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# Tribute to Miss Lou



**BOONOOONOS BRUNCH:** Dr. Sylvanus Thompson, a member of the Jamaican Diaspora Advisory Board, is surrounded by members of a dance troupe which performed at the annual Boonoonoonos brunch organized by the Jamaican Canadian Association in Toronto. It was held to celebrate Black History Month with a special tribute to the late Louise Bennett-Coverley, affectionately known as Miss Lou, who has been described as the Mother of Jamaican culture. This year marks the 100th anniversary of her birth. The brunch was held at the Jamaican Canadian Centre last Sunday.

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Mansa B.K. Musa traces his family background all the way to his Nigerian roots in Africa. Much like his teachings and focus on life, he's not concerned about letting where you start define you; but rather how you're preparing for the future.

His path took him to Canada via Trinidad and Tobago in the West Indies. He spent much of his early business years between Brooklyn, New York and Toronto before settling in Scarborough where he has resided for over 25 years.

Musa cites several reasons including opportunity, location and sense of community for his settling in Scarborough. He has served the community as a former director of First Base Youth Shelter and continues to be available as a community consultant, with a focus on youth services.

Always having been self-employed, Musa continues to operate two businesses in the Durham Region: Delighthouse Religious Supplies founded in 1998 and Tekadis Natural Products founded in 2009. Over the past seven years, he has expanded his business at the Pickering Market from 100 to 450 sq. ft.

His Natural African Beauty Products have attracted a large clientele. Many of his customers travel from surrounding cities such as Barrie, Niagara Falls, Peterborough, Kitchener, Mississauga and Oakville to obtain these products.. He recently expanded his booth in the market to carry head wraps and books as well as arts and craft.

Musa views the evolution of the community as one of strength and opportunity- one in which he's happy to have his daughter and son grow up. It's his continued hope that youth take the opportunities that are before them and maximize their chances through education and community involvement. While some may have more talent, more skills or more established networks, Musa is living proof that with ambition and proper work ethic, the ability to determine your own path is within your grasp. As an aspiring author, he has written seven books and four perpetual calendars that are now been sold at his booth.

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# Cries of racism on the Hill

An official investigation has been launched into what angry Black Canadians across the country have described as an incident of racial profiling on Parliament Hill.

Many have condemned it as anti-Black racism.

The incident happened two Mondays ago inside the Parliament building as a large group of Black people from various cities and towns in Canada were waiting to meet several government ministers for scheduled discussions.

Just the day before, members of that group had attended the closing session of the National Black Canadians summit held February 1-3 last at the National Arts Centre where the implementation of the Canadian Strategic Plan for the International Decade for People of African Descent: (2017-2024) was discussed.

And before leaving Ottawa to return home, on Monday February 4 last, they were to meet with eight government ministers during what they called "Black Voices on the Hill lobby day."



Len Carby



Greg Fergus



Wanda Bernard

According to reports the Black gathering, which included many young people from different parts of the country, were not acting in a disorderly manner or causing any disturbance as they waited to meet the ministers.

The Federation of Black Canadians (FBC), one of the groups which had organized the summit, said several participants in the "lobbying event," were asked to wait in a parliamentary cafeteria ahead of

their meetings with the ministers.

In a statement last Thursday, FBC spokesman Len Carby said that, according to people involved, a security guard responded to a complaint from a government employee who had been taking pictures of the attendees.

"He responded by labelling the delegates 'dark-skinned' and telling them to leave, even though established regulations allow civilians with the appropriate pass to be in that space," Carby said.

The FBC said it has requested a meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as it seeks a "formal commitment to end racial profiling at the federal level."

And the matter was raised in the House of Commons.

Liberal MPs Greg Fergus (Hull-Aylmer) who heads the federal Black caucus, and Andy Fillmore (Halifax) asked Speaker of the House Geoff Regan to investigate it.

"This place belongs to all Canadians," Fergus said. "Therefore, I ask you to investigate this matter immediately and to suggest measures to make this place the welcoming and open place it should be for all Canadians."

Regan responded that he takes the matter "very seriously," and promised to look into it.

Nova Scotian Senator Wanda Thomas Bernard, who is leading a Senate inquiry into anti-Black racism, has since sent an official complaint to the

Parliamentary Protective Services about the incident, according to a news release from the FBC.

Senator Bernard is

quoted as saying that "this incident is one example in a larger picture of anti-Black racism in Canada"

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# Proposal for child care at Brampton City Council meetings

Brampton City Councillor Charmaine Williams would like to see parents attending and taking an interest in council meetings.

And towards this end, she has proposed that city staff find a way to provide cost-effective child care during the meetings.

"We need to build bridges to democracy and we need to encourage families to participate in municipal affairs," she said.



Charmaine Williams

"I think it's important that we as a city break down any barriers that prevent families from participating in all of this — the decisions that we make here in the

city."

Councillor Williams who is the mother of five children, said she knows the challenges that Brampton residents face and understand the need to "build a better Brampton for all families, seniors and small business owners."

She said that her proposal has received favourable response from some councillors and that she has heard from constituents who have said that they wish it was

easier to have their voices heard in the council chambers.

However, there was some opposition to the proposal when city staff reported that providing child care during council meetings would cost as much as \$38,000 per year, or \$1,000 per session.

One Brampton City Councillor, Gurpreet Singh Dhillon, expressed concern that the program wouldn't generate enough interest

to make the cost worthwhile.

"I really haven't heard too much about parents not being able to come to council because of a lack of child care," he said.

Councillors have since asked city staff to explore the option of partnering with local YMCAs to help reduce costs.

A new report with respect to the child care proposal is expected to be brought before council

shortly.

"I cannot agree with the figure put forward by city staff. I think when we go back and look at more cost effective ways, we'll come up with a good solution for our city," Councillor Williams told the Caribbean Camera.

"I do not think the cost should be more than what my husband and I would have to pay when go out for a night and hire child care," she added.

## 'Youth level up' to be launched in Toronto on February 23

By **Lincoln DePradine**

A new event on this year's Black History Month calendar is a youth-focused gathering in Toronto that chief organizer and host, Claudene Neysmith, says is designed to inspire young people to be

"innovators and risk-takers".

"I also hope that it inspires them to become positive role models in their respective communities," said Neysmith, who is responsible putting together "Youth Level Up – A Leadership

Experience".

It will be held on Saturday, February 23, starting 9 a.m., at The YMCA, 20 Grosvenor Street, in Toronto.

"I would like to make this an annual event," said Neysmith, a Howard University graduate, who

operates Performance Plus One Incorporated.

The full-day event is targeting youth ages 12 – 19. However, Neysmith said parents, guardians and other adults are also being invited to be exposed to "five dynamic entrepreneur speakers and several volunteers" that include a filmmaker, a model, a DJ entertainment company owner, a sports manager, a "well-known Spoken Word Poet-Hip-Hopreneur", and a "community leader

who runs his own successful youth program".

