

"Girl Next Door" What, no igloos!

By Jim Thomas
STOUFFVILLE
"I thought
everyone lived in
igloos!"

That's what Julie Harris, Mill Street, Stouffville, expected to see when she arrived in Toronto, Ontario, Canada from Yorkshire, England—rows and rows of igloos. While it's been

cold enough this winter to provide that kind of accommodation, that's not what she saw when she stepped off the plane with her parents, Stuart and Lillian Harris, sister Deana and brother Steven. Just rows and rows of houses.

Julie's our "Girl Next Door".

Born in Cyprus, where her father served with the army peace-keeping force, she later lived in England until age ten, when her family decided to come to Canada.

"I was excited," she recalls. While this country, (at least Ontario), wasn't exactly what she expected, Julie's

grown to like it here, so much so she doesn't want to leave, at least not permanently. "It's nice to go back to England for a visit," she says. Most of her relatives still live there.

"An accent? Most of that's gone—I think," she says.

Julie's pleasant personality has won her a wide circle of friends. She speaks positively about everything—her parents, (she calls them "real special"); her school, ("It's a friendly place"); her teachers, ("I like them all"); and her part-time job at Aiken's Drug Store, ("I've met a lot of nice people there").

The Child Care course at S.D.S.S. and gym are favorite subjects. Mrs Naylor and Mr Rehill are favorite teachers.

Julie's enthusiastic about the Co-op Placement Program offered by Stouffville High. She visits Summitview School every other day and participates in subjects at the Grade 1, Grade 6 and Grade 7 levels. "It's an excellent experience," she says. After Grade 12, she plans to go on to college for additional training in Child Care Exploration.

Other interests include track and field, downhill skiing and skating.

This summer, Julie's looking forward to a family holiday at Myrtle Beach. That's next best to a trip back home to Yorkshire, England.

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When Julie Harris, Mill Street, Stouffville, arrived in Toronto from Yorkshire, England, she expected to find families living in igloos. She was 13 at the time. She was soon to learn differently and soon to like Canada. Now 17 and a student in Grade 11, she's also learned to like Stouffville! But no more than Stouffville likes her. Julie's pleasant personality has won her a wide circle of friends: She works part-time in Aiken's Pharmacy, Main Street, Stouffville.

