

Ingrid Gonzales — Girl Next Door Speaks 4 languages

By Jim Thomas
STOUFFVILLE
— As her surname implies, Ingrid Gonzales can speak Spanish. However, her fluency in foreign languages doesn't stop there. She can also carry

on conversations in French, Dutch and of course, English. She hopes to use this knowledge to good advantage as a ground stewardess with K.L.M. (Dutch Airlines). Ingrid's our "Girl Next Door".

A student at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, Ingrid spent considerable time in both Holland and Switzerland. Unfortunately, while in Switzerland, she suffered a serious skiing accident and

spent many weeks in hospital with a broken arm, fractured collarbone and other injuries. The mishap hasn't deterred her interest in the sport, however. She hopes to be back on the slopes again this winter. Although she's visited the majority of

European countries, Ingrid has many sights she'd still like to see in such distant places as Mexico, Arabia and (closer to home), California. Holland remains a favorite although she describes the scenery in Switzerland as "unbelievably beautiful".

How long Ingrid will be staying in Stouffville remains a question. Her parents hope to sell their lovely home on Hwy. 47 and move to Spain. Ingrid offers no objections but boyfriend Shawn Missan isn't too happy. It's a long way from Altona to Madrid.



Eighteen-year-old Ingrid Gonzales, Hwy. 47, R.R. 3, Stouffville, is fluent in four languages—English, Spanish, Dutch and French. Following graduation, she hopes to train for a position

as ground stewardess with K.L.M. Airlines. Interests include downhill skiing, horseback riding and travelling. A student at Stouffville High, her best subjects are drafting and en-

glish. Should her parents sell their lovely home north-east of town, Ingrid will likely be moving to Spain. Her friends hope not.
—Jim Thomas.

Voices praise

Dear Mr Thomas:
I wish to join High School Principal Michael Muir in praise of Dr. Bette Stephenson, our clear-thinking Minister of Education. Dr. Stephenson has done (and is doing) more to improve the education system than any of her predecessors in years. It's interesting to note that Mr Muir has commented "at long last, the pendulum is swinging back". I'm

afraid few of us realized how far to the extreme the pendulum had swung. The fact students could obtain a graduation diploma by simply choosing the "easiest" subjects, is alarming. I wish to personally commend Dr. Stephenson on her foresight and Mr Muir for his acceptance of her recommendations. Sincerely,
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Aural Rehabilitation	T	Jan. 11	10	7:30-9:30	\$33.00
Art (Basic)	T	Jan. 11	10	7:30-9:30	\$33.00
Bridge (Beg.)	M	Jan. 10	10	7:30-9:30	\$33.00
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Cake Decorating (Beg. & Adv.)	M	Jan. 10	10	7:00-9:00	*\$33.00
Calligraphy	W	Jan. 12	10	7:30-9:30	\$33.00
Dance/ercise	Th	Jan. 13	10	7:30-8:30	\$22.00
Dance/ercise I	T	Jan. 11	10	7:00-8:30	\$27.50
Dance/ercise II	T	Jan. 11	10	8:30-10:00	\$27.50
Golf (Beg.)	M	Jan. 10	8	7:30-9:30	\$29.50
Gourmet Cooking	T	Jan. 11	10	7:30-9:30	*\$33.00
Hairdressing	T	Jan. 11	10	7:30-9:30	\$33.00
Handwriting Analysis	W	Jan. 12	10	7:30-9:30	\$33.00
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