The Greater Toronto Area, said Neysmith, is "brimming" with youth talent.

"Sometimes they just need a little glimpse into what their future can be. They need to see where their principles, goals and ideas can take them," she said.

"Youth need vision, goals and mentors who know what it is to aspire to be yourself and inspired by that sense



Claudene Neysmith

of self, to set a path to success, happiness and ultimately to have the ability to give back to their community. This event offers that open door to our youth."

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# Activists in the Black community talk about personal risks

By **Lincoln DePradine**

People who act on behalf of the Black community as social activists, have described a life of personal risks that impact on health and careers.

"Social activism is really hard and its really risky," Sandra Hudson, co-founder of Black Lives Matter (BLM) – Toronto, told participants at a two-day Black History Month symposium at York University in Toronto.

ism are not for everyone. You have to have a concrete stomach to go into the cesspool of cleaning up some of the stuff that has been happening to us," said Valerie Steele, who was a panelist for Saturday's discussion on "Black Leadership & Social Activism".

Another panel on Saturday addressed the topic, "Black Leadership & Partisan Politics".

Steele, a community organizer and longtime member of the Black

Steele's fellow panelists were BLM-Toronto's Hudson; lawyer and activist, Anthony Morgan; and activist and journalist, Desmond Cole.

Morgan and Cole related their concern for family members as they go about their social activism work.

Cole said he also has received threats on his life, with his work not allowing him to be "sleeping as I should, not eating as I should, not resting when I should.



Jean Augustine in discussion with (l-r) Desmond Cole, Sandra Hudson, Prof. Carl James, Valerie Steele and Anthony Morgan

"Black Leadership, Partisan Politics & Social Activism" was the theme of the event organized by the university's Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora in the Faculty of Education.

"Our community is diverse with people having different political approaches to issues. We need to engage everyone and accept the fact that there are different approaches to get where we need to go," said Professor Carl James, who heads the Jean Augustine Chair.

The symposium, which began on Friday and continued into Saturday, brought together not just activists but also community leaders, academics, students, and university professors from Canada and the United States.

"Advocacy and activ-

Action Defense Committee (BADC), said she has her "battle scars to show" for her social activism. "I wear them like a badge of honour," said Steele, who recalled the work of the late Dudley Laws, co-founder and former leader of BADC.

As a social activist, Laws spoke "forthrightly," said Steele. "He spoke without ambiguity," she noted. "A lot of us speak and when we're finished speaking, not a damn soul knows what was said."

I'm a freelancer and so it feels like every day is a work day".

According to Cole, there are many Toronto activists "that you just don't see or hear from that much anymore because the personal cost of doing this work has taken such a toll, that they have to step back".

Hudson, who has experienced white supremacist assault and anti-Black racism, said the risks of engaging in social activism "can be

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# Racism on Parliament Hill

When a large group of Black people showed up in the Parliament building in Ottawa two Mondays ago, at least one public servant who works there was paying attention.

But what was he thinking?

Did he believe that he was witnessing some sort of “invasion” of the Parliament?

Was he there, with his camera at the ready, to capture the evidence of something untoward that he thought was about to happen? Or had happened?

Did he think, as some convenience store operators in Toronto, that when several black persons are gathered together, you better watch out for trouble?

Clearly, no one in the group of Black people who were there in the Parliament building was about to stage a coup -or a robbery.

According to reports reaching this newspaper, the Black gathering, which included many young people from different parts of the country, were not acting in a disorderly manner or causing any disturbance.

And they were there on legitimate business. They had scheduled meetings with government ministers and had the necessary permission to be where they were as they waited.

But our officious public servant

was taking no chances.

Security was summoned and the Black people were told that they had to wait in the cafeteria.

Never mind that they had permission to be where they were.

So off to the cafeteria they went.

Of course, that is not the end of the matter.

The group which included people from various parts of Canada, had only that weekend attended the National Black Canadians summit in Ottawa and their scheduled meetings with government ministers were planned to discuss a range of issues of deep concern to the Black community.”

Their unplanned and unexpected meeting with our public servant with the camera was certainly not part of their agenda.

But understandably, this issue has now become a major concern. Many Black Canadians have condemned it as anti-Black racism.

And the matter has been raised in the House of Commons.

As we reported, Liberal MPs Greg Fergus (Hull-Aylmer) who heads the federal Black caucus, and Andy Fillmore (Halifax) have asked Speaker of the House Geoff Regan to investigate this matter.

And the speaker has promised to look into it.

We also note that the Parliamentary Protective Service which is responsible for security on Parliament Hill, is investigating the incident.

Joseph Law, the chief of staff to the director of the Parliamentary Protective Service, said in a statement. its security personnel “must always conduct themselves with professionalism and respect towards parliamentarians, employees and visitors,”

He also pointed out that “we need to do a better job in ensuring that this standard is maintained across our workforce. The Parliamentary Protective Service has zero tolerance for any type of discrimination.”

The Federation of Black Canadians, one of the organizers of the National Black Canadians summit,

has requested a meeting with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau as it seeks a “formal commitment to end racial profiling at the federal level.”

While all this is commendable, it is unfortunate that this incident has overshadowed the news about discussions between the Black group and the government ministers.

Specifically what were the matters raised in these discussions? And what assurances have been given to the Black community that they will receive the attention which they deserve?

We look forward to receiving more information about these issues.

At the same time we cannot deny that in 2019, we continue to face the serious problem of anti-Black racism.

Clearly, it will not go away, if we simply ignore it.

Whether it is on Parliament Hill, in the workplace or in the classroom, we have to continue the struggle to rid the society of this monstrous problem.

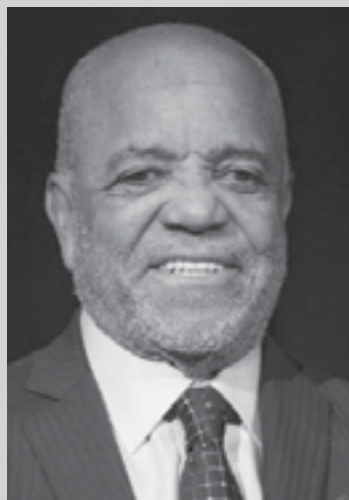
## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Why can't we support our own?

Dear Editor,

You see me? I love all types of music but particularly Black American or Motown music. I don't look at much television these days but when the Grammys roll around, you will catch me in front of the TV. So when the Grammys decided to celebrate Motown, I was, of course, a happy camper, excited to the max.

Anybody who knows anything about Black American music knows in the 1940s, '50s and '60s, this particular genre was not to be found on what could be called mainstream record labels. However, several of the massive hits attributed to the white artists, were created by Black artists. The list of these white artists who “borrowed” Black music would, of



Berry Gordy

course, include singers such as Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly.

