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Mexican gal finds Canada similar yet different

By SHAARON HAY
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Things are so similar and yet so different. These are the sentiments of 21-year-old Deyanira Del Castillo, a cultural exchange student from Mexico City who just completed a

28-day exchange visit to Canada. Deyanira and 22 other students had been staying with families in this area who have opened their homes and provided room, board and friendship. Most of Deyanira's comments were concerning her ob-

servations of the Canadian young people with whom she came into contact. "Canada's young people have more freedom," she said. In Canada teens often go away to university which is uncommon in Mexico and here they tend to

live on their own after finishing their education. In Mexico, said Deyanira, young people live at home with their parents until married. She said it would be a reflection on the family if children left home. It would indicate a family

problem. Parents in Mexico would not approve of the way kids go out each evening and come in so late, said Deyanira. She was chaperoned until she was about 18 years old. "But now I can go out alone,"

she said. Deyanira stayed in Thornhill with Pauline Fisher at 165 Olde Towne Place. Mrs. Fisher and her husband took Deyanira to a downtown Toronto restaurant where the student was surprised to see so many singles.

"In Mexico, one would not be allowed in without a date," she said. Except for the freedoms allowed, Deyanira said she felt young people were pretty much the same.

Folk music is popular in Mexico, but the young people there enjoy rock which is recorded only in English.

Jeans are definitely "in" throughout Mexico, but Deyanira said she was surprised to see the way people parade to plazas in shorts and bathing suits.

"It is so much more informal here," she said. The schedule of meals and the types of food eaten in this country were differences the Mexican student also noticed.

In Mexico they have breakfast and the big meal at noon or 2 p.m. The night meal is just "a little

lunch", she said. Deyanira found it difficult to adapt to having a big meal in the evening.

She also found it strange to see so many people eating canned foods. Most of the meals in her home are fresh, she said.

One evening during her stay with the Fishers, Deyanira prepared "tostadas". "Tostadas" consist of tortillas with beans, meat, cheese, lettuce, whipped cream, cheese and hot sauce.

Pauline Fisher said the "tostadas" were good.

"We were skeptical about the whipped cream," she said, "but it actually blended the flavors."

The Mexican students visited Niagara Falls, Ontario Place, Centre Island, Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons in Midland as well as having an extensive tour of Toronto.

Deyanira said she enjoyed the historic sites most.

The return flight of Mexico City departs today at 10.30 a.m.

Deyanira said she is sad in many ways to leave Canada, but feels it was a good personal experience for all the students who participated.



Deyanira Del Castillo tells Fisher, children of her host family, about playgrounds in her native Mexico. Deyanira is a cultural exchange student who has been in Thornhill for the past month. (Liberal Photo by Shaaron Hay)

Chamber president has hydro info

President of the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce, Bob Saunders, said he now has the information he needs from Ontario Hydro to present to his Board of Directors.

At a meeting June 28, Mr. Saunders said he felt Richmond Hill council was "irresponsible" in passing a bylaw to prohibit the hydro towers proposed to cross Highway 7 at Yonge Street, in Thornhill.

Hydro has provided Mr. Saunders with all information they have released so far pertaining to costs.

"I'll bring it up again at the August Board of Directors meeting," said Mr. Saunders.

At that time he said he will ask his board to support his position and ask the town to rescind the bylaw.

Mr. Saunders said he feels the positions taken by Vaughan and Markham are "obviously better" than a bylaw to prohibit the towers.

Vaughan council passed a resolution directed to Premier William Davis requesting the transmission lines be located elsewhere or be put underground if technically possible.

In Markham a meeting has been arranged with hydro and the town's works committee to discuss the route of the towers through the Thornhill area.

Mr. Saunders questions why the three municipalities have not joined together to bargain collectively with hydro.

"Why are the three municipalities — all with a common goal — all doing something different?" he said.

