

Dateline

Dateline is a free listing of coming events only. The column is available to local community groups to assist in promoting their future events. Only charitable or non-profit community groups may use this service. We can only guarantee one issue of publicity closest to the date of the occurrence although more insertions are possible if demand is low.

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Friday April 7 - 17

Milton District Hospital holds its 'Easter Egg Hunt for Savings' at the gift shop with a selection of seasonal gifts and no GST. All proceeds go to the hospital.

Saturday April 8

Learning Disabilities of Halton presents a seminar on advocacy

answering questions such as 'What is an exceptional child?' and 'What are special education placements?' It takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Learning Disabilities of Halton office, 560 Guelph Line, in Burlington. The cost is \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. To register, call (905) 333-1977.

Euchre takes place at the Hornby Co-operative Nursery School at 7:30 p.m. Everyone's welcome.

The Women's Centre, suite 210 in Hopedale Mall at Rebecca Street and Third Line in Oakville, holds its free Peer Counselling by phone or in person for women facing abuse, grief/loss and relationship issues from 10 a.m. to noon. No appointment is necessary. A four-week seminar series entitled 'Relationship with Self' takes place from 10 a.m. to noon at a cost of \$35. It explores how to balance and release behavioural patterns from the past. It also holds a seminar entitled 'How to Use Wisdom from a Past Life'

from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sovereign House, 7 West River St., in Oakville. The cost is \$10. For more information, call (905) 847-5520.

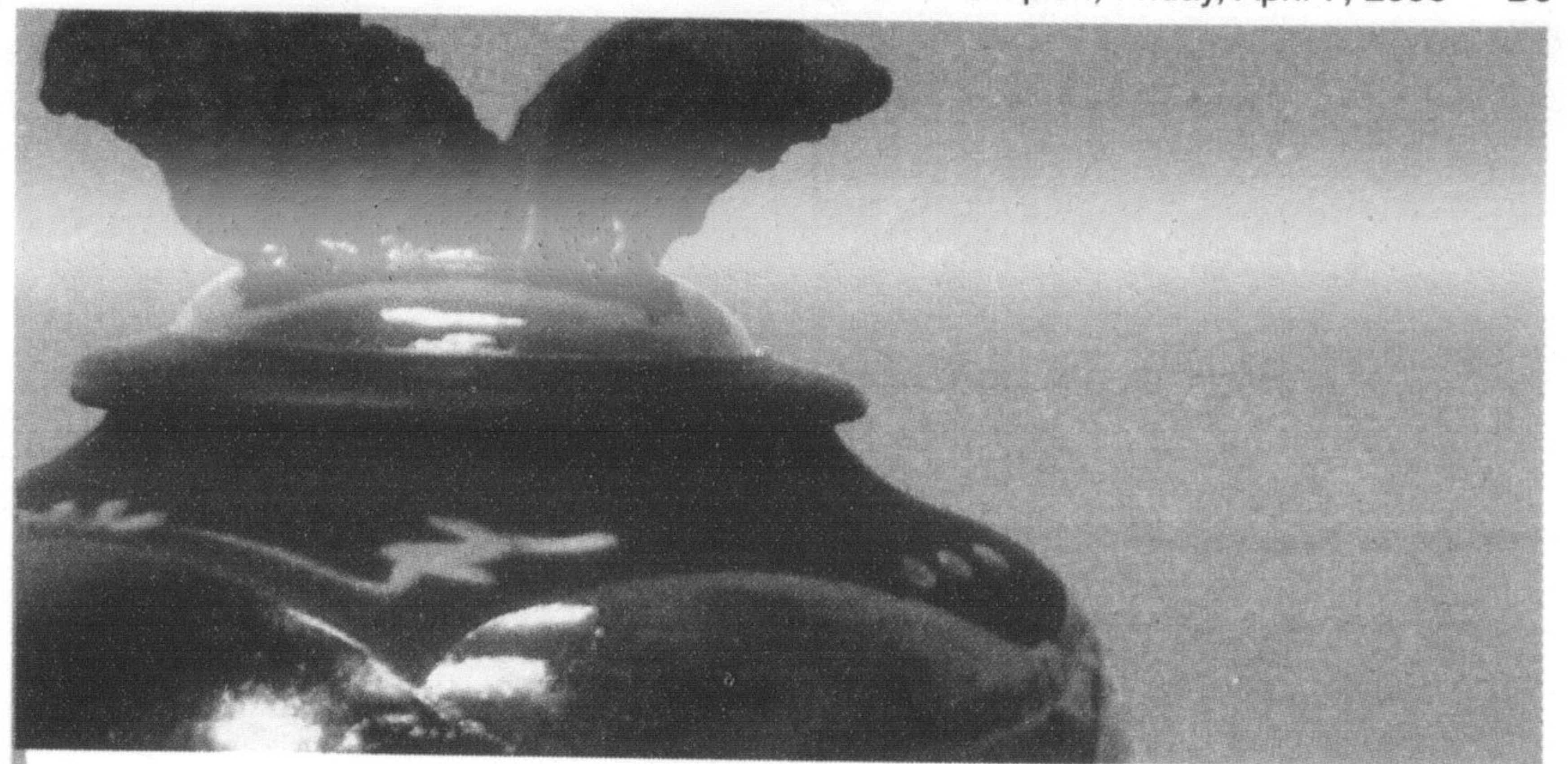
Milton District Hospital holds its 17th annual Wellness Fair at Milton Mall from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. It includes the Teddy Bear Hospital, where children can bring their favourite teddies or dolls for treatment at a make believe hospital.