Meanwhile, to put food on their tables, the Black artists continued to eke out a living, playing in small halls up and down the country. Then Berry Gordy created Motown (of the Motor City, Detroit Michigan) record

label and artists like Sam Cooke, Diana Ross and The Supremes, The Temptations, Marvin Gaye and Smokey Robinson came on board.

Before long, the white folks who were in charge of the Grammys decided that it would be a great idea to have a white artist celebrate Motown. The artist who was chosen did a good job but she did not truly represent the look and feel of Motown. Then there was a token moment when Smokey Robinson made it to the stage to sing one of his classics hits but it was finished almost as soon as he started. And that was that.

We, as black people, have to take back the reigns with respect to our own musical talents. Look at the music industry in the United States. White

folks are at the top in every category of music and they make the most money because while the white people may prefer Black American music, they will support artists that look like them.

But do the people in the Black community really understand or care what is going on? During Black history month, as we engage in self-reflection, let us take stock of the realities in the marketplace and recognize the need to support the artists and others in our community who are involved in what some may call the “cultural industries.” And that may well include our own community newspapers.

Why can't we support our own?

*Yours truly,  
Malcolm Regis*



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# Venezuelan crisis requires a planned humanitarian response



By David Jessop

In the years following the Arab Spring, Europe learnt that without prior planning and consideration, large numbers of people fleeing instability can rapidly create political, social and economic tensions in ways that polarise national discourse, change politics, affect foreign relations, and redefine social thinking.

Without clear policies and a well-planned response to the accelerating humanitarian disaster in Venezuela there are good reasons to believe that similar consequences could follow in the Caribbean.

Read the 1 February report produced by the International Federation of the Red Cross and it is immediately apparent that the refugee crisis in Venezuela will have hard to manage consequences, particularly for smaller nations.

In its report the Red Cross says that by December 2019, an estimated 5.3m Venezuelans will have left their country, migrating 'to improve the socio-economic conditions of themselves and their families'

It observed that what is now happening 'is the largest migration in the history of the Americas' and that 'there is no indication

that the influx of Venezuelans to other regional countries will slow any time soon'. It warns this 'will overwhelm the host countries' limited local and national capacities'.

The scale of what now needs to be done and the complexity of doing so in a region with limited resources is staggering, as the Red Cross indicates.

In Argentina, it observes, there are now 130,000 registered refugees and a national emergency has had to be declared. In Ecuador around 1m Venezuelan nationals have entered either to transit or to stay in urban areas, with recent migrant related criminal acts leading to growing tension and xenophobic sentiment. Peru has received 0.7m Venezuelan refugees, there are 10,000 living in Uruguay, 76,000 are seeking to remain legally in Panama, and about 150,000 have crossed into Brazil's northern state of Roraima where many have requested asylum. This is in addition to up to 1.2m living in Colombia and the thousands who enter the country every day to begin a hazardous trek north.

What is clear from the developments of the last seven days is that this situation is going to get much worse.

The next likely flash point will be around the attempted delivery of humanitarian assistance across the border into Venezuela by the US and other nations before recently introduced US oil sanctions start to create even



greater shortages of food, medicine and fuel.

President Maduro and the leadership of Venezuela's military and National Guard have so far been adamant that the supply of humanitarian relief in this manner is unacceptable, and as this is being written the international bridge from Colombia that was to have been used has been blocked, indicating that a high stakes confrontation and an international test of wills has begun.

It is a development that suggests that the hemisphere is now just one miscalculation away from what at worst could end in hostilities followed by a borderless civil war.

If this happens it is likely there that will also be a surge in the already large numbers of refugees arriving in Trinidad, Guyana, Curacao and Aruba, and other locations around the region. Unlike those who came in the first middle class wave and who largely moved on or who have been assimilated, newer arrivals will be families who have very little or

nothing at all to offer immediately.

In Trinidad, which has the highest proportion of Venezuelan migrants in relation to its population, the Red Cross already report serious concerns about their health and physical security. It notes that a significant proportion of the 40,000 or more Venezuelans who have fled to the Republic are continuing 'to experience stigma and discrimination, with acts of resentment regarding employment and access to health services further threatening their security'.

Although Trinidad says that it is moving to regularise the situation of refugees and asylum seekers, it is doing so at a pace that seems blind to the impending human tsunami.

Its Attorney General, Faris Al-Rawi, recently told Parliament that a draft bill had been prepared, but there were still issues to be addressed connected to national security, the number of asylum seekers in the country, and whether government could afford to bear the costs of housing, educa-

tion and health care. He also said that domestic legislation could only be developed after two international treaties were ratified.

In contrast, in Guyana where the Red Cross says there are now an estimated 24,000 Venezuelans in the country (other reports say 36,400) migrants are entering and leaving to access health care, food and schooling and the government is moving to provide greater humanitarian relief.

Also at risk from any eastward refugee surge is Curaçao where reportedly there are already 26,000 Venezuelan migrants and Aruba where there are 16,000, with the real possibility of an unpredictable Venezuelan response should they like Colombia, Brazil and Puerto Rico become supply points for the delivery of humanitarian assistance.

For the most part, Caribbean nations have belatedly to a greater or lesser degree unified behind an approach led by Mexico and Uruguay which aims to foster a political dialogue

between the various parties (Haiti, the Dominican Republic have different view, as for quite different reasons has Cuba).

Any attempt by CARICOM to achieve a negotiated solution is welcome, but it is to miss a just as important point. What is happening is not about ideology, oil or even democratic or constitutional norms, but about how any state treats ordinary people, their hopes, their children and their lives, whether they are citizens or refugees.

As the economist Marla Dukharan observed in a recent impassioned commentary, for too long the developing humanitarian tragedy in Venezuela has been ignored by neighbours that have been only too happy to benefit uncritically from Caracas' PetroCaribe programme.

This should be the moment when the Caribbean prepares for what may happen next.

Responsible politicians in the region should couple their desire for a negotiated political solution with a well-planned robust and measured humanitarian response. If they do not, they may find themselves before long being bounced by local demagogues into rhetoric and actions that represent values they and one hopes most citizens do not hold.

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# There's always something cooking in Nevis

By Jaedee S.K. Caines

Whether it's the Department of Agriculture's Fruit Festival or the highly anticipated Art, Craft and Food Fair during Culturama or even July's exhilarating Mango Festival, there is always something cooking on the tiny Caribbean island of Nevis.

For many locals, the day begins with buffet breakfast at the recently renovated Boddie's Café. There, Nevisians tend to gravitate to the scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausages, toast, fruits and good ole bush tea...or hot chocolate, if they're "feeling fancy."

