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Wednesday, February 14, 1979

4000 miles by bicycle, Alaska-Mexican border

Few travellers have had as close a look at western Canada and the United States as Peter Wyss and Martin Tschilar. The two Swiss engineering graduates set out two years ago to see a bit of the world before settling down. They capped their visit to North America with a 4,000 mile bicycle trip from Alaska to the Mexican border. "You don't just see the country on such a trip," said Martin, 26, "you feel it."

The twosome who met in school in Switzerland came to Canada partly to improve their English. To get the best jobs in their homeland, they explained, fluency in two or even three languages is required, usually German, French and English.

In this country, they had no difficulty finding jobs, as they

had had to become skilled machinists before they could qualify as engineers.

Between jobs, they travelled, developing a preference for the wilderness. They bought their bicycles in Edmonton, Raleigh 3-speeds, on the theory that they would hold up better than 10-speeds on the unpaved Alaska Highway.

They say that if they had to do it again they would take ten-speed bicycles for the long hills and the highways. Bears in the north did not turn out to be as much of a danger as the highway traffic, especially approaching cities like Vancouver and San Francisco.

Their camping gear, including a tent and sleeping bags, extra clothes and food, was carried in saddle-bags slung over the rear

wheels of the bikes. At times, they needed food for five days and were carrying 70 pounds each.

They took hiking boots and back-packs with them for sidetrips which became the highlights of the trip. One was a four-day hike through Mount McKinley Park in Alaska. They also visited Dawson City for a taste of the gold rush era.

Much later, they took the train from San Francisco to Flagstone Arizona for six days in the Grand Canyon.

They encountered the coldest weather on the whole trip in Arizona, the first snowstorm in 15 years, as they biked across the state.

The ground was so hard, the tent-pegs would not penetrate it and they had to sleep under the stars.

The snow was followed by floods and they woke up one night to find their tent afloat.

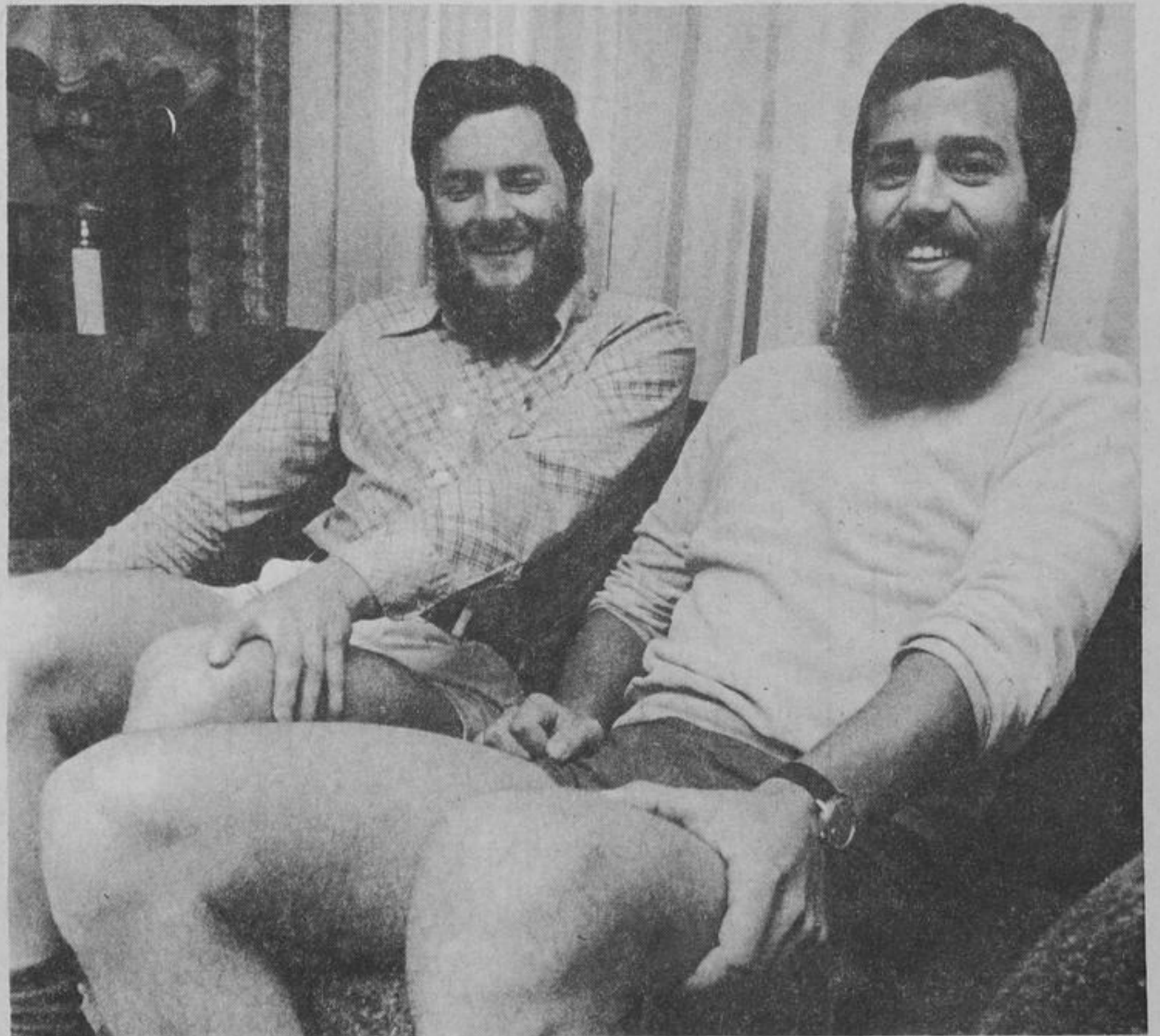
After their Arizona experience, the twosome flew back to the warmth of relatives' homes in Toronto, six months after they started out.

