités interchangeables : Le peuple et le pouvoir.

Quand, en 2004, Martelly était dans les rues avec le peuple, il avait la nationalité du peuple et du pays.

Sitôt au pouvoir, il est devenu citoyen du pouvoir. C'est pareil quand l'opposition sera au pouvoir.

L'autre monde, celui du non-renouvellement des élus, de l'intolérance démocratique, de la corruption, du machisme, du chômage, de l'impunité au service de la dictature, de l'ivresse du pouvoir et de l'indécence des promesses non tenues de la reconstruction, n'existe pas.

Le président l'ignore. Il est de l'autre monde, de celui du pouvoir.

Toutefois, cette Haïti bipolaire et ce monde de fous solitaires, d'analphabètes, de miséreux, de corps déchiquetés jetés aux chiens sur les routes clandestines vers la République Dominicaine, le président

non plus ne les a pas inventés. Il en est plutôt le produit.

L'existence de ce monde malsain et répudié est, pourtant, l'explication suffisante de son ascension à la présidence. Un peuple a le président qui lui ressemble, si ce n'est celui qu'il mérite !

Sauf quelques rares exceptions, on radote depuis 210 ans.

On croit toujours valoir quelque chose et plus que son voisin. On se gonfle d'orgueil sans n'avoir rien fait pour ce pays. Toutes les élites s'évaporent et, un matin, on s'étonne qu'un musicien grivois arrive à la présidence, nous étale nos linges sales et nous ridiculise en public.

Toute honte bue, dans ce cirque, il n'y a que les journalistes qui aient raison : retournez chez vous, Monsieur le président, la campagne est bel et bien finie. Restez-y au moins pour unir les deux mondes.

Entre temps, que l'on veuille ou non, avec le président, c'est Haïti qui est passée au trépas.

Extradé de nouveau vers la France, Toussaint a encore crevé sur le territoire du colon, dédaigneux et arrogant. C'est le prix à payer pour que Guadeloupe et Martinique restent tranquilles. Du symbole de la liberté, nous avons passé à l'exemple de l'échec.

Et bien sûr, pour nous laver les mains, nous dirons que Yanick Lahens, en gagnant le prix Femina pour son roman Bain de lune, nous a vite réparé l'affront de TV5 Monde.

Encore et encore, les prétextes individuels à nous servir d'échappatoire pour ne pas soigner le malaise collectif.

Cessons d'être paresseux et hypocrites. Notre interminable vacarme politique s'entend de loin et on en a assez. Le temps est de se mettre ensemble au travail pour sauver Haïti !

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Haiti-Drogue: Arrestation et Extradition d'un commissaire de Police vers les Etats- Unis

PORT-AU-PRINCE -- Le commissaire de police Télémaque Claude qui était responsable du commissariat de Léogane a été arrêté pour son implication présumée, dans le trafic illicite de la drogue.

Il a été appréhendé par des agents de la Direction Centrale de la Police Judiciaire (DCPJ), a appris Radio Métropole de source policière.

Après son arrestation le haut gradé de la Police Nationale a été Conduit à la DCPJ , où il a été interrogé.

Il a été ensuite extradé vers les États-Unis, par le service de police fédéral américain Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Les représentants des gouvernements américain et haïtien ont signé, le mercredi 15 mai 2002 , un protocole d'accord dans le cadre de la lutte contre le trafic de la drogue. L'administration des Etats-Unis va financer des projets dans les domaines techniques et éducatifs.

Les autorités de Port-au-Prince se sont entendues avec les Etats-Unis pour augmenter l'effectif des garde-côtes haïtiens, de la Brigade de Lutte contre le Trafic des Stupéfiants (BLTS) et fournir les ressources adéquates à la Police et à la justice.

Ce protocole d'accord de coopération entre Haïti et les Etats-Unis sur la lutte contre la drogue n'était pas le premier du genre.

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Se avèk anpil jwa mwen vin pale ak nou sou yon sijè k ap boulevèse lemond. Ebola... sa bagay sa ye menm? Kanmarad rale ti chèz ba nou pou nou koze sou anpil verite yo kache nou e pou ki rezon nan maladi Ebola grandèt yo ap benyen toutouni e yap kache lonbrit? nou

pral tabli verite sou dyannen kesyon sa yo nan bon jan analiz ak prevansyon. Se yon atik ki genyen plizyè Man.?

Pou nou konbat yon lenmi, nou dwe dabò konnen lenmi a. Konnen ki jan li atake, fòs li ak fèblès li, konsa nou kapab rive konbat kòrèkteman lenmi sa. Ebola pral mete 2 ou byen plizyè pèp ki enmi nan menm laye, paske yo genyen yon potòrik lenmi komen.

Sa mo EBOLA a vle di?

