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# YOUTH



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What kind of an experience do you think it would be to move to a new and unfamiliar country? To leave your friends, school, and relations hundreds of miles across an ocean?

Justine Porter found out that her father had been offered a promotion which involved moving to Canada when she was just nine years old. Up until then, she had been living with her family in England.

To Justine, Canada was a far off place which she had only heard of. She had no ideas about actually living in this unfamiliar place and leaving her friends.

After arriving in Canada, Justine and her family lived in several different motel rooms while waiting for the completion of their home in Georgetown. In the meantime Justine and her two sisters, Joanne and Jacinta, attended Holy Cross School.

The motel rooms in which the Porters spent their first four months living in Canada usually only had up to 3 rooms. They were a bit too small for 5 people to live real comfortably, especially during hot summer months.

By July, her family had begun to tire of the slow progress of their new home, and began the task of finding a new place to live. The Porters found a home just outside of town on Hwy. 25 across from Speyside School.

By September of 1981, Justine started St. Joseph's in



grade 5. She now is 13 and in grade 8. Justine enjoys most sports, is active in all school teams, and has joined the junior choir at St. Joseph's Church. Thinking back, Justine recalls having few problems with making new friends, and likes living in Acton.

Justine plans to finish University and maybe become a teacher. A second profession of choice would be a stewardess because she would like to see the world. Though Justine has returned to England only once in the almost 4 years she has been living in Canada, she plans to visit England again in the near future.

Justine is planning to hold down a steady job as well as having a family. She knows that both responsibilities would require a lot of her time, but thinks she will be able to manage these tasks.

At this time of Justine's life she is an excellent student and is taking all the challenges she comes across one day at a time.

We hope that she succeeds in everything that she plans to do in her life as she is a good friend and considerate to all.

## YOUTH SPEAK

by Leanne Murray G.D.H.S.

Should political bias prevail during a time in which the needy people of the third world desperately need everybody's help?, not just people with the same political background?

Absolutely not! Under no circumstances should human life have to suffer so much as it has and is right now in places such as Ethiopia, Biafra, etc.

What makes this problem even harder for me to accept is that it could have probably been controlled if not solved if the strongest nations of the world had put aside their political differences and set out to solve the problem at hand.

What was the United States, a powerful and leading nation in the world today doing to help their fellow humans survive? Not a whole lot. Because Ethiopia is a government, the United States was obviously very pessimistic about helping a country that has very different political beliefs.

We, as Canadians can be a little more proud of our country's effort, but we still could have done a lot more. Canada and the United States have shown themselves to be very generous countries when a tragedy occurs near to home and with the same political beliefs such as the case when the terrible earthquake hit in. So why does the problem take on any less priority just because it is an eastern, communist area?

Also, this problem is something that didn't occur overnight. It would have been easier to solve in previous years, while the problem was on a smaller scale.

It is bad enough when people die for a so-called "purpose." It is even more saddening when wasteful deaths occur: some of these being family murder, police officer killings and suicide. The tragedy in the eastern countries is just such a "wasteful death."

As much as other nations could have offered more aid, there is another side to the coin. Instead of spending all the country's finances on offensive and defensive military hardware, the Ethiopian Government should have been more selective in the way in which they decided to spend their money, it should have been spent to educate their people about planned parenthood thus projecting into the future with the new generations, while also feeding the people that were already on the brink of starvation.

## CANADA REPORT

By Sandy G. 7 St. Francis of Assisi

A nine letter word for the Ontario Science Centre, FANTASTIC! That's how I felt about my trip there.

The whole day was filled with activities that were fun, interesting and, of course, educational. There were many displays on a wide range of topics such as Space, Life, Resources, Transportation and Communications and many, many more.

The presentation on crime solving was excellent. The man in charge told us of how the police take finger prints and we saw other things that help solve crime puzzles.

We spent a full and enjoyable day at the centre. If I had to pick my three favourite displays they would have to be The Science Arcade, The Transportation section and the presentation we had on "Crime Prevention."

I would like to recommend that all children get their parents to take them to the Ontario Science Centre for the day. Children will enjoy it and so will the parents.



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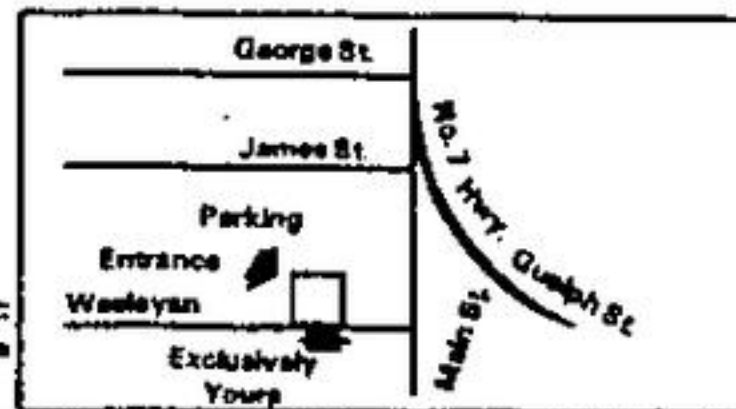
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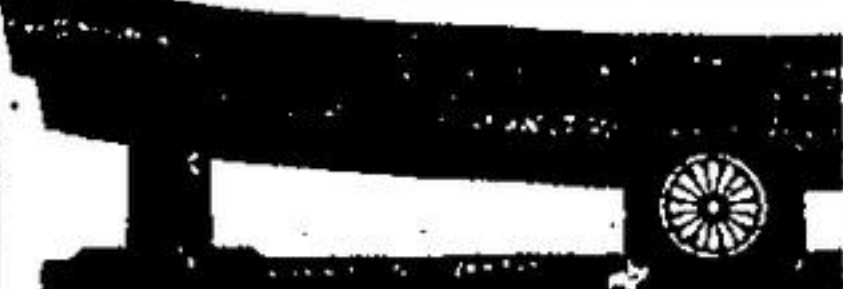


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