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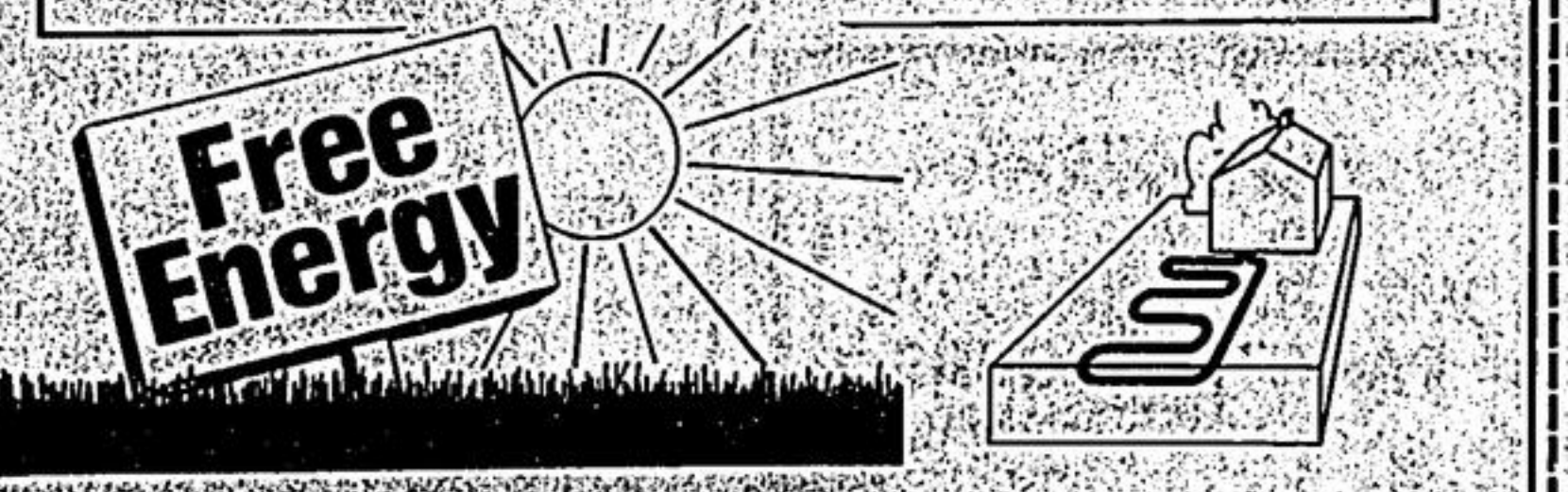
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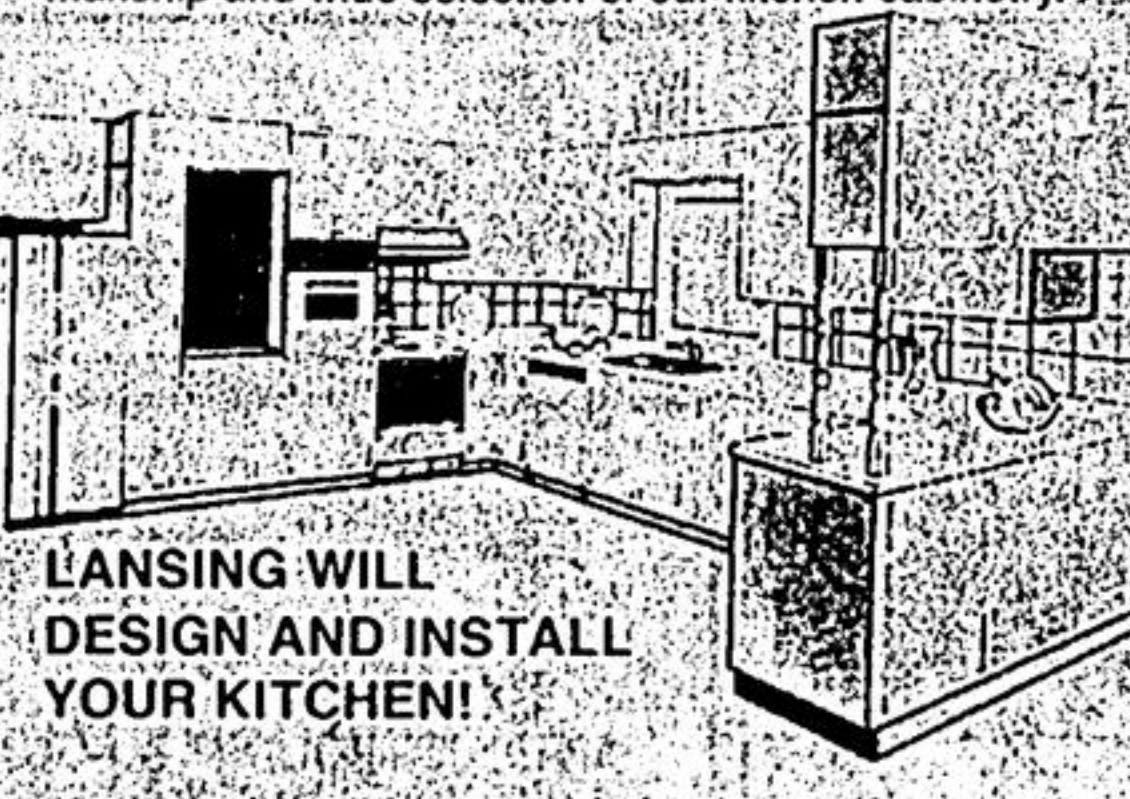
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