Ebola se non yon ti rivyè ki tabli baz li nan yon ti bouk yo rele YAMBUKU, ki nan peyi Repiblik Demokratik Kongo - Peyi sa trouve li an Afrik. Se nan bouk Yambuku yo te trouve premye ka maladi pete kouri a nan lanne 1976. Pliske se nan sant sante ki tou pre rivyè Ebola yo te jwenn 1er maladi la, gwo mesydam lasante yo deside rele viris Fievre Hemorragique la EBOLA. Nou kapab di Ebola se non yon rivyè ke grandèt yo chanje an non yon maladi ki san pitye.

Depi ki lè ebola ap taye bannda nan lemond?

Grandèt lasante yo di maladi sa la depi lanne 1976, se ane sa yo te dekouvri 1er ka an RDC. An nou fè 1er kanpe nou la... Viris Ebola a la dapre anpil gwo save ekziste depi 1950, menm jan yo ba nou manti sou ki lanne sida parèt nan lemond, se pa nan lanne 1980 way before 1980. Lò 1er grandèt lasante yo te deklare yo jwenn yon viris (Ebola) ke yo pa janm

wè avan, anpil nan yo te inyore/ignore sa. Rezon an senp, se paske yo te jwenn viris sa nan konakri/gine, kapital yon ti peyi an Afrik. epi sa te tou rete la. Pandan tan sa viris la ap pran fòs, l ap chanje kazak pou li reparèt an fòs an 1976.

1er Pati Ki avni lemond devan maladi Ebola?

Ki jan yon moun kapab konnen li soufri Ebola?

Genyen yon sèl fason yon moun kapab rive konnen li fè Ebola, Se lè ou fè yon tès Ebola nan laboratwa. Tandiske Genyen plizyè sentom ki kapab ede nou konprann ke nou fè maladi yo rele Ebola a. Me kèk pami sentom yo: Gwo fyèv cho siperyè a 38 degre C. - Doulè nan tout kò - Rann san andedan kò/Hemorragie interne - Rann san deyò kò/Hemorragie externe - Gwo plak sou po/skin - Dyare anwo, Dyare anba - andedan bouch anvlime - Kò kraze - etc. Tout sentom sa yo pa parèt sou maladi la d'un coup.

Yonn deyè lòt, men Rann san an konn vini an dènye. Sa depann de Imin sistèm maladi la. An nou fè 2em kanpe nou la... OMS di an Afrik de l'ouest plis pase 9100 moun deja kontamine ak Ebola, men se 4540 ki rive jwenn lannmò. e lòt 4700 yo? sa montre nou se pa tout moun ki kontamine k ap mouri. N ap kontinye.

Ki jan yon moun kapab kontamine ak viris Ebola a e konbyen tan l ap fè avan li deklare w?

Grandèt nan lasante yo di moun kapab pran nan pyèj viris sa konsa: 1er - Lè yon moun ki pa maladi touche likid, blese, bagay ki pou ou byen ki soti nan kò yon moun ki maladi ou byen ki mouri akoz Ebola. 2em - Bèt/zannimo ki afek-

te ak viris la, lè nou manje zannimo sa yo ou byen lè yo manje yon manje apre - san nou pa konnen - nou manje menm manje sa. 3em - nan lè/air. An nou fè 3em kanpe nou la...Grandèt lasante yo di yo konstate zannimo bay zannimo parèy yo maladi sa nan lè/air, men se pa moun.

Tandiske viris sa tèlman chanje kazak/mutation(Viris ki te la an 1950 lan pa menm ak sa ki te la an 1976, ni sa k ap simen laterè an 2014). Lòt gwo scientist di si d'ici Janvier 2015 OMS pa rive stopper kous viris Ebola a moun ap fini pa atrape viris sa dans l'air. Ki sa nou ka di de enfimyè lopital Texas Dallas ki te byen ekipe pou bay Liberyen nwa a swen? Malgre li te byen ekipe sa pa anpeche li kontamine..... sa nou wè?

M ap kanpe la pou jodi a, rete branche - m ap pote plis detay pou nou rive konprann. Limanite pap janm ka detri, Jehovah est grand et il sera avec nous jusqu'à la fin du système des choses. Merci à la prochaine.

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Pouchon Duverger invité à comparaître devant la justice

Le juge Sonel Jean François a émis le mardi 11 novembre un mandat de comparution contre le chanteur vedette du groupe Djakout #1, Auguste Duverger alias Pouchon Duverger. L'artiste est inculpé dans le cadre de l'instruction de l'affaire Sonson Lafamilia, ce puissant chef de gang qui dirigeait le réseau mafieux dénommé gang Galil, spécialisé dans actes de kidnapping. C'est l'huissier Romuald Grand Pierre qui a été chargé de remettre le mandat à l'inculpé à son adresse de résidence permanente à Pétiion-Ville.



novembre 2014, Olivier se serait fait remercier par le staff managérial de T-Vice. Raison évoquée : le chanteur ferait actuellement partie de deux formations en même temps, DAT7 et T-Vice, un comportement qui est tout à fait contradictoire aux règlements internes du groupe.