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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AUGUST

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9	10	11	12
			Richvale Library puppet show. 2 p.m. Free. Summerfest at Richvale Comm. Ctre. End of playground program. 7.30 p.m. Senior citizens euchre games at club rooms, 10149 Yonge. 1.30 p.m. Puppet Show at Chas. Connor Library, Oak Ridges. 10.30 a.m. Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, at Legion Hall, Ohio Rd. 7.35 p.m. St. Vladimirs Church Bingo, York Farmers Market, Thornhill. 7.30 p.m.	Leo Club Meeting. Ages 13 to 21. Call Ken Woods, 884-3090. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane. 7 - 8.30 p.m. Weight Watchers, Concord Community Centre, 7.30 p.m. Markham Bridge Club, Thornhill Community Centre. 8 p.m.	Thornhill Village Branch Library puppet shows "The Egg" and "The King's Dinner". 10.30 a.m. Richmond Hill fastball tournament, Town Park. All day.	Richmond Hill fastball tournament, Town Park. All day. Richmond Hill recycling truck at Hillcrest Mall. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane. 10 a.m. - noon. Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills and Leslie. 10 a.m. - noon.
	NEW SERVICE Are you wondering when to hold that bazaar, dance or special event? By working with the "Community Calendar", Helpmate Information has been made aware of a duplication of dates occurring. Helpmate would like to start a yearly calendar, to help avoid duplication of dates for church bazaars, service club dances and other events. If any such organizations would phone in dates of their major events, Helpmate could keep track of the events and notify affected organizations, if a duplication in dates occurs.					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Richmond Hill fastball tournament, Town Park. All day.	Vacation Bible School, Emmanuel Church. Registration 889-6789 for children aged four to 14.	Summer program for children at Richmond Hill Library. 10 a.m. Legal Aid Clinic, 7 - 10 p.m. 884-9148. Maple Leaf Accordion Band meeting, Richvale Community Centre. 7 - 9 p.m. ViQueen's Exercise Club. 7.30 p.m. 773-9010.	HYDRO MEETING. Thornlea Secondary School. Area wide meeting on hydro towers 8 p.m. 889-9623. Thornhill Community Centre Library has two puppet plays. 2 p.m. Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, Legion Hall, Ohio Rd., 7.35 p.m. Counterweight at Richmond Hill Library. 7.30 p.m. St. Vladimirs Church Bingo, York Farmer's Market, Thornhill. 7.30 p.m.	Widows and Widowers Club general meeting, Victoria & Grey building. 8 p.m. 884-2594 or 889-3421. Richmond Hill Library has a Clay Day workshop at 2 p.m. Whiskey River Concert in the Mill Pond Park. 7.30 p.m. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane. 7 - 8.30 p.m. Weight Watchers, Concord Community Centre. 7.30 p.m.	Richmond Hill Horticultural Society presents a Flower and Vegetable show at Hillcrest Mall this evening. Richmond Hill Public Library, Clay Day workshop at 2 p.m.	Leo's Club will hold a car wash at the Fina Station, Yonge and Harding. 11 a.m. Horticultural society's flowers and vegetable show at Hillcrest Mall all day. Richmond Hill Recycling Truck at Oak Ridges plaza. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thornhill recycling depot, Bayview and Green Lane. 10 a.m. - noon. Richmond Hill recycling depot, Elgin Mills & Leslie. 10 a.m. - noon.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Vacation Church school children, aged four to 14. 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. 884-4260.	Markham Bridge Club, Thornhill Community Centre, 8 p.m. ViQueen Exercise Club 7.30 p.m. 773-9010. Legal Aid Clinic, 7 - 10 p.m. 884-9148. Maple Leaf Accordion Band meets 7 - 9 p.m., Richvale Community Centre.	Seniors euchre games, at the club room, 10149 Yonge. 1.30 p.m. St. Vladimir's Church Bingo, York Farmers Market, Thornhill, 7.30 p.m. Counterweight at Richmond Hill Library. 7.30 p.m. Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, at Legion Hall, Ohio Rd. 7.35 p.m. Parent Concern Group. Call Joyce 8 - 10 p.m. 884-3503.	Leo's Club Meeting. Ages 13 to 21. Call Ken Woods, 884-3090. Mobile Citizenship Court, Richvale Community Centre. 2 - 8 p.m. For information, call 883-2234. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane. 7 - 8.30 p.m. Weight Watchers, Concord Community Centre. 7.30 p.m. 669-2173. Markham Bridge Club, Thornhill Community Centre. 8 p.m. 881-3313.	Richmond Hill Library has an art workshop for ages four to seven at 2 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Rd. at Leslie. 10 a.m. to noon.	Richmond Hill recycling truck at Allencourt Plaza. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview at Green Lane 10 a.m. to noon. Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Rd. at Leslie. 10 a.m. to noon.	