If it's too busy at Boddie's, then the locals will journey along Happy Hill Drive where they



can grab a sandwich... to go...at The Nevis Bakery.

"One egg and cheese sandwich, please!" "A turkey sandwich over here!" Or "Tuna for me, please!" These are just some of the popular orders being shouted over the counter as customers try to get their morning breakfast and return to work in and around the capital city, Charlestown.

Tourists, on the other hand, can't seem to get enough of the old



school charm coupled with delectable dishes that Café des Arts offers for breakfast. Set in a garden along the Samuel Hunkins Drive, just steps away from the historic Alexander Hamilton Museum (birthplace of Alexander Hamilton), the Nevis Island Assembly Chambers and the M.V. Christena Memorial, Café des Arts is another highly recommended spot to sample some of Nevis' best early morning dishes.

Lunch on Nevis typically begins at 11a.m. and runs until about 2 p.m. - to accommodate late eaters. While the options are endless, one can enjoy the ultimate lunch experience on the popular Pinney's Beach where visitors and residents alike can dine at any of five bars: Double Deuce, Lime Beach Bar, Turtle Time, Weekendz Bar and Grill or Sunshine's Beach Bar. Ladies, there's no need to search for the



perfect outfit...go as you are! The locals there are more concerned with serving up mouthwatering dishes and making sure patrons leave satisfied.

Seafood is always high on the menu...but that's a given, considering the bars are along the beautiful Pinney's Beach. Despite their close location to each other, they each offer something unique. Sunshine's Beach Bar, for example, is known for its lip-smacking lobster meals and the laudable Killer Bee - which is rumoured to have an extra-special ingredient, only available on the island.

Relatively new to the site is Weekendz Bar and Grill which, despite

its "juvenility," is surely creating a name for itself. Besides offering tasty dishes and a stress-free environment, Weekendz is known for supplying customers with ridiculously large portions of food, which very few can savour in one sitting. Imagine ordering a lobster meal for lunch on Sunday and having enough to eat for lunch on Monday. That's Weekendz for you!

When the sun sets and the day nears its end, some visitors dine at one of several hotel restaurants on island while others indulge in the breathtaking ambiance of Bananas - a shingled, plantation-styled restaurant that's surrounded by

colourful fauna at Hamilton Estate. Dinner at Bananas is an experience one should not miss, especially when it's your birthday! The staff goes above and beyond to make you feel special - from singing Happy Birthday to presenting you with a slice of cake that's topped with a sparkler candle. They may even top it all off with a silly dance - whatever it takes to make you smile!

For an island so small in size - just 36 square miles - Nevis is surely big on tantalizing taste buds and awakening appetites. Whether you're in Nevis for a day or an extended vacation, be sure to sample what's cooking in some of Nevis' famous kitchens.

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# North is Freedom opens at the Brampton Museum on Sunday

By **Stephen Weir**

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) in Brampton and the Ontario Black History Society will launch this weekend *North is Freedom*, an evocative new photo exhibition celebrating the descendants of former American slaves who fled to Canada in the years before the American Civil War.

In portraits of 24 descendants of freedom seekers—the great-great-grandchildren

of once-enslaved African Americans—Toronto photographer Yuri Dojc explores Canada's end of the "Underground Railroad," a clandestine network of "conductors" and "stations" that helped some 30,000 men, women, and children follow the "North Star" to freedom.

The Black freedom seekers settled across Canada but most of them came to places in Ontario, such as Windsor, Chatham, Buxton, the Niagara Peninsula, Owen Sound, Oakville,



Mississauga and Toronto.

Future generations

remained and *North is Freedom* tells their stories.

The Heritage Singers, performer Liberty Silver, and storyteller

Sandra Whiting will be at the formal opening of the exhibition at the downtown Brampton Museum this Sunday.

Running from 11.30 a.m. to 4 p.m., this Black History Month event is free to the public.

PAMA is presenting authors, storytellers and performers throughout the long weekend, including the Family Day holiday on Monday.

*North is Freedom* is sponsored by the TD Group and runs until June 30.

## Two Black Canadian singers won Grammy awards



Drake

Daniel Caesar

Two Black Canadian singers were honoured at the 61st annual Grammy Awards that took place at Staples Centre in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Toronto-born rap star Drake (Aubrey Drake Graham), a multi-Grammy award winner, picked up the Rap Song of the Year award for *God's Plan*.

And R&B singer Daniel Caesar won his

first Grammy for "Best R&B Performance." He split the honour with American performer Gabriella Wilson, known as H.E.R., for their song "Best Part."

Caesar who born in Oshawa, Ontario to

Caribbean parents (his father is Barbadian and his mother, Jamaican) released in 2017 his debut album *Freudian* for which he was nominated twice at last year's Grammys.

## Pan Tribute to Delano Thomas

The St Jamestown Youth Centre Steel Orchestra will pay tribute to the late Delano Thomas at its annual Black History Month concert to be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 520 Sherbourne Street in Toronto on Friday February 22.

Thomas who served as Chairman of the Ontario Steelpan Association, died last November.

He was a member of

Starlift Steel Orchestra in Trinidad and continued his involvement in the steelpan movement after migrating to Canada, where he co-founded Symphoenix Steel Orchestra. He also was a music instructor and



Delano Thomas

arranger, working with several steelbands, in-

cluding the St Jamestown Youth Centre Steel Orchestra.

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## REVIEW - SALT

**Selina Thompson is worth her Salt onstage**By **Stephen Weir**

I have a fist-sized lump of salt on my desk. Unlike actress Selina Thompson, I don't know what I am supposed to do with it. "Just, mind you, don't put this in your mouth," she warned me when she handed over the rough pink triangle of rock salt. "This is for thinking on, not eating."

"It was a piece of salt that convinced me I should continue living," the young British actress told an almost full North Toronto theatre on Thursday night.

As she has done at performances around the world, Thompson ended her one-woman play, *SALT*, by racing out to the front of the house in time to give each and every one of

her departing members of the audience chunks of salt so we could ponder life too. After watching her on stage pulverizing a block of salt while she was riffing on slavery, European racism and the utter freedom of walking the streets of Jamaica while Black, Thompson left us with scads to think about.

The hour-long play had not been a typical one-woman performance where an actress talks and talks while the audience sits in the dark and listens. Her play, which has already got rave reviews in Aus-

tralia, Germany, the United States, Brazil, Ireland, and now

Canada, is an Action Jackson sort of show. Thompson, a very big woman with a quiet disposition, cleanses her bad memories of the racism she has endured by smashing hunks of rock salt with a deadly construction site sledgehammer.

We know from the start that we are going to see some heavy lifting on stage. When we walked into the dark theatre, Thompson was already waiting. She is an imposing presence who smiles hello but in a no-nonsense manner, points out the safety

goggles on each seat that MUST be worn whenever she pounds salt.

