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HERITAGE CALENDARS

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COLD WEATHER ALERTS

Be prepared for the cold weather this winter with by signing up for Halton Region's Cold Warning. Receive notifications when the daily predicted low reaches -15 degrees Celsius without windchill, environment Canada issues a Cold weather warning, or extreme weather conditions like a blizzard. Visit their website at: www.halton.ca/cold

ELECTRONIC WASTE

Acton Aqua Ducks are hosting an Electronics Fundraiser on Saturday January 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bethel Church, 364 Queen Street. Drop off your electronics for free environmentally responsible recycling. Every pound of electronics dropped off during the event will help to raise money. Some items that can be recycled free of charge include: Televisions, Computer, Laptops, Desktop printers, Cell phones and more.

HOLIDAY SCHOOL CONCERTS

- Robert Little Public School: December 14 at 7 p.m.
- McKenzie Smith Bennett Public School: December 15 Family crafts and silent auction begin at 5:45, concert commences at 7 p.m.
- St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School : Family Fun Night December 15 at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Limehouse Public School: December 20 at 6:30 p.m.
- Robert Little Public School: December 14 at 7 p.m.

FUGITIVE OF THE WEEK

In this edition of Fugitive of the Week the 3 District, Burlington Offender Management Unit is searching for Sacha Dzugalo 29 years old of Brampton ON.

It is alleged that in May of 2016 Dzugalo was operating a motor vehicle in the City of Burlington when she was involved in a collision by striking a light pole. Dzugalo was arrested and charged by Police for Impaired Driving and Possession of a Controlled Substance. Dzugalo was later charged with Driving with more than 80mgs of alcohol in her blood.

Dzugalo has since failed to appear for her court dates, and her whereabouts are unknown at this time. A warrant has been issued for her arrest. She is now wanted by Halton Regional Police Service for: Impaired Driving, Driving with more than 80mgs of Alcohol in Blood, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Fail to Appear in Court.

Dzugalo is described as 5'2", 133 lbs with brown hair and brown eyes. Dzugalo has a tattoo of a star on her right forearm and a star on her left wrist. Dzugalo is known to frequent Burlington, Hamilton, Brampton, Mississauga and the surrounding areas.

Anyone who may have witnessed this person or has information that would assist investigators in locating her 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).



Sacha Dzugalo

LETTERS

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Modern day monster?

To the Editor;

In a recent opinion piece—which I largely agreed with—entitled 'What's in a Eulogy' by Trish Bell, she referred to Fidel Castro as 'this modern day monster.' I thought—in my opinion—this was 'over the top' so I decided to text my Cuban friend who had arrived in Ontario a few years ago in December to a blazing winter storm and electrical blackouts that lasted in some districts for over a week. Her new home with her new husband didn't have heat, or electrical power, for five days and nights. It was in this situation that we first met, and I would suspect very few of us

would have shown such grace in such trying circumstances.

My friend Teresa experienced life under Fidel Castro—his foibles and triumphs—for more than fifty five years—so I decided to text her to find out what she thought about him. I know she doesn't speak for all Cubans, but I thought her opinions might help to dispel, or confirm, whether Castro was a monster, or not. Here is what she texted back to me in English although Spanish is her first language:

"Well I can tell you I was sad with that news cause I could study thanks to him. And I think he had mistakes, he sure

did, but when you compare those mistakes (big or small) with so many things he did for the people, not only in Cuba, but in other countries as well, there is a big difference. Understand? His funeral in Cuba was amazing and many Cubans cried for him all along the island, but unfortunately there are some who only remember the mistakes, and forget that even most of them are someone nowadays thanks to him. But I felt really sorry."

This is only one anecdote, and I know there are other conflicting views, but few would refer to him as a 'modern day monster.'

Janet Calderwood

JUST A THOUGHT

United Nations of Hypocrisy



By Trish Bell

In October, days after the International Day of the Girl, the United Nations named iconic comic book character Wonder Woman an honorary ambassador in the belief that we could change gender inequality. While I have rarely been made to feel unequal to men, I know differences exist. Here at home, many past women sacrificed to ensure the freedoms I now have, many continue to struggle for equal money for equal work, and I know that in many corners of our little sphere, girls much younger than my own are subjected to horrid realities, for no other crime than simply being born a girl. These experiences are not new, nor are they right; however, on a whole, I'd say we seem to still treat everyone with a level of disdain and intolerance that shows our grasp of civil is loose at best. And while I'd argue men and women are not the same, I would also expect a world of people to treat one another with the same respect, dignity and dare I say humanity, but alas we are clearly not there yet. Still, the goal is the right idea: we should never stop striving for all people to be treated equally.

So, it was with a sense of

disbelief that I learned this week, after yet another UN day, Human Rights Day (the real day to celebrate in my opinion), the UN has done an about face and dropped the heroine and campaign she was to inspire for 2017. The reason, and hold onto your hats for this one: 45,000 signatures and numerous protests demanded her removal because "the character's current iteration is that of a large breasted, white woman of impossible proportions, scantily clad in a shimmery, red, white and blue thigh-baring body suit and that doesn't send the right message." Huh?

Now, as a woman, maybe I get this confused, sensitive sensibilities and all, but I thought we were past all this. How can a fictional character do anything we don't want her to do? I thought women's rights meant we could wear what we wanted and not be judged? We certainly don't tell Toronto Pride parade goers that their outfits are inappropriate to their cause; in fact, we encourage them to be out there, despite ques-

tionable antics done in their skivvies. Wonder Woman, on the other hand, one of the most popular, long lasting superhero characters of all time, is drawn as a beautiful, strong, intelligent personality who fights for freedom, peace and justice when others can't, and is comfortable to wear whatever she chooses. How is this a bad message to send to our youth? Does being beautiful mean we are less equal to the task? Should we hide it? Is that what equality means?

Dr. William Moulton Marston, the well-known psychologist, lawyer, scientist, inventor, writer, advocate for women's rights and creator of Wonder Woman actually described her as "psychological propaganda for the new type of woman who, I believe, should rule the world." If the strong, independent 'warrior' woman is somehow insignificant when compared to the outfit she wears than we are still too preoccupied by how girls look (even fictional ones) and not focused enough on what they can do. I know I'd rather have my girls aspire to be a scantily clad warrior like Wonder Woman than a business suited UN hypocrite any day.