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Reconstruction: Haiti seeks to follow Ivorian model

(LE FLORIDIEN) -- Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe Salvador reiterated on March 27, in Abidjan, the willingness of his country to join the AU (African Union) as soon as possible as "associate member" of the continental organization to be "closer" to its "roots".

Haiti, hit in January 2010 by an earthquake that killed more than 300,000 people, requested the African Union associate member status in February 2012.

"The goal is to bring Haiti closer to its roots (...) Haiti is Africa in the Caribbean," said Prime Minister Lamothe after a working meeting with his Ivorian counterpart Daniel Kablan Duncan which resulted in the signing of several agreements



Economic Cooperation: The CEPICI and the Ivorian private sector exchange with Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe Salvador (center). Photo Credit: abidjan.net

between Abidjan and Port au Prince.

After arriving in Abidjan on Wednesday for an official 72 hours visit in Côte d'Ivoire, Laurent Lamothe Salvador noted that the

Haitian people still awaiting admission to the African Union as an associate member because his country wants to be closer to Africa.

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Journalist and Founder of Haiti Focus Harry Joseph Dies in New York

BROOKLYN, NY (LF) -- Harry Joseph, the well-known journalist, community leader and diplomat, has died in New York. Mr. Joseph died around 11pm, on Sunday, March 24th at Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center in New York City. He died of complications from a stroke he suffered, according to reliable sources.

A well-known personality internationally and throughout the Haitian-American diaspora community, Mr. Joseph was perhaps best known for his role in the founding of "Haiti-Focus" in the 1990s, an informational news program based out of New York City. Broadcast over radio networks throughout the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean and France,



Harry Joseph

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Azure College gives back to Sebring Community; Hosts Field Trip for High School Seniors

On March 23, 2013, 104 students from Sebring High School, Lake Placid High School and the Boys and Girls Club of Sebring enjoyed a trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. This wonderful trip was made possible thanks to the generous donation of time and money by Azure College School of Nursing CEO Johnson Napoleon.



Johnson Napoleon (r), CEO of Azure College School of Nursing, addressing the students about his motivation for putting this trip together, before stepping inside the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex. Photo Le Floridien

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Massachusetts Representative Dorcena Forry in Bid to Become First Haitian-American State Senator

(LE FLORIDIEN) -- Massachusetts State Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, a democrat, has announced her intention to run for State Senate in Massachusetts; a bid that, if successful, would make her the state's first Haitian-American State Senator.

Forry, a five-term Massachusetts State Representative, was the second Haitian-American elected to the Massachusetts State House, and is currently the only Haitian-American serving in the representative body.

Forry announced her run for the First Suffolk District seat, vacated by State Senator Jack Hart, in February. Democrat Nick Collins of South Boston, has also announced his intention to vie for the seat, as have democrat Maureen Dahill and republican Joseph Ureneck. The special election is slated for May 28th.

The election is widely looked at as a contest between the old-establishment democrats of South Boston, versus the heavily minority Dorchester new-establishment democrats which make up the bulk First Suffolk District electorate.

After a career in city and state government, Forry was first elected to the Massachusetts State House as a representative in 2005, to represent the 12th Suffolk District of Massachusetts.



Linda Dorcena Forry

Announcing her run, Forry said in a statement to the press, "My work in the Senate will be grounded in a unique understanding of the city neighborhoods that compose the First Suffolk district. I have spent my whole life in the First Suffolk communities, and I have a ground-level understanding of the people, institutions, and public spaces that make this such a special place to live."

The 39-year old Haitian-American officially launched her campaign for the State Senate Seat on March 9th, and last week counted a number of endorsements from key constituencies including the United Healthcare



If successful, Linda Dorcena Forry become the state's first Haitian-American State Senator.

Workers East, SEIU Local 509, the Ward 15 Democratic Committee, MassEquality, the New England Regional Council of Carpenters, and Carpenters Local 67.

"We're running a grassroots campaign," Forry said in a press announcement. Over the next two months I intend to meet as many of my future constituents as possible to

let them know about my accomplishments in the legislature and about my vision for our district moving forward. I am personally knocking doors, visiting business and greeting commuters outside of T Stops. We are hitting events all over the First Suffolk District, from Mattapan Square to Broadway."

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and available via internet streaming, "Haiti-Focus" has since grown in the ensuing decades to become a ubiquitous source of news and debate for Haitians abroad.

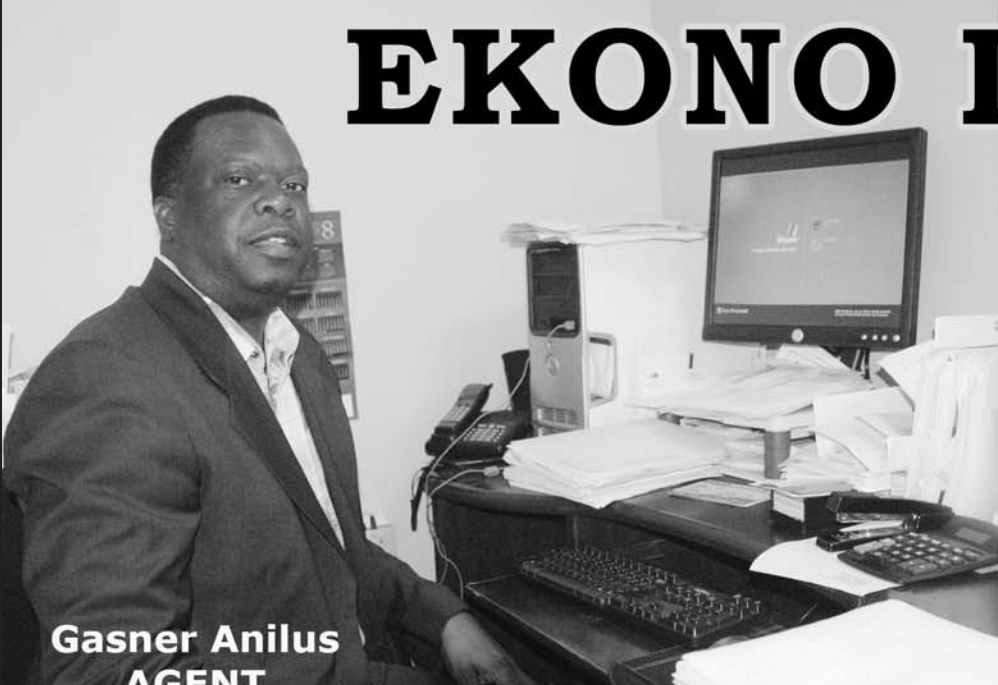
Mr. Joseph was a committed journalist who believed fiercely in promoting free press in Haiti and around the world. He devoted his professional career to providing timely, topical, and highly professional journalism to his audiences, and was an active and outspoken critic of sensationalistic journalism, both inside Haiti and abroad.

Often viewed as a sort of elder statesman-like figure within the Haitian media, Mr. Joseph served as a mentor and role model to Haitian journalists, assisting them with stories when called upon to do so, and often providing support to many in times of trouble or financial need.

In 2004, Mr. Joseph was named Consul for the government of Haiti to Barahona, Dominican Republic by then Prime Minister Gerard La Tortue. As Consul, Mr. Joseph served Haiti and Haitians in Barahona, providing legal and advisory assistance to those in need, and offering the support of the Haitian government whenever he could.

Radio Television Caraibes correspondent Harry Jean Philippe said Mr. Joseph "devoted himself entirely to his community and to his country, from which he never asked anything in return. Harry was a wholehearted model of service. On my own behalf and on behalf of those he served for several decades, I offer our sympathy and condolences."

A memorial service will be held at Saint Jerome Catholic Church, on Nostrand Avenue (Brooklyn) Wednesday April 3rd. Mr. Joseph's brother, Professor Herbert Joseph, is accepting letters of sympathy and condolence, and memorial contributions on behalf of the family.



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Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe Salvador during a meeting with Ivory Coast businessmen in a large hotel in Abidjan, Thursday March 28, 2013. Photo Credit: abidjan.net

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"We want to be an associate member of the AU. We Haitians consider ourselves Africans," he said welcoming the progress made by the new Ivorian authorities in so little time.

"I congratulate you on the progress in such a short time thanks to the leadership of President Alassane Ouattara," said Mr. Laurent Salvador Lamothe.

With regard to his country, he stressed that the macro economic growth expected this year turns

around 7%, a figure expected to reach 8% in 2014.

For Ivorian Prime Minister, Daniel Duncan Kablan if Haiti's admission had to be realized, it would be a "reward" for this country which has "fought for the independence of African countries."

In this regard, he recalled the war for the independence of Algeria that Haiti supported.

"Côte d'Ivoire has always felt close to Haiti, which is an extension of Africa," Duncan said, reassuring that his country "will stand alongside support for Haiti" despite the politico-military crisis that comes through.

Two bilateral cooperative agreements were signed by the two countries at the premises of the Ivorian prime minister.

The first is a framework agreement on cooperation between Côte d'Ivoire and Haiti, and the second is the

Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs des deux country.

Several draft agreements were also discussed during the work session.

During his 72 hours visit, Haitian Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe also met with Ivory Coast businessmen in a large hotel in Abidjan to explain the opportunities his country offers to them.

Lamothe was joined on his visit by a delegation including Foreign Minister Pierre Richard Casimir, Director of Cabinet in the Ministry of Planning and External Cooperation, Maxime Cherestal and Abel Descollines, spokesman for the majority bloc in the Chamber of Deputies.

Haiti Tourism Minister Stephanie Villedrouin served as Acting Prime Minister during Lamothe's absence, according to the Prime Minister's office.

In "Kaleb" One Haitian Family's Struggle to Survive in America

(LE FLORIDIEN) -- In his first feature length film "Kaleb", Haitian-American director Kervans Barthelemy paints a picture of a Haitian immigrant family in the US struggling to find its feet and survive. The Haiti Cultural Exchange will screen the film April 21st.

According to the film's press release, "Kaleb" is "a captivating tale of family coming abroad from Haiti to build a new life in America. This film illustrates the struggle, heartache, and the joys of what family is truly about."

The film first premiered in November of 2010, and has since made the rounds of the international festival circuit, including the Artisan Festival International World Peace Initiative, where it received an honorable mention in the Best Picture category, and where its star, Atibon Nazaire, as Kaleb's father Jacque, took away the Best Actor award.