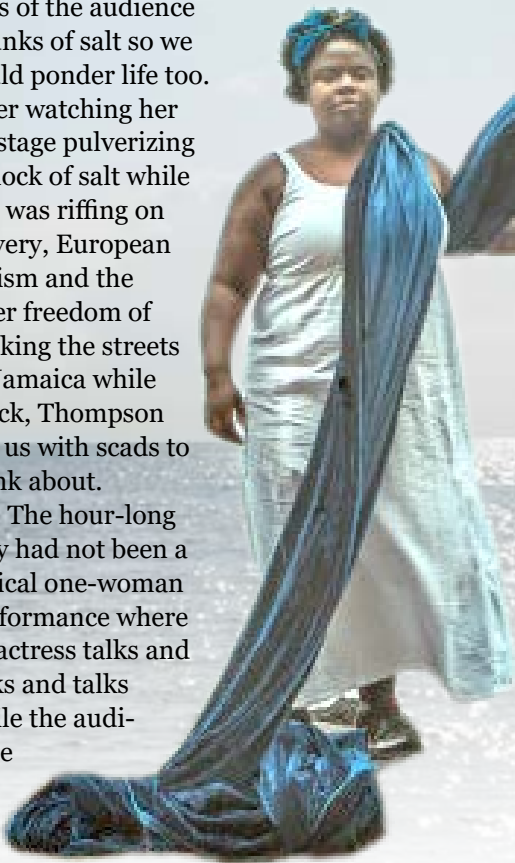
Her solo show is self-described as being about grief, ancestry, home, forgetting and colonialism. "Along the way we get very physical – Work, Sweat." As she explains, "in the end, this is a coming-of-age story, a personal story of a long journey and coming home – that is what all the great stories are. In fact, that is what Lord of the Rings is all about too."

Thompson was born in Leeds, England and raised by adopted parents, originally from Jamaica. Her birth

parents, Rastafarians, were also from Jamaica, and she has a grandparent she has never seen, living in Montserrat.

Back in 2016, the 20-something-year old artist was suffering from an inner rage, fuelled by the second-class insults and the constant question of "where are you really from"? She knew she had to get out of Europe to write her next play. – "Europe is awash in blood – it is a place of death". She felt that a sea journey that regularly travels the long ago Transatlantic Slave Triangle was just the ticket. So she bought

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**St Lucian actress lands major role in Netflix show**

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**St Lucia** – St Lucian actress Gabrielle Ryan will be starring as the posh-and-uptight 'Portia' in the new Netflix show, *Bonding*, filmed and set in New York.

Produced by Anonymous Content, *Bonding* premiered at Cannes last year and will launch on Netflix early this year.

A dark comedy loosely based on the colourful life of Rightor Doyle (star of Emmy-award-winning 'Barry' on Sky Atlantic) *Bonding* centres on the relationship between former high-school BFFs, Pete and Tiff, a grad student and secretly New York City's top dominatrix, who reconnects unexpectedly years later.



Gabrielle Ryan

"I'm so excited to be on Netflix, the world's most-watched platform. I had an absolute blast working on this project. *Bonding* is hilariously funny. The creator Rightor Doyle is a genius!" Ryan said.

"You have to be where the work is, which means moving between London, New York and LA. Filming in New York was something I'd always

dreamed about, but I definitely miss the UK and being back in St Lucia and the Caribbean where my family are from."

Ryan developed her love for drama at the Brighton College, UK, where she attended on an academic scholarship. She also attended the New York's Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute.

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# Guyana elections cannot be held on March 19, says Chief Elections Officer

**GEORGETOWN, Guyana**, – Guyana's Chief Elections Officer, Keith Lowenfield, said on Friday that elections cannot be held in Guyana next month, in keeping with the country's constitution following last month's successful vote of no confidence that brought down the three and half year old government.

Lowenfield told a news conference that based on the options presented to the Commissioners of the Guyana Elections Commission (GECOM) the March 19 date for the elections "isn't possible"

Opposition Leader Bharrat Jagdeo has been calling on GECOM to ensure that the elections are held on that date after he successfully moved the motion of no confidence that toppled the David Granger administration on December 21 last year.

Jagdeo received the support of then government backbencher Charrandass Persaud, ensuring that the defeat of the coalition that had enjoyed a slender one seat majority in the 65-member National Assembly.'

The High Court last month validated the action and refused to grant a stay, resulting in the authorities according to the Guyana Constitution having 90 days from the passage of the motion to hold the elections. The government has since appealed the High Court ruling.

GECOM officials who were present at the news conference told reporters for the March 19 date to have become relevant, Nomination Day would have had to be on the last day of January.

They said further that GECOM would not have been able to acquire the necessary

materials to ensure a credible election by that date.

But Lowenfield, who was flanked by the GECOM chairman, retired Justice James Patterson and other Commission officials, said that the Secretariat had provided the Commissioners with a working plan and options on January 22.

"The options are with the Commission. The Commissioners... they are deliberating on the submissions with a view at arriving at a position at the end of the day, because as you are aware they are to provide feedback to the whips and wat guidance they can take back to the Leader of the opposition and the President.

"Now the reality is very simple. For us to conduct an elections, an elections has to be staffed. At the moment

if an election is to be held we have an estimated amount of 2,300 polling stations (and) those polling stations will have to be manned by staff."

He said training for those workers would take considerable time and that all areas of Guyana had to be properly staffed in order to conduct the poll.

"One shudders to think if there is going to be a polling station without an attending PO (presiding officer) to go there," he said, adding "someone can very well say let's close the elections down because GECOM is not ready

Lowenfield also raised the possibility that Guyanese nationals working at the various embassies may not be able to cast their ballots if the elections were to be held next month given the various measures that must be undertak-



Keith Lowenfield

en to ensure the credibility of the poll.

He said the issue of house to house registration and other factors are still being debated by the Commissioners.

"I have said on the 22nd of January when the Commission first met for the year ...that the Commission must provide to the Secretariat approval for us to go into an operational mode. That approval is not with the Secretariat as yet.

"We order when the elections are on the horizon," he said, adding approval has had to be granted to the Secretariat 'for us to move into that mode.'

Figures released by GECOM show that 633,155 people are not eligible to cast ballots, but Lowenfield said that should it expire on April 30 without an election being held "would see the need for a new list, a new official list to be provided."

## Cries of racism on the Hill

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that creates barriers for Black youth from

accessing opportunities and developing their political voice.

