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NEWS AT A GLANCE

GO trains added

■ To help commuters cope with the transit strike in Toronto GO Transit has added some extra trains, including two on the Georgetown line.

An extra train has been added on the Georgetown line originating in Malton at 9:10 a.m. and an extra train leaves Union Station westbound for Brampton on the Georgetown line at 6:45 p.m.

Passengers should expect crowded conditions and delays, particularly at Union Station, and are advised to get to their GO stations early.

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Police auction

■ Unclaimed property from across Halton, will be on the auction block at the Halton Regional Police Service annual auction Saturday.

The auction will be held at Halton Regional Police headquarters, 1151 Bronte Rd. in Oakville. Viewing begins at 8:30 a.m. and the auction starts at 9:30 a.m.

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Seeing double

The Town of Halton Hills Recreation and Parks Department was in spring cleaning mode recently as Acton Arena facility operator Joelle Middleton received a hand from co-op student Derek Waterworth as they cleaned the grime of winter off the windows of the seniors centre.

Photo by Ted Brown

Police budget up 5.6%

The normally contentious Halton police budget passed at the committee level recently not with a bang, but a whimper.

"This is too easy," commented Burlington Councillor John Taylor at last week's regional administration and finance committee meeting.

Committee approved a \$45.9 million police budget, up \$2.4 million from last year.

That represents a 5.6 per cent budget increase. It amounts to a 4.8 per cent increase in the police services portion of a residential property tax bill.

That comes out to about \$12 extra per year for the owner of a \$185,000 home.

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New Weekend edition Friday

As of this Friday (April 23) The Independent & Free Press will combine its current Friday and Sunday editions into one bigger, better package containing the best of both editions and some new features as well.

Our new Weekend edition, which will be delivered to homes every Friday, is in keeping with our readers' wishes to have a comprehensive pre-weekend newspaper.

Current Friday features such as What's Cookin' and Community Corner, will remain while we'll also introduce a pull-out sports and leisure section that will contain the latest local sports news and various feature articles.

The new Weekend edition will also carry the local real estate news and all the regular weekend advertising flyers to help readers with their local shopping needs.



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