Copyright OPINION Remember the sacrifice They are young and they are Canadian. They answer the nation's call and many are killed in conflicts far from home. That is until recently. They are Canadian soldiers. As Remembrance Day approaches this year, the reflection is deeper, and it should be, after the deaths of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo by the hands of terrorists. As time passes, it's easy to forget the pain of war.





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Nathan Cirillo by the hands of terrorists.

As time passes, it's easy to forget the pain of war and conflict. Grainy black and white photos of French trenches can't impart the sacrifice individuals and a nation collectively endures during a time of conflict. However, that all changed recently when Vincent and Cirillo were killed.

The nation was rubbed raw and captivated by the events. However, a century ago hundreds of Canadians were killed daily in the First World War.

By the time it was over 61,000 Canadian troops were dead. But it didn't end there. Another 45,000 were killed in The Second World War, followed by 1,558 in Korea and 158 in Afghanistan.

Canadian sacrifice is not new but what appears new in light of the recent attacks is a fresh appreciation of the loss.

Vincent and Cirillo had friends and family who loved them. They lived, laughed and loved — just like their counterparts that served this country 100 years ago. Our freedom comes with a price and that price is the blood of our young Canadian men and women. Remember them.

We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

- John McCrae

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Would you give up civil liberties to increase security from terrorism?

- No (61%)
- Yes (39%)

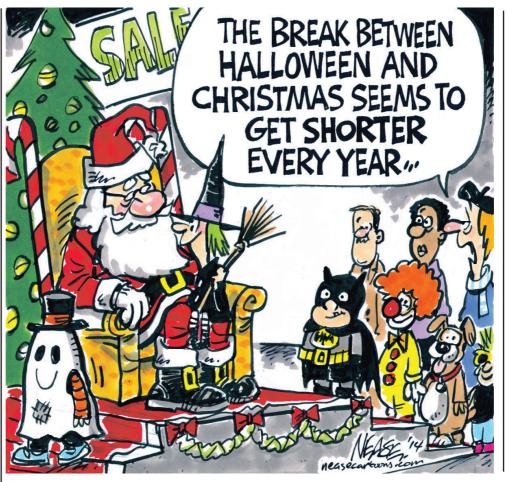
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Letters to the editor

Editorial missed the mark: reader

Re: Editorial, The people have spoken, Oct. 30.

Your comment that voters like the direction the council has taken Halton Hills leaves me scratching my head.

How are you able to reconcile this statement with the fact that other than the mayor not one single winning incumbent got more than 38 per cent of the vote. This means of course at least 62 per cent of the votes were cast against the incumbent.

Therefore more people than not wanted a change at the Town and a runoff to produce a true representative of the people is in order.

Also your comment all political stripes must work together to keep the agenda moving forward leaves me similarly aghast. If I am not mistaken they are all tax and spend lib-

erals. Not a single one of them ever uttered a word about cutting the tax burden on the local people. In my opinion they, council, have no agenda to move forward without a mandate from the majority of people in Halton Hills.

> Mike Purvis, Georgetown

Skate club says thanks a lot

The Georgetown Skating Club recently hosted the Skate Canada Central Ontario Sectionals Championships at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex in Georgetown.

It was a great success. We had some of the best skaters in the country competing over the four day event. Some of these skaters will be representing our country at a World Championship some day, and they will have come through our town to do it.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people who helped make this competition happen:

The existing and former members of the Georgetown Skating Club, who volunteered a great deal of their time, their talents, and their support.

The staff of the Mold-Masters Arena who ensured the already impressive facility was ready to exceed the skaters' expectations.

The Town of Halton Hills, for providing a stunning host facility.

Mayor Rick Bonnette, for his continuing support of our club.

And lastly, my colleagues at Skate Canada Central Ontario Section for their guidance and support to make the event run smoothly and profes-

sionally.

Craig Borotsik, Co-Chair

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