Set in Long Island New York, the film tells the story of a Haitian-

American family who has kicked their troubled son out of the house. After nearly a year without word from their son, Kaleb's parents receive news that he has been accused of raping a young girl. It is up to Jacque to find Kaleb, and do what he can to save his suffering family.

Barthelemy said that when he set out to make his first feature film, he had originally planned to make it in Haiti, "It was supposed to be a raw street drama about the Haitian dream. I began to write the treatment for the movie, and I wanted to direct it during the summer of 2010." The earthquake in Haiti interrupted those plans.

Back in the U.S., Barthelemy changed course and began writing "Kaleb", "Although a fan of mainstream cinema, I wanted to write something unconventional, unstructured, unafraid and unapologetic, something raw but rich in spirit. It was going to be a film about the



world we live in. Kaleb needed to be simple while complex in character," Barthelemy said. "The film is a manifestation of my dreams and a testimonial of my upbringing as a Haitian, seventh day Adventist. The film reminds us of what's most important: Family."

"Kaleb" will be presented by the

Haiti Cultural Exchange, as part of its pre-screening program for its annual Haiti Film Fest. At the Queens Central Library in New York, Sunday, April 21st at 2pm. Admission is free. Please RSVP at RSVP@HaitiCulturalX.org The Haiti Film Fest runs May 9-21

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Gelan Lambert Draws a Haitian Audience for Fela! in Miami

MIAMI (Le Floridien) -- Haitian-American actor Gelan Lambert marked a triumphant return to his hometown of Miami with his appearance in critically acclaimed musical Fela! Last week.

Fela!, which had a five day run at Miami's Adrienne Arshte Center for the Performing Arts from March 19th through the 24th, is the story of the life of Fela Anikulapo Kuti, the much loved Nigerian musician who created "Afrobeat", a blend of jazz, funk and African rhythm and harmonies, and his journey as social commentator and critic of Nigeria's oppressive and corrupt dictatorships.

In a recent interview with the Miami.com's LaToya Burgess, Lambert said his dual roles as Egungun and J.K., offered him the opportunity to explore his Haitian heritage through the lens of Kuti's life. "Kuti was brutalized and beaten up because of what he believed and throughout Haitian history we've had a government that has been broken and government that has been corrupt," he told the website, "and Fela spoke about that through his music. People want success and access to natural resources that are distributed

to all. That's what Haitians want - the right to have a decent life."

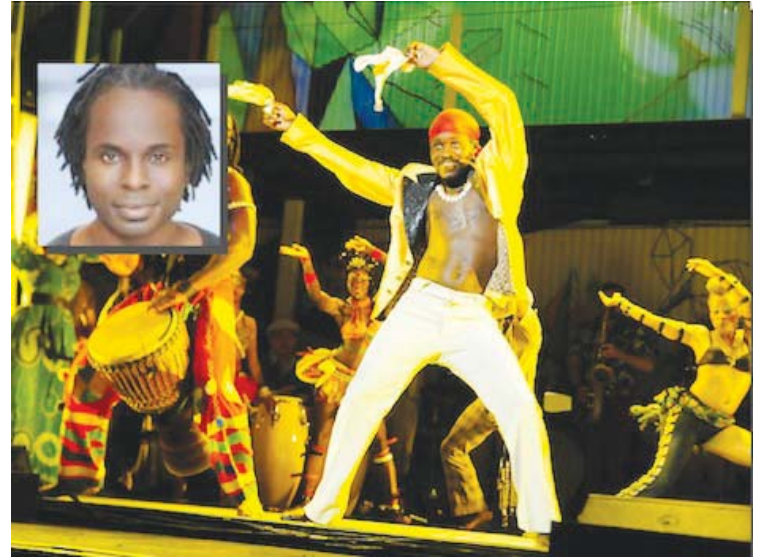
"Fela's music speaks to all people in terms of nationalities and cultures," he added. "What makes this production so unique is that it is an Americanized theatre piece that gives homage to Fela Kuti in that it represents the African diaspora."

And the Haitian diaspora in Miami, at least, was out en force to support the production last week, with the Haiti Internet Newsletter declaring "Haitians in South Florida Are Loving It!" in a headline.

The newsletter went on to note that "Haitians who saw

the Broadway Musical are just amazed by it. The music... the dancing... the drumbeats, it is so close to home... So close to the Haitian rhythm. To see all that African flavor in a Broadway Musical, it's truly worth every penny. To actually see a Haitian dancer be a part of it, that's priceless!"

For his part, Gelan says he understands the enthusiasm, "So many in our community have faced the struggles Fela Kuti championed. So many of our talented Haitians have brought the beauty and the awesome power of dance and music to share our story," he recently wrote. "I was blessed in many ways to grow up in Miami's Haitian



Miami-born Haitian performs in musical co-produced by Rapper Jay Z and Actors Will and Jada Pinkett Smith. Photo credit Miami.com

community. My journey from Miami Haitian roots motivated me to work hard. What a great honor for me to be apart of such an inspira-

tional musical, that has taken me around the world and to critical acclaim on Broadway!"

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Primary Medical Center & Urgent Care Clinic Celebrates Grand Opening

MIAMI (Le Floridien) -- On Friday, March 22, 2013, Primary Medical Center & Urgent Care Clinic in Miami celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, Commissioner Jean Mondestine, along with the founders of the Center and numerous consultants, constituents, and physicians.

Primary Medical Center aims to provide patients throughout the community with the highest level of medical care and to offer that service with the level of respect and dignity that every individual deserves. The facility will be home to a variety of medical services for the community including family medicine, preventive care, home health care, geriatric care, and women wellness care. In the future Primary Medical Center will add physical therapy, pediatrics, X-ray and lab technicians, and a pharmacy.

The grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony was the culmination of a vision and countless hours of dedication and determination to bring a top level medical care facility to the community by Dr. Dominique Saliba, MD, Dr. Florence Foucaud, MD, and all of the staff that will make Primary Medical Center & Urgent Care Clinic the premiere health care facility for residents of all ages.

The ribbon cutting ceremony began at 5pm as guests arrived and mingled, introducing one another and networking to help forge a stronger bond within the community. Dr. Flore Lindor-Latorue provided the moving introduction to the evening's events following by the invocation conducted by Sr. Mireille.

President of Primary Care Center, Prinston Jean-Glaude welcomed the guests and

offered award recognitions to several worthy recipients who have helped improve the quality of care to the community. The Center's mission and vision were shared with the guest by Jean-Glaude Edwige, Vice President and the staff was introduced.

At 6:20, the ribbon cutting was conducted by Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, after which the guests were invited to tour the Center. Entertainment following the ceremony was performed by Brother Roland Saint Gerard.

The event was an exciting evening that celebrated a new chapter in medical care for the entire community. It was a great opportunity to meet some of the medical professionals and staff members who make Primary Medical Center one of the best facilities in the region and to recognize that their mission is to provide exceptional care in an



Congresswoman Frederica Wilson (c), joined by Prinston Jean-Glaude (l), President of Primary Medical Center & Urgent Care Clinic, and another staff member (r) at the Ribbon-cutting ceremony of the new facility, on March 23, 2013, in Miami.

environment in which each patient is treated like family. Primary Medical Center aims to "improve our patients' quality of life by dedicating all our resources to the maximum ... benefit."

For Congresswoman Frederica Wilson and Miami-Dade

County Commissioner Jean Mondestine to be in attendance was a great symbol of strength for the community and the ribbon cutting was exciting and heartfelt.

189 Haitian Migrants Intercepted at Sea This Week

TURKS & CAICOS (Le Floridien) -- The governments of the Dominican Republic and of Turks and Caicos have announced this week the combined interception of 189 Haitians attempting to illegally migrate to those countries by boat.

In a statement released on Thursday of last week, the navy of the Dominican Republic announced that it had intercepted 59 Haitians near Cap San Rafael (Boca de Yuma) attempting to illegally enter the country by sea. The statement by the Dominican navy said that an additional 15 Haitians had been arrested on Arena Gorda beach near Higüey.

The group apprehended on the beach included 14 men and 1 woman. No information was available as to the breakdown of men, women and children in the group of 59 intercepted at sea.

The interception and arrests by the Dominican navy were undertaken as part of the country's Costa Segura operation, an ongoing effort to secure the Dominican Republic's coastline from illegal migrants, most from Haiti, arriving by sea.

The government of the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands, for its part, announced that it had intercepted and secured a boat loaded with migrants from Haiti and headed for the islands.

In a statement to the press, the Royal Turks and Caicos Islands Police Marine Branch said that it had intercepted the boat, with 115 migrants on board, trying to illegally enter the country. The 86 men and 29 Haitian women



on board the intercepted boat were attempting to enter the territorial waters of the Turks and Caicos Islands "illegally and without regard for immigration laws or regulations," a statement from the Ministry of Border Control said.

"The Ministry of Border Control and Labour and the RTCI Police Force are keen on sending a strong message of zero tolerance to any individuals attempting to enter the Turks and Caicos Islands illegally," the statement continued. "In that regard, any of the above mentioned passengers identified as repeat offenders, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It is the commitment of the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands to maintain protection of its borders and to unequivocally demonstrate the resolve to ensure that safe haven will not be afforded to those who attempt to circumvent normal immigration procedures."

The arrests come on the heels of Turks and Caicos minister of immigration Don-Hue Gardiner apologizing for his comments that Haitian migrants should be "hunted down" and their lives made "unbearable".

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Some of our Day to Day Activities

Are you being abused by your Citizen or LPR spouse?

Don't believe the lies; you do have immigration and alimony options available to you.



By Patricia Elizée, Esq

There is much uncertainty and fear in the life of any undocumented person living in the United States. The biggest fear of most undocumented is the fear of being discovered by ICE, the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, being separated from their family, and being deported back to their home country. It is almost impossible to imagine that in some instances. It is the undocumented's abusive spouse who is threatening

to reveal their status to immigration for deportation. In most instances immigrant victims are scared to report the abuse due to their illegal status and the fear of being deported. Unfortunately, many victims do not know that they have access to both immigration and alimony relief.

The Violence Against Women Act a VAWA or VAWA allows an abused undocumented spouse of a US citizen or Legal Permanent Resident to self-petition for their green cards. Generally, for an immigrant to qualify for a green card and adjust their status to that of a Legal Permanent Resident (LPR), a US citizen or LPR relative or spouse must first petition the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for an immigrant visa on their behalf. Currently, VAWA allows a battered or abused

spouse of a United States Citizen or an LPR to file an I-360 form with USCIS and self-petition to Adjust Status. Congress recognized that immigrants are more vulnerable to domestic and sexual violence due to their immigration status and created the self-petition process to encourage victims to free themselves of their abuser. Once the I-360 self-petition is approved, the applicant can then file an I-485 adjustment of status form to obtain the green card.

