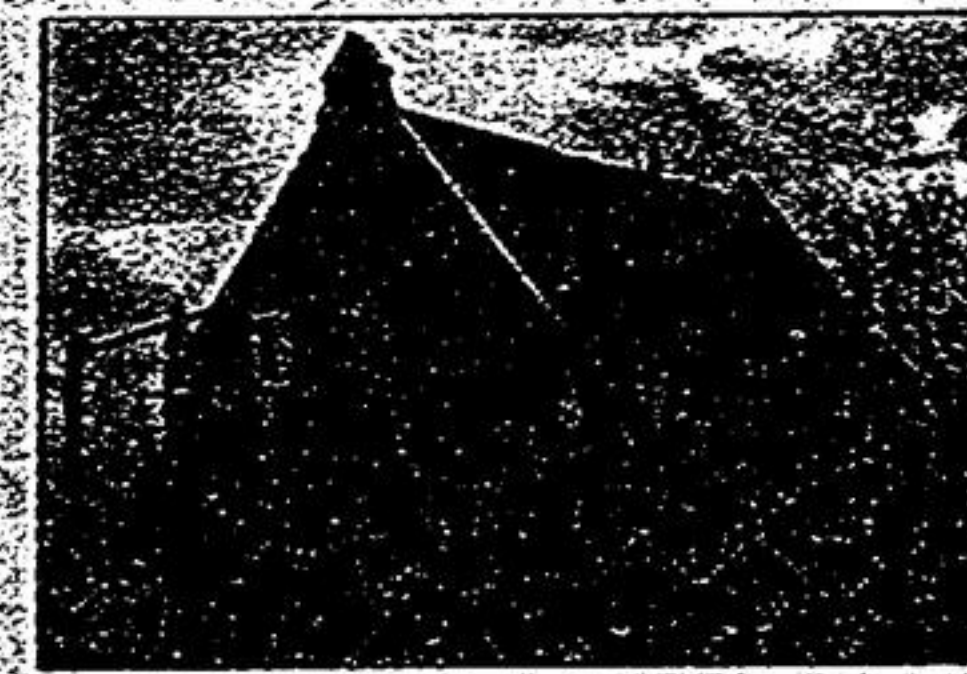


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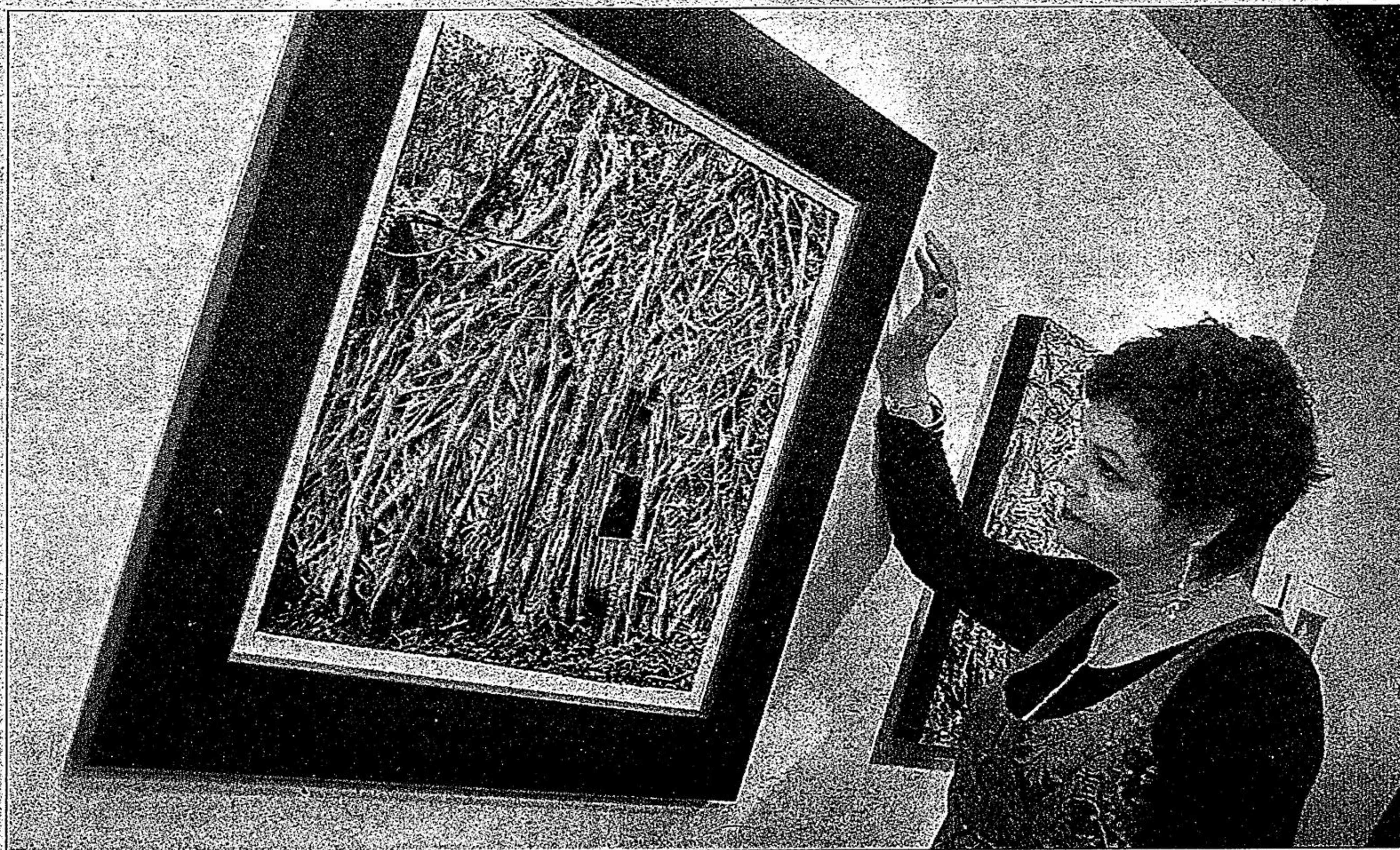
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From Maui to Stouffville



