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Snake eyes

Eight-year-old Lauren Luis didn't even flinch when it came to staring down a corn snake at the Sciensational Snakes display at Georgetown Market Place Friday. The March break display featured numerous snakes and amphibians, some of which kids could handle up close and personal.

Photo by Ted Brown

Gas plant plume poses 'no threat'

By **LISA TALLYN**
Staff Writer

The yellow plume that can be seen sometimes coming from the stacks at Halton Hills Generating Station on Steeles Ave. W. is nothing to worry about says the owner of the plant and the Ministry of the Environment (MOE).

But since December at least four people have been worried enough about the colourful emission they contacted the MOE to complain about it.

Terry Cunha, spokesperson for TransCanada, the plant owner, said the plume coming from the Hornby facility is caused by the presence of nitrogen oxides (NOx) that occur when the plant is starting up or shutting down.

"There is no threat to the community or to the residents," said Cunha. "We are meeting all the regulations within the MOE."

He said visibility of the yellow plume "varies depending on atmospheric conditions such as air temperature, moisture levels and cloud cover."



Yellow smoke billows from the TransCanada plant on Steeles Avenue.

Photo by Jon Borgstrom

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Federal budget likely to spark May election

By **LISA TALLYN**
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Wellington-Halton Hills Conservative MP Michael Chong defends his government's budget

that all three opposition parties say they will reject, triggering a spring election.

"I feel the budget reflects the input we received from Canadians right across the country and

takes into account the demands made by the opposition," said Chong.

He said the budget focuses on jobs and economic growth and
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