To qualify for relief the immigrant victim must first prove that they entered into a good faith marriage with a US citizen or LPR spouse. They must also show that they are being or were abused in the past and that they are an individual of good moral character. Under the current process, USCIS adjudicates the victim's application confidentially and does not contact the alleged abuser.

The victim also has relief available to them in family court. Alimony is a right to financial support that each party to a divorce has. Where there is no prenuptial agreement, that right is not waived. You have a right to ask for alimony once the divorce case is filed and pending in court. A temporary alimony can be granted while the case is being decided.

The State of Florida provides a statutory right to alimony. Currently, there are four different types of Alimony that the judge can grant when terminating the marriage: bride the gap, rehabilitative, durational, or permanent, or a combination therefore. In any alimony case the judge will have to first determine that the person asking for alimony has a need for it. The Judge will then have to make a

determination that the other party has the ability to pay the alimony. Please note that the judge is able to consider whether your spouse committed adultery when decided whether to award alimony.

Bridge the gap alimony is awarded to assist a party by providing them support to allow them to transition from being married to being single. This allows a party to present their short-term plan on how they will transition from being married to single. This plan may include for example a training program or certification course to prepare them to return to the job market. Bridge the gap alimony cannot exceed 2 years. It also ends if the person receiving it remarries or upon the death of either party. The amount cannot be modified in amount or duration.

Rehabilitative alimony is awarded to assist a party in establishing the ability to support themselves through the redevelopment or previous skills, education, or training. There must be a specific rehabilitative plan. This type of alimony can be modified.

Bridge the gap and rehabilitative alimony are great sources of relief for victims of domestic violence that are trying to get back on their feet. Where you are able to show the judge that you have a financial need for more than a short term support, the Court is able to award durational or permanent alimony.

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Born 2 Serve Release Single In English & Creole

Born 2 Serve are a Gospel band from Miami, FL who have recently released a new single 'Born 2 Serve,' which is available in both English and Creole.

'Born 2 Serve' is a Contemporary Praise & Worship song featuring a rich harmonious and colourful blend and Caribbean\World Music styling.

Founded by Harold St. Louis (former 509 Keyboardist, a kompa band), in 2009, Born 2 Serve are made up of young people who love to worship God and spread the Gospel message around the world.

After originally running away from the calling, St. Louis later realized that he was running into "divine purpose" meeting all of the people he needed along the way to form the group that would become Born 2 Serve.

Now Born 2 Serve are on a mission to take a message "that will save, heal and deliver them from the bondage of sin, sickness, and the evil of this world, leading the Church's outcast generation out of religious bondage and lead those who have never heard the Gospel to Christ."

Source: m-briomusic.com



Lead by Harold saint-Louis, aka Ti Harold, former 509 Keyboardist, this new gospel band has a bright futur and started out really good. The poster is so far the best they've seen in the Haitian Community and the music is just unbelievable. The music video really adds a lot to how people really see the music and understand the story moreover it helps promote the song also. A creole and an english version, it's a lot of work which will well pay off.

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Escort charged with attempted murder for penis-biting

An escort accused of attacking a man and nearly biting his penis off during a sexual encounter at an Orange County hotel was arrested on an attempted murder charge Tuesday morning.



Deputies were called to the Crestwood Suites on University Boulevard after multiple 911 callers "reported screaming and growling sounds from a room on the second floor" of the hotel.

They arrived to find the victim "covered in a significant amount of blood, with numerous bite wounds," the report states. He was rushed to the Orlando Regional Medical Center trauma center.

The man had "significant" bites to his penis and testicles, the report states, as well as damage to his leg, abdomen, chest and fingers.

His alleged attacker, Priscilla Vaughn, "was nude, and had blood around her mouth, which had spread to her face and head," the report states, adding Vaughn "growled and snarled" at deputies.

The victim later told deputies his attacker was an escort he'd hired for Monday evening. After dinner, they returned to her hotel room, where they drank alcohol and Vaughn used Ecstasy, the report states.

During consensual sex, the escort "became more aggressive, and she began to bite his genitals. He described it as if she were trying to eat his penis and testicles," the report says.

The victim tried to get away, the report states, but Vaughn "was too powerful and he could not get her off of him." She also took his cell phone away when he tried to call for help, the report says.

The Sentinel is not naming the victim because of the sexual nature of the crime.

When deputies searched the room later, they found "a significant amount of blood, knocked over furniture, and strewn belongings," as well as a sex toy that had been severely damaged by bite marks.

"The damage to the toy indicates a desire to cause severe damage," the report says, adding it appeared the damage to the toy was done prior to the attack.

Vaughn, 29, faces charges of attempted second-degree murder, false imprisonment and tampering with the victim's ability to contact law enforcement. She was jailed without bail.

S: *Orlando Sentinel*

Developer admits lying in investigation of Fort Lauderdale vice mayor

A developer who helped prosecutors convict former Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor Cindi Hutchinson in a corruption case pleaded guilty Wednesday to a misdemeanor charge that he initially lied when questioned, records show.



Developer Steven Goldstrom (l) and former Fort Lauderdale Vice Mayor Cindi Hutchinson.

Steven Goldstrom, 56, pleaded guilty to giving false information to law enforcement during an investigation, a misdemeanor. He was sentenced to 12 months of probation and adjudicated guilty, prosecutor Deborah Zimet said. Goldstrom later cooperated and gave details of the benefits Hutchinson received, Zimet said.

Hutchinson, 56, pleaded guilty March 19 to one count

of unlawful compensation and two counts of official misconduct. She admitted receiving several thousand dollars worth of free home improvements while she was on the commission after voting in favor of developer Glenn Wright's project. Prosecutors said Goldstrom delivered cash and services to Hutchinson on behalf of his business partner, Wright.

Hutchinson is scheduled to start serving four months in the Broward County Main Jail on April 15, followed by five years of probation. As a convicted felon, she loses her right to vote.

West Boynton man accused of pointing gun in road-rage incident

An 85-year-old west Boynton man driving a silver Mercedes-Benz screamed at two people, gestured for them to pull over and then pointed a snub-nosed revolver at them in a road-rage incident on Tuesday, according to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies arrested Victor Saul, of West Boynton, on two charges of aggravated assault with a firearm. A driver told deputies that Saul cut him off at about 2:20 p.m. while they were driving east on Boynton Beach Boulevard, according to the arrest report.



After the two parties exchanged "words and gestures," both cars turned north on Lyons Road. The driver told deputies Saul then drove up behind them and gestured for them to move over.

When they did, Saul pulled out a handgun and pointed it out the window at the two people in the car, according to the report. One of them told police that he "truly felt fear for his life" and that he thought Saul was going to shoot him.

On Wednesday, Saul was being held in the Palm Beach County Jail with no bail.

South Broward High School teacher accused of sex with student

A teacher at South Broward High School has been accused of having sex with a 16-year-old student, authorities said.

According to the Broward Sheriff's Office, Michael James Lunt, 25, of Sunrise, turned himself in on Tuesday after being charged with one count of unlawful sexual activity with a minor, a second-degree felony.



Lunt engaged in "consensual sexual activity" in December with the girl who attended the Hollywood school, the Sheriff's Office said in a news release.

School police have launched an administrative investigation, said Tracy Clark, public information officer for the school district.

"The teacher will be reassigned away from students while the criminal and administrative investigations continue," she said.

Woman sues medical center for alleged sexual assault

PLANTATION, Fla. (WSVN) -- A patient is suing a South Florida hospital after a man paid to protect her allegedly committed an alarming attack.

For five days Tali Duke was at Westside Regional Medical Center Baker Acted, meaning a security guard was with her at all times.

Duke said, during those five days, she was sexually molested 15 times under strong medication, unable to

protect herself. "From kissing me," said Duke, "to touching my breasts and putting his hand down my pants."

The lawsuit states, the security guard "forced himself on Tali Duke by grabbing Duke's face and kissing her. (He) touched Duke inappropriately on her breast, lower back and buttocks, and rubbed his groin against her arm."

Duke and her attorney said Westside Regional Medical Center is to blame for failing to protect a patient. They claim Westside Regional breached their duty of reasonable care by failing to establish and implement policies and procedures to prevent sexual assault.

Duke said she was also sexually assaulted as a little girl. She claims what happened to her set her back. Now, she and her attorney are asking for \$5 million. "I thought that everything that I lived through was behind me," said Duke, "and when he did this to me, he just restarted that pain."

Only Westside Regional, as parent company, is named in the lawsuit.

The security guard was investigated but never charged.

Man shot, killed in his driveway

NORTHWEST MIAMI-DADE, Fla. (WSVN) -- Police are investigating a shooting that killed a family man as he was returning home from work.

The family of the victim said his routine was to return from work at around 2 a.m. every morning. They said he would back his truck into the driveway of their home and was likely doing that when he was murdered.

The shooting happened at about 1:45 a.m. Wednesday in the driveway of a house along 96th Street and Northwest Fifth Avenue. Investigators said the man was confronted by one or more subjects as he reversed his vehicle into the driveway, when, for unknown reasons, the victim was shot multiple times.

Daniel Cilas, a neighbor, said, "Yeah, I know this guy. He's a nice guy and always stopped to say, 'Hey, Daniel, how you doing?' It makes me feel bad because I loved him."

The subject(s) fled eastbound on 96th Street in a dark-colored vehicle. "We know we have at least one man at large responsible for this murder, if not two," said Miami-Dade Police Detective Roy Rutland. "We know they're at large; we know they're deadly."

The victim's last stop was at a gas station. An attendant who works there said she knew him. "It was a shock," said the woman who was not identified. "First of all, because it was so close, and it was a person I see everyday. He was so kind with everybody."

The victim died on the roadway, and detectives are considering robbery as a possible motive. "We are certainly not ruling out robbery as a motive based on the evidence we have on the scene," said Rutland.

If you have any information on this deadly shooting, call Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at 305-471-TIPS. Remember, you can always remain anonymous, and you may be eligible for a reward.

