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## Towns challenged to adopt villages

*Stouffville sets example in Africa*

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The Stouffville Igoma Project is looking for other communities to twin with an African village to support residents there.

The Stouffville organization would act as a mentor.

Two weeks after returning from a fact-finding trip to Igoma in Tanzania, Pastor Lou Geense told the Stouffville Sun-Tribune, "We want to find other communities that would do the same thing that Stouffville is doing."

The pastor of EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church was among people from 13 churches who built Igoma's first medical clinic in 1998.

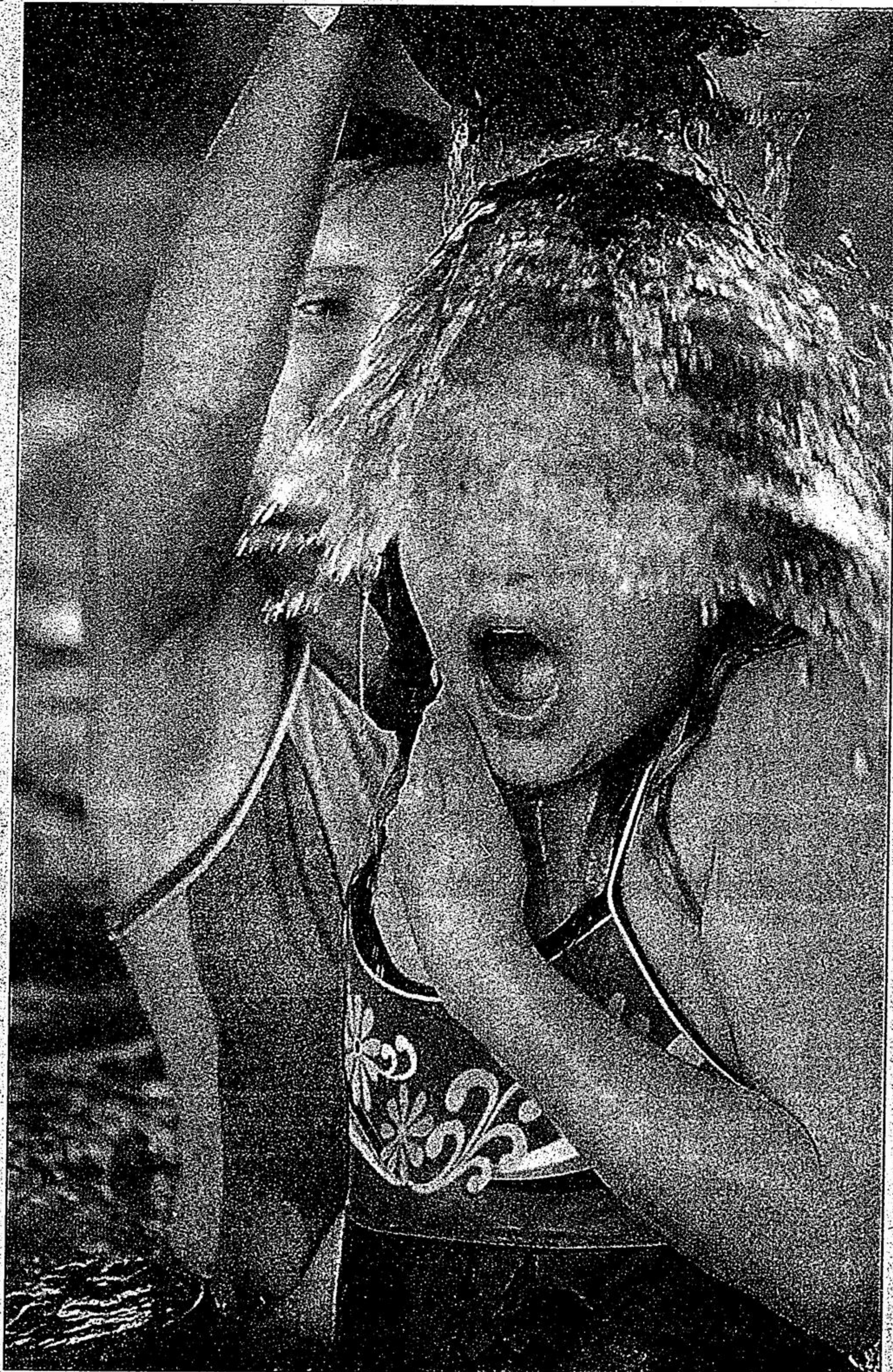
In the summer of 2003, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville adopted Igoma as a partnership town. A doctor was hired for the clinic shortly after. Medicines and equipment have been sent, along with volunteers from Stouffville on subsequent trips. It is the only medical clinic for Igoma's 40,000 inhabitants.

The clinic has now developed to the point where it is run by people in the village.

That means Markham nurse Glenna Cummins-Peterson, who went to Igoma in 2003, will be able to devote time to giving basic health instruction to people in neighbouring villages. She returned to Markham in June

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## BUCKETS OF FUN



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Eliza Wiseman gets doused by her friend, Kamillia Grove, at a holiday family swim time at the Lebovic Leisure Pool.

# NO WHITE SAVES US GREEN

*Snow tires, scrapers sit unwanted on store shelves*

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A record warm December, expected to extend well into January should translate into a lot of savings for most of us.

Temperatures of 5C or better are expected to continue, erasing any possibility of winter's arrival during the next two weeks.

However, it will likely mean fewer back injuries for would-be snow shovellers, savings on your heating bill and keeping that money set aside for snow tires in your wallet a little longer.

While pundits weigh in on whether the balmy temperatures are a by-product of global warming or simply an anomaly, it seems only those dependent on snow are disappointed by the Vancouver-like conditions.

This time last year, snow tires were flying off the shelves. Canadian Tire general manager Daniel Lubimcevic said:

"We're fully stocked with every possible winter tire we carry," he said.

The first blast of winter also usually sends shoppers out in droves to scoop up shovels, scrapers, wiper blades and salt by the bag load.

Instead, the staples associated with a typical Canadian winter sit idle on shelves.

"I'm sure it will improve," Mr. Lubimcevic said.

But the operators of the Richmond Hill Golf Club are hoping for just the opposite.

The warm spat, including today's expected double-digit temperatures, have been a boon

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