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BRASS TACKS – Editorial

Ten little wishes for 2004

All in all, 2003 was a good year for north Halton.

Granted, the City of Guelph wants to draw our water right from underneath us. Dufferin Aggregates continues to blast away at our escarpment at an alarming rate. A CAO in Halton Hills is there one day and gone the next, without any public explanation from the Town's elected officials. And we all survived an abundance of political blarney generated this fall during the provincial and municipal elections.

At *The Compass*, it was the best of years and the worst of years.

During a major spring snowfall this April, we may have tripled our circulation by distributing our newspaper throughout the towns of Acton, Georgetown and Milton, but we sure found out in a hurry that town folks sure don't appreciate wet newspapers thrown in a snow bank.

Then in the summer, just as we were preparing to transform our monthly paper to a twice-a-month publication, Team *Compass* required a quick roster change when the paper was almost ripped apart by differing visions and the

demands of expansion on a small staff.

However, like the Region we serve, we endure.

Before we take a well-earned two week rest for the holidays, listed are ten wishes respectfully submitted for both The Region of Halton and *The North Halton Compass* in 2004.

- That Regional Councillor Barry Lee enjoys good health for many years. Ward 3 in The Town of Milton needs him now more than ever.

- For the people of Halton Hills, a full public explanation of why their highest-paid town official, Steve Andrews, left in such a hurry.

- *The Compass* is able to determine for its readership once and for all why nine acres of land adjacent to a golf course in Georgetown launched an extensive OPP investigation in the past and can cause a CAO to leave in the middle of the night in the summer of 2003.

- The City of Guelph, in exchange for Halton water, buys The Township of Puslinch and allows Dufferin Aggregates gravel rights if they leave all the Niagara

Escarpment alone.

- Perpetual Regional Chairman candidate Anne Marsden and her group of "auditors" loses the *Compass's* e-mail address.

- Milton Mayor Gord Krantz actually votes against a Dufferin Aggregates proposal.

- Premier-elect Dalton McGuinty remembers his election promise to reform municipal politics in Ontario and protect greenlands.

- The kids delivering *The Compass* in town for Echo Distributing all remember to deliver the paper to our readers' front doors, on time!

- Deb Quaille, Audrey Allison and Brenda Mathies, the real talents behind *The Compass*, continue to prop up the paper's feeble editor.

- That all advertisers, supporters, staff and readers of *The North Halton Compass* have a great Christmas and prosperous 2004. See you in the middle of January!



Merry Christmas

from the staff at

The North Halton Compass

Surveying the Region




Please don't drink and drive!

BLUE SPRINGS SOAPBOX – Letters to the Editor

On behalf of the United Way of Milton's Town & Country Christmas House Tour Committee and Board of Directors, I'd like to thank you and your staff for supporting this fund raising event. The article prepared by Donna Danielli, and printed in your November 14th issue, along with the paid advertisement and the North Halton Happenings insertion aided in us selling more tickets than ever before which generated \$35,000 for the United Way of Milton's 2003 Campaign.

I enjoyed working with your staff. I've never prepared an advertisement for a newspaper before

and I found Louise Cook to be very enthusiastic and helpful-she even stopped her car, during her personal time at the Mall, and gave me a November 1st copy of the *Compass* so I could see the ad prior to it being delivered to my home. Donna unobtrusively visited the homes, took pictures and provided wonderful coverage. I've already had an inquiry from one of your readers, who saw Donna's Homeworks article, asking about how to get her home onto the tour.

Your reporting of the United Way Christmas House Tour is not only appreciated by the Tour organizers but by the community itself as

this tour has become a community event with hundreds of individuals, in addition to the tour committee, being involved. This year over 1,300 individuals visited the houses during the private Friday afternoon pretour, Friday evening bus tour and Saturday self-directed day tour.

I look forward to working with your organization next fall to let the community know about the 2004 Town and Country Christmas House Tour.

Sincerely,
 Christy Babcock,
 Volunteer Chairperson,
 United Way of Milton
 Christmas House Tour

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Where it All Began