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Azure College Gives Back to Sebring Community; Hosts Field Trip for High School Seniors

By Dessalines Ferdinand

On March 23, 2013, 104 students from Sebring High School, Lake Placid High School and the Boys and Girls Club of Sebring enjoyed a trip to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida. This wonderful trip was made possible thanks to the generous donation of time and money by Azure College School of Nursing CEO Johnson Napoleon.

While Johnson Napoleon financed the trip, Debra Snyder, Executive Assistant and Financial Aid Director, as well as Shirley Sawyer, Director of Academic Affairs of Sebring campus devoted a great deal of energy to make this trip possible. They organized with the schools and helped in the selection process to determine which students would take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

CEO and President of the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce as well as Mr. Ernest Sapp, Branch Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Sebring accompanied the students, as did two faculty members from each school. This 'delegation' of chaperons donned green t-shirts that read: "Failure is Not an Option Tour" on the front and "Azure College Sebring Campus NASA 2013" on the back.

The delegation arrived at the Kennedy Space Center at 10:30 in the morning after a two-and-a-half hour trip. The group posed for pictures in front of the big NASA logo located at the main entrance of the Complex. CEO Johnson Napoleon then took time to explain to the students his motivation for putting this trip together. "My first trip here, about 15 years ago, has positively changed my life, my way of thinking. When I came to United States, I couldn't speak a word of English. I worked hard to earn a master's degree in Information Technology (IT) from Barry University (Florida). Today I am the President of an accredited college in the United States. You can do it, too. You can achieve big goals in your life. All you have to do is stay focused on school, on education."

Mr. Napoleon went on to ask the students how many would graduate high school. All raised their hands at this point. He went on to say, "I want to be proud of you kids. If even one of you can promise me that you will graduate from high school, I will be satisfied with this trip." In one voice, all 104 students stated, "Yes, we will."

As the group stepped inside the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex, they were met by a journey to the stars and the history of space exploration. Early spaceflights, trips to the moon, and Space Shuttle trips all originated from Cape Canaveral.

One tenth grade student remarked, "As

a child, I imagined one day living in space, looking back at Earth."

The tour wasn't limited to a presentation; Johnson Napoleon invested extra to make sure that this trip was remarkable, so the group was met by former NASA astronaut Winston Scott. Mr. Scott is a veteran of two Space Shuttle missions and logged 24 days, 14 hours, and 34 minutes in space. He also logged 19 hours and 26 minutes of space walks.

This program, known as 'Lunch with an Astronaut,' was about sharing the experience of being an astronaut with the students. They were able to interact and ask questions of Mr. Scott. The students learned about some of his missions and that he was never really afraid to become an astronaut. "I like challenges," Winston Scott said. "That's all. This is me. I never scare and I'm not afraid of anything."

Students were able to view footage from his time in space as they mingled with the former astronaut. He also explained the extensive training that is involved in becoming an astronaut. Before any flight, every astronaut must conduct a 28-36 hour simulation. "The night before, you are in a suit that has to stay on for seven or eight hours, so you don't want to pee." The group got a nice laugh out of this.

Winston Scott discussed the launch sequence and that once the helmet is on, all you can hear is the sound of your colleagues breathing until the countdown reaches eight, at which time the engines rumble and vibrate throughout the shuttle. "There's no doubt that a significant event just occurred in your lifetime," he said about the actual takeoff. "It's an impressive ride, indeed."

He spoke to the students about what it's like in space, about how you get out of the spacesuit and into something more comfortable and how weightlessness leaves you in a constant state of motion. He commented that moving around is easy, but eating is a challenge.

The students engaged Mr. Scott with many questions, such as how do they brush their teeth, how do they eat, do they shower, and more. He explained that they take what are called 'sponge baths,' and they can play certain sports in space.



Group posing for photos in front of the big NASA logo located at the main entrance of the Complex.

dreams of space travel. The Space Mirror Memorial is a 42 ½ foot high by 50 foot wide black granite surface that is angled in such a manner as to reflect the stars in the surface. The names of 24 astronauts are engraved on this slab, including those from the Apollo 1 fire and the Space Shuttles Challenger and Columbia.

Bridgette Jackson, who is a student at Lake Placid High School has a strong interest in science fell in love with the Kennedy Space Center. "The Kennedy Space Center is a must for anyone and everyone to see; totally awe-inspiring for a young woman like me to see what we can accomplish when we put our minds to it." She went on to thank CEO Johnson Napoleon for the opportunity of a lifetime.

Mr. Napoleon said, "I am proud to bring these kids here to NASA. I truly believe this trip will make a big impact in their lives. I feel grateful and proud to see how fast that Sebring and Lake Placid communities have embraced my nursing school. This is a way for me to say thank you to those communities. Giving back to the community gives me a pleasant feeling of connectedness and the satisfaction of at least trying to make the world a better place."

Johnson Napoleon certainly helps to make the world a better place and inspires students from all walks of life.

Mr. Scott concluded by telling the students that wanting to be an astronaut is a noble profession, and that it requires a great deal of work in science and mathematics. The group posed for pictures with Winston Scott before resuming their tour.

The group visited the launch pad and gathered a great deal of information from the bus driver. The stopped and took pictures from the LC39 Observation Gantry. After this bus tour, the group visited the Apollo/Saturn V Center where they learned about the Apollo Space Program (which landed the first man on the moon).

There are many memorials to astronauts who lost their lives while pursuing their

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Delegation posing for the camera in front of the NASA logo



This mother didn't want her son to miss the opportunity to visit the JFK Space Center. She decided to drive him, so he could be part of this trip sponsored by Azure College.



The trip to Kennedy Space Center was both fun and educational for these two classmates.



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It was such a joyful journey for all the students



At the entrance of Angry Bird Space Encounter



Aboard the bus on their way to JFK Space Center



4 female students proudly display their admission tickets



Students make their way to the main entrance of JFK SC



All delegation members wearing green t-shirts decorated on the back with the logo of Azure College



Partial view of the audience while listening to american astronaut Winston Scott



Azure College delegation members "getting on a bus shuttle" for a tour to the LC39 Observation Gantry and the Saturn V's booster rockets.



4 male students proudly showing their admission tickets



Students layed down on their back for a simulation inside of a shuttle's nose.



Shirley Sawyer (l) and Debra Snyder (r) pose for a photo souvenir with 3 other members of Azure delegation.



Azure College delegation poses for a photo souvenir with American Astronaut Winston Scott



Back to Azure College Sebring Campus



Students autographed Azure College t-shirts as souvenirs of the trip.

For more photos from this trip at "JFK Space Center", check out our website at www.lefloridien.com/photo.htm

Une douzaine de femmes honorées par le Consulat Général d'Haïti à Miami pour leur rôle de premier plan dans la société haïtienne

NORTH MIAMI (LF) -- La section culturelle et touristique du Consulat Général de la République d'Haïti à Miami, a salué, le dimanche 24 mars 2013, le travail d'une douzaine de femmes haïtiennes pour leur dévouement et leurs accomplissements au bénéfice de leurs concitoyens, de leur communauté et de leur pays, selon une note de presse parvenue à la salle de rédaction du semi-mensuel Le Floridien.

La cérémonie de remise de plaques a eu lieu à Moca Café Lounge, North Miami, où une belle assistance s'était réunie pour souligner cet événement de reconnaissance, dont plusieurs personnalités communautaires.

Cette cérémonie a eu pour objectif de rendre hommage à ces personnalités féminines à l'occasion du Mois de la Femme pour leur contribution à l'avancement de la communauté haïtienne. Chacune des honorées a reçu une plaque " Beacon of Hope and Achievement Award ".

" Notre objectif cette année était d'honorer la créativité, l'innovation et le professionnalisme de ces femmes, dans

différentes sphères de la société haïtienne. Cette plaque est une façon de valoriser leur contribution significative au sein de la communauté haïtienne, " a déclaré le Consul Général François Guillaume II.

" L'objectif de cette cérémonie, c'est de reconnaître l'importance de ces femmes dans la participation de la vie communautaire. C'est de saluer leur leadership, motiver les autres femmes, inviter la communauté féminine à suivre leurs modèles de réussite, promouvoir la participation des femmes dans la vie communautaire ", explique pour sa part, le vice-consul Guy François.

Dans une ambiance conviviale François Guillaume II et Guy François Jr., accompagnés de Mr. Isson Joseph, responsable de la section des services communautaires, ont à tour de rôle décerné le " Beacon of Hope and Achievement Award " aux femmes suivantes :

Mme. Gepsie Metellus :
Sant La
Mme. Nadine Patrice:
Operation Green Leaves,
Inc



Chacune des douze honorées a reçu une plaque " Beacon of Hope and Achievement Award " lors de cette cérémonie tenue à Moca Café Lounge, North Miami.

Mme. Paola Pierre: HAC-COF (Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida)

Major Franzia Brea-Burden: North Miami Police Department

Mme. Nadie Mondestin: Haitian Youth Community Center

Mme. Rasha Cameau: Haitian Ista The Sow A Seed Organization

Mme. Marleine Bastien: Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami

Mme. Judith Joseph: Breakfast with Santa

Mme. Kimberly Green: Green Family Foundation

Dr. Marie Etienne :
Haitian American Nurses Association

Mme. Jenna Green:
Project Medishare
Mme. Emeline Michel

L'avocat des députés inculpés s'en prend au RNDDH

Maître Carlos Hercule, avocat des députés Rodriguez SEJOUR et Nzounaya Jean Baptiste BELLANGE, critique les interventions du Réseau National de Défense des Droits Humains (RNDDH) dans le dossier de l'assassinat du policier Walky Calixte. Le juriste s'insurge contre les responsables de cet organisme qui selon lui dénie aux parlementaires le droit de faire appel de la décision du juge instructeur.

Il s'indigne que cet organisme de défense des droits humains veuille fermer une voie de recours existants à des citoyens qui doivent assurer leur défense.

Le RNDDH avait estimé dans son dernier rapport que l'assemblée des députés devraient autoriser la levée de l'immunité des parlementaires inculpés même si l'appel a été interjeté. Selon lui le RNDDH tente d'influencer la justice par ses interventions dans le dossier.

M. Hercule, également bâtonnier de Port-au-Prince et avocat de l'homme d'affaires Clifford Brandt, ne décolère pas contre les actions de



Les députés Rodriguez SEJOUR (g) et Nzounaya Jean Baptiste BELLANGE (d).

l'organisme des droits humains qui prend position en faveur de l'une des parties en conflit. Est-ce que seulement les victimes ont des droits et ceux qui sont indexés n'ont aucun droit, s'interroge maître Hercule.

