

FROM CITY HALL New York City Receives More Good News

By Mayor Rudolph Giuliani



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now, what city would you choose?" New York City topped the list at number one.

The result of the Harris Poll comes as no surprise to most New Yorkers. Already, New York City is the number one international tourist destination in the world and fast becoming the most sought after place for domestic travelers to come and visit. In fact, last week I announced that in 1996, 25,600,000 domestic visitors (overnight and day trippers) came to New York City—the highest level ever, representing a 5% jump, or 1,300,000 more domestic travelers to come here, with numbers expected to rise by an additional 2% to 26,117,000 this year.

The record-setting increase in the number of tourists coming here reflects the growing perception that New York City is one of the world's most exciting, cleanest, safest destinations.

People now feel safe here and that is owed in large measure to New York City's tremendous success in dramatically reducing the crime rate. According to the FBI, New York has become the

safest large city in the nation with more than one million people.

And it looks like the good news is only getting better. Indeed, on July 8 I was very proud to announce New York City's latest achievement in reducing the crime rate. Since 1993, overall crime in New York City has fallen by nearly 44%, fueled by a 13% reduction in the first half of 1997. These preliminary figures also indicate an additional 29% decline in murder, for a total decline since 1993 of 60%. Statistics like these change any misconceptions about New York City and in the process reaffirm our position as the Capital of the World.

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Juillet : Le mois de nos artistes
Bonne fête Georgie, Shoubou, Maggie



Georgie Météllus



Roger M. Eugène, dit Shoubou



Maggie Forest

Le mois de juillet ramène l'anniversaire de trois artistes bien connus dans la diaspora : Georgie Météllus, l'une des muses, qui demeure le « poto mitan » du groupe Zin, l'enfant gâté du public haïtien, qui tient bien haut le flambeau musical du groupe Tabou Combo, Roger M. Eugène, alias Shoubou, et la vedette choyée, qui s'est fait remarquer au sein du groupe Zin avant de voler de ses propres ailes, en préparant un CD spectaculaire qui doit bientôt sortir. Il s'agit de Maggie Forest.

Ces 3 chanteurs qui ont charmé le monde musical se passent certainement de commentaires.

En cette occasion si chère aux ambassadeurs de la musique haïtienne, nous disons en choeur à Georgie, Shoubou et Maggie : « Bonne fête et ad multos annos ».

Ne dit-on pas que d'une pierre on fait deux coups. Or voilà qu'on a réalisé quelque chose de plus : trois coups d'une seule pierre. Et pourquoi ne pas continuer avec un nouveau record ? Deux autres coups de cette même pierre.

Ainsi, Maurice Moses, le manager à H-O, fêtait lui aussi, son anniversaire de naissance la semaine dernière. Et Mme Jacqueline Damour, fervente lec-