

Gas prices on the rise

Low prices may have been the cause of a large increase in the price of gasoline over the weekend, said a local gas station manager.

Lower competition prices can get to such a level that one of the head offices of a major chain tells its people to raise the prices to cover costs, Grant Baker of Silver Creek Service Centre at Trafalgar Road and Highway 7 said.

Once somebody puts up the price, everybody follows, he said.

After a while the individual competition starts up and the prices drop, Mr. Baker said. "They will come down but they'll go right back up again," he said.

He noted that during this part of the "cycle" Halton Hills was the last to change prices. Guelph was first, followed by Toronto and Mississauga, he said.

Vince Padsjar, manager of the Penny Gas Bar in Georgetown, said "once the price goes up, it's hard to come down."

Mr. Padsjar predicted a one-cent drop in gas prices within the next two to three weeks.

Blake Leavitt, manager of Blake Leavitt and Son Petro-Canada on Guelph Street in Georgetown, was a bit more optimistic. "Probably a week from now, they'll (gas prices) be down again," he said.

He said the price increases and decreases seem to work their way outwards from Toronto.

Darren McLachlan of Cango Petroleum in Acton said gas prices "go up and (they) seem to work their way back down again."

He said the price is put up when head office tells the station to put the prices up.

Mr. Baker said the ups and downs of gasoline prices can be either good or bad for his business. He noted when gas prices increase he already has cheaper gas that he is selling at a high price. It also works in the opposite direction, he said. When prices drop he has more expensive gas that he is selling at a low price.

"It's a balancing act for us," he said. He added at times "with me, it's a killer" for the business.

Mr. Padsjar said the prices in Brampton and Mississauga went up on Wednesday, Petro-Canada and Esso in Halton Hills put their prices up on Thursday and the independent stations followed on Friday.

Town slashes budget to 9.9 per cent

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budget still has to get town council approval next week before it's officially accepted.

Mayor Russ Miller said in an interview Tuesday morning he was "pleased" with the budget given the downloading (passing down) of provincial responsibilities to the municipalities. These include a pay equity program and health insurance premiums.

"It would have been unrealistic and detrimental to town services to have made more cuts than we did," said the mayor.

He acknowledged a budget that calls for less than a 10 per cent increase is still high for people who are receiving pay increases of four or five per cent.