Il se dit surpris que les responsables du RNDDH aient communiqué au public une copie de l'ordonnance du juge instructeur tandis que l'instruction est secrète. Il révèle que le Parquet avait refusé de lui donner une copie de l'ordonnance dont des extraits avaient déjà été rendus public.

Visiblement en colère M. Hercule juge que le RDDH contribue à affaiblir le système judiciaire haïtien. Pour lui cet organisme empêche à la justice haïtienne de fonctionner dans la sérénité.

Réagissant aux accusations de dilatoires du RNDDH, M. Hercule a fait remarquer que le dilatoire est traité par le code de procédures civiles.

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Réveil Spirituel : Une Semaine de Prières et de Délivrance

NORTH MIAMI -- Des milliers de personnes ont participé à la semaine de Réveil spirituel organisé par le Tabernacle de Gloire autour du thème "Terrasser les terreurs de la nuit", du 24 au 31 mars derniers. Ce fut une semaine de prières et de délivrance pour plus d'un, d'après les témoignages recueillis auprès des participants.

Cette série d'études avait pour but de montrer aux chrétiens comment lutter contre les esprits infernaux qui les attaquent au cours de la nuit. De leur donner les techniques nécessaires. À partir de cette étude, certains se disent mieux au fait de la guerre spirituelle et mieux armés par la Parole et la prière efficace.

Le dimanche 24 mars, le Réveil annuel allait démarrer sous des chapeaux de roue avec une solide session d'adoration et de louange qui a tenu les chrétiens sur leurs jambes pendant 2 heures et demie. La prédication, qui allait durer autant, a tenu l'assistance en haleine jusqu'à minuit, et ceci durant toute la semaine.

Le thème de ce Réveil spirituel intriguait. Il suscitait la curiosité. Une curiosité qui pouvait se lire dimanche dans les yeux de l'assistance au fur et à mesure que le pasteur Gregory Toussaint enseignait. Il a d'abord déclaré que la nuit est un mystère.

" La Bible explique comment la lumière a commencé, Dieu a dit que la lumière soit et elle fut, mais quant à la nuit, nous ne savons d'où elle vient ", a expliqué le pasteur.

Le prédicateur a montré que la nuit est un temps bien spécial. C'est un temps de révélation, de confrontation et de libération. Dieu révèle beaucoup de choses à des gens durant leur sommeil, comme ce fut le cas pour Abraham, Joseph ou le prophète Daniel.

La nuit est un temps de combat, de lutte avec les puissances des ténèbres (certains attrapent des maladies mortelles en dormant). C'est aussi à ce moment que viennent sur la terre toutes sortes d'esprits qui ne sont pas autorisés à marcher sur la terre durant le jour.

" Il y a des gens qu'on rencontre la nuit et

qui ne sont pas humains. En Haïti, il se raconte souvent des histoires d'hommes qui croisent la nuit des beautés qu'ils emmènent à l'hôtel pour se réveiller le lendemain matin nus comme des vers au beau milieu d'un cimetière ", explique le prédicateur.

Parmi les esprits nocturnes, il y a les esprits marins, les esprits forestiers qui marchent la nuit sous forme d'êtres humains, d'animaux. Ils entrent en confrontation avec des êtres humains durant leur sommeil.

Il y a aussi ce qu'on appelle les brigands de nuit. " Ce ne sont pas des démons mais des gens qui s'adonnent à la magie, qui utilisent la force de la pensée pour procéder à des voyages astraux (hors de leurs corps) et commettre des actes malhonnêtes, surtout la nuit ", précise le pasteur.

Il a donné l'exemple de l'ancien franc-maçon Hector Champagne, aujourd'hui pasteur, qui lui a raconté avoir procédé, d'Haïti étant, à un voyage astral pour aller visiter ces enfants à New-York. M. Champagne a raconté son voyage à sa femme qui ne l'a pas cru jusqu'à ce qu'elle ait appelé les enfants à New-York. Ceux-ci lui ont confirmé que leur père est venu les voir au cours de la nuit.

" De la même façon, si cet homme avait voulu violer, tuer ou étrangler quelqu'un cette nuit-là, il aurait pu entrer dans sa chambre et le faire. C'est ce qui s'appelle une attaque astrale. C'est l'action d'un être humain qui sait comment quitter son corps, voire se transformer en animal".

Le pasteur a aussi parlé des animaux de nuit, des animaux que les gens peuvent voir dans leurs rêves et qui ne sont pas des bêtes ordinaires. " Parfois lorsque vous rêvez d'un porc, il peut s'agir d'un esprit d'impudicité, d'impureté. Des rêves des rats, des serpents, des chiens, des taureaux, des guêpes, des mouches sont des fois des manifestations maléfiques et ont chacun une signification particulière. Des animaux normaux peuvent aussi être possédés et attaquer des humains durant la nuit ", selon Gregory Toussaint.

Pour contrecarrer ces terreurs nocturnes, le chrétien doit s'armer de la Parole de



Les participants au Réveil spirituel organisé par le "Tabernacle de Gloire" autour du thème "Terrasser les terreurs de la nuit", lors d'une session d'adoration et de louange. Photo : TB

Dieu et s'adonner à la prière fervente, conseille le révérend. Le chrétien doit prendre son autorité et repousser ces attaques au nom de Jésus. Et si quelqu'un n'a pas le Christ dans sa vie, il ferait mieux de se repentir et de s'en remettre au Sauveur car la seule façon d'être protégé des attaques de Satan est d'avoir une puissance plus grande que le sien.

Cette semaine a été une semaine édifiante pour ceux qui y ont pris part ou qui ont écouté les sermons sur Radio Shekinah (Floride), Radio Lumière, Radio Shalom (Haïti), sur Facebook ou sur Youtube.

Après chaque message, les fidèles répondaient aux prédications par la prière fervente et l'utilisation de la Parole de Dieu. L'intégralité des messages prêchés par le pasteur Toussaint est disponible sur Youtube, au Tabernacle de Gloire (North Miami) et chez la Presse Evangélique en Haïti.

Shekinah Love

Au cours de ce Réveil annuel, le pasteur Toussaint en a profité pour présenter " Shekinah Love ". Il s'agit d'un appareil radio personnalisé qui permettra aux auditeurs de capter la nouvelle station partout à travers le monde et d'être toujours branchés.

Radio Shekinah peut déjà être captée sur le web et par téléphone. Cependant, ayant

remarqué que cela présentait certaines difficultés (appel coupé ou page Internet fermée), l'idée est venue de concevoir un appareil radio d'un genre nouveau.

" Shekinah Love, explique Gregory Toussaint, est un appareil radio pouvant capter des signaux wi-fi (Internet sans fil). Ces radios peuvent fonctionner dans n'importe quel pays du monde, et nous aurons sur la même station aussi divers canaux dédiés exclusivement soit à la louange, soit à l'adoration, soit à la prière ou les messages. Tout ce que vous aurez à faire sera d'appuyer sur un bouton pour avoir ce que vous voulez ".

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Découverte à Sherbrooke d'un futur traitement contre le cancer de la prostate

Par Antoine Lescarbeau

Une équipe de 15 chercheurs de l'Institut de pharmacologie de l'Université de Sherbrooke, sous la direction du professeur Robert Day, a identifié une cible thérapeutique unique qui pourrait mener à un traitement plus efficace du cancer de la prostate. Ce cancer est celui qui touche le plus d'hommes au pays : un Canadien sur neuf risque d'en être atteint au cours de sa vie. Essentiellement, les chercheurs ont ciblé une enzyme appelée PACE4. En neutralisant cette enzyme, il est possible d'interrompre la progression tumorale. Un médicament pourrait être à l'essai d'ici deux à trois ans.

Limites des traitements actuels

Les traitements actuels ? prostatectomie radicale, hormonothérapie ou chimiothérapie ? sont limités. Les tumeurs de la prostate grossissent grâce à la testostérone. Les traitements antihormonaux la bloquent, mais après quelques années, les cellules cancéreuses s'adaptent et trouvent d'autres facteurs de croissance. Malheureusement, au cours des dernières décennies, très peu de solutions thérapeutiques et diagnostiques ont été proposées.

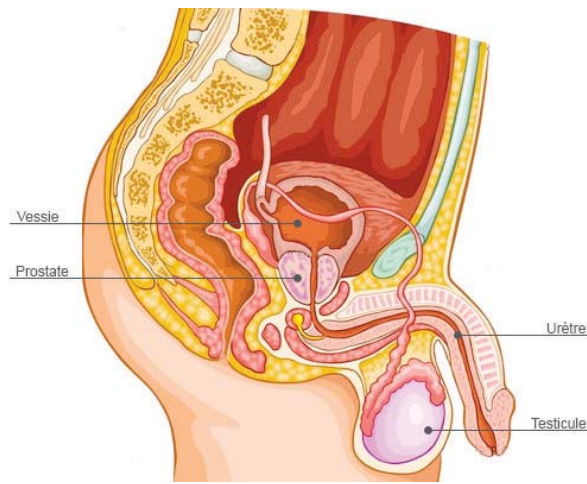


Illustration prostate

Freiner la progression de la tumeur

Cette enzyme nommée PACE4 contrôle l'activité de molécules clés dans l'acquisition du phénotype malin des cellules cancéreuses. En neutralisant la PACE4, il est possible d'interrompre la progression tumorale. Les chercheurs ont observé des effets remarquables sur la réduction de la taille des tumeurs et des niveaux de PSA sérique sur des modèles animaux.

Prototype de médicament

L'équipe sherbrookoise vient de fabriquer un prototype de médicament pour bloquer l'action de PACE4. "Ce médicament prometteur empêche d'activer toute une série de facteurs de croissance qui alimentent le cancer, explique le professeur Day. Chez les souris, quand on bloque PACE4, les effets sont spectaculaires, la croissance des tumeurs s'arrête."

Les premiers patients pourraient bientôt bénéficier de cette avancée majeure : "Si tout se passe bien, j'envisage de commencer un essai clinique de phase I d'ici deux à trois ans", précise le Pr Day. Une fois utilisée dans un contexte clinique, cette nouvelle classe de médicaments donnera à des milliers d'hommes un réel espoir de guérison.

