ON THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

Do not be fooled by her surname, Indira Gandhi, holds no relation to Mahatma Gandhi. Nevertheless, she left her mark in history and in the life of the Indian population. Gandhi was a Prominent Indian politician and the first, and so far the only female prime minister of India. On this month in history, Gandhi was assassinated in New Delhi India. On October 31st 1984, two of her bodyguards out of a vengeful vendetta, killed her. Gandhi was born on November 19, 1917 to Jawaharlal Nehru, a prominent figure in India’s journey to gain independence from Britain.

She attended Visva-Bharati University and University of Oxford in England. She subsequently joined the political party known as the Congress party in 1938 and married her husband, Feroze Gandhi, in 1942. After her party took power, she became the honorary party president. Following the death of the then prime minister, she was appointed the leader of the congress party and eventually became prime minister as a result of an agreement by the Congress party. Gandhi’s tenure was not without criticism by the government and foreign entities. The legacy of Indira Gandhi is one that is audacious, assiduous, and diligent. She advocated for populism in a critical time for India. She is survived by two sons.

Sources: https://www.britannica.com/biography/Indira-Gandhi

ANNONYMOUSLY ASK (AA)

This column, euphemistically titled AA, is meant for all Concordia students who have a question about diversity, inclusion, exclusion, affinity groups and the like. Feel free to send in your anonymous questions to https://goo.gl/Mf7UVp or stop by the OMS office.

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Thank you for your question. If you would like to submit a question of your own for a chance to see it answered here please visit our anonymous google form at https://goo.gl/Mf7UVp

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ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Paapa is young local artist who makes captivating music. We had the pleasure of interviewing Paapa. Here’s a record of our interaction.

What's the origin of that name [paapa]? Paapa is actually my real name, it’s what I’ve always gone by. And since I’ve always felt the most like myself while doing music, I decided to stick with the name I’ve always gone by.

Why Gospel music? I honestly don’t know if the music I make is ‘gospel’ in the traditional sense of the genre. I dabble in quite a few genres. I do try to live my life by the gospel, and music is a big part of how I process my life and so is my music - whether hip-hop, R&B, soul or afrobeats - has lyrics that come from that place, implicitly or explicitly.

What is your major influences? Musically, I’m influenced by everything from country to hip-hop, and by everyone from Michael Jackson to Kirk Franklin.

How can fans gain access to your music? Fans can access my music on just about any digital music platform (just search Paapa). To stay updated on all my music releases though, my Twitter feed is the place to be! @PaapaMusic

Any current, new music to promote? Yes! I recently released an afrobeat single called ‘Honest’ which is available on Apple music, Spotify, SoundCloud, etc. Also, within the last year, I’ve released two EPs, Technical Difficulties 1 (an acoustic R&B/soul project) and Technical Difficulties 2 (a hip-hop project). Check them out!

To view the complete interview, visit https://goo.gl/fvTqzL.

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INTERNATIONAL VIEWS IN C.U

We are international students from the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia. We want to share some facts about our countries and our culture and with you. On holidays in the UAE we visit the president and his brothers and everyone shakes the president’s hand. The president walks down the street without bodyguards. We leave our keys in our cars when we go into the store or park our cars at night. It is very safe.

In Saudi Arabia, families eat dates and drink coffee together every day. We sit on the floor to eat dinner and we eat with our right hands. Males and females who are not closely related must eat separately unless they are young children. On special occasions or when guests come, we kill a sheep and cook it with rice. We cannot get up from the meal until our father is finished eating.

We are international students from United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia

In the UAE and Saudia Arabia, we make friends our first priority. Because we believe that friends are everything, we give friends everything they need. If they need $5000- or any amount- we give it to them. If they crash their car, we let them borrow our car. We do this because we know that we all have black days sometimes. When I have a black day, I will need help from my friends. When my friend has a black day, I will help them. We do this because Islam teaches that we must love our brothers as ourselves.

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