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New York tragedy hits home

by Stacey Massey

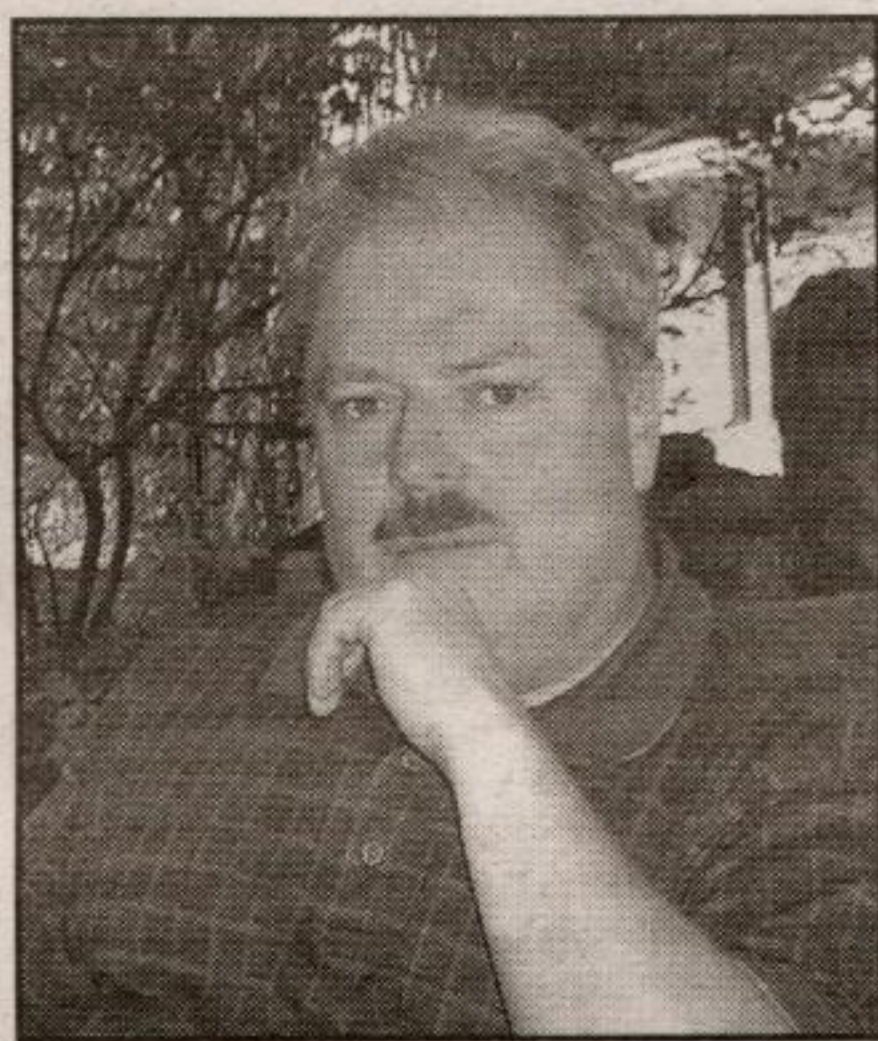
"I'm just fortunate to be one of the lucky ones to get out."

That's how Pat Batty of Campbellville feels about his personal experience with the terrorist attack on New York City's World Trade Centre twin towers on Tuesday, September 11.

As a management consultant with Rouge Wave Software, a U.S. based company, Mr. Batty travels to New York on a frequent basis and that day began no different than any other. Though by day's end Mr. Batty's life, and the lives of the entire world, changed forever.

"It was a beautiful day, I had just walked there (Trade Centre)," Mr. Batty recalls. As Mr. Batty awaited for his colleague to arrive on the PATH train (similar to GO trains) in a coffee shop in the lobby area of the North Tower.

Should the plane have struck a half hour later, Mr. Batty would have been higher up the building in a work meeting.



