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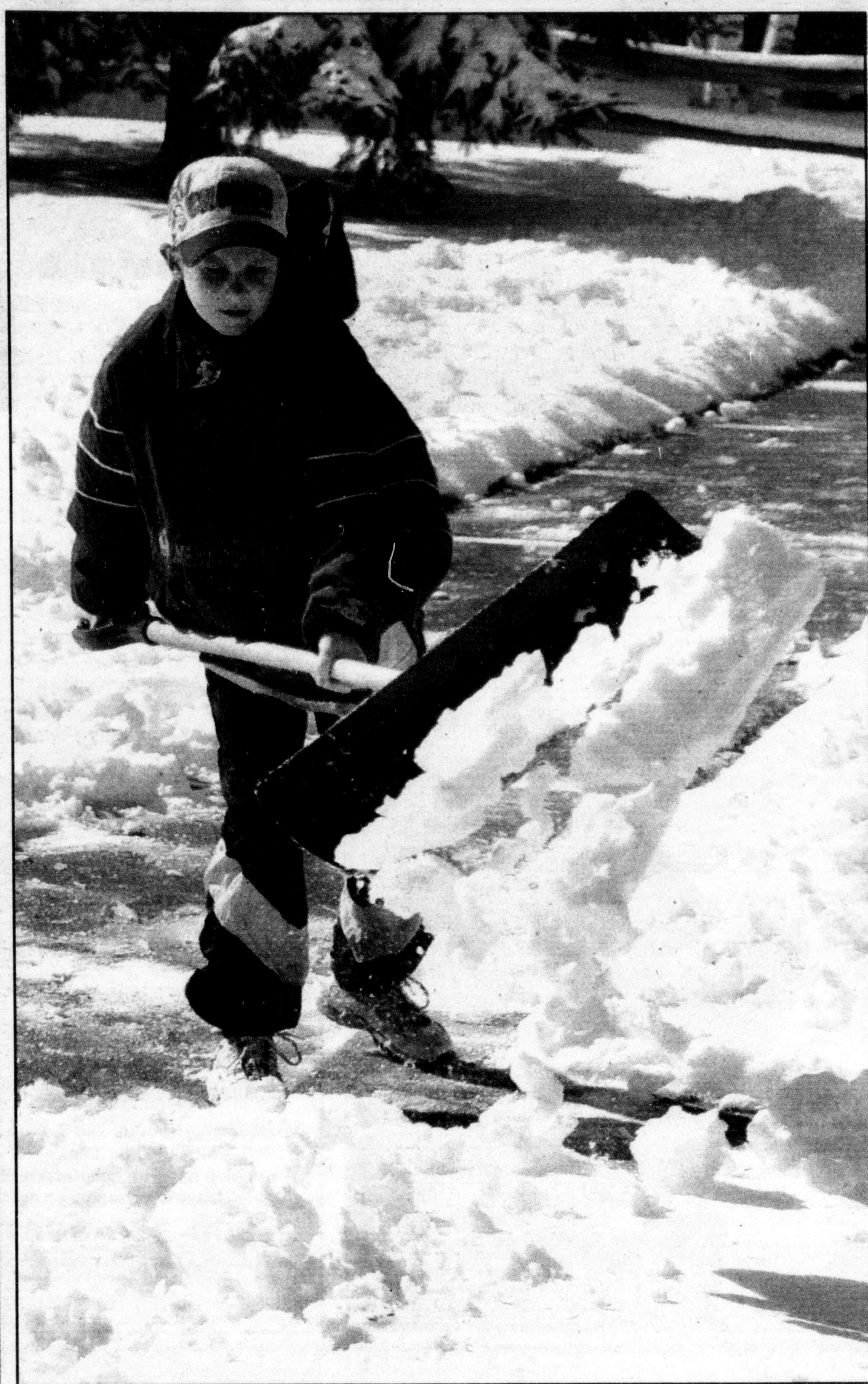


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Spring break — eh?

Young Geoff Strank didn't find much time for rest and relaxation during the early part of his March Break, as he was kept busy shoveling the sidewalk after the weekend snowfall.

Citizens, groups say protect escarpment plan lands, period

By IRENE GENTLE
The Champion

A joint board hearing in Milton was witness to a mixed bag of views from residents and community groups Thursday on the issue of releasing two parcels of land from the restrictive Niagara Escarpment Plan (NEP).

But all opposing parties agreed that no intense development should take place on lands currently designated as a buffer area between the escarpment and urban development.

The hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board and the Environmental Assessment and Appeal Board at Town Hall is ongoing daily and is expected to wrap up Friday.

At that time, the board could render a

decision on the lands held by Central Milton Holdings and Joe Curcuruto's numbered company 825927 Ontario Inc.

The current joint application represents about half the land mass of the original, which also incorporated lands owned by John Grant and Jannock Properties.

The hearing is to allow the applicants, who are hoping their lands will be deleted from the NEP or redesignated within it to allow greater development, to state their case.

But concerned parties such as the Town of Milton, Halton Region and the Niagara Escarpment Commission are signed on as participating parties in order to have their say.

And Thursday, a handful of residents and groups were also able to state their opinion on possible development in the area that was judged a world biosphere in 1990.

First up was Linda Pim, representing the

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Cops target bad drivers in road blitz

Halton police are gearing up to put the brakes on aggressive driving.

Yesterday, the Halton Regional Police traffic unit launched an aggressive enforcement campaign with the aim of cutting down on bad driving in the region.

In Milton, the unit will target Ontario Street or Guelph Line Thursday and Martin Street Wednesday, Mar. 22.

The idea is to clamp down on the kind of unsafe driving that led to a Halton-wide hike in property damage, personal injury and fatal car collisions last year.

And so far this year, police have responded to 1,500 traffic complaint calls ranging from speeding to careless driving.

Everything from seat belt infractions to aggressive driving, unsafe lane changes and speeding will be marked during the crackdown, promised Halton Police Chief Ean Algar.

And officers will be armed with both regular and laser radars to do the job.

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