Audra Noble of Unionville, poses with her photograph of a root wall taken in Maui at the opening of the Latcham Gallery's annual juried show Saturday. Ms Noble received a jurors award for her piece. The show runs until May 12. For more information, go to latchamgallery.ca

TOWN RESIDENTS FRUSTRATED WITH BYLAW BREAKERS

Builders read 'riot act' by mayor

BY JIM MASON
 Staff Writer

Working illegally on Sundays. Using roads they're banned from. Shutting off water to hundreds of homes.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson says he has had it with the behaviour of home builders in Stouffville. He was to meet with Stouffville developers at their monthly meeting with municipal officials yesterday.

"I will read them the riot act," he said Monday.

The last straw came last week when water was turned briefly off to 800 homes.

Andrew Stansfield, senior field consultant with the engineering firm Sernas Associates, said a contractor turned the wrong valve while working in the area.

"He didn't realize he was shutting down (part of) the town," he said. "He thought he was doing the safe thing. Our apologies. We didn't mean to disrupt anybody."

The developer, The Conservatory Group, which is building homes off the Tenth Line across from Stouffville Country Market, will be fined under a municipal planning bylaw, Mr. Emmerson said.

The maximum fine is \$5,000.

"My only leverage is with the developers," he said. "We know it's the individual drivers and construction

Benefit concert, return trip to Igoma scheduled

Musician still feels Africans' pain

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
 Staff Writer

Justin Kerswill's life was turned upside down.

He had just visited Igoma in Tanzania and saw the devastation caused to families by diseases such as AIDS and malaria.

The scenes have stayed with him over the past couple of years and that's why he's determined to go back to work with the Stouffville Igoma Partnership.

He is part of a group leaving from Stouffville May 27. He'll be joined by his mother, Susan, a nurse who is visiting Igoma for the first time to assist at a

local clinic. Most of the other group members are from Stouffville, with some coming from Markham and Uxbridge.

The trip will be particularly poignant for Mr. Kerswill since an Igoma resident named Samuel, the carpenter who worked closely with partnership members on various building projects, died recently of malaria at the age of 32. He left his wife and six children.

Samuel was in the process of renovating his house when he died.

Because he had worked so closely with SIP members, "we have the need to finish it for him", Mr. Kerswill said.

To support the Stouffville Igoma Partnership's latest venture, Mr. Kerswill is hosting and playing in his second annual Arts for Africa concert April 28 at the Main Course restaurant at 6298 Main St. in Stouffville.

The concert begins at 6 p.m., featuring performances by local musicians Gypsy Grass, Carys Montgomery, J. P. Belanger, Zealand and others. Works by local artists will be on display.

Although the first contact with Igoma was made by members of EastRidge

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