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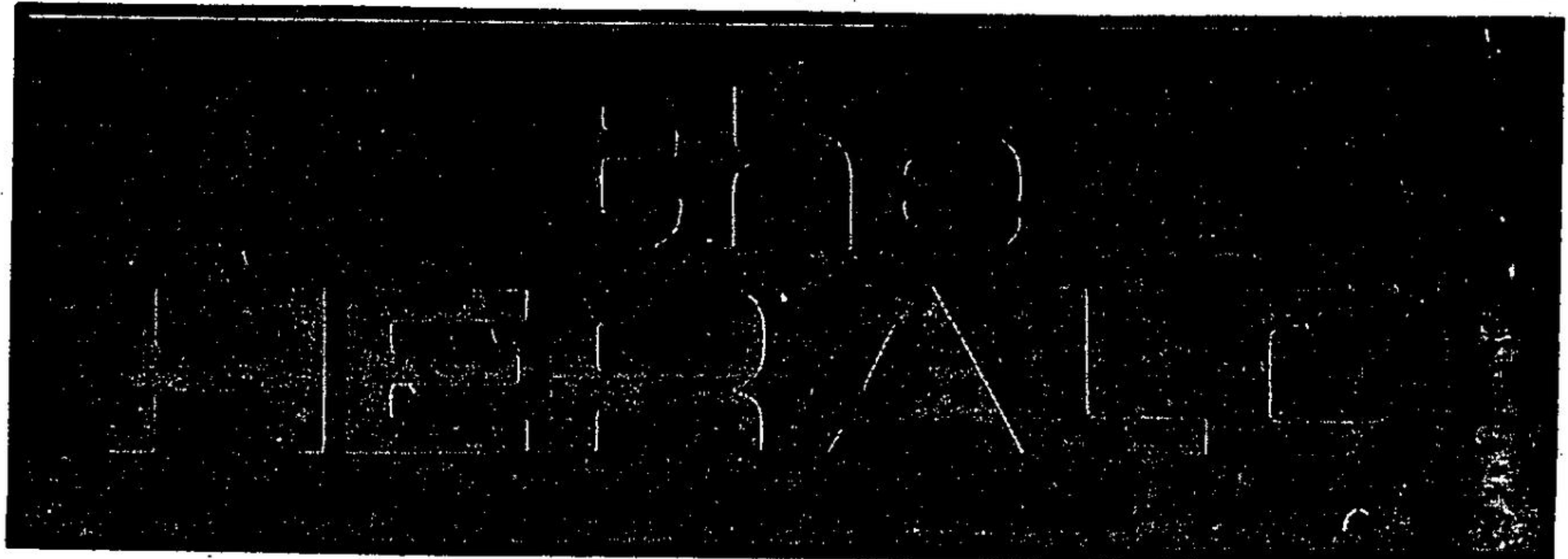
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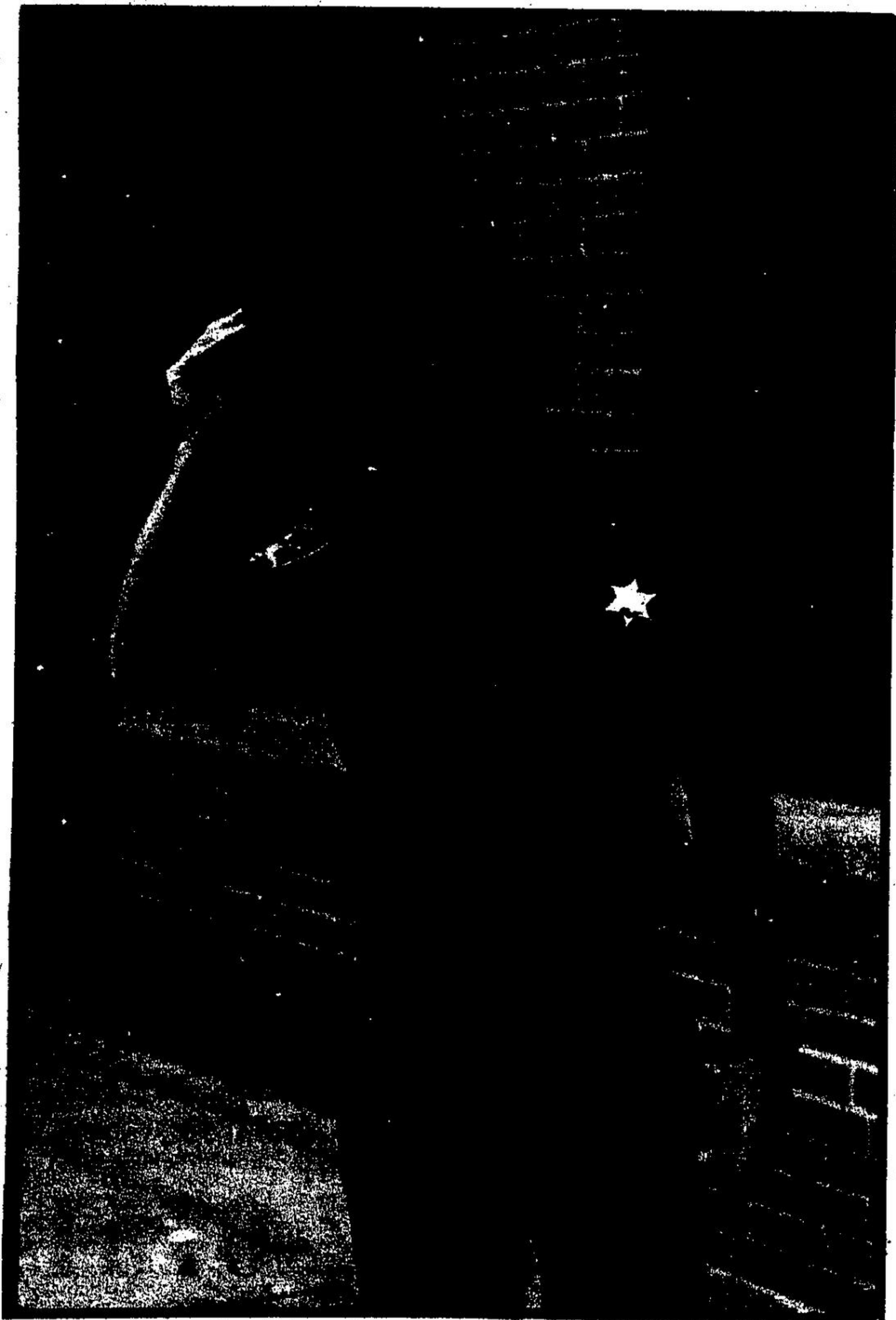
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## Howdy, Georgetown!