Pat Batty

"At about 10 to nine, all of a sudden everybody was running like crazy and nobody knew why," Mr. Batty said recalling the horrific morning's unravelling.

"I guess my immediate thoughts were 'it might be a shooting in the hallway.' In the coffee shop there were people in pretty heavy panic mode."

After four or five minutes passed Mr. Batty became increasingly alarmed by the number of

people running and screaming and he decided to leave the coffee shop.

Taking the escalator up one floor to ground level and leaving the building, it became evident that whatever was happening was very serious.

"I thought maybe there was a bomb on the ground. There was debris, some fire and a lot of glass."

At this point Mr. Batty said firemen and police were already entering the building and trying to control bystanders. He looked up and saw the flames high on the North Tower where the first plane had hit.

Like many New Yorkers, Mr. Batty made a quick cell phone call home to assure his wife he was okay.

As the world listened via the radio and television, we heard what Mr. Batty was actually witnessing. A plane, filled with innocent victims, had been flown into the side of the

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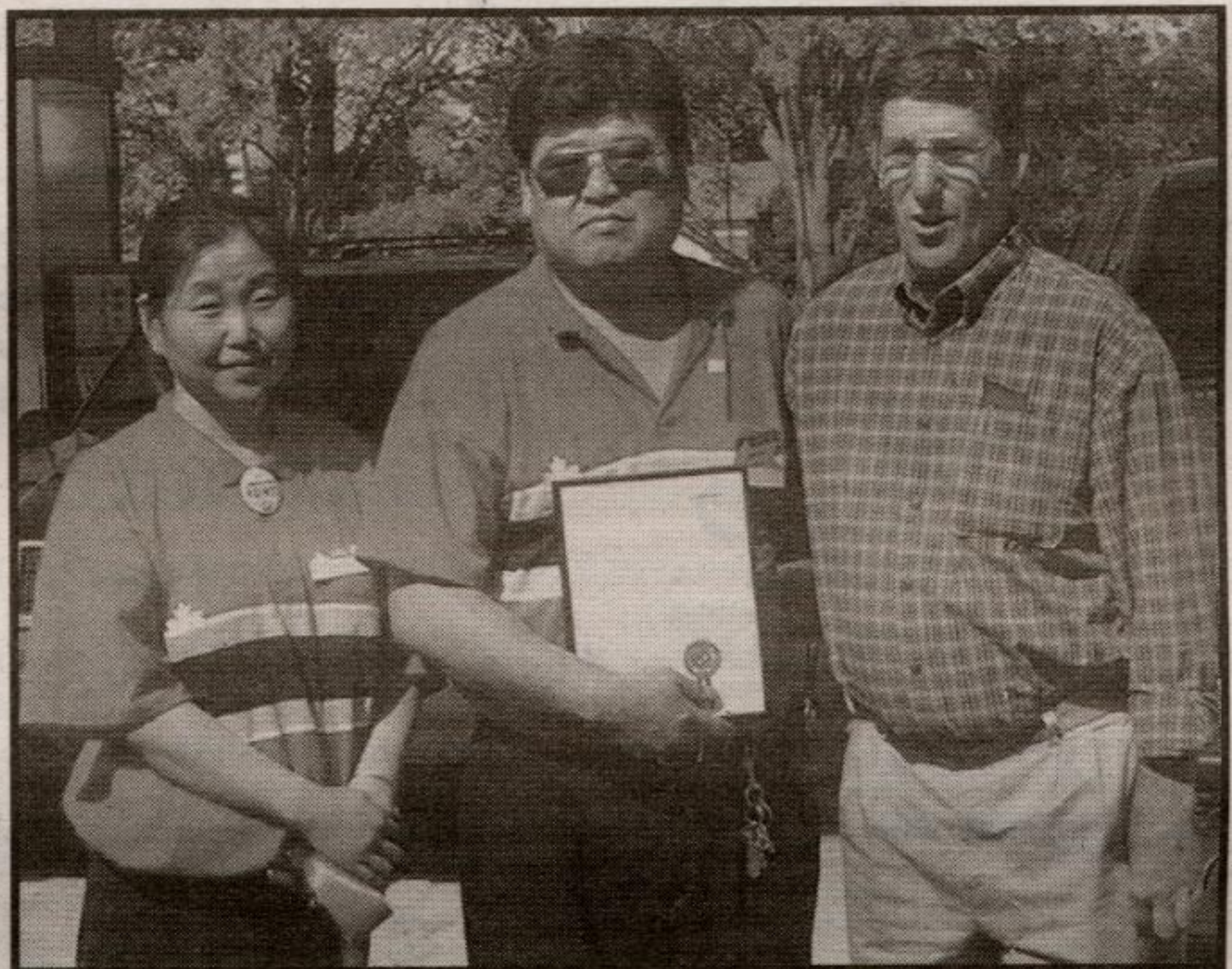


