

Anglo-Arab

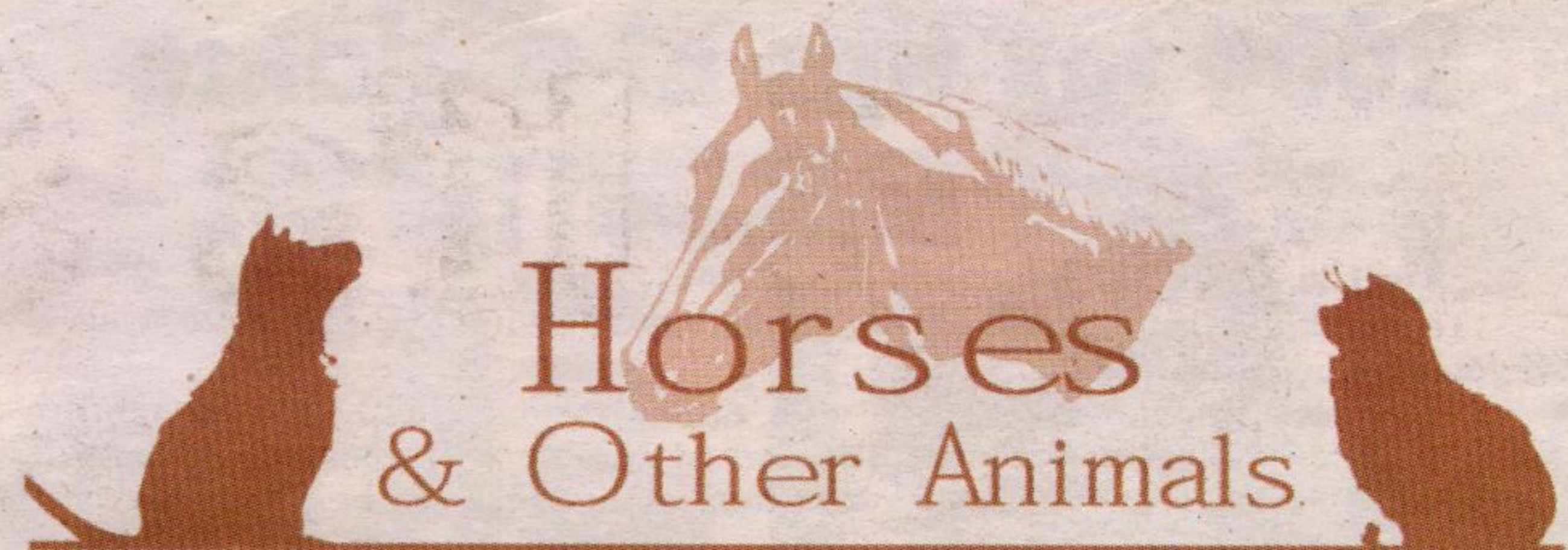
A more substantial horse than the purebred Arab, the Anglo - Arab is produced by mixing Arab and Thoroughbred blood. The Anglo - Arab can result from a first cross between a Thoroughbred stallion and an Arab mare or vice versa. It can also be produced by breeding Thoroughbred to Anglo-Arab or Arab to Anglo-Arab. As a result of these permutations, the amount of Arab blood varies as well as size and appearance. France has been a large producer of these horses since the early nineteenth century. These horses were used by France in the military and as general riding and competition horses. Height is from 15.3 - 16.3 hh.

As many as 2,000 Bald eagles are congregating in the Chehalis / Harrison river basin in southwestern British Columbia. It is one of the largest groupings in North America. They come to the area to feast on salmon that wash up on shore, dead after migrating from the Pacific Ocean and spawning. The eagles arrived in November and will leave by the end of February.

A couple who had enough of the Florida hurricanes returned to Canada with Togo The Patriotic parrot, who could whistle the *Star Spangled Banner* and has a vocabulary of 900 words. Togo was immediately taken into custody and thrown into jail for six weeks. Togo was born in Florida and while in a Canadian prison learned some French. The owners received a suspended sentence for illegally importing the bird.

