

# Stouffville resident hopes to help Innu children

## DESIGNER FEATURED

The work of Stouffville interior designer Lynda Giles is the subject of a full page color photograph in Canadian Living's Spring Renovation supplement, which is included in the magazine's March issue. Giles was one of a group of designers who contributed their talents free of charge to create a dream home in Aurora, which was opened to the public to raise funds for the York Region branch of the Canadian Cancer Society. The beautiful blue room she designed for the home is the one featured in the magazine. "(The feature) all came about totally unbeknownst to me,"



said Giles. "I went up to the house one day and heard that the Canadian Living people had been there on the Monday, when the house was closed, and had done two shoots - one was my room and the other was the 'ballet' room. I was really amazed when I heard." It just goes to show that downtown Toronto

doesn't have a monopoly on design talent.

**SCHOOLS JOIN FAMINE RELIEF**  
Students at Stouffville District Secondary School gained some insight into the plight of Third World countries when they took part in the 30 Hour Famine organized by World Vision Canada last week. "We started at one o'clock yesterday and will finish at seven o'clock tonight," Denis Fortier, head of the school's geography department, told *The Tribune* Wednesday. More than 40 students signed up following a presentation by World Vision at the school, and 17 of them took part in a supervised sleepover

at the school Tuesday night. "It was a fun night for them," said Fortier, noting that activities included volleyball, basketball, videos and card games. Students were encouraged to seek donations from family and friends, and Fortier estimated they would raise approximately \$1,000 for World Vision.

Meanwhile, at Whitchurch-Highlands Public School, more than 60 students took part in the Growlers' Program, a modified version of the famine, in which the children participated by forgoing lunch for one day. Students had to bring in consent forms, signed by their parents, before they were allowed to get

involved in the program, said staff member Joan Miyata. Those taking part were invited to meet in the gym to watch the World Vision video and take part in games and activities. "We're making it a celebration day and a fun time for them," said Miyata on Friday. "In the afternoon we're giving them a popsicle each." Parents have been very supportive she said, and funds raised will be donated to World Vision, which is an international Christian humanitarian relief and development agency, with 6,000 projects in more than 90 countries. The money raised provides funds for relief, rehabilitation and development.

## SUPPORTING THE INNU

Concern for the plight of the Innu children of Davis Inlet has led Joyce Brown, head of the library department at Stouffville District Secondary School, to contact the Assembly of First Nations in Ottawa and offer assistance. Brown is hoping to organize a local fund-raiser and send the proceeds to the school on the reserve, which is called Nukum Mani Shan (Grandmother Mary Jane School) and is named after a revered elder of the tribe. The school caters to students from kindergarten to Grade 12. "We want to collect some money to send directly to the school and let the principal and staff spend it on the things that are most needed," she said. Various ideas, including a community barbecue in the spring, are being considered, and Brown would welcome input from service clubs and local groups. The reaction of the Assembly of First Nations to her call was very positive, she noted. "They are excited that we, in the south, actually care enough to do something for these children." For more info, call Joyce Brown at 640-1433.

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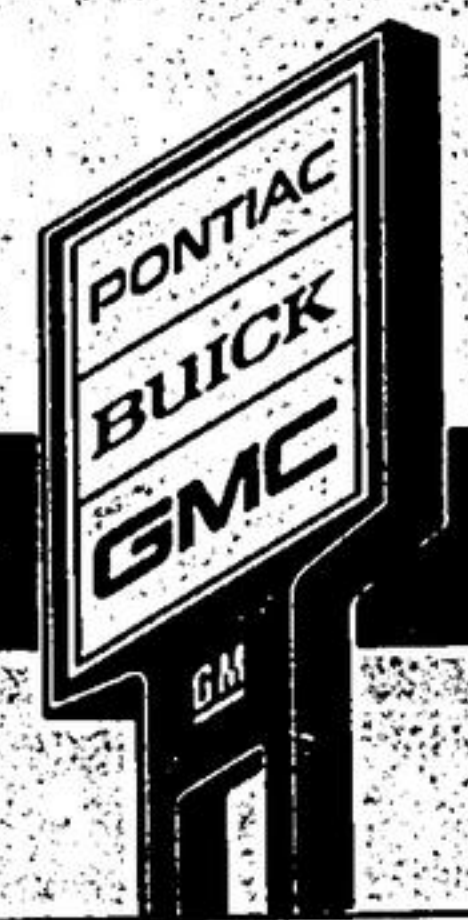
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