The Nassagaweya Tennis Club holds registration from 1 to 5 p.m. at the clubhouse in Campbellville, which is at the northeast corner of Hwy. 401 and Guelph Line, across Mohawk Inn.

Beta Sigma Phi sorority holds an indoor garage sale at the townhouse recreation centre at 591 Childs Dr. from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. featuring a bake table, the Pampered Chef, Partylite Candles and Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Sunday April 9

Grace Anglican Church's Chancel Choir performs 'Harvest of Sorrows' by Joseph M. Martin
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Burlington Potters Guild

Put some fire in your life



OPEN HOUSE & SALE

Friday, April 7 10am - 9pm
Saturday, April 8 10am - 5pm
Sunday, April 9 12pm - 4pm



Event takes place at the Burlington Art Centre
1333 Lakeshore Road
Free Admission and Parking



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Dr. Debbie Hawkins
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"THANK YOU MILTON" AND GOOD NEWS, ESPECIALLY FOR KITTIES

A letter from Dr. Debbie Hawkins of HAWKINS ANIMAL HOSPITAL

Firstly, on behalf of all the staff at this hospital, I would like to thank the people of Milton who voted us Milton's Favourite Veterinarian in the Champions Choice Awards. We are truly very appreciative of the award and feel very honoured. We will never take this award for granted, and feel humbled that people took the time to vote for us. We will always strive to keep our standards high.

As charming, helpful and skilled as Brian Wingfield, our builder was, we are delighted to tell you that "he has left the building" and our renovations are finished. Thank goodness. We are back to normal, the dust has settled, and we are very pleased with the new look. We certainly needed the extra room. One of our desires was to create a separate "Cat Door, Waiting room and Examination Room", for those clients who prefer to bring their cats into a "kitty friendly" environment.

However, not wishing to be dictatorial, if a client wishes to sit in the Dog Waiting Room, with their kitty, then they are very welcome. The choice is theirs. Apart from those changes, we have improved and extended our Treatment Room, Laboratory, Pharmacy and storage area. We even

managed to create a Staff Room, which allows the ladies to sit down, make a cuppa' and catch a breath.

The Cat Examination Room and Waiting Room, will be dedicated to "Buffy", our Hospital Cat, who some of you may recall died in July 2003. Clients will remember her very "in charge" attitude, and her amazing special gift of comforting pets when they were gravely ill. On these occasions, she would lie alongside them and console them by either rubbing her head on theirs, or by nuzzling into them, very quietly and peacefully. Often she would not leave their side until they had passed on.

Many clients witnessed this very moving event, which of course would reduce us all to tears, over and above the already desperate situation. Often she could be found lying in front of the cage of a sick pet, not leaving the area until she was convinced that "everything was alright". She was truly a wonderful cat, who was very much loved. She is very much missed.....

On a lighter note, many clients were disappointed in the fact that we did not run our "Pictures with Santa" for the Charlie Fund (Oakville Humane Society) in December 2005. The reason for this was

simply the building work in the Waiting room area. It was too noisy and too dusty for Santa to visit. However, he is coming here this year.

Very importantly, I would like to thank all of our clients for being so tolerant and supportive throughout the renovations. You were all so good natured about the process, even when you could probably tell that we were getting a little fraught.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all the staff who worked so hard during the building work and kept our very busy practice running as smoothly as it did. Unfortunately for me, (or perhaps fortunately) I missed the majority of the renovations, due to fact that I suffered a herniated disc. Happily, I am now back at work and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the clients and friends who sent me gifts, flowers and words of encouragement. I am truly appreciative, thank-you so much.