A rare, Bluethroat Robin is spending the winter in Scotland. The bird turned up at the Loch of Strathbeg in Aberdeenshire and was first spotted in November. The bird is a close relative of the native British Robin. The Bluethroat normally lives in Asia and Scandinavia.

A 28 year old exotic dancer, who was mauled at a lion safari, is suing the lion safari and her boy friend for damages in the 1996 attack. It is alleged that the windows of the car



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they were down.

A fossilised jaw found in an Alberta gravel pit appears to have cleared up a mystery for researchers wondering how brown bears made it to North America. They probably migrated to Alaska and the Yukon before glaciers covered the region, thousands of years before previously believed.

A West African dwarf crocodile, weighing about 65 grams, was born recently at the Toronto Zoo. It will grow to more than six feet and weigh 150 pounds. The croc's father, Monty is one of the oldest residents at the Toronto Zoo having resided there since 1974.

Farmers are breeding snails at a ranch near the Bosnian capital of Sarajevo. Snail ranching is spreading across the Balkens, enticing poverty-stricken farmers to enjoy profits from the European Union market hungry for the delicacy.

QUOTABLE QUOTE: " If your dog bites, you're financially liable "

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We Want to Hear From You!

Provincial Greenbelt Plan

HALTON REGION



Should more than 4,000 additional acres in North Halton be included in the Provincial Greenbelt Plan?

Halton Region would like to hear your views on including additional lands in the recently announced Provincial Greenbelt Plan. Regional comments on the Greenbelt Plan have been provided to the Province and these comments included support for a Halton Hills Council decision to include, within the provincial Greenbelt Plan, more than 4,000 acres in the southwest portion of Town of Halton Hills and a small portion on the northern edge of the Town of Milton. The map below shows the lands considered for addition. The Province, in December 2004, indicated that they were providing opportunities to hear additional comments from municipal Councils. Halton Hills Council reconsidered their earlier comments and rescinded their request to include these additional lands within the Provincial Greenbelt Plan. Halton Region Council will hear comments on the inclusion of these lands, at the following meetings:

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

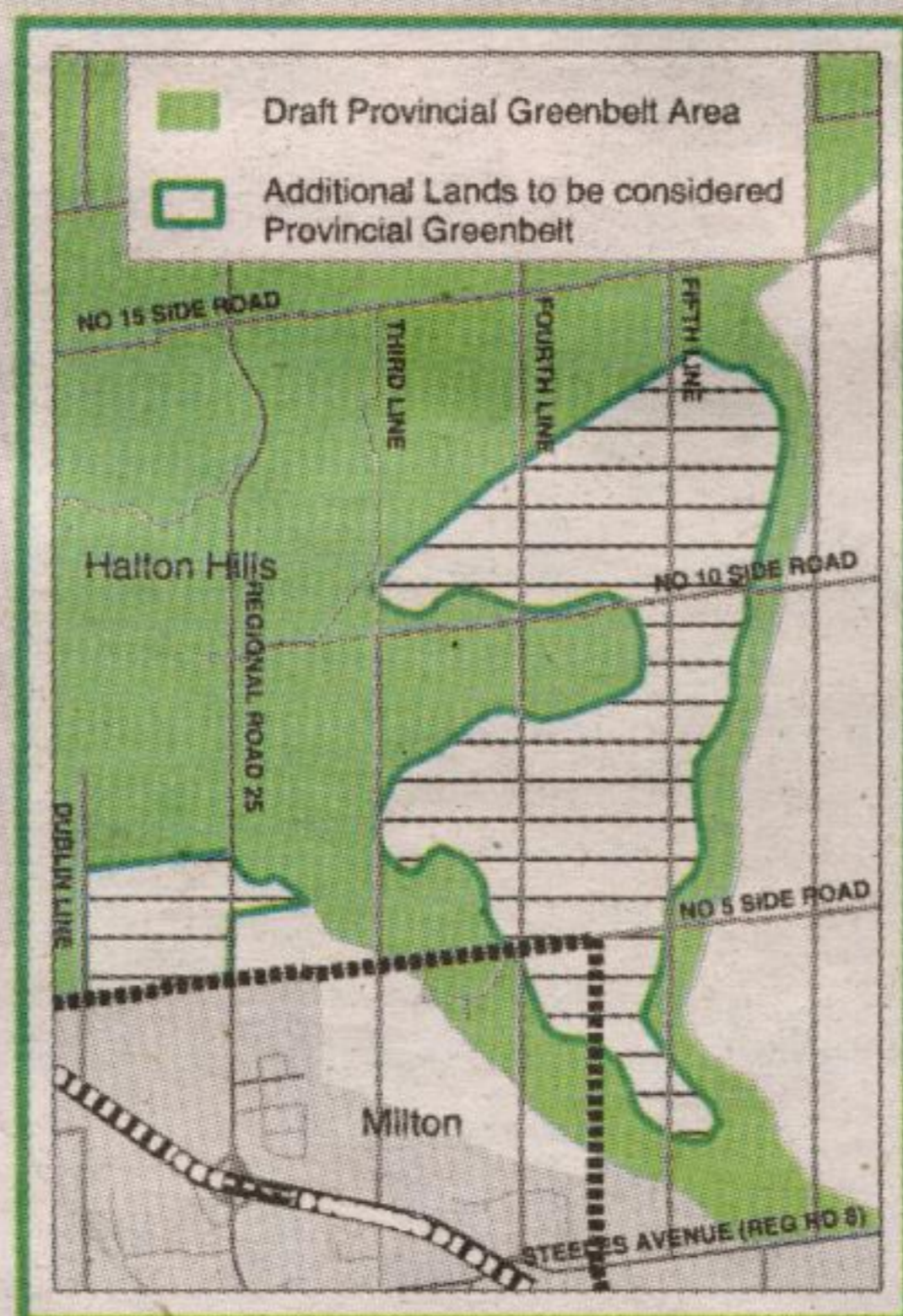
9:30 a.m. (Planning & Public Works Committee)