"Over the past year,

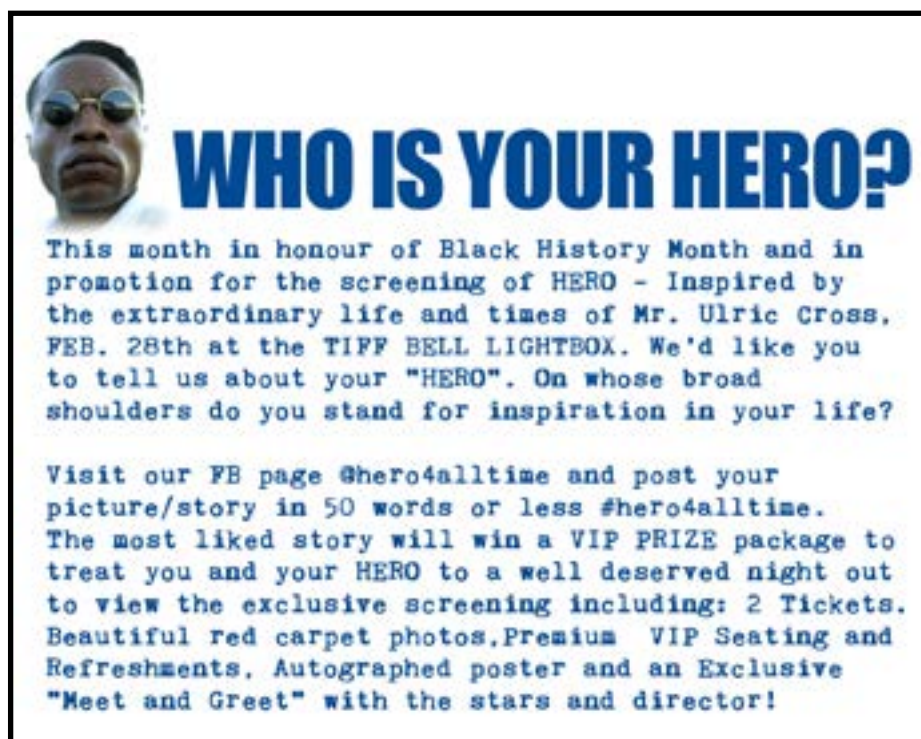
many senators have spoken in support of an Inquiry into Anti-Black Racism, and many of us are ready for a culture shift in Parliament. We

are ready for change on every level."

A spokesman for the Parliamentary Protective Service which is responsible for security on Parliament Hill, said it is investigating the incident.

"Our security personnel must always conduct themselves with professionalism and respect towards parliamentarians, employees and visitors," Joseph Law, the chief of staff to the director of the PPS, said in a statement.

"We need to do a better job in ensuring that this standard is maintained across our workforce. The Parliamentary Protective Service has zero tolerance for any type of discrimination."





# 'It is not enough to pay half-hearted lip-service to the evidence' says Federal Court judge

A 30-year-old Black woman who came to Canada from Colombia in 2015 and whose claim for Humanitarian and Compassionate (H&C) relief was turned down, was successful in the Federal Court in having her application be re-determined by another officer.

I will refer to the applicant as Maria (not her real name). She claimed refugee protection in Canada, which was denied. She has a daughter who was born in December 2015 in Vancouver. In September 2017, she and her brother applied for H&C relief.

Maria's H&C application which was based on the best interests of her Canadian child, establishment factors and health considerations, was rejected in May 2018. She then sought judicial review of the decision in the Federal Court.

In her judicial review application, Maria challenged "the sufficiency of the (immigration) officer's Best Interest Of The Child (BIOC) analysis" and other grounds.

In setting aside the negative H&C decision, the judge stated the officer's BIOC comments "contained no meaningful analysis of the evidence concerning the hardships faced by a black child living in Colombia."

"The decision, he said "contains a few unhelpful truisms about the benefits of the living in the care of a supportive parent and the resilience of young children to changing circumstances, but the description of the prevailing conditions is limited to the tepid

acknowledgement that 'current country conditions for Afro-Colombians are less than favourable'".

"To carry out a proper BIOC analysis, it is not enough to pay half-hearted lip-service to the evidence. It is not enough to state that the best interests of a child affected by a removal from Canada have been taken into account. Where a child is to be sent to a place where conditions are markedly inferior to Canadian standards and where the expected hardship is still found to be insufficient to support relief, there must be a meaningful engagement with the evidence," the judge ruled..

The H&C application contained significant country condition evidence indicating that

(1) women, blacks and children in Colombia face significant hardships in almost all aspects of life.

(2) At the root of much of the difficulty faced by Afro-Colombians is a long-standing, pervasive history of racial inequality and prejudice.

(3) Black women and children are particularly at risk. Discrimination against

Afro-Colombians is often manifested in violence.

For example, a 2017 United Nation's report described the situation for blacks in the following way:

*Afro-Colombian representatives highlight pervasive structural discrimination, including access to quality education, employment and participation in economic life, housing, effective political participation and access to justice. The estimated illiteracy index within the Afro-Colombian population is 30 per cent, compared with the national average of 16 per cent. Nearly 10 per cent of Afro-Colombian children from 6 to 10 years of age do not access primary education, with the percentage believed to be far higher in some regions.*

The record also disclosed that Afro-Colombian women are often the targets of sexual violence and exploitation. Sexual exploitation of children was also a reported problem. The quality of educational opportunities for black students was said by one non-governmental organization to be poor

or very poor.

According to another report, unemployment disproportionately affects women who also face discrimination in hiring and wages. The United States Department of State Report for 2016 described child abuse as a serious problem along with sexual exploitation of children. That report described the general situation for Afro-Colombians in the following way:

*Afro-Colombians are entitled to all constitutional rights and protections, but they faced significant economic and social discrimination. According to a 2016 UN report, 32 percent of the country's population lived below the poverty line, but in Choco, the department with the highest percentage of Afro-Colombian residents, 79 percent of residents lived below the poverty line. NGO Afro-Colombian Solidarity Network reported 32 percent of Choco's residents lived in extreme poverty. Choco continued to experience the lowest per capita level of social investment; ranked last among departments in terms of infrastructure, education, and health; and experienced the*

*highest rate of income inequality in the country.*

A 2013 human rights report stated that Afro-Colombians are plagued by high rates of informal labour, unemployment, high drop-out rates, illiteracy, poor access to potable water and sanitation, child labour and limited access to government services.

The judge stated that the question the officer failed to ask, or answer is "whether the return of woman and her Canadian infant to the general conditions described above would be considered by decent fair-minded Canadians to be unacceptable. It is not my role to answer that question but only to ensure that it receives reasonable

consideration and articulation. In this case, it did not."

For these reasons, the decision was set aside and is to be re-determined "on the merits" by a different decision-maker.



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## Woman smashes windows after patties run out

**NEW YORK** — A woman who couldn't get a beef patty at a favourite New York eatery used a baseball bat in protest.

On Saturday, police released surveillance video of the woman in action in the Bronx — smashing a restaurant's windows after learning the eatery had run out of her favourite food.

