

Editorial Why?

In these first few hours following the catastrophic and cowardly attack on the United States a variety of emotions boil to the surface... shock... disbelief... anger... vengeance.

Undoubtedly, the events of September 11, 2001 will "live in infamy", a phrase coined after the attack on Pearl Harbor. But, the difference between these two events is that the former tragedy occurred when the world was at war. Yesterday's terrorist attacks came against innocent people, civilians simply going about their daily lives.

It was an attack on democracy.

An attack on those who value freedom.

It was as gutless as it was gory.

It was one of the darkest days this planet has known.

If the terrorists had hoped to cause chaos at the financial and democratic hearts of America, they succeeded. The closing of the financial markets and shutdown of U.S. airports, which effectively stranded a plane of handicapped Ontario children in Florida (including two teens from Halton Hills), has caused short-term turmoil.

Again, more innocent victims.

But in the coming days and weeks stories of bravery, unselfishness and heroism will surely surface. If nothing else, Americans have shown a great resolve to bounce back from national tragedies.

We have every confidence that our neighbours to the south will recover from this unwarranted attack and that they will receive unprecedented support from their many friends, including Canada. God bless, America.

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Letters to the editor...

Car wash was a win-win-win situation

Dear editor,

So often it is the little things that make a community great. On a hot Saturday in July, the Rotary Club of

Georgetown had the opportunity to provide a venue for six visiting female exchange students from Quebec to undertake a community fund-raising project. They did this in order to contribute back to the community hosting them.

A car wash was held at the Georgetown Marketplace, courtesy of the mall management who provided space, and Zellers, which provided water. More than \$400 was earned and this will be put back into the community as the initiation of a fund that Rotary is building to support the upgraded Women's Centre in Milton to provide temporary shelter to North Halton women and their children in time of need.

Everyone wins in this activity. Young girls learn the value of community service, leadership qualities are acquired by the organizers and a needy segment of our community receives the benefit.

Thanks to all the contributors, the motorcycle driver who donated \$20 and a case of Coke and the lady who

paid her \$4 and then dumped the rest of her change purse into my hands.

**Brian Herner, president
Georgetown Rotary**

Helpers thanked

Dear editor,

As a new school year begins, it is time to thank the many people who helped give the front of Holy Cross School a face-lift by re-doing the front gardens.

Thank you to Sheridan Nurseries, Townsend Enterprises, Waldrum Gardens Ltd., Classic Rock Gardens (Larry Melton), the parents who donated and Kim Kirk for making the sign.

Thank you also to the many supporters and parents who helped me when I needed a hand and to Lee Ferguson, Andy Broadbent and Mrs. Honorina Placido for painting our cross and watering the garden for me when I couldn't get there.

Thank you Holy Cross parents for pulling together to make our school look beautiful.

**Dawn Broadbent,
Holy Cross School Council**

Cinema prices too costly for young families—reader

Dear editor,

I am writing after taking our grandchildren to see a show in Georgetown. I no longer wonder why cinemas are closing down—the cost is above what an average family can possibly afford.

In order to get the family rate you are required to have five children. We were getting a deal anyway with only four children and two adults @ \$2.5 per person for the matinee.

For an additional \$4 each child received a small drink, two handfuls of popcorn and a very small Tootsie Roll.

This is outrageous! The Georgetown Cinema once charged \$2 for a child's popcorn and pop combo, which was, and would still be, reasonable.

There were not many people in attendance—I guess there are not many young families in Georgetown who can afford to pay \$50 or more for an hour and a half of entertainment.

Next time we will rent a movie, order a pizza for lunch and stay home. It would be less expensive.

I am certain many people are doing just that.

**Jim and Diane Miller,
Rockwood**

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