Olivier aurait déjà enregistré au moins cinq morceaux avec le nouveau groupe DAT7, qui ne tardera pas à publier un test pressing fin de ce mois de novembre. Contacté au téléphone par plusieurs médias, Olivier Duret n'a pas voulu commenté son statut au sein du groupe (T-Vice) et espère que le staff management fera le nécessaire, vue la délicatesse de la situation. Mais le problème c'est que tous les autres membres du groupe sont introuvables au téléphone actuellement.

T-Vice a recruté l'ancien chanteur du groupe Regi Mizik de Montréal, Imposib.

L'acteur Dieufaite Pierre- Louis tué en Haïti

Le monde haïtien du " septième art " art est en deuil avec la disparition du jeune acteur Dieufaite Pierre-Louis, assassiné à Port-au-Prince la semaine dernière. Il était âgé de 31 ans.



Les circonstances dans lesquelles le co-acteur du court métrage "Love me Haïti " a trouvé sa mort, ne sont pas encore élucidées. Mais selon nos confrères du site internet movielakay.com, le jeune homme a été tué par balles la soirée du jeudi 6 novembre écoulé. Pierre- Louis était

récemment à Boston pour participer à la cérémonie de MPAH Haiti Movie Awards. "Love Me Haïti" a remporté le trophée de la catégorie " Meilleur court-métrage ".

Olivier Duret ne fait plus partie du groupe T-Vice ?

Il semblerait que les relations entre le chanteur Olivier Duret et le reste de la formation T-Vice sont à un stade de non-retour. Selon certaines sources dignes de foi, lors d'une réunion tenue le lundi 10

Selon le magazine en ligne Haitian Beat, bientôt le groupe T-vice pourrait annoncer le départ d'Olivier Duret et la sortie de deux nouveaux morceaux pour le bonheur du public. Toujours selon ce magazine,

Haïti-Reconstruction : Des victimes de démolition de maisons au centre de PAP réclament justice et réparation

[AlterPresse] --- Plusieurs familles victimes de démolition de maisons dans les rues du Champ-de-Mars, de la Réunion, Saint-Honoré, et de l'Enterrement (centre de la capitale Port-au-Prince) réclament justice et réparation aux autorités étatiques.

Les familles victimes dénoncent les actions arbitraires de déguerpissement forcé effectué le samedi 31 mai 2014 par l'administration Martelly/Lamothe dans ce périmètre déclaré d'utilité publique après le tremblement de terre de janvier 2010.

« Malgré toutes nos interventions dans la presse et à travers des sit-in organisés, les autorités font la sourde oreille », déplore le coordonnateur général du Regroupement des citoyens et citoyennes du centre-ville contre le déguerpissement forcé (Rcccdf), Jean Joseph Louicher, lors d'une conférence de presse le 11 novembre 2014.

Il condamne la répression, propagande et corruption de l'équipe au pouvoir qui foule au pied, selon lui, les droits humains.

Plusieurs familles déguerpies qui se retrouvent, jusqu'à présent, sans domicile dorment dans les rues, dans des camionnettes stationnées et dans des endroits situés aux abords du pénitencier national et du palais de justice, rapporte t-il, lors de cette con-



férence à laquelle à assisté l'agence en ligne AlterPresse.

« Ma situation s'est aggravée après mon expulsion, je suis allée me réfugier chez une tante pour passer quelques jours malgré son mauvais comportement à mon endroit », se plaint, l'air désolée, une locataire, mère d'une fillette de trois ans dont l'écologie peine, dit-elle, à être payé.

Cette ancienne commerçante, installée autrefois à la rue de la réunion, affirme être incapable à présent de subvenir aux besoins de sa famille depuis l'arrêt de son petit commerce suite à son expulsion précipitée dans la zone.

« Je n'ai même pas eu le temps de jouir de l'affermage de la maison, payé le 19 février dernier »,

regrette-t-elle, appelant les responsables concernées à venir en aide aux victimes les plus vulnérables.

Le coordonnateur général du Rcccdf appelle, de son côté, les personnes de bonne foi à permettre aux familles victimes de trouver un endroit décent pour se loger à l'abri de la pluie.


Un sit-in était prévu pour le 14 novembre devant le ministère de la justice et de la sécurité publique pour continuer d'exiger justice et réparation pour les familles victimes des destructions de maisons au centre-ville.

Les victimes réclament des logements décents et demandent « aux organisations de droits humains et à la communauté internationale de prendre leurs responsabilités parce que cet acte criminel ne doit pas rester impuni ».

En juillet 2014, sur 213 propriétaires ayant acheminé leurs dossiers, plus d'une cinquantaine avaient reçu leur indemnisation dans le cadre du processus d'expropriation au centre-ville où des centaines de maisons ont été détruites.

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