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## NEWS AT A GLANCE

### Cabbie threatened

Halton Police are looking for two men who threatened a cab driver Sunday morning when he asked them to pay their fare.

Police say the Brampton cab driver picked up two men at a Brampton bar and dropped them off at the Hollywood Tavern in Norval. When he asked about the fare he was threatened.

The two men were last seen hopping a fence in the Adamson Rd. area of Norval. One was described as 6'3", 220 lbs, with a blonde crew cut. He was wearing a white shirt and red sweater. The other was 6'1", 210 lbs with a muscular build, and brown crew cut hair.

### Mink stolen

An \$8,700 full-length black mink coat was stolen from an Oldsmobile parked at Georgetown Marketplace Saturday between 10:30 a.m. and 11:45 a.m.

Halton Police say a Georgetown woman had her coat in the car because she was taking it to be cleaned. When she returned to the car it was gone.

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### Blitz nabs eight

Ministry of Transportation Officer Steve Trapp inspects a broken spring on one of the 24 trucks that were pulled into the truck blitz last Wednesday at Alcott Arena. The blitz, operated jointly by Halton Regional Police and the MTO, saw eight trucks pulled out of service, six warnings issued and nine charges laid. See story on page 4.

Photo by Ted Brown

## Long session leads to tentative elementary deal

A marathon bargaining session that wrapped up Friday morning has produced a tentative agreement between the Halton District School Board and Halton's elementary teachers.

The board and teachers' representatives met at 9 a.m. on Thursday and hammered out the final details over the next 23 hours, finally signing the tentative contract at 8 a.m. Friday.

"I think we worked extremely hard in the last few meetings," said Sheila Flook, chair of the board's negotiating committee. "We wanted to see things through to the end and fortunately we were able to do that. In the end I think we got a fair and reasonable

agreement that's fair for the board and for the union."

The board is expected to vote on the settlement tonight (Wednesday) after its regularly scheduled committee of the whole meeting.

Kathy Clarke, Halton local president of the Elementary Teachers Federation of Ontario, said an information meeting on the agreement will be held tonight (Wednesday) for all members and a ratification vote will be held Thursday and Friday in the schools.

"I'm really pleased that we've reached a settlement," said Clarke, who would not provide any details of the tentative agreement.

Clarke said the withdrawal of extra-curricular activities by elementary teachers will continue until the deal is ratified.

Halton's public secondary school teachers voted on their tentative agreement last night (Tuesday). Results of the vote were not available at press time.

Flook said the board is looking forward to having the negotiations behind them.

"We're hoping things will resume and be back to normal," she said. "I'm sure the teachers want that as much as the parents and the board."

—By Herb Garbutt and Lisa Tallyn, staff writers



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