Last week, they visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bone in Thornhill. Peter is connected by marriage to Mrs. Bone.

Both Peter and Martin said the beautiful country was a highlight of their trips. They also visited the Maritimes and took a canoe trip through northern Ontario.

They are about to return to Switzerland, but look forward to more visits to Canada.

"The wilderness is something we don't have in Europe any more," said Martin.



Peter Wyss, 25, and Martin Tschilar, 26, relax in the Thornhill apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bone, where they were interviewed last week. The young Swiss

engineers biked 4,000 miles from Alaska to the Mexican border in six months and have the leg muscles to prove it. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg.)

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

883-2234

February - March

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
Your community needs you. . .							
<p>You can work with: Children - day care centres, schools, clubs. Seniors - Homes for the aged; their own homes; retirement homes. Adults - Information centre; community groups; associations. You are needed to: do clerical work; visit the lonely; read to children; be a driver; help with publicity; babysit children; help with a swimming program; foster grandparent; work in a library; help a probationer; teach arts and crafts; be a friend; work in recreation programs; be a tutor; coach a team; do some shopping. Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau wants to hear from you: 883-2235.</p>							
			14		15	16	
			<p>Charles Garnier school registration - jr. & sr. kindergarten.</p> <p>First Langstaff Beavers, Cubs, Scouts & Venturers parents meeting, Richvale Community Centre. Info: 889-6889.</p> <p>St. John Ambulance, York Central Branch Brigade meeting, Don Head School. Info: 223-3302.</p> <p>Medical Secretaries Assn, 8 p.m. York Central Hospital, 7 p.m. Info: 884-5789.</p> <p>Canadian Progress Club, York Central Hospital, 7 p.m. Info: 884-3888.</p> <p>Curtain Up at Hillcrest Tonite: Climax Jazz Band, 5.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Curtain Club presents "Major Barbara". Tickets: 884-3703. Curtain: 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>Rug Hooking, Burr House, 1.30 p.m. Info: 884-6193.</p> <p>Book collecting lecture, Heritage Richmond Hill, at the library. 8-10 p.m. Info: 884-3818.</p> <p>Richmond Hill Lions meeting, Lions Hall, 6.30 p.m.</p> <p>Widows & Widowers regular meeting, Victoria & Grey Trust, 8 p.m. Info: 884-2594.</p> <p>Quilting Bee, 1.30 p.m. Charles Connor Library.</p>	<p>Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge Street, R. Hill. Info: 884-1689. 8 p.m.</p> <p>Curtain Club presents "Major Barbara". Tickets: 884-3703. Curtain: 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>Friday night Youth Program for kids, 12-16 at Don Head School, 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>York Symphony Orchestra Concert, Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill at 8.30 p.m. Info: 364-9141, Ex. 710.</p> <p>Richmond Hill Naturalists meet at Consumers' Gas bldg.</p>	17	<p>Curtain Club presents "Major Barbara". Tickets: 884-3703. Curtain: 8.30 p.m.</p> <p>Delta Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, Yellow Rose Ball at Thornhill Community Centre. 8 p.m. Tickets: 884-5344.</p> <p>Hobby and Handicraft show, presented by York Summit District Scouts, noon to 4.30 p.m. Free. Thornhill Community Centre.</p> <p>Field trip to waterfront, Richmond Hill Naturalists; Library parking lot at 9 a.m.</p> <p>Films for kids, 6-12 years at Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library. All morning.</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
