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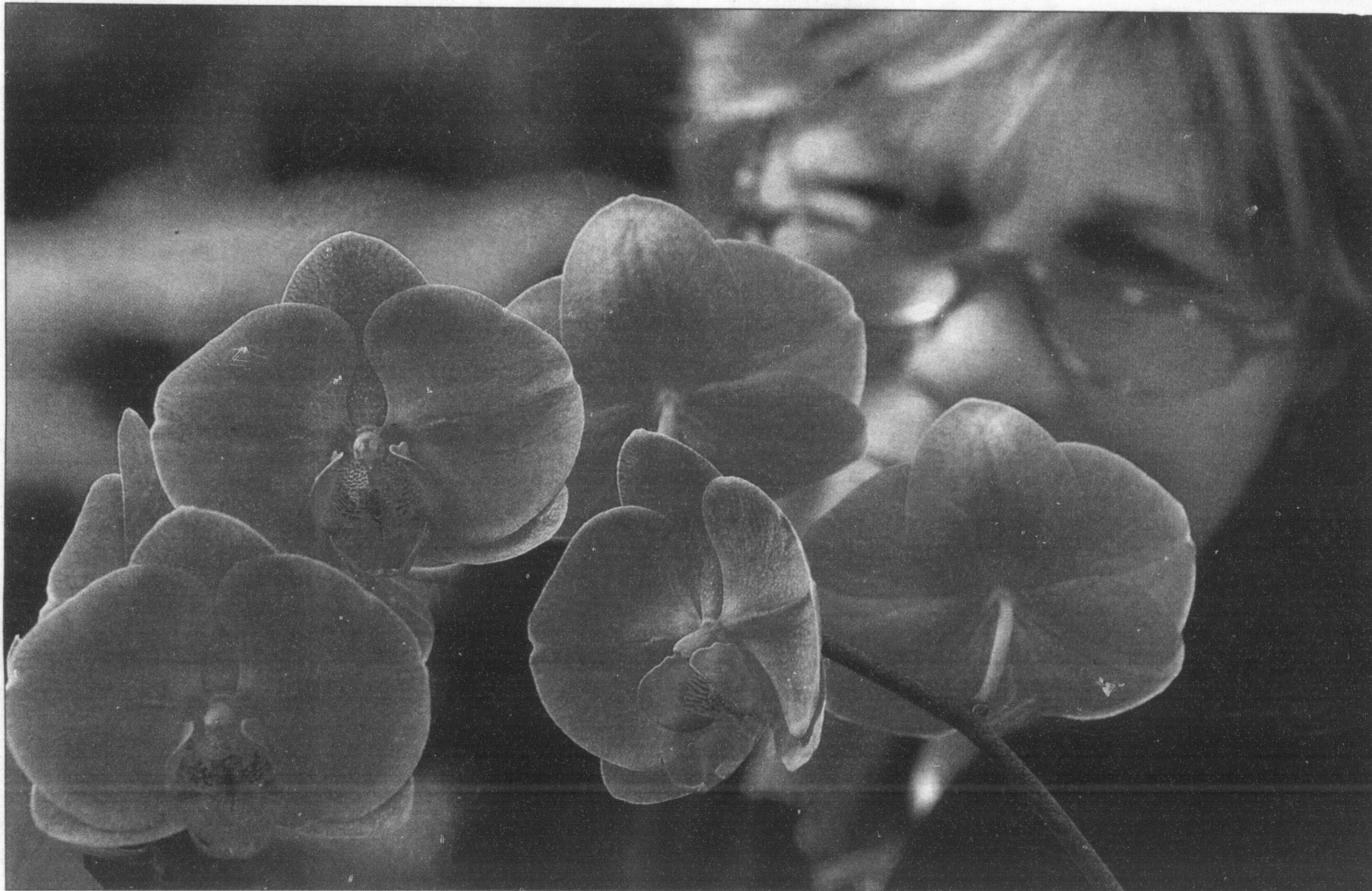
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IN FULL BLOOM: Spring just arrived Tuesday but a colourful array of flowers is already in bloom at Terra Greenhouses. Here, Diane Verhey takes a close-up look at a phalaenopsis orchid, commonly called the moth orchid.

Consultant may study power plant report

By Melanie Hennessey
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

The Town is looking to hire a consultant to conduct its own review of an environmental report recently prepared by TransCanada Energy (TCE), which intends to build a power plant near the Halton Hills/Milton border.

At its meeting Monday night, the Town's administration and planning committee endorsed contracting a law firm and environmental consultants for up to \$50,000 to assist staff in assessing the environmental review document from TCE.

But before doing so, the councillors around

the table — many who actually aren't voting members of the committee but were in attendance — voiced their mixed thoughts on the notion.

For Wards 1 and 3 Councillor Barry Lee, the expenditure is a "total waste of money."

He noted there are already other agencies dealing with the power plant matter, like Conservation Halton and the Region, which he deemed to be far more acquainted with the issues than a law firm and consultants.

"I just think we're taking \$50,000 and throwing it out the window," he said.

Ward 3 Councillor Jan Mowbray also questioned how the Town's review of the report would vary from the one the Region has

already done.

"How many ways do we need to be told the same thing?" she said.

But Ward 1 Councillor Rick Day, who has long been vocal about his concerns with power plants, said he doesn't think a Town review would duplicate work that's already been completed.

"I have a lot of confidence in the Region, but they don't have the same interest that we do in this. We need to have somebody who only has our interests at stake," he said.

"I just feel that we have to (do the review) if we're really sincere in looking out for the health of the people of Milton. To me, \$50,000

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Bacteria found in wells

By Melanie Hennessey
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Almost 40 per cent of residential wells in Halton recently tested by the Region were found to have high levels of bacteria — a statistic that has regional councillors urging rural citizens to frequently sample their water supply.

The study results, which were presented to the Region's health and social services committee Tuesday, revealed that of the 303 wells randomly tested throughout the area by the Halton Region Health Department in 2006, 37 per cent had unacceptable water quality in terms of bacteria.

And while Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Bob Nosal reported that the number is actually an improvement

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