Robert Day est professeur au Département de chirurgie (Service d'urologie) au sein de l'Institut de pharmacologie de Sherbrooke et de la Faculté de médecine et des sciences de la santé de l'UdeS. Il est chercheur au Centre de recherche clinique Étienne-Le Bel du Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke. La Société canadienne du cancer a annoncé le 26 février 2013 une subvention pour un impact de 1,2 million de dollars à cette recherche.
S: usherbrooke.ca

L'intervention qui a permis au cardinal Bergoglio de devenir le pape François

Agence France-Presse
La Havane

Le cardinal Jaime Ortega, archevêque de La Havane, a révélé le contenu de l'intervention de Jorge Mario Bergoglio qui a décidé les cardinaux à l'élire pape quelques jours plus tard, a rapporté mercredi l'agence d'informations sur le Vatican, i.media.

Au cours de cette intervention pendant des réunions préparatoires au conclave, les congrégations générales, celui qui allait devenir le pape François y souhaitait une Église qui puisse «sortir d'elle-même» pour aller jusque dans les «périphéries», une des idées fortes des interventions du nouveau pontife depuis son élection.

Normalement, le contenu des congrégations générales est tenu secret, mais de retour dans son diocèse, le cardinal cubain a affirmé à ses fidèles vouloir leur confier une «exclusivité presque absolue, la pensée du pape François sur (la) mission de l'Église». Précisant le faire avec l'autorisation du nouveau pape

argentin, le cardinal Ortega a lu entièrement le texte que lui avait remis à sa demande le cardinal Bergoglio au lendemain de son intervention improvisée puis retranscrite à son intention.

«Le cardinal Bergoglio a fait une intervention qui m'a semblé magistrale, éclairante, engageante et vraie», a affirmé Mgr Ortega.

Dans son intervention, le futur pape assurait que l'Église devait «sortir d'elle-même et aller dans les périphéries», non seulement géographiques, mais aussi aux «périphéries de l'existence», là où se trouvent le mal, l'injustice, la douleur.

Il y fustigeait une «Église auto référentielle», prise dans un certain «narcissisme théologique» et préconisait des réformes capables de transformer l'Église «mondaine qui vit en elle-même, d'elle-même et pour elle-même» en une Église évangélicatrice.

Ces idées ont depuis largement été reprises dans ses interventions publiques en

tant que pape, se présentant ainsi comme les grandes lignes du programme de son pontificat, alors que l'Église est confrontée à de nombreux défis, entre intrigues et soupçons de corruption à son sommet, sécularisation des sociétés occidentales ou persécution des chrétiens.

Peu après l'élection du pape, un cardinal français, Mgr Jean-Pierre Ricard, archevêque de Bordeaux, avait révélé qu'une intervention du cardinal Bergoglio avait «marqué les congrégations générales».

«Dans cette intervention, le futur pape a dit que l'Église ne sera vraiment l'Église du Christ que si elle ne se centre pas sur elle-même, sur ses problèmes, et qu'elle va à la rencontre des hommes et des femmes dont elle se sent loin», a raconté Mgr Ricard.

«Nous attendons un pape



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PHOTO TONY GENTILE, REUTERS

spirituel, habité intérieurement, mais aussi un pasteur, et avec le cardinal Bergoglio nous avons senti

que nous avons cet homme-là», avait ajouté l'archevêque de Bordeaux.

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Martelly rend visite à Rodrigue Milien

Le président haïtien Michel Joseph Martelly a rendu visite le lundi 19 mars écoulé à son ami chanteur Rodrigue Milien au *Fountainhead Care Center, North Miami*, où le populaire artiste-acteur-comédien, courbé sous le poids d'un diabète écrasant, est immobilisé dans un fauteuil roulant depuis plus d'un an. Le chef de l'Etat a eu un long entretien avec cet artiste qui a marqué toute une époque glorieuse de la musique haïtienne. Accompagné entre autres du promoteur de soirées dansantes bien connu, Alix Timmer, et de plusieurs membres du personnel consulaire d'Haïti à Miami, le président a fredonné en chœur avec le malade le populaire refrain " .. *Mwen pap janm bliyé' w cheri pou tout sa ou passe pou mwen ... Malgre tout pesekision ke'w te jwenn.. ou di zafe, mwen renmen mennaj mwen* " de sa pièce à succès titrée *Confession*, sous les applaudissements des témoins de cette visite ; une très belle chanson qui n'a cessé de bercer le cœur des haïtiens durant plusieurs décennies.



Le président haïtien Michel Martelly (assis au milieu) en conversation avec l'artiste Rodrigue Milien (droite, sur chaise roulante) lors d'une visite au *Fountainhead Care Center, North Miami*.

Rodrigue Milien se trouve depuis 2009 dans une situation médicale "aiguë" qui nécessite le support de tout un chacun. Il a perdu un peu de sa lucidité,

n'a presque pas l'usage de sa parole, et n'arrive même pas à reconnaître parfois certains proches.

Demander de l'aide et des dons pour ses médicaments et les besoins des hôpitaux, les membres de sa famille, particulièrement sa sœur, l'infatigable Raymonde Pierre, ne savent plus comment faire pour continuer à le supporter dans ses moments difficiles.

Malheureusement, aucune note officielle du Consulat Général d'Haïti à Miami n'est venue apporter des précisions sur la teneur de cette rencontre pour savoir si le chef de l'Etat a promis ou non de l'aide financière à son ami Rodrigue. Toutefois cette visite du chef de l'Etat au *Fountainhead Care Center* est perçue positivement comme un témoignage d'amitié, d'estime, de reconnaissance, de respect de la part de l'ancien "président du compas direct" envers Rodrigue Milien (..yo di Micky pa janm bliye Zanmi li).

Katalog a célébré son anniversaire de naissance

Mercredi 20 mars, c'était l'anniversaire de naissance de Katalog, chanteur principal de la formation Gabel ! Mais l'artiste, de son vrai nom, Vladimir Etienne, avait attendu le weekend suivant pour célébrer son nouveau printemps en grande pompe dans une ambiance familiale le samedi 23 mars à *Labadie Night Club, Fort-Lauderdale*. Il l'a fait avec la classe qui le caractérise. Placée sous le signe de la bonne humeur et de la convivialité, un public bon enfant estimé à plus de 300 personnes avait fait le déplacement pour venir dire " Happy Birthday to Kata", considéré comme l'un des rares artistes de la scène compas actuelle toujours tirés à quatre épingles. Son groupe Gabel a donné du plaisir, sans limite,



aux invités qui ont dansé toute la nuit. Frères musiciens d'autres groupes compas, promoteurs, journalistes culturels étaient aussi nombreux à partager cette soirée d'anniversaire avec le chanteur Katalog.

Ralph Condé rejoint les rangs de Zenglen

Après le chanteur Erdesse " Pipo " Stanis, le guitariste Ti Papi, c'est Ralph Condé qui à son tour vient d'abandonner le navire "en danger " du capitaine Arly Larivière pour rejoindre les rangs de la formation Zenglen. En moins de quatre mois, le groupe Nu Look a enregistré trois abandons. Le retrait du guitariste Ralph Condé vient d'aggraver la situation d'instabilité qui règne chez Nu Look depuis un certain temps. Dans une interview accordée au site culturel



haïtien *kompamagazine.com*, l'ancien maestro de la formation défunte Papash, a révélé qu'il n'a jamais été un membre actif du groupe Nu Look, et qu'il était un simple " gigger ", tout en précisant que le groupe n'est que l'affaire (disons mieux, la propriété privée) du maestro keyboardiste Arly Larivière. Condé ajoute pour dire qu'il en a décidé ainsi après maintes réflexions, et que son retrait est une décision personnelle. " *Après 8 ans au sein de Nu Look, je pense qu'il est tant de faire autre chose. Il est toujours bon de s'aventurer dans d'autres projets,* " a-t-il dit. Le guitariste a rappelé qu'il est un professionnel musicien, possédant un studio d'enregistrement et qu'il vit de son métier. L'ancien membre de Tabou Combo a en outre démenti les rumeurs selon lesquelles il a décidé de se retirer à cause de la présence du guitariste Gabriel Laporte.

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Emeline Michel à " Big Night in Little Haiti "

L'édition du mois d'avril de " Big Night in Little Haiti ", un événement culturel présenté par "The Rhythm Foundation and The Little Haiti Cultural Center ", sera marquée par la présence de la grande dame de la chanson haïtienne Emeline Michel, de l'écrivain Edwidge Danticat et du diseur Jean Claude Martineau alias "Koralen". Déroulée chaque troisième vendredi du mois, depuis le début de l'année 2012, entre 6 hr et 10 heures du soir, ces personnalités de renom y prendront part le vendredi 19 avril prochain, à l'occasion du Mois national de la Poésie. " Francophonie Poetry Awards " en profitera pour faire des présentations spéciales. L'admission est entièrement gratuite. En famille et entre amis, plusieurs centaines de participants auront à profiter d'une soirée bien remplie de plaisir et d'activités éducatives et culturelles.



Une école dédiée au père du compas-direct

Une école de musique portant le nom du feu maestro Nemours Jean-Baptiste a été inaugurée le mardi 19 mars 2013 à Martissant, quartier populaire de Port-au-Prince.

Cette école dédiée à Nemours Jean-Baptiste – créateur du compas-direct, musique dansante d'Haïti – sera gérée de façon rationnelle et en toute transparence, pour l'épanouissement des populations de Martissant et des zones environnantes, promet le ministre des Affaires sociales et du Travail, Charles Jean-Jacques.



Des instruments de musique sont mis à la disposition de ceux qui éventuellement voudront bien apprendre les notions de base de la musique, a fait savoir le ministre Jean-Jacques. Musicien et membre fondateur du Tabou Combo, Albert Chancy a représenté la présidence à la cérémonie d'inauguration de l'école de musique de Nemours Jean-Baptiste.

La représentante de l'USAID, Nancy Ruppel, le directeur exécutif de la Fondation Compas-Direct, Roger Pierre-Louis Jr, ont pris part également à la cérémonie d'inauguration de cette emblématique école de musique.