Police say the woman

at the Back Home restaurant in the Morrisania neighbourhood came in on January 15 and ordered a patty. She was told they'd run out, and she got upset.

Authorities say she left and came back to the Jamaican restaurant with the bat. The video shows a woman bashing in two windows.



## Activists in the Black community talk about personal risks

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very taxing on the body and the mind”.

“You risk a lot to yourself. You risk a lot to your future. So, it's not everyone,” she pointed out.

“What's important is that we are able to have a focus of what exactly we want to do and it's also important that we don't allow ourselves to become exploited by people who are in power, and who want to check

off a box and say they're not anti-Black.”

The panel agreed that the “critiquing of one another” is an important part of Black leadership in the social activist movement.

“We are constantly creating something and we have to be able to critique one another,” Hudson said. “We have to be able to critique one another because it's the only way we can come to the new, more expansive,

more creative idea that is going to push us closer to what we are all looking for.”

Professor James told the Caribbean Camera that the weekend symposium “met expectations” and was “an excellent start” to a discussion on leadership and to talking “across partisan politics, across social activism, across historical and contemporary activism”.

“It would be good to have a full, big dis-

cussion, where we'll talk across all these different things,” he said.

In delivering the closing remarks, Augustine, the former Liberal Member of Parliament, said she was “very impressed” with the participation of the young people.

She said the Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora still is in need of \$1.2 million so that it can be fully established and “continue in perpetuity.”

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# Western countries concerned about political situation in Haiti

**PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti** -Several Western countries have condemned the “unacceptable acts of violence” in Haiti over the weekend as opposition parties continue to demand the resignation of President Jovenel Moise.

The Core Group, comprising Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Spain, the European Union, the United States of America, the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General and the Special Representative of the Organization of American States, said that it had taken note of the demands being

expressed by the demonstrators.

“The Core Group deplores the loss of life and property damage caused by the unacceptable acts of violence that took place on the margins of the rallies, while acknowledging the professionalism demonstrated by the Haitian National Police as a whole,” it said in a statement.

The Group said it was calling on all stakeholders in Haiti, including its leaders, “to engage in a constructive and inclusive dialogue in order to identify and implement realistic and lasting solutions to the political and economic

crisis currently occurring in Haiti.

“In this regard, the Group encourages the government to accelerate its structural reforms aimed at promoting a better management of the State’s resources, improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable, fight inequalities, and foster a conducive investment climate to stimulate the development of productive sectors – essential to catalyzing the country’s growth.”

Opposition political parties have been staging street demonstrations in support of their calls for President Moise to step down, af-

ter accusing him of not investigating allegations of corruption in the previous government over PetroCaribe, an oil alliance of many Caribbean states with Venezuela to purchase oil on conditions of preferential payment. They are also demanding fresh elections and jobs.

But Moise has dismissed the calls for him to resign.

On Sunday, demonstrators burnt tyres and sporadic gunshots were heard forcing the closure of many businesses.

Several vehicles were vandalized while others were burnt, shop windows were smashed



and public buildings looted.

Police also clashed with protesters near the airport and used tear gas to regain control of the situation...

In its statement, the Core Group said that it was reiterating the fact that in a democracy change must come through the ballot box, and not through violence.

It said it was urging the executive and

legislative branches of power to collaborate for the electoral law and the 2018-2019 budget law to be adopted and promulgated as soon as possible.

“It is only through these actions that the elections scheduled by the Constitution for October 2019, can be held in a free, fair and transparent manner, and that an institutional vacuum will be avoided.”

## Selina Thompson is worth her Salt onstage

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passage on a cargo ship, that retraces the route: England to Ghana to Jamaica, and back. Salt is a play about that trip.

Although supportive of her art, her adopted parents were concerned for the safety

a single black woman travelling to Ghana on a freighter. “If something happens to you,” her father told her, “No one there will care.”

It turned out that the Italian freighter she boarded was captained by a racist “master” who kept calling her

the N-word to her face every day of the long two-month slow boat ride to Africa. She was confined to her windowless cabin, had no phone service with the outside world and was forcefully kept from leaving the ship when it made port.

She does complete the journey and does make it home again. The memories of that trip, her reflections on the original slave trade and the sheer joy in walking freely in Jamaica, make up the Salt storyline.

For the author/actress, the boat ride was

a long journey backwards through grief and guilt but ultimately lets her go forward in life – to write and to act nightly with Broadway-like perfection.

Salt ran for a week at the Sony Performance Centre’s Studio Theatre (Yonge and Sheppard). After

collecting a carry-on full of four-star reviews from the Toronto newspapers, Selina Thompson packed up her sledgehammer and her goggles and headed to the United States to continue showing the world that she is indeed worth her salt on any stage.

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# How exercise may protect against Alzheimer's disease

**A**thletes know a vigorous workout can release a flood of endorphins: "feel-good" hormones that boost mood. Now there's evidence that exercise produces another hormone that may improve memory and protect against Alzheimer's disease, according to a study co-led by Ottavio Arancio, MD, Ph.D., a researcher at Columbia University's Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons and Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain.

The study was published in *Nature Medicine*.

Physical activity is known to improve

memory, and studies suggest it may also reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease. But researchers don't understand why.

A few years ago, exercise researchers discovered a hormone called irisin that is released into the circulation during physical activity. Initial studies suggested that irisin mainly played a role in energy metabolism. But newer research found that the hormone may also promote neuronal growth in the brain's hippocampus, a region critical for learning and memory.

"This raised the possibility that irisin may help explain why

physical activity improves memory and seems to play a protective role in brain disorders such as Alzheimer's disease" says Arancio, who is a professor of pathology and cell biology and of medicine at Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons.

In the new study, Arancio and his colleagues at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and Queens University in Canada first looked for a link between irisin and Alzheimer's in people. Using tissue samples from brain banks, they found that irisin is present in the

human hippocampus and that hippocampal levels of the hormone are reduced in individuals with Alzheimer's.

To explore what irisin does in the brain, the team turned to mice. These experiments show that irisin, in mice, protects the brain's synapses and the animals' memory: When irisin was disabled in the hippocampus of healthy mice, synapses and memory weakened. Similarly, boosting brain levels of irisin improved both measures of brain health.

The researchers then looked at the effect of exercise on irisin and the brain. In the study's most compelling experiments, the researchers found that mice who swam nearly every day for five weeks did not develop memory impairment despite getting infusions of beta amyloid—the neuron-clogging, memory-robbing protein im-

plicated in Alzheimer's.

Blocking irisin with a drug completely eliminated the benefits of swimming, the researchers also found. Mice who swam and were treated with irisin-blocking substances performed no better on memory tests than

sedentary animals after infusions with beta amyloid.

