

GRAPEVINE

WINTER COATS

With the this week's snow and cold snap, St. Alban's Anglican Church has free winter clothes for anyone in need. Coats, hats, gloves, mitts and scarves are available for men, women and children in all sizes. You can pick out your coat at the church at 19 St. Albans Drive on Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. However, if Thursday isn't convenient, you can contact the church at 519-853-2711 to arrange a time that works for you.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Churchill Community Church will be holding a Christmas Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 11 at 7 p.m. "Nine Lessons and Twelve Days" Featuring music and the Children.

TOY DRIVE

The Acton Rehabilitation Centre is collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Salvation Army. Donations to the toy drive can be made at their 19 Mill Street East location until December 15.

CONCERT

Acton High School is hosting a festive evening featuring the Acton High School Band and Choir on Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person; free for children 10 and under. There will also be a silent auction fundraiser, and refreshments will be served.

FUGITIVE OF THE WEEK

In this edition of Fugitive of the Week, the 3 District,

Burlington Offender Management Unit is searching for Andrew Collver, 29 years of Hamilton ON.

It is alleged that in September of 2016 Collver attended a Walmart in the City of Burlington and proceeded to steal approximately \$200 in items. Collver was observed by store security stealing these items and was then arrested by security.

During the arrest, a struggle ensued between Collver and security that resulted in Collver assaulting the security officer. Police attended and continued the arrest. Collver was later released on a Promise to Appear. Collver has since failed to appear for his court date. Collver's whereabouts are unknown at this time.

A warrant has been issued for his arrest. He is now wanted by Halton Regional Police Service for: theft Under \$5000, assault with intent to resist arrest, fail to appear in Court.

Collver is described as 5'8", 143 lbs with brown hair and hazel eyes. Collver has several tattoos on his arms of dragons, skulls, tribal symbols and piercing of his left eyebrow and nose.

Collver is known to frequent Burlington, Hamilton, Brantford and the surrounding areas.

Anyone who may have witnessed this person or has information that would assist investigators in locating him are encouraged to contact D/C Bulbrook - Burlington Criminal Investigations Bureau at 905-825-4747 Ext. 2346 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), or through the web at www.haltoncrimestoppers.ca, or by texting "Tip201" with your message to 274637 (crimes).



Andrew Collver

LETTERS

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Columnist spot on

To the Editor;

To this reader Trish Bell's column is a breath of fresh air. She tells it like it is.

Sadly we have become a society of Pollyannas, far removed from the harsh realities of life. In reality life is not always nice. Even the sunniest of lives experience rainfall and cloudiness from time to time. Rarely does life hand us everything we want in the way that we want it.

The antidote to any unpleasantness nowadays seems to be denial that the unpleasantness exists and to attack anyone who says that it does.

No longer do people face problems head on, identify the causes and seek common sense solutions. Instead they insist there is no problem. They at-

To the Editor;

I have been reading the Tanner for many years now and I have to say reading Trish Bell's articles are just great. My wife always tells me to read it when we get the paper, and that in it-

tempt to silence anyone who does see a problem by attacking with words like 'racist', 'hater' and words like '...phobia' which cause one to wonder if they even know what those words mean.

In doing so those who engage in name-calling become the haters. They stifle free speech and trample on the rights of others to express different points of view. They discourage free thought.

Denial of reality has brought us into a stressful lifestyle which humans were not designed to cope with. It is denial that has gotten us deeply into debt and destroyed the safety, security and well-being that we once enjoyed. Denial has destroyed sociability by limiting

self is very good. I just read the story on the taste of hate. How Trish replied was amazing, and as far as I'm concerned she was correct on all avenues.

Anyway, I just wanted to say her articles are great and she

our capacity to communicate and debate freely, insisting that we only speak in politically correct terms.

I recently saw a cartoon which showed a television commentator saying, 'Good evening ladies and gentlemen. It's time for the 6 o'clock news and here's what we want you to think'.

There is many a true word spoken in a joke.

We need Trish Bell and more like her who have the courage to tell it like it is, to give a voice to those who have been silenced by political correctness and to keep lines open for respectful debate.

Thank you Trish. Keep up the good work.

Eileen Hutcheson,
Acton

shouldn't let these politically correct people that they think they are change anything for her. Good job. She has a lot of support out here.

Regards
Leonard Allan

JUST A THOUGHT

What's in a Eulogy?

He was so kind and sweet. He was such a funny guy. And so the tributes go. Fidel Castro's death at the ripe old age of 90 was, to many, long overdue. His final destination, if you believe in that sort of thing, seems indisputable. Yet, our Prime Minister, a family friend of this modern day monster, embarrassed all Canadians on the international stage by recalling him as something far less sinister than his actions lead one to believe. If nothing less, it has begun an international conversation about leaders assuming the opinions of the people they govern and has encouraged a rather tongue-in-cheek run on Twitter, aptly titled #trudeaeulogies.

Yet, it is not just flower-power-era-born Trudeau who walks about with rose-coloured glasses. It seems that death is the ultimate clean slate; the pass by which we are all judged not by our actions, but instead by society's ideals. Perhaps, we're slaves to the age-old motto: "speak not ill of the dead." Or maybe we just all wish to avoid the messy bits, uneasy with the idea of being the one saying 'it' aloud. In any case, it seems an insult not to care, nay be obligated, to speak openly and honestly about the dead. A murderer is still a murderer whether he is



By
Trish Bell

killed by the cops or not, right? The Milton teens killed in a high-speed car crash last April were likely "kind, caring, and self-less car lovers," but they were also reckless and irresponsible and it was only luck that others weren't hurt. Brampton's Calisto Mendonca, 49, tempted fate by speeding and senselessly took the lives of three young people on their way home from Thanksgiving dinner. Friends and family on both sides are left equally heartbroken, but Mendonca's kin must also struggle through the truth of his mistake and its outcome, including no tribute at all to the good parts of his life.

On the other hand, in Burnaby, B.C., Robert (Bob) Green has a wonderful obituary, stating he "was tragically taken... had a broad social circle with many friends and associates from around the world... and was known to be the life of the party." The truth, according to police: "Green was a well-established head member of an organized crime group [Hells

Angels], with a risky lifestyle [that lead to] him being shot to death." And finally, people like Elini Pinnow, whose sister, like many, committed suicide. Secrets and shame about depression had allowed the ugliness to dig deep and take hold and robbed her of her sister in her world. If, Pinnow thought, lying and avoiding hadn't helped her sister in life, how would it help her, or those left behind, in her death? In her words, "I was hurting and I needed others to help me through it." So, Pinnow decided the first line of her sister's obituary had to include: "died from depression and suicide." As she puts it, "lies can only exist in isolation. Brought out into the open, lies are revealed for what they are." None of us live in isolation. Some people make bad choices. Some just make really horrible mistakes. And some succumb to their everyday struggle to survive. These are merely moments in each life story. Be it a victim of violence, an innocent mistake or a simple accident, tributes should not be tailored by only the good parts or the end parts, but by all of the moments that make life precious. Best we all learn to call a spade a spade and deal with our mistakes, our sadness and our problems head on.