Howdy! American actor Michael Beck takes time out of his shooting schedule last week to say hi to the people of Georgetown. Mr. Beck stars in the murder-mystery romance flick "The Reckoning," parts of which were recently filmed in Georgetown. Mr.

Beck's previous parts include a co-starring role in the television series "Houston Knights," and a starring role in the mini-series "Celebrity." Story on Page 4.

(Herald photo by Ben Dummett)

# Holiday brings higher gas prices - HAC

By DONNA KELL  
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Gas prices in Georgetown and surrounding areas have been getting lower since the last holiday weekend, a Hamilton Automobile Club spokesman says.

The "best buy" in Georgetown as of yesterday (Tuesday) was 45.5 cents a litre for regular unleaded gasoline. That price was found at Suny's Gas Bar on Guelph Street, Penny Gas Bar on Guelph Street, and CANGO Petroleum on Queen Street in Acton.

Halton Hills' prices July 25 were second only to Milton's M.P. Gas Bar on Steeles Avenue East where unleaded regular gas sold for 45.4 cents a litre, according to the HAC.

Gas prices were recorded at around 50 cents a litre two weeks ago. Last week, the lowest-priced gasoline in Georgetown was 47.7 cents a litre. That price fell to 45.5 cents Saturday.

"It's only in the latter part of July that prices came back to where they were before Canada Day," said HAC public relations director Ron Smith. "Some companies put the price up five cents a litre. That's a lot of money if you're having your tank filled."

Gas prices in Acton fluctuate between 53.9 and 45 cents a litre on a regular basis, said Roy Furtado, owner of Roy's Texaco in Acton. Increases and decreases are ordered from Texaco's head office, he said.

The manager of Penny Gas Bar in Georgetown said the gas companies "follow each other" in price. That was confirmed by Suny's gas bar manager John Tzimas, and the manager of the CANGO Petroleum station in Acton.

Petro Canada has a different set of rules to follow. Their prices are set by the head office, said manager Karen Morra. Petro Canada's prices at both the 189 and 259 Guelph Street locations was 45.7 cents a litre yesterday.

Last year's gas prices increased before the first holiday weekend in July then dropped down for the remainder of the summer, said Mr. Smith.

"It'll be interesting to see what happens next (holiday) weekend if the prices start to rise again."

The Hamilton Automobile Club informs consumers of gas prices in the area for the best buys.

"We want to create awareness of persons purchasing gasoline," said

Mr. Smith. "Prices can vary from station to station and from town to town."

The prices of self-serve and full service gas stations are the same in Ontario, Mr. Smith said. That confuses American consumers who are used to paying 15 to 20 cents less a gallon for self-serve.

"They have to get used to our system," he said.

Some stations do not like to be surveyed for their prices, Mr. Smith said. But he added those are often the stations who do not have the lowest prices.

There are no HAC surveys in Acton, but gas prices are comparable to Georgetown - an area the HAC surveys each day. Suny's and Petro Canada's two Guelph Street stations usually have the lowest prices of those surveyed, Mr. Smith said.

## Dangerous escapee sought by Halton Police Department

A 25-year-old Oakville man, who police say is dangerous, was still at large as of Tuesday afternoon, following a daring escape from a police escort van while on route from the Hamilton Detention Centre to the Milton court house.

Robert Adams was being transported to court to appear at a bail hearing, Tuesday morning in connection with charges of sexual assault and break and entering in 1984, Halton Regional Police say.

The force's Sergeant Paul Welsh said Mr. Adams pushed open the van's back doors to escape. He was shackled and handcuffed at the time, Sgt. Welsh said.

He added Mr. Adams has a reputation of being able to escape from locked chains, he said.

Police were unable to give the exact location of where the man escaped.

Police describe Mr. Adams as white, 5'9" and 200 lbs. He has reddish-brown hair and beard and he was wearing blue jeans and a light blue shirt at the time of the escape.

Police sent a helicopter to the Carlisle, Ontario area yesterday afternoon following reports that Mr. Adams could be located there.