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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Fall Food Drive

■ The annual Fall Food Drive will be held tomorrow (Saturday).

Scouts, Guides and Calvinist Cadets will be collecting food from houses across Halton Hills for the Georgetown Bread Basket and Acton Food Share.

Food bags were delivered in local newspapers earlier this week. The bags will be picked up beginning at 9 a.m.

Among the items needed are cereal, juices, coffee, tea, sugar, salt, spaghetti, hot chocolate and peanut butter as well as canned fruits, pastas, meats, stews and vegetables.

Jetta stolen

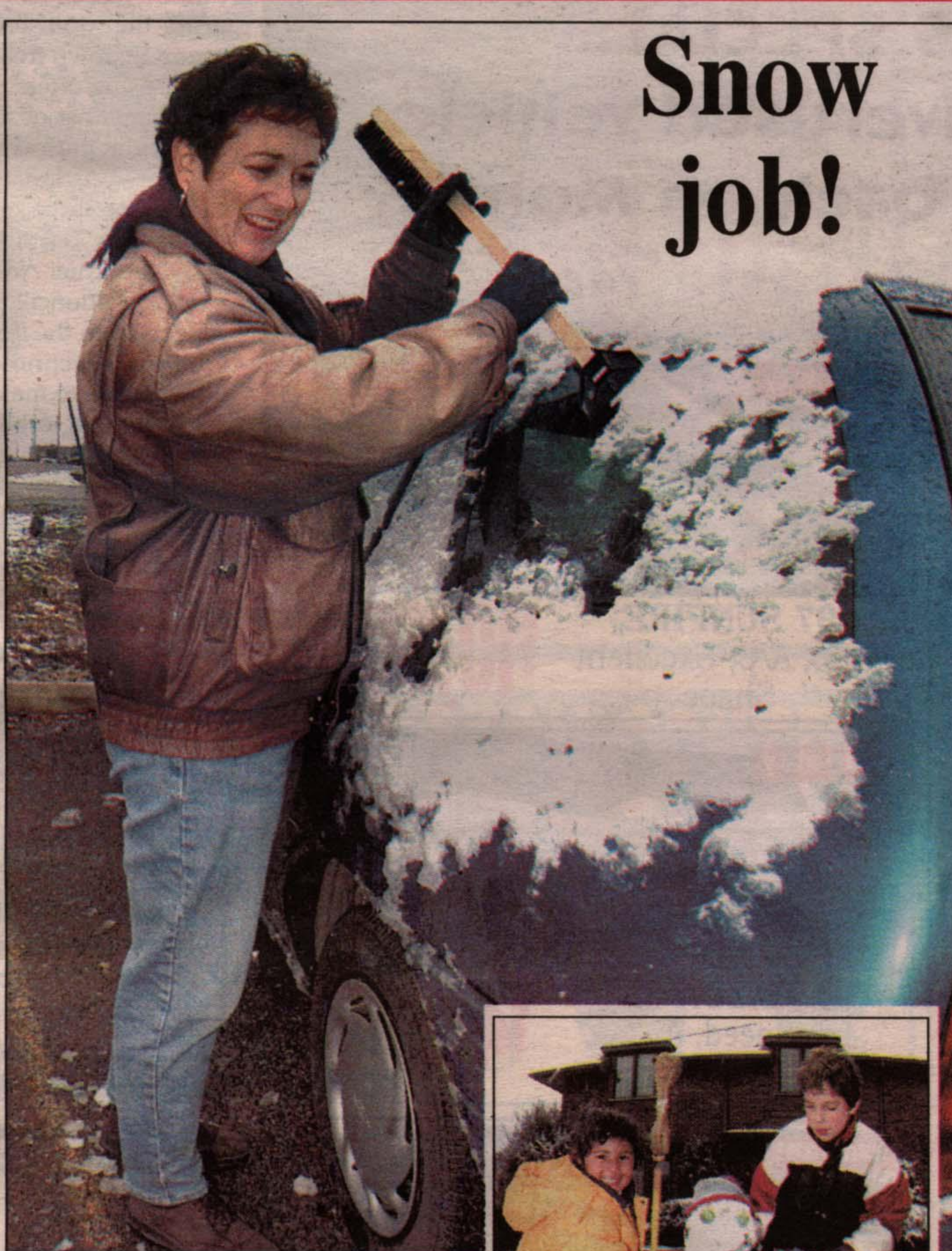
■ Halton Police report a 1992 Volkswagen Jetta was stolen from a 10th Line residence between 9:30 p.m. Monday and 6:50 a.m. Tuesday.

The car, valued at \$5,000, was left unlocked in the driveway. The suspect left behind a Sekine 10-speed bike.

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Snow job!



Doris Calder of Hillsburgh was one of many local motorists who were greeted by Wednesday's snowfall that served notice winter is just around the corner. It wasn't all bad, however, as kids like Kylee Stemberger, 4, and her brother Jody, 10, (right) made the most of it, creating the season's first snowman. Weekend forecasts indicate milder temperatures are on the way.

Photos by Ted Brown



Student test results draw mixed reviews

Halton school officials have mixed reactions to their Grade 3 and 6 provincial test results, which were generally above average for both public and Catholic school students.

Students at the two boards topped the provincial average in nearly all major assessment categories—reading, writing and mathematics.

Results were issued to school boards last week for the tests, which were held last May.

For the Halton District School Board, the reaction was cautious when year-to-year comparisons for Grade 3 students were considered.

"We were part of a provincial trend where reading results were down and math was better," said superintendent Kit Rankin. "But this is not distinct, it's a provincial trend, so I'm not going to get too excited about this."

She cited the inclusion of multiple choice questions and the use of new math books (a single-book series now used from kindergarten-Grade 8) as possible reasons for much-improved Grade 3 math scores.

"I'm much more interested in comparisons of results over long periods of time," added Rankin. "I'm not going to overinterpret these results."

Halton public students were above the provincial average in nearly all areas except Grade 6 math.

"In general, we are pleased with the assessment results for our students and feel they present a very positive snapshot of student achievement in our Grade 3 and 6 classrooms," said Rankin.

She noted the board focuses strongly on literacy and numeracy in early grades, but the level of emphasis is not the same in Grades 4-6.

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