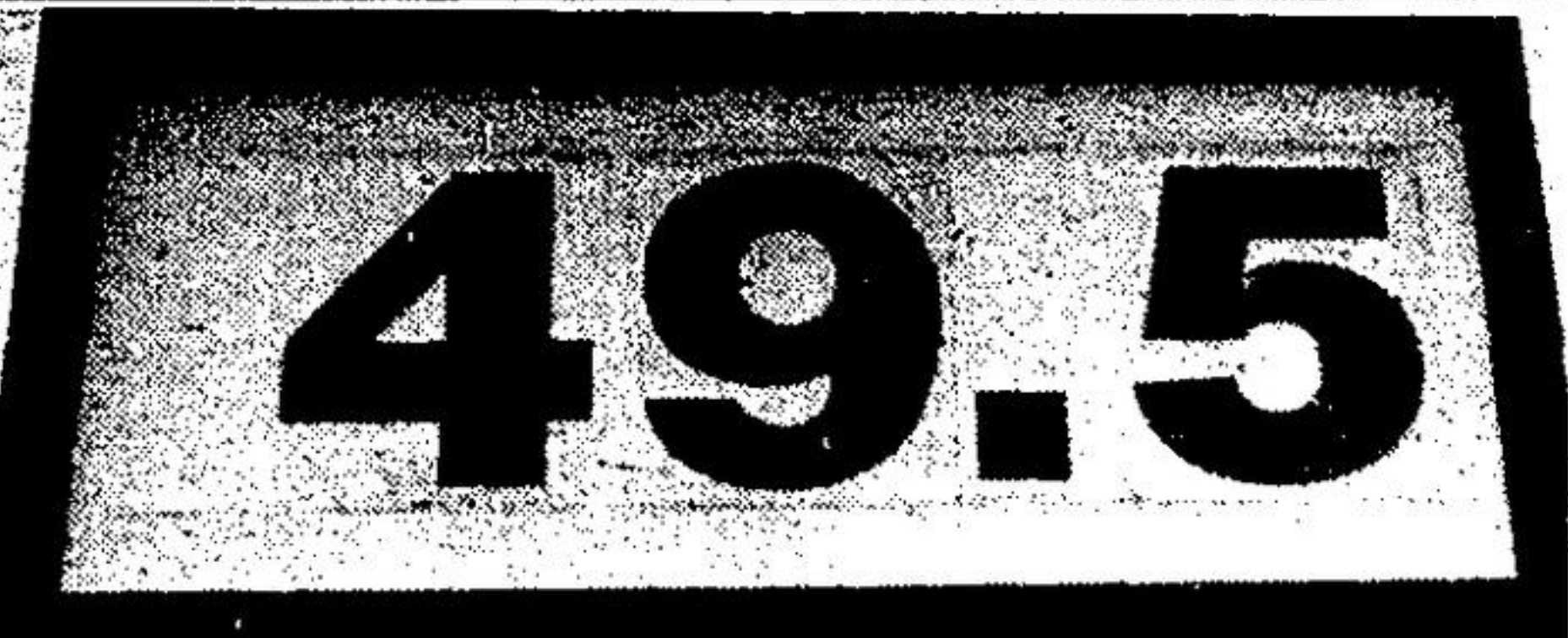
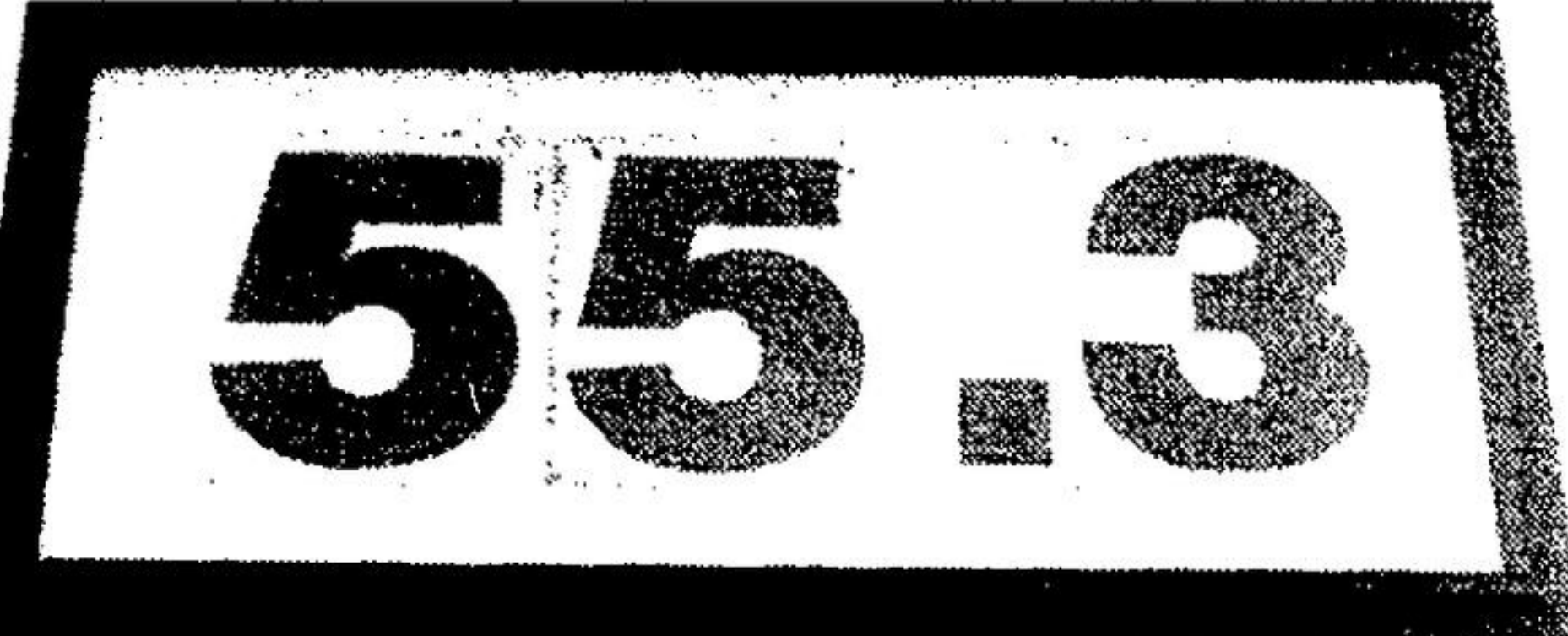
Major cuts to the 1990 operating budget, Coun. Bonnette said, include:

- the elimination of \$6,000 from a total of \$90,000 in salaries for three new firefighters;
- the elimination of a new parks technician, \$26,375;
- the elimination of a new heating inspector, \$37,967;

- a reduction of \$20,000 from insurance costs;
- a reduction of \$3,000 to the salary of a new personnel officer;
- reduction of \$4,400 in town staff salaries (departing personnel who won't be replaced).

The provincial government has provided the town with two major grants this year in the form of an unconditional grant and an Ontario Ministry of Transportation grant. The unconditional grant totals just over \$1 million while the M.T.O. grant for road repairs is about \$1.3 million.

The unconditional grant is exactly the same as last year's grant, said Mr. King. And the freeze in unconditional grants means each year the town will be required to raise more dollars to offset the relative decreases in provincial funding.



Gasoline prices bounced over the 50 cent per litre mark at the start of last weekend. At Suny's Gas Bar on Guelph Street the price was 49.5 on Friday and went up to 55.3 during the weekend. A local gas station manager said the increase was due to a price correction by one of the major chains.

UWC holds book sale

The Georgetown University Women's Club is once again looking for used book donations for the Annual Book Sale to be held on April 21, 1990 at Knox Presbyterian Church.

Books and records (no textbooks or magazines please) can be dropped off at three locations: Georgetown Library, Acton Library and McDonald's Restaurant.

Books can be picked up by club members, by calling 873-4985 or 877-8027.

Proceeds from the book sale go towards scholarships for Halton Hills students, and to a number of local community charities including Halton Women's Place.

GLT benefit performance

The Georgetown Little Theatre is holding a benefit performance of "Here Lies Jeremy Troy" April 19 at 8 p.m. at the John Elliott Theatre in Georgetown. Tickets are \$10 each and pro-