<p>Richvale Lions Bingo, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Catholic Church annual tea, and bake sale, 1-4 p.m. 15 Church Lane, Thornhill.</p> <p>Scout and Guide week begins. Programs at Hillcrest Mall, 5-9 p.m. Feb. 21 to 23; Feb. 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p> <p>St. Paul's, St. Mathew's & Richmond Hill United, winter frolic at Bruce's Mill, with pot luck supper at 5 p.m. Meet at Richmond Hill United Church.</p>	<p>Ten Days for World Development, 8 p.m. Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill. Info: 889-3553.</p> <p>Thornhill Guides, Brownies & Rangers, International Night, Thornhill Community Centre, 7-9 p.m.</p> <p>Richmond Hill Right to Life meeting, 214 Hillview Drive, 7.30 p.m. Info: 884-6629.</p> <p>Scrabble games at Richvale Community Centre, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>Lions Bingo at 7.40 p.m. Centre St., Richmond Hill.</p>	<p>Ladies night out, 7 p.m. Yoga and a variety of crafts, Viking Club, Oak Ridges.</p> <p>"A taste of Back to School" at Waldorf School Assn. 3 weeks, 8 p.m. Info: 255-5079.</p> <p>Scene tea, Burr House, Carrville Road, 1.30 p.m. Info: 884-0327.</p> <p>Storytime for pre-schoolers, 3-5 years old at 1.30 and 2 p.m. Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library.</p>	<p>St. Paul's Lutheran Church, LCW meeting, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Parent and pre-schooler program, St. Mary's Anglican Church, 11 a.m. Info: 884-5381.</p> <p>Young Life, 255 Rumble, 7.30 p.m. 884-9000.</p> <p>Curtain Up at Hillcrest. Tonite: Roy Sonin. 5.30 p.m.</p> <p>Book Discussion Group at Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library. 7.30 p.m.</p>	<p>Quilting Bee at Charles Connor Library, 1.30 p.m.</p> <p>Mobile Citizenship Court, Richvale Community Centre, 8-8.23.4.</p> <p>Watercolors & acrylics by Jeannine Tardif-Herbert, Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library - through February.</p>	<p>Friday Night Youth Program for kids 12 to 16 years of age at Don Head Secondary School from 7 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>A folk night benefit for Project HOSTEL at Factory Theatre, Henderson Avenue, Aurora. Guest speaker: June Callwood.</p>	<p>Film program for all ages at 2 p.m. "Black Beauty" and "Treasures of King Tut", at Charles Connor Library, Oak Ridges.</p> <p>Rummage Sale at St. Mathew's United Church, Crosby Avenue, Richmond Hill, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</p> <p>"Frosty Fun with Winter Mobiles" - morning program for kids, 6-12 at Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library.</p>	
25	26	27	28	1	2	3	
<p>Richvale Lions Bingo, Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>Richmond Hill Cancer Unit, 4th annual Talent of Richmond Hill show, at Bayview Secondary School, 7.30 p.m. Info: 884-3490; 884-1733; 884-3674.</p>	<p>N.D.P. Annual meeting, 8 p.m. Bayview Secondary School.</p> <p>Lions Bingo, 7.40 p.m. Lions Hall, Richmond Hill.</p> <p>Scrabble games at Richvale Community Centre, 7.30-10.30 p.m.</p> <p>Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge. 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689.</p>	<p>Ladies night out, Yoga & a variety of crafts, 7 p.m. Viking Club, Oak Ridges.</p> <p>Storytime for pre-schoolers, 3-5 years old at 1.30 & 2 p.m. Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library.</p> <p>Scene tea, Burr House, Carrville Road, 1.30 p.m. Info: 884-0327.</p> <p>Pancake Supper, St. Gabriel Church, 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Curtain Up at Hillcrest. Tonite: A Touch of Hawaii." 5.30 p.m.</p> <p>St. John Ambulance, York Central Branch Brigade meeting at Don Head School. 8 p.m. Info: 223-3302.</p> <p>Storytime for pre-schoolers, 3-5 years old at 10.30 and 11 a.m. at Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library.</p>	<p>Yoga Classes at Thornhill Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 8.45 to 10 p.m.</p> <p>Yoga Class, Richmond Hill United Church, 9 to 10.15 a.m. for beginners and 10.15 to 11.30 a.m.</p>	<p>Friday Night Youth Program" for kids 12-16 at Don Head School, 7-10 p.m.</p> <p>Y - Ballroom Dancing, Richvale Community Centre, 8.30 p.m. For tickets call York Region Family Y.</p> <p>Duplicate Bridge, St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge Street, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689.</p>	<p>York Philharmonic Choir; an evening of Great Choral Works. Edward F. Luka conducts. Thornhill United Church, 8 p.m. For tickets: 889-2042; 225-3745.</p>	