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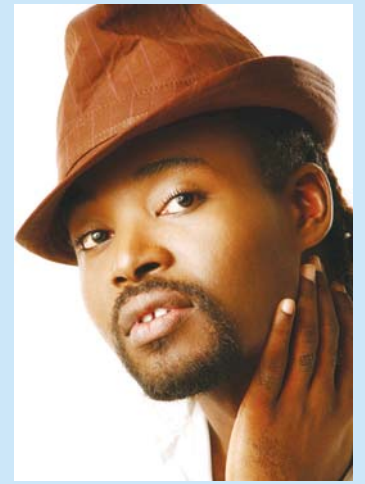
David André : 15 ans déjà dans le monde "Fashion Design"

" O temps suspends ton vol "

(Alphonse de Lamartine, poète français)

Ah ! Que le temps passe vite...Né le 17 juillet 1979 à Port-au-Prince, David André est le fruit des entrailles de feu Gaston André et de Mme Jesula Placide, tous deux commerçants. Depuis tout petit, il cultivait un rare talent pour le dessin et la mode. Après ses études classiques, il entreprend des études de stylisme chez l'Académie Faith Verona (Haïti) et suit de nombreux séminaires sur la " haute couture ".

Ça fait déjà 15 ans. Comme si c'était hier. Je me souviens encore de ses premiers balbutiements, de ses premiers pas, de son premier défilé à la maison (Route Frères, Projet Vivy Mitchell) en tant que maître de cérémonie devant une assistance sélecte.



David André

Ah ! Comme le temps passe vite...David a su créer, imposer sa marque, son identité dans le paysage du *Fashion Design Haïtien*. Sans tomber dans une quelconque vantardise, je pense qu'il est devenu une référence et solidement ancré dans ce secteur en germination chez nous ou des corrections doivent être apportées, notamment au niveau de notre univers mental de peuple singeant tout ce qui nous provient des rives étrangères.

Aux côtés de certains aînés, il s'est frayé son passage, son sentier tant ici qu'à l'étranger, malgré la grisaille de notre quotidien, les vents contraires qui soufflent très fort. Ce qui me fascine surtout chez lui, c'est sa passion démesurée, son dynamisme, son audace, son optimisme à vaincre tout ce qui est négatif, les obstacles dressés sur son chemin, sa sérénité acquise au fil des ans afin de matérialiser ses rêves d'hommes, ses rêves d'artistes. En ce, sens, il donne raison au philosophe allemand Nietzsche qui affirma dans l'un de ses ouvrages : " J'aime l'homme qui veut créer plus haut que lui-même et qui périt Ainsi ".

En tant que son grand-frère, j'ai été témoin oculaire de ses nuits blanches passées à la maison pour travailler sur de nouvelles conceptions propres à lui seul, question de créer quelque chose de différent, d'original pour ses innombrables clients. Dans mes prestations de poète-diseur, je dois dire que je suis fier de porter ses créations uniques, originales " Made in Haiti " pouvant rivaliser sans exagération avec les Hugo Boss, Roberto Cavalli, Armani, Bianco Ferre pour ne citer que ceux-là.

Ah ! Que le temps passe vite... Ayant à son palmarès de nombreux défilés dans le monde (Toronto, Bahamas, Berlin, Miami, New-York, Equateur, St-Domingue....), son plus grand rêve est d'acquiescer une renommée internationale, m'a-t-il confié.

15 ans déjà...le styliste David André n'appartient plus ni à sa famille, ni à son pays natal, mais plutôt à l'Humanité toute entière. Certes, le chemin est long, mais son succès planétaire n'est pas trop loin. C'est juste une question de temps, de durs labeurs, et surtout de persévérance.

Andre Fouad/Le Floridien

"Assistance mortelle": Haïti, laboratoire de tout ce qu'il ne faut pas faire

"Assistance mortelle", c'est le titre d'un documentaire sur l'échec de l'aide humanitaire à Haïti, trois ans après le terrible séisme qui avait pourtant soulevé une vague énorme de solidarité internationale. Le réalisateur, Raoul Peck, est haïtien lui-même. Il a suivi pendant trois ans les coulisses de cette aide massive et la gestion de cette catastrophe par la communauté internationale. Le documentaire a été diffusé mercredi soir (27 mars) sur La Une, une émission très prisée de la RTBF ((Radio Télévision Belge Francophone)..

Haïti est devenue "un laboratoire sur tout ce qu'il ne faut pas faire ou qu'il ne faut plus faire", explique Raoul Peck.

"Haïti, c'est simplement le dernier exemple en date de cette formidable débâcle de ce qu'on appelle l'aide au développement, depuis un peu plus de 60 ans, c'est-à-dire une aide qui n'en est pas une, une aide qui a beaucoup plus à dire aux donateurs qu'aux receveurs. Dans le cas d'Haïti, on vient de le voir encore, beaucoup d'effet d'annonce alors qu'en gros, il y a moins d'un quart de cette aide qui est vraiment déboursée. Cet argent est souvent dans des coffres et ne va jamais jusqu'à la population", a encore confié le réalisateur à la journaliste



Le réalisateur haïtien Raoul Peck

Françoise Wallemacq.

"Donc oui, c'est compliqué à expliquer. Comment on arrive à cette espèce de grande machine sans dirigeants en fait puisque chacun fait ce qu'il veut de son côté?", s'interrogeait le cinéaste sur les ondes de la Première ce mercredi matin.

"On perpétue ce mouvement, ce mode de fonctionnement et personne n'ose dire que ça ne fonctionne pas et qu'il faut arrêter", déplore-t-il. "C'est vrai que quand il y a un malheur, il faut aider, tout de suite, rapidement. Mais ensuite, il ne faut pas s'incruster, il ne faut pas commencer à s'ingérer dans la réalité du pays, à influencer les échéances politiques, les choix économiques, etc. Or, c'est ce qui se passe

régulièrement".

Mais quels intérêts représente ce petit pays des Caraïbes pour les Américains ? "D'un simple point de vue financier, je pourrais dire que quand le Congrès américain vote 2,5 milliards d'aide pour Haïti, il y a 800 millions qui vont au bénéfice de l'armée américaine", fait-il remarquer.

Des fonds avec lesquels, l'US Army a pu "engager ses soldats pendant plusieurs mois à pratiquement rien faire puisque Haïti n'est pas un pays en guerre. On paie toutes les dépenses de porte-avions, les dépenses de bateaux, les dépenses médicales, l'aide, même l'eau qui est importée par des avions! Des avions qui sont loués, or ces locations sont payées par l'argent promis à Haïti", dénonce Raoul Peck.

"Les bouteilles d'eau ne sont pas gratuites, c'est payé à des compagnies américaines alors qu'on aurait pu acheter local. N'importez pas de la marchandise venant de l'extérieur parce que vous cassez l'économie locale. Mais personne ne respecte ça. C'est ça le drame, c'est que les organisations internationales ne respectent pas leur propre charte".

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Bonjour/Bonswa

Jodi a mwen vinn Prezante nou yon RIBRIK DOKIMANTÈ ESPESYAL sou yon maladi kap bay anpil pwoblèm kay jèn moun kon granmoun, se: ACNE, ke nou konn rele Bouton. Anpil fwa Acne leve nan vizaj moun sitou jèn moun (adolescent).

Acne konn leve nan do ak lèstomak kèk moun tou. Ki sa ki kapab koz yon moun gen Acne/bouton nan vizaj?

Genyen anpil bagay ki kapab koz yon moun gen bouton nan vizaj li, tankou: Yon pwoblèm òmonal/Hormonal - yon pwoblèm alèji/allergie, yon pwoblèm ijyèn/hygyene, yon pwoblèm règ/menstruation, yon pwoblèm manje mal/diet, yon pwoblèm planin, ou byen yon pwoblèm stress.

Definisyon Acne pa yon otè angle (English author)

Acne is an inflammation of the skin because a sebaceous gland, located at the bottom of each hair follicle, becomes trapped with natural oils, causing bacterial buildup and inflammation. This condition may be worsened at adolescence, premenstrual, or mid-menstrual cycle due to hormonal action, and when under stress, eating a poor diet or on contraceptives.

Sekresyon glan sebaceous la konn vinn trè aktiv, sa ki koz òmon yo pa byen balanse e lò sa Sebum yo vinn anpil, yo bouche pò (pore) yo, vinn twouve pousyè, swè, tout bagay sa yo koz bakteri (bacteria) grandi anba po vizaj nou e bakteri sa yo pral bay nou enfèksyon kap pwodwi Acne. Lè nou gen Pwoblèm òmonal (hormonal) èske medsin natirèl kapan fè yon bagay pou nou? Wi. Wi gras a Dye gen plant ki ka regularize òmon (hormone) nou yo. Avan nou rantre nan remèd yo an nou gade tout sa ki kapaba koz nou gen bouton nan vizaj nou avan.

Map retounen poum ba nou remèd pou chak koz mwen site la yo, pasyans. Yonn nan pwoblèm ki kapab koz nou gen Acne se Alèji (allergie). Gen plizyè fòm alèji: Pousyè, Polènn/flè, Plim chat/chen, Etc. Pwoblèm ijyenik, wou menm kap sèvi ak vye dlo, vye sèvyèt, derefize lave vizaj nou byen. Pwoblèm avan/pandan/aprè règ. Pwoblèm manje mal, vyann kochon, grès animal, soda, chokola, manba, junk food, gato, bonbon, sik blan, magi, etc. Pwoblèm stress. Pwoblèm planin, grenn ou byen piki pou nou pa ansent kapab ba nou tou bouton nan vizaj nou. Tout sa yo gen gerizon ki se plant natirèl.

An nou imajine, wou menm ki gen yon pwoblèm òmonal (hormonal) epwi wap plede pase krèm nan vizaj ou pou Acne yo geri. Sa ou kwè kap rive Acne yo? Yap toujou rete, e yo kapab vinn pi plis. Paske nou dwe rezoud pwoblèm lan nan orijin li. Se sa ki fè mwen pral ba nou plant ki bon pou Acne. Fòk nou konmanse abitye al achte pwodwi natirèl kay HERBALIST yo. Pa bliye avan nou kòmanse tout trètman pou Acne, nou dwe fè 3 jou avan yon CURE DE DESINTOXICATION.

ENFEKSYON/ACNE

- Moun ki gen Acne akoz yon pwoblèm enfeksyon, nou kapab swiv yon kondisyon ijyenik sere sere, evite manje tout sa mwen te di nan 1er pati a. Bwè te (tea) fèy sa yo 4 tas nan yon jou, (Malerèzman gen anpil nan yo ki pa nan kreyòl):

BURDOCK ROOT, YELLOW DOCK ROOT, HYS-SOP, BLUE VIOLET, GOLDEN SEAL, ECHINACEA, BEECH ELDER, DANDELION.