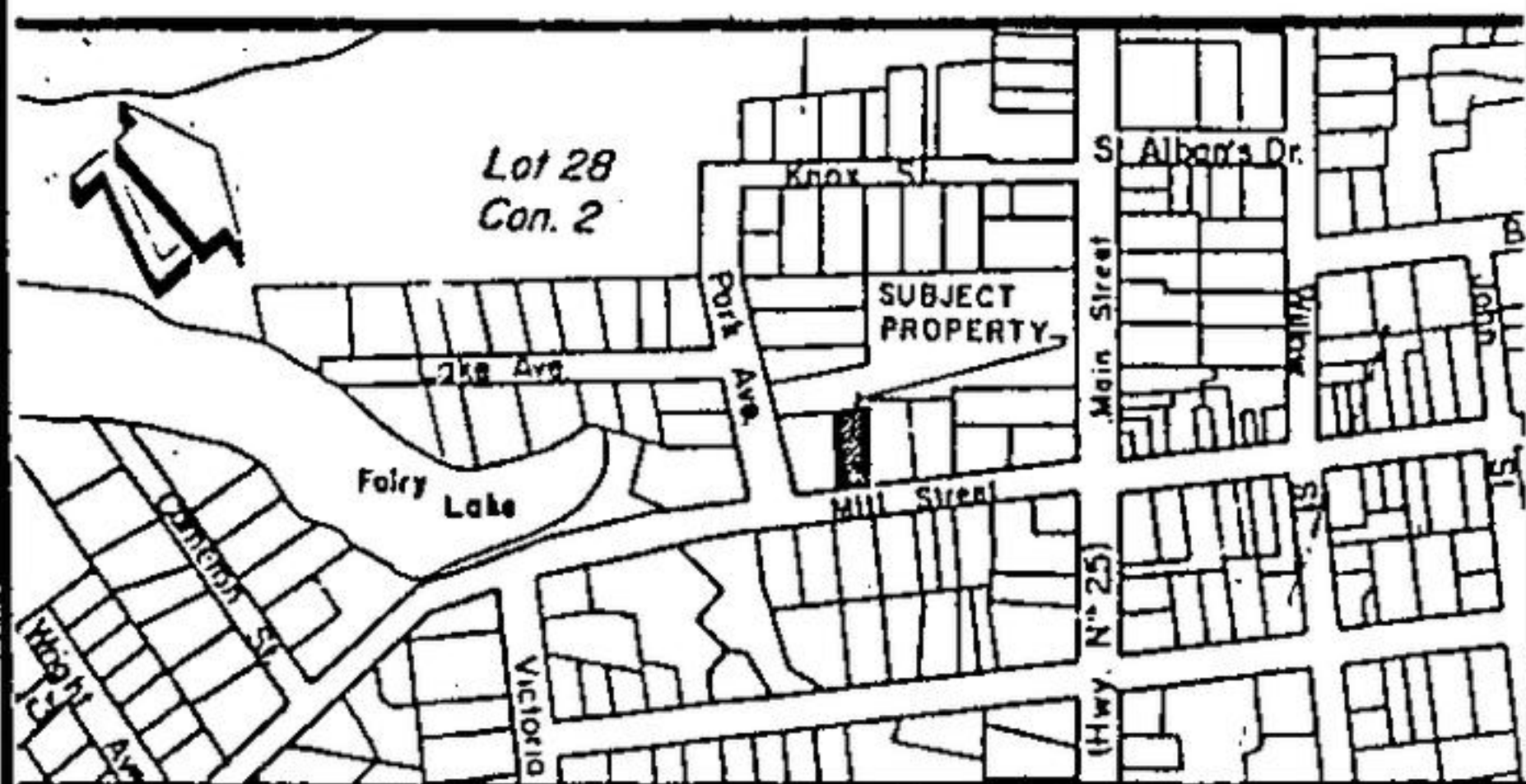
ceeds will go to the building fund for the Georgetown District Seniors Association. For more information call 877-9714 or 877-1105.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WARD 1/MILL STREET/PARK AVENUE



Council for the Town of Halton Hills will conduct a Public Meeting to examine and discuss a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 1358 to permit an existing apartment building containing four (4) apartment units. The subject property is located on Lot 98, R.P. 227, east of the intersection of Mill Street West and Park Avenue in Acton.

Further information is available in the Planning Department.

ALL INTERESTED CITIZENS ARE WELCOME

Time: 7:00 p.m.
Date: Monday, April 30, 1990
Location: Council Chambers
Halton Hills Civic Centre
1 Halton Hills Drive (Georgetown)

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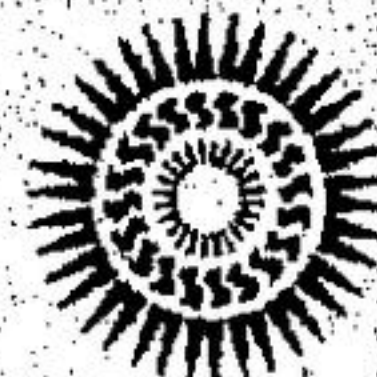


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