Together the findings suggest that irisin could be exploited to find a novel therapy for preventing or treating dementia in humans, Arancio says. His team is now searching for pharmaceutical compounds that can increase brain levels of the hormone or can mimic its action.

"In the meantime, I would certainly encourage everyone to exercise, to promote brain function and overall health," he said. "But that's not possible for many people, especially those with age-related conditions like heart disease, arthritis, or dementia. For those individuals, there's a particular need for drugs that can mimic the effects of irisin and protect synapses and prevent cognitive decline."

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# Trinidad-Tobago Police Commissioner confirms plot to assassinate him

**PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad** –Police Commissioner Gary Griffith has confirmed a newspaper report that the Special branch had uncovered a plot by two criminal gangs to assassinate him and members of his family.

"This time around this is not just about children or persons who are unstable calling 999 and making idle threats. It seems that there's a clear and present danger towards persons being very concerned of my actions and they hope they can actually do something," Griffith said on Citadel Radio station here.

He said those plotting his death must be upset at the fact that "over a hundred million dollars in illegal drugs and weapons being seized, hundreds of persons being arrested...this will actually strengthen my resolve".

"We are fully aware of persons who may be interested and have concerns about what I am doing. And this varies not only from the punks who have short pants that may be way below their waist line, but also those who may very well have....jacket and tie," he said.

The Trinidad Guardian newspaper in a front-page story Wednesday said that Special Branch had uncovered the plot in November last year and in an 11 page report detailed how serious the threat had to be taken.

"Recent information has further suggested a possible bounty that has been placed on the head of the CoP with part payment in advance and the rest when the



job has been completed. These robust approaches combined with new initiatives that are to be unveiled shortly have made the CoP the most high-risk individual in our nation," the paper quoted the report as stating.

The paper said it had obtained a copy of the report and when it had contacted Griffith, he was hesitant at first to comment, before agreeing to address some of the "troubling concerns raised in the report".

On the radio program, Griffith said the fact that persons were now out to kill him and members of his family meant that he was stepping in the right direction.

He said the business of the underworld is being hurt and that while he is not afraid

for his life, he is nonetheless alert to the situation.

"The training that I have, fear is not an option. I am not stupid however. We are fully aware of what is required and the good thing about is that we know what the intentions would be from the enemy.

"In fact, this is expected," he said, noting that similar situations occur around the world where law enforcement officers are engaged in similar battles.

"You will get that type of reprisals by individuals because obviously it is affecting their business. What I am doing is affecting their business, their trade and it could very well affect their freedom because they may be arrested," he added.

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# England thrash Windies in final Test in St. Lucia

England ended its Test series against the West Indies with a comprehensive victory on the fourth day of the third and final Test in St Lucia on Tuesday.

Thrashed in the first two matches of the series, the tourists gained a measure of consolation in completing a 232-run victory with a day to spare.

Set an improbable target of 485 after Joe Root declared his side's second innings at 361 for five following his dismissal for 122, the home team were eventually dismissed for 252 deep into the final session when Ben Stokes had Keemo Paul caught and bowled.

Paul, hobbled by a leg injury, only came out to bat as last man to allow Roston Chase to complete a deserved fifth Test century.

Chase was on 97 when Shannon Gabriel



Roston Chase walks off unbeaten as England celebrate beating the Windies.

was ninth out, but the young all-rounder hung around long enough for the tall right-hander to reach three figures, cutting Joe Denly to the backward-point boundary to achieve the landmark.

He finished unbeaten on 102 off 191 balls with 12 fours and one six embellishing his innings.

James Anderson, who blew away the West Indies top order with three wickets

before lunch, had no more success with the ball but his devastating early impact ensured that it was only a matter of when, not if England would have completed a massive victory on the fourth day.

Moeen Ali also claimed three wickets while Mark Wood, the tearaway fast bowler who took five wickets in the first innings, snared the important scalp of Shai Hope as the West Indies slumped to 35

for four before lunch.

His six wickets and impact on the game earned him the 'man of the match' award.

England clearly had a swift declaration on their minds at the start of the day's play with Root and Stokes resuming at 325 for four.

They belted 36 runs at a run-a-minute until the skipper miscued a low full-toss from Gabriel and Hetmyer held the catch diving forward at midwicket to prompt the declaration.

Kemar Roach finished with one wicket in the innings, lifting his tally to a series-leading 18.

His exploits earlier in the series, especially the five-wicket haul on the second day of the first Test in Barbados when England were routed for 77, earned him the 'man of the series' accolade.

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# Windies Women lose ODI series 2-1 to Pakistan

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** - Stafanie Taylor struck her 33rd one-day half-century but West Indies produced another dodgy batting effort to crash to a four-wicket defeat to Pakistan and concede the three-match ICC Championship series 2-1 here on Monday.

Opting to bat first in the series decider at the ICC Academy, West Indies were dismissed for 159 in the 48th over, with skipper Taylor top-scoring with 52, opener Deandra Dottin getting 28 and Shemaine Campbelle, 26.

They were 87 for two at one stage but lost their last eight wickets for 72 runs as left-arm spinner Nashra Sandhu (3-21) and new ball seamer Diana Baig (3-

42) ran through the innings with three-wicket hauls.

In reply, Pakistan overhauled their target in the 48th over, with opener Sidra Ameen top-scoring with 52, Nida Dar hitting 26 and Javeria Khan chipping in with 24.

The defeat came on the heels of Saturday's 34-run loss at the same venue, after West Indies had convincingly won the series opener by 146 runs at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

West Indies were off to a dodgy start when Kycia Knight was bowled without scoring off the third ball of the innings from Baig with just one on the board.

And further disappointment followed when Dottin, who had



sent warning signs with a couple of fours and sixes in a 20-ball cameo, was run out in the eighth over with the score on 35.

However, Taylor and Campbelle put on 52 for the third wicket which appeared to put West Indies back on

course for a solid total.

Taylor faced 95 deliveries and struck four fours in notching her second half-century in three innings while Campbelle hit a single boundary in a 43-ball knock.

Once Nashra had Campbelle stumped in

the 20th over, however, the innings declined quickly, and only Afy Fletcher, with an unbeaten 21 at number eight, showed any resistance thereafter.

Taylor was seventh over in the 37th over, caught and bowled by Baig.

Ameen then gave Pakistan the strong start to their run chase they needed, posting 32 for the first wicket with Nahida Khan (15) and a further 44 for the second wicket with Javeria.

The right-handed Ameen, with scores of 96 and 52 already in the series, punched five fours off 107 deliveries, also posted 46 for the fourth wicket with Dar, after Javeria and captain Bismah Maroof (5) fell in quick succession to leave Pakistan on 82 for three in the 25th over.

Ameen eventually perished in the 39th over in a slide which saw three wickets tumble for 11 runs but Pakistan steadied themselves to turn back the Windies' late bid.

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