

Wyclef it humbled her. "When I left Haiti I could never be the same," she said. Reports say that more than 8 million Haitians live on \$1 a day. The poverty is staggering. Melky thought hard about what she could do to help and eventually came up with the idea of doing a compilation charity album for Haiti. She also developed a nonprofit arm for her Carma Inc. production company called Carma Foundation. The first project she's doing as a foundation is providing shoes for kids in Haiti. "I remember my dad always telling me about how they had one pair of shoes. And that one pair of shoes was worn by everybody in the family. Once your feet outgrew them, it was going on to your brother," she said.

Melky met a lady from Crocs who agreed to give her 10,000 pairs of shoes. Now it's time to distribute them. She called on Patti LaBelle. "She's the queen of shoes and a surrogate mother to us," Melky said. Patti agreed, asking very few questions in the process. BETJ agreed to send a film crew down to document their trip.

Then, two days before they were scheduled to leave in April, the Haitian government asked them to cancel the trip because of the food riots that had broken out. The trip was rescheduled for early July.

### 'College Hill' star hates to watch her show

Ashley L. from "BET College Hill" had harsh words for the network that brought her into the spotlight earlier this year. "I hate watching the show. I love being a part of it, but I hate watching it because they just show the worst of people." "BET College Hill" often shows the students arguing in public places and cursing each other out. They are rarely seen studying. She said that's not how she is and the per-



Melky Jean is delivering thousands of Crocs to needy kids in Haiti, the birth country of her parents and her brother Wyclef.

son on TV is not Ashley. She's setting up modeling gigs and taking acting classes. She is waiting to get into acting when she's finished with school.

When we asked Ashley L. for an exclusive S2S secret she said, "I wish I would have never done 'College Hill' because this network is—I just wish I had never done it." She also told us that BET is kind of "going downhill." "I saw some new shows coming on about things you don't see on TV that go on in the Black community and that's the only thing that I see that's coming up that is actually a good show. Everything else is something that I've seen before or something that doesn't show Black people in a positive light."

### Keith Murray clears the air on South African robbery

For many artists the relationship between them and their music is as strong as the bond between parent

and child. So when Internet reports surfaced that iconic rapper Keith Murray's laptop with 12 years worth of music was stolen in South Africa, many people could only imagine the pain experienced by the veteran rapper, who delivered the classic "The Most Beautiful Thing in This World." Well, fear not, because that version of the tale is not entirely accurate, we discovered. While promoting his new release, *Intellectual Violence*, Keith called S2S to let us know the truth and nothing but the truth!

Keith cut straight to the chase to assure us that even though his laptop hasn't been returned, his material is secure—especially since he never had 12 years worth of music stored on it in the first place.

"Who the f\*\*% gonna have 12 years of work on a brand new f#\$%ing laptop," he said jokingly. Whew!

So what exactly happened last fall? Keith was in South Africa recording with some local popular artists when a couple of armed men entered the facility and demanded that everyone hand over their valuables.

"They take the laptop, tell (a) n\*%\$a, 'Put money up,' put their money out and whatever. N\*\$#as didn't have no wild money anyway. ...." Keith told us. Keith doesn't believe that he was a target for the robbers since they never seemed to recognize him. Even though Keith has his own history of trouble with the law—including serving 33 months in prison in 1998 following a conviction on second-degree assault charges—he was still shaken up by the incident.

"Of course you're gonna be nervous and scared when somebody walks in the room with a gun. You don't know what their motive is. But as the situation went on I realized more and more what it was: Just let them get what they want and leave. I think that was the first time that I seen a gun or somebody came in the room with a gun. Not saying that I'm like Superman or bulletproof; it made me stupid nervous," he said.

While he has no intentions of return-