

The North Halton Compass

Reach then a soaring quill,
that I may write
As with a Jacob's staff
to take a height

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BRASS TACKS – Editorial

Get your priorities straight

We've heard it said again and again - the world will never be the same. The recent terrorist attacks on our neighbours in the United States, have made an impact on everyone and now we are all trying - with a great deal of effort - to move on.

But it's not easy trying to sort out our emotions, our thoughts, control our actions and live with unanswered questions. The one thing I have been able to figure out and one thing I think many people have realized is what is important.

In our fast-paced, technologi-

cal world, it's easy to get caught up in the whirlwind of everyday life. But we need to take the time to step away from it and be grateful for what matters - our families, our friends, our health, our spiritual lives - all the things that money can't buy.

This incident has made it very clear how fragile and disposable a life is - so we need to make the most of it while we can.

If you haven't done so already I suggest you take a few moments and figure out what is truly important in your life and then make

sure it gets top priority.

No matter how busy or hectic the day, there should always be time to put a smile on another person's face, to laugh, to tell someone how much you love them, to pray, and basically just to enjoy life.

We all have our own beliefs but no one really knows what happens after our life on earth is over. All we know is the here and now so let's make the most of every day, every hour and every minute we have here together.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The following letter was posted on the Eastpoint Police (Georgia) web site. It is most eloquent, but more importantly, could have been written by any copy, anywhere. Too often we allow ourselves to listen to people make derogatory comments about the police. The next time that happens maybe we should remember this letter.

Jan Mowbray

Letter:

This is a salute to all of the fine officers who have been killed in the line of duty, and to the millions of police officers who put their lives on the line for us everyday. The author of this article was Trooper Mitchell Brown of the Virginia State Police. He was killed in the line of duty two months after writing the article.

A Police Officer Speaks

Well, Mr. Citizen, it seems you've figured me out. I seem to fit neatly into the category where you've placed me. I'm stereotyped, standardized, characterized, classified, grouped, and always typical. Unfortunately, the reverse is true. I can never figure you out.

From birth you teach your children that I'm the bogeyman, then you're shocked when they identify with my traditional enemy ... the criminal!

You accuse me of coddling criminals ... until I catch your kids doing wrong.

You may take an hour for lunch and several coffee breaks each day, but point me out as a loafer fro having one cup.

You pride yourself on your manners, but think nothing of disrupting my meals with your troubles.

You raise hell with the guy who cuts you off in traffic, but let me catch you doing the same things and I'm picking on you.

You know all of the traffic laws ... but you've never gotten a single ticket you deserve.

You shout "foul" if you observe me driving to fast to a call, but raise the roof if I take more than ten seconds to respond to your complaint.

You call it part of my job if someone strikes me, but call it "police brutality" if I strike back.

You wouldn't think of telling your dentist how to pull a tooth or your doctor how to take out an appendix, yet you always willing to give me pointers on the law.

You talk to me in a manner that would get you a bloody nose from anyone else, but expect me to take it without batting an eye.



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