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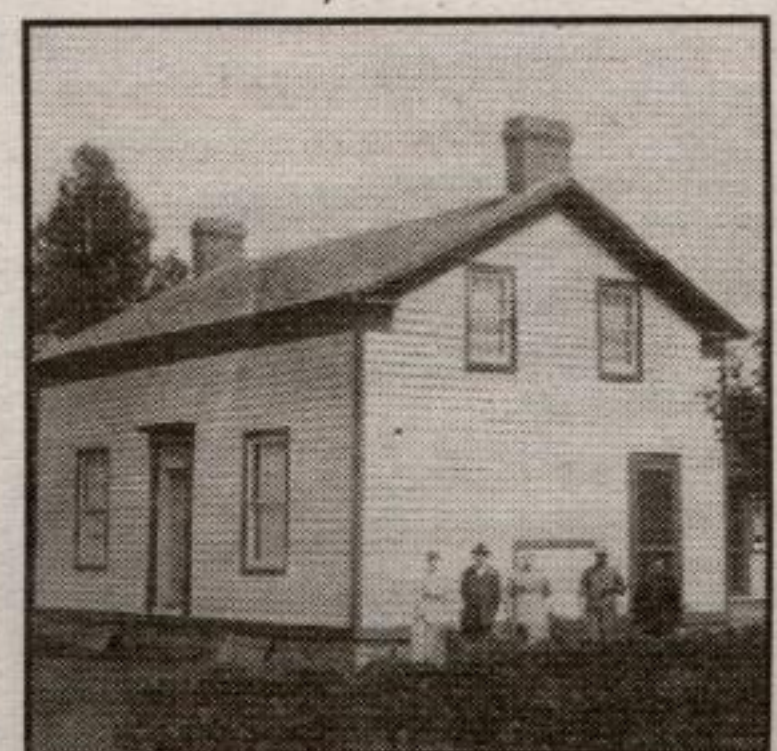
Jimy and Rosa Lim were presented with an award of appreciation from the Halton Region for all the effort they expended in the development of their new Petro Canada gas bar and store. Region representative Councillor Barry Lee was in attendance at the grand opening on Saturday, September 15. Also on hand were Milton Mayor Gord Krantz, Councillor Cindy Lunau and Councillor Ken Keates.

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Shoebox Memories

Donald Fleming came to Canada from Scotland with his wife and their six adult children. Despite a tragic illness shortly after arrival that cost Donald his life, the Fleming's carried on and left their mark in Esquesing County.

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Idle Pursuits

Three local artists celebrate the rich rural and urban diversity as displayed throughout the history of fall fairs. Their Fall Fairs Art Show is scheduled to appear in Wellington beginning in October.

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Halton 4-H

Fall fair season has come and gone but not without some wonderful achievements by the Halton 4-H members. The Georgetown Fair proved to be a successful day for the open dairy, sheep and rabbit classes.

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Community Cornerstone

The village of Campbellville wouldn't be the same without Marilyn Goodale. Her job at Vincent's Art & Antiques and her role as CABA president keeps her actively involved in the community.

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