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday

Yoga, Richmond Hill United Church, 7.15 to 8.30 p.m. for beginners; 8.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. for intermediates.

Richvale Lions Drum Corps and Color Guard, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

CGIT, Richmond Hill United Church for girls, 12 to 17 years of age, 7 to 8.30 p.m. 884-5971.

Free topical fluoride clinic for children 3 to 16 years old, 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Call the Health

York Philharmonic Choir practice, R. Hill Baptist. 7.30 p.m.

Tuesday

Legal Aid Clinic, 7 to 10 p.m. 884-9148.

Mother's Break, Richmond Hill United Church, 9.30 - 11.15 a.m. 884-4294.

Wednesday

Unit for information and appointment: 884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-3324.

Thornhill Lions Bingo, Thornhill Community Centre, 7.30 p.m.

Parent Concern, 8 to 10 p.m. Call Joyce, 884-3503.

Counterweight, Richmond Hill Public Library, 7.30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge, St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge.

Information: 884-1689.

A Morning Out, Richmond Hill United Church, 9.30 - 11:15 a.m. 884-9722.

Seniors Euchre games, club rooms, 10419 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill. 1.30 p.m.

Richmond Hill Lions Majorette and drum corps practice. Lions Hall, 7-9 p.m.

Free topical fluoride clinic for children 3 to 16 years. 8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Call the Health Unit for

information and appointments: 884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-3324.

Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, Legion Hall, Ohio Road, Richmond Hill. 7.35 p.m.

Thursday

Yoga Classes at Thornhill Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 8.45 to 10 p.m.

Yoga Class, Richmond Hill United Church, 9 to 10.15 a.m. for beginners and 10.15 to 11.30 a.m.

for intermediates. 884-2671.

Weight Watchers, Concord Community Centre, 7.30 p.m. 669-2173.

Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 7 to 8.30 p.m.

Maple Leaf Accordion Band, McKillop School, 7 to 9 p.m. 884-8390.

Navy League, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Wrixon Hall, 6.45 p.m. Boys 10 to 13 welcome. 223-8868.

Saturday

Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Road at Leslie, 10 a.m. to noon.

Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 10 a.m. to noon.

Richmond Hill new arena, skate and equipment resale, 1 to 3 p.m.