Please note that each speaker at the February 23 meeting may make a 10-minute presentation. Delegates who wish to present at the March 2 Council meeting, (9:30 a.m.), where the Committee recommendation will be considered, should make their presentation first at the February 23 Planning & Public Works Committee meeting. Council presentations will be limited to five minutes.

Where: Halton Regional Centre Council Chambers
1151 Bronte Road, Oakville

How: To pre-register, please call the Clerk's Office at 905-825-6000, ext. 7928 or toll-free at 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866). To be included in the agenda for the February 23 meeting, the Clerk's Office must receive speakers' names and written submissions by February 16. Those wishing to speak on February 23 who are not listed on the agenda, may still register through the Clerk's Office or at the beginning of the meeting.

For the most up to date information on Halton's response to the Provincial Greenbelt Plan, go to www.region.halton.on.ca and click on Provincial Greenbelt Plan, or visit the Clerk's Office at the Halton Regional Centre. Additional material for Committee and Council will also be available on the website by Friday, February 18, 2005.



For more information, please contact

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Anne Maaden Cosmetics open house

PHOTO BY LOUISE COOK
Joyce-Ann Farris demonstrates cell-cosmet eye treatment with active stabilized cells at an open house held at Anne Maaden Cosmetic & Laser Centre in Milton. Mayor Gord Krantz was in attendance at the open house.

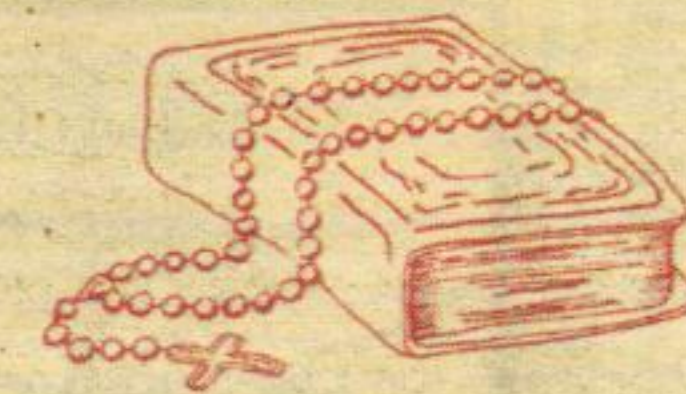


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