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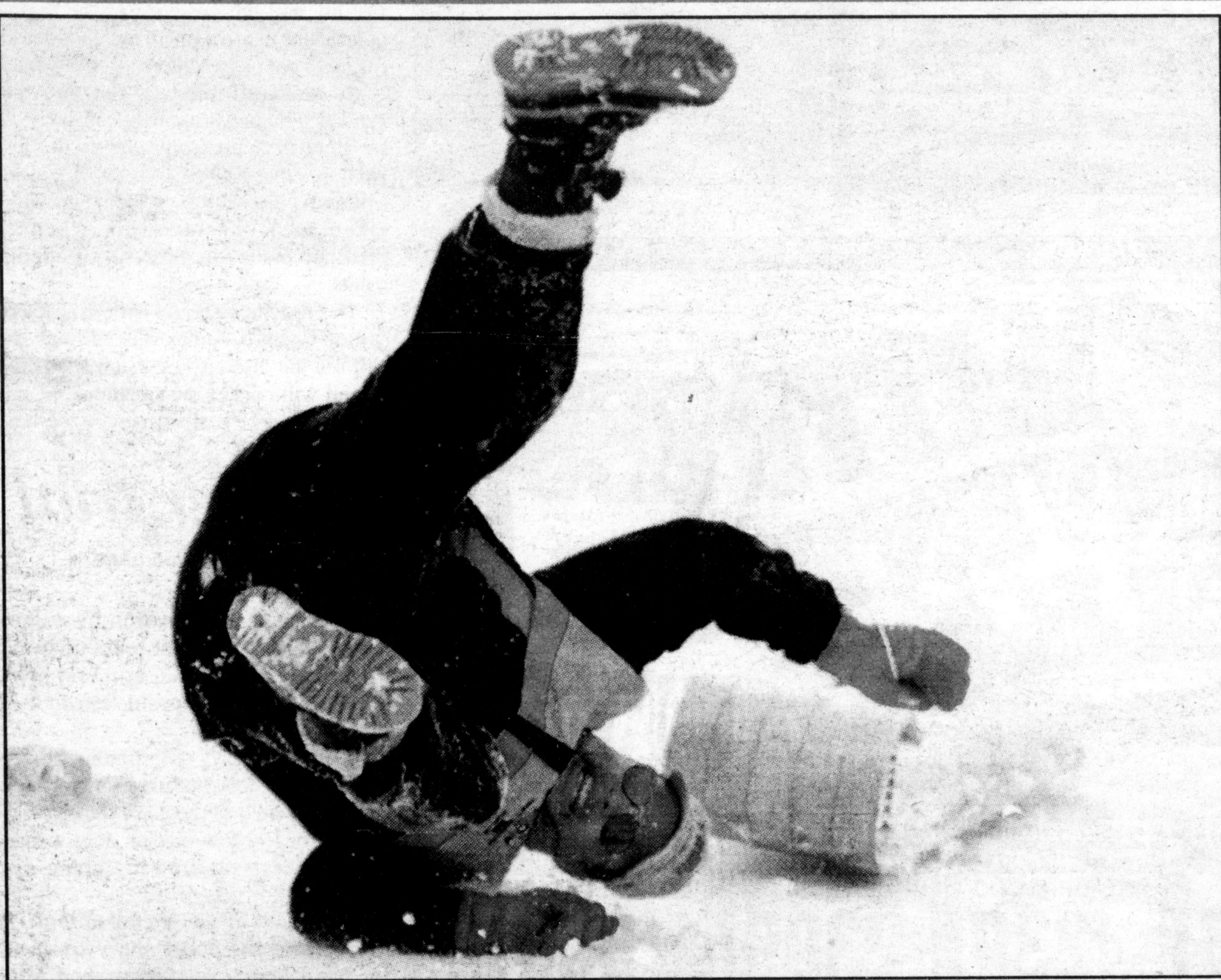


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Taking a tumble

Michael White got turned upside down while tobogganing Saturday at Glen Eden, where he spent the day with his wife and children. They had better luck tackling the snow covered hills.

Dead man's daughter says she found two pieces of a gun

By KAREN SMITH
The Champion

Pieces of a gun and a bank card mysteriously turned up on a relative's property more than a month after Fred Sheppard's body was found, court heard Wednesday.

Susan Gagnon, daughter of the slain senior citizen, told Ontario Court (general division) in Milton that she contacted police after finding two pieces of a gun and her father's bank card outside her home in April, 1995.

Mr. Sheppard, 77, was found shot to death on the outhouse floor at the rear of his Steeles Avenue property March 7, 1995.

He lived alone at his modest Niagara Escarpment home, which had no running water or hydro.

Charged with first-degree murder is Keith Madeley the former boyfriend of Ms Gagnon's daughter Lori, who was 14 at the time.

Court heard Mr. Madeley, now 25, was unemployed and lived with the Gagnons up until his arrest.

Ms Gagnon testified Wednesday she came across two pieces of a gun at the back of her property and found her father's bank card in a puddle on her driveway.

She had earlier broken down in tears describing how she received a phone call informing her that her father was discovered dead at his home.

Court heard Ms Gagnon had not seen her father for about a week. She had stopped visiting him daily, she told the court, because she could no longer deal with his depressed mood.

Her father, who frequently cried, was lonely and disconsolate since his long-time girlfriend left him, she testified.

Court heard Tuesday afternoon that Ms Gagnon deposited cheques for her father and sometimes made small withdrawals when asked.

Five days before his body was found, someone used his bank card to withdraw \$300. On March 3, the card was used to withdraw \$200 and another \$20.

Ms Gagnon said she didn't make the withdrawals and her father didn't know how to use the card in the automated teller

Malboeuf says Milton spurned

By BRAD REAUME
The Champion

Milton regional Councillor Rick Malboeuf is angry.

Mr. Malboeuf believes that according to Halton council, despite a major provincial jail, the regional courthouse and the largest land area of all Halton municipalities, Milton does not warrant a representative on the police services board.

Last week Mr. Malboeuf lost a vote for a seat on the police board. The result thrust Halton Hills Councillor John Day onto the police services board, which oversees police operations in Halton Region.

Mr. Day is the only representative from the two northern Halton municipalities to

sit on the seven member board. In addition, Oakville Councillor Keith Bird and John Taylor of Burlington were elected as council representatives.

"I don't want this to come across as sour grapes. I just really believe that Milton should have a representative on the police board," Mr. Malboeuf said.

The police services board has three members each from Oakville and Burlington. Halton regional council appoints three members and the provincial government appoints the same number. One representative is a private citizen appointed by regional council.

According to Mr. Malboeuf the last Milton politician to sit on the police ser-

vices board — as opposed to a citizen appointee — was the late Mayor Don Gordon, who served in the early 1980s.

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