

# Brazilian visitor anxious to see snow

By KATE GILDERDALE  
A new visitor to the area from Brazil can hardly wait to see snow.

Marcia Seidenthal de Paiva has been in Canada for less than three weeks. She's visiting Stouffville District Secondary School teacher Mary-Francis Juk. Marcia is staying with Mrs. Juk and her husband Luiz — her aunt and uncle.

Marcia, 24, explains why she wanted to come: "I wanted to learn English and to visit my uncle and aunt."

She points out that learning the language will improve future job prospects in her native land.

"I did study some English in Brazil, but you only learn simple words, not conversation," she states.

Although Marcia hasn't been here long, she likes what she's seen so far.

"I think it is very clean and organized," she comments. "The people are very responsive." And her eyes light up at the mention of snow. "I am impatient to see snow. I have never seen it."

So far, her exposure to Toronto has been limited to the airport and Hwy 401, but she is keen to go into the city and do some exploring.

"She's really longing to see Casa Loma," smiles Mrs. Juk. And no visit to the area would be complete without a look at Niagara Falls, so the family will probably take Marcia there during her stay.

In addition to working on her

English and helping to look after the Juk's two-and-a-half-year-old daughter, Lacey, Marcia has enrolled in a night school course in oil painting.

Mrs. Juk appreciates the problems of living in a foreign country.

"I was in Brazil for a year on a

Rotary exchange," she recalls. "That's where I met my husband, Luiz."

Although she is now fluent in the language, she admits it wasn't easy at first.

"I learned to speak it while I was there. I didn't have much choice," she smiles. The Juks

visit her husband's homeland every couple of years, and Lacey has a Brazilian passport.

Comparing Canada and Brazil, Marcia observes: "It's nicer to live and work in Canada, but it's more fun to be in Brazil, especially for the weather."

Brazilians, she says, love the

beach and spend a lot of time there. They also have a well-developed comic sense, adds Mrs. Juk.

At Christmas, says Marcia, they have a Santa Claus and they exchange gifts.

"There are serious presents and fun presents. They also spend time at the beach," notes Mrs. Juk. "Like Canada, there is a real melting pot of ethnic groups in Brazil. It has the

largest Japanese population outside Japan."

Marcia herself is of Polish, Portuguese and German extraction.

While Marcia isn't sure what the future holds when she returns to Brazil, for now she's making the most of learning about her temporary home and looking forward to the time she and Lacey can throw snowballs at one another.



Marcia Seidenthal de Paiva and her young cousin Lacey relax at the Juk home where the Brazilian woman is staying.

Photo: KATE GILDERDALE

## Teachers say thanks to Fair organizers

The following is a copy of a letter received recently by David Morrison, President of Markham Fair. It reads:

Dear Sir:  
On Sept. 29, eighty English and Second Language/Dialect students descended on Markham Fair armed with questionnaires that involved making enquiries of unsuspecting people connected with the Fair.

We wish to thank everyone for their patience and help. Because of your responses, our students had a wonderful time.

Some had never been so close to farm animals before or really understood which of those vegetables seen in supermarkets are grown here.

They came back to school pleased and satisfied, with new friendships, new vocabularies and a much greater understanding of Ontario's rural past and present.

Many were planning to return with their parents on the weekend.

We thank all those involved in Markham Fair for making this field study trip such a success. Sincerely,

Anne Griffiths, Elene Kazias, Ruth Peckham, ESL-D Teachers, Milliken Mills High School

## Work crew ready for snow

By BRUCE STAPLEY

Town Works Department head Ron Gibson says he's not buying all those predictions of a brutal winter contained in this year's Farmer Almanac. But he's not taking any chances all the same.

"We're in the process of preparing our equipment, our materials, and our snow fences," he says. "But the last few years would seem to indicate that the overall climate is changing. We used to have really bad winters, but for the past couple of years, we really haven't had much snow."

The Town will go with the same lineup of equipment as last year. There are two trucks and a tractor,

all with blades, for the urban area, along with two five-ton trucks, one four by four, a loader and a couple of rented trucks to serve the rural areas.

As for materials, Gibson says the Town has 3,600 tonnes of sand on hand, along with 362 tonnes of salt to eat away at the autos of the towns people.

And his crew of 10 men will install 150-100 foot rolls of snow fence in various parts of the rural areas.

As usual, Gibson's boys will not be responsible for keeping Stouffville's sidewalks clear, as this job is contracted out to private individuals.

Gibson reports he is pleased with the progress of the sidewalk

face lift operation underway in the BIA strip of Stouffville's business area. "They are ahead of schedule, and as long as the weather holds out, there should be no problems to the towns people."

While the Works Department is not directly involved with the project Gibson points out it will be the Town's responsibility to upgrade water works where necessary.

Gibson feels he has the manpower and the equipment to handle anything winter can dish out. "We always coped okay back when we had more severe winters," he insists. "Our equipment wasn't inferior to the task. We'll be there if we're needed."

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