NB nou kapab bwe te(tea), yonn nan fèy sa yo, ou byen melanj plizyè nan yo.... bwè 1 tas 4 fwa pa jou - Itas 1hre tan avan nou manje 3 fwa pa jou, e Itas avan nou ale dòmi. Nou kapab bwè tou: 2 ounces ji seleri, 2 ounces ji bètrav, 2 ounces ji tomat. Melanje yo ansanm, bwè li 3 fwa pa jou pandan 2 semèn.

Règ / Acne - Moun ki gen Acne avan ou aprè règ kap bwè vitamin (vitamin B6). Pa bliye bouton règ kapab

yon pwoblèm òmonal, konsa li ka pa sa tou. Wè ak doktè nou pou n pi si.

Me kèk mas (mask) pou vizaj nou, wou menm ki gen Acne: Chofe pou 5mns siwo myèl ak avwann(oatmeal), kite li tyèd mete li sou vizaj nou(fèmen zye nou) pou 15-20mns apre lave vizaj nou ak dlo cho, e rense li ak dlo fwèt, pa seche vizaj nou. - Fè yon mas ak baking soda melanje ak dlo rapid mete li sou vizaj nou(fèmen zye nou ak bouch nou) pou 10-15mns, lave vizaj nou ak Apple cider, rense li menm kote a ak dlo pwòp. - Melanje ajil (argile) ak dlo mete li sou vizaj nou pou 15-20mns, lave li ak dlo cho. Nou kapab tou melanje 2 Kiyè yogout/yogurt (nenpòt) ak 1 kiyè siwo myèl...pase pat sa nan vizaj ou pou 30 minit, apre lave li ak dlo cho. Gen anpil lòt mask nou kapab aplike sou vizaj nou poun fini ak Acne, epi tou yo pa koute anpil lajan.

Mek kèk ti remèd nou kapab eseye, anpil moun ki eseye yo di yo trè efikas: pran yon aplikatè tranpe li nan ji zonyon pase li jantiman sou acne yo 2 fwa pa jou. Lave vizaj nou ak dlo fèy leti oganik bouyi. Gason ki gen pwoblèm ak jilèt chak fwa nou finn fè bab nou, nou gen bouton, se yon pwoblèm poil incarne nou genyen, sispann koupe bab nou Ak razwa, itilize pito yon tondez ou byen yon pat ke yo fè pou sa èspesyalman.

Me kèk vitamin kap ede nou ak Acne: Vitamin A: lap ede bouton yo geri. Vitamin B: lap renouvle tisi vizaj nou. Zinc: lap regularize sekresyon Sebum yo, sa vle di wou menm ki gen yon pwoblèm Hormonal mwen ta konseye w bwè Zinc, lap ede nou balanse Hormone nou. Me nan ki nou kapab trouve vitamin A: Tout fri jon (kawòt, oranj, abriko, mango, etc.). Vitamin B: jon ze, fruit de mer, ble, zanmand, etc. Mwen remèsye nou tout pou pasyans nou. Nap genyen swit ribrik sa nan mitan mwa avril la, mèsì.

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Le beau-père du Président Martelly aura pour principal adversaire l'ancien sénateur Youri Latortue.

Monsieur Saint-Rémy présente son concurrent, également conseiller politique spécial de Michel Martelly, comme un candidat très impopulaire dans le département de l'Artibonite.

Haiti – Diplomatie : Arnel Bélizaire s'est vu refuser un visa américain

Le Député Arnel Bélizaire, représentant légal des Communes Delmas et Tabarre, a confirmé jeudi (28 mars) sur les ondes d'une station de radio de la capitale haïtienne qu'il s'est vu refuser le renouvellement de son visa diplomatique par le consulat américain.

En effet, le passeport diplomatique du Député Arnel Bélizaire a été retourné à la Chambre basse avec un refus du visa sollicité en sa faveur.

Le Député qualifie cette décision d'incident diplomatique. Il revient à l'Etat haïtien de faire respecter les conventions internationales dont la convention devienne selon le député Arnel Bélizaire en réaction à ce refus de l'ambassade des Etats-Unis de renouveler son visa.

Le parlementaire estime que cette mesure a été adoptée à son encontre à

cause de ses prises de position contre l'ex cheffe de cabinet de Hillary Clinton, Cheryl Mills et l'administration Martelly.

À noter qu'au nombre des malheureux incidents auxquels le parlementaire est incessamment impliqué en Haïti, il faut rappeler le

dernier au cours duquel il a bloqué la séance en rapport avec le vote du projet de loi contre le blanchiment des avoirs et la corruption, tout en vandalisant divers bureaux de la salle de la Chambre basse.

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Un responsable de l'hebdomadaire Haïti-Progrès tué par balles à Port-au-Prince

PORT-AU-PRINCE [Le Floridien] - Le journaliste et homme politique Georges Honorat a été abattu d'au moins de deux balles la soirée du samedi 23 mars 2013 (20:00 heure locale), à proximité de sa résidence à la rue Vernet, Delmas 31 (nord de la capitale), a confirmé dimanche le porte-parole adjoint de la Police nationale d'Haïti, l'Inspecteur Gary Desrosiers, qui annonce l'ouverture d'une enquête de la Direction centrale de la police judiciaire (Dcpj) pour élucider ce crime odieux.

Le rédacteur en chef du journal " Haïti progrès " qui fut aussi un des dirigeants du Parti Populaire National (PPN), aurait été attaqué par au moins deux individus circulant à moto. À date (24 mars) " il n'y a aucun suspect ", d'après les propos de M. Desrosiers, précisant que deux douilles ont été retrouvées sur les lieux du meurtre.

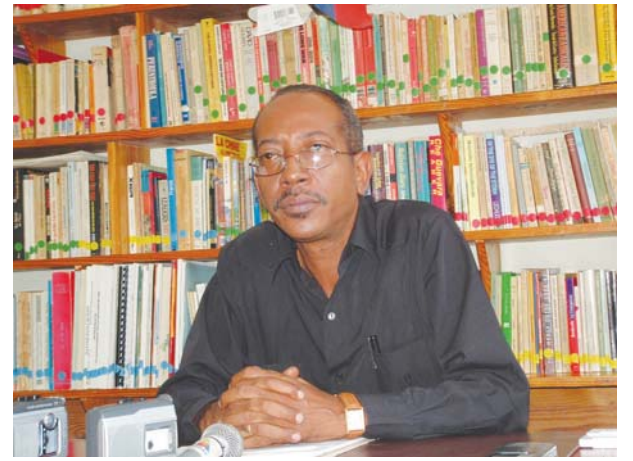
Du côté de ses confrères et proches collaborateurs, c'est le choc. " Sa mort nous a frappés jusque dans l'os, cela nous fait mal ", a déclaré à AlterPresse Yves Joseph, administrateur du journal " Haïti Progrès ".

" Il recevait des menaces : des appels téléphoniques anonymes ", confie le responsable de la direction administrative du journal. M. Yves Joseph demande la mise en mouvement de l'action publique pour trouver les coupables et les traîner devant la Justice.

L'Association des journalistes haïtiens (Ajh) se dit " consternée " par cet assassinat. Son secrétaire général, Jacques Desrosiers, dénonce le forfait.

Agé de 54 ans, Georges Honorat était consultant au bureau du Premier ministre Laurent Salvador Lamothe. Dans un communiqué rendu public, le chef de la Primature affirme recevoir " avec consternation " la nouvelle de l'assassinat du rédacteur en chef de l'hebdomadaire " Haïti Progrès ".

Tout en s'inclinant à la mémoire du défunt et présentant ses sincères condoléances à sa famille éplorée et ses amis, le chef de la Primature déclare avoir " déjà passé des instructions nécessaires aux autorités policières et judiciaires pour traquer avec la dernière rigueur les auteurs et complices de ce crime odieux ".



Georges Honorat

Pour le Dr Dunois Erick Cantave, Secrétaire Général KONAKOM, la disparition de Georges Honorat, citoyen discret et efficace, engagé depuis de nombreuses années dans la défense des intérêts du pays, dans la promotion des valeurs patriotiques et du développement national du peuple haïtien, semble être une exécution. Il demande à ce que les auteurs et complices de ce crime odieux soient retrouvés pour qu'ils puissent être sanctionnés avec la dernière rigueur par les tribunaux.

La Mise au Point de Michel Forst

L'expert Indépendant des Nations Unies sur la situation des droits humains en Haïti qui vient de présenter sa démission affirme d'entrée de jeu que sa démission n'est pas liée à la position de l'ONU sur l'épidémie du choléra qui sévit en Haïti.

Il démissionne parce que il a été appelé à d'autres fonctions. Mais ce qui est surtout important dans cette mise au point, c'est l'inquiétude qu'elle exprime :

« Je suis inquiet de voir que se développent les pratiques de nomination de magistrats, à des fins politiques ou partisans, ou bien encore pour protéger tel ou tel personnage important dans le pays. » Et Michel Forst de citer comme exemple certains cas comme celui de Calixte Valentin, un conseiller du chef de l'état accusé du meurtre d'un jeune paysan et libéré après 6 mois de détention préventive par un juge spécialement nommé à cet effet par l'actuel ministre de la Justice, alors que croupissent en prison depuis plusieurs années des gamins arrêtés pour un simple vol de pots de peinture ou une simple bagarre.

« Et il poursuit en disant constater que se poursuivent les arrestations arbitraires et illégales dans l'ensem-

ble du pays que l'on peut lire dans les rapports hebdomadaires de la section Droits de l'homme de la MINUSTAH ou dans les rapports de la Protectrice du citoyen.

« Il n'est pas concevable que dans un État de droit, dit Michel Forst, les responsables de l'application des lois se sentent autorisés à ne pas respecter la loi et que de tels comportements restent sans réaction de l'institution judiciaire. C'est un signal de plus envoyé du désordre actuel de l'institution judiciaire dès lors que règne l'impunité ».

Autre sujet d'inquiétude de Michel Forst : « Les menaces qui auraient été proférées par le ministre de la Communication à l'encontre de journalistes en février dernier... le fait que des journalistes ne seraient pas autorisés à participer à des manifestations officielles parce que leurs journaux sont suspectés de servir le jeu de l'opposition. Il s'agit là, dit-il d'une atteinte à la liberté de la presse et à la liberté d'expression et d'opinion.

« Puis, Michel Forst parle de la situation dans les prisons qui ne s'est pas visiblement améliorée. La prison en Haïti reste un lieu cruel, inhumain et dégradant.

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