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Hill manager helps thwart bank holdup

A Richmond Hill resident has been awarded a civilian citation from the Peel Region Police Commission for his bravery and efforts in helping police nab a man wanted for three counts of robbery.



Michael Davies

Rd., was one of several civilians honored by police for the parts played which led to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in different cases.

Mr. Davies is the manager of a Nova Scotia Bank branch on Torbram Rd. in Mississauga.

Recently, his bank was held up and he and his staff were able to give Peel Police an excellent description of the robber.

In addition, he took the risk of following the man in his car to confirm a license number, which enabled Metro Police to track the criminal down before he even got home.

Though he was wanted on three counts, the suspect pleaded guilty to two counts of robbery and is now serving a 10-year sentence. He managed to get about \$3,500 from Mr. Davies' bank, but it was all recovered.

"I don't think it was much more than me doing my job," said Mr. Davies. "I saw many other people receive citations for taking a lot more risk than I did."

He insisted it was thanks to his staff and tellers that police got such an accurate description of the assailant. A Staff Sergeant from the Peel Force said the details

given by employees were the most complete ever received from the public.

"The Commission started giving out these citations about three years ago. Civilian assistance apparently helps them because we were told Peel has an 88 per cent conviction rate on crimes of violence. Everyone thinks the awards are worthwhile," said Mr. Davies.

Though he did manage to get the license of the getaway car while the suspect was still in the bank, Mr. Davies felt the extra risk was worth it because hold-up men often change cars shortly after they finish a crime. It didn't happen this time, so police didn't have difficulty locating their man.

Asked if the bank had an alarm system, Mr. Davies said no and he wouldn't like to see them in places where available cash is not plentiful.

"There's a real conflict of opinion about alarms and their usefulness. A robber could get jumpy and start shooting if someone tries to be a hero and it's really not worth the risk — after all the tellers have given their money, the most a person can get

is about \$4,000," he said.

He figures the rational thing to do under the threat of violence is to obey instructions.

Michael has worked at the bank for two years, is married to Linda, and has a seven-year-old daughter, Sara.

He hopes he never has to accept this type of award again but admits the experience he had could come in handy.

No system here

The York Regional Police Commission has no formal system of awarding citizens for their help in solving crimes but Deputy Chief Bruce Hood said deserving deeds are recognized.

He said letters are sent out to show the Commission's appreciation of residents who provide help beyond the normal call of duty that might involve some risks.

His statement was in response to the news a Richmond Hill resident was one of several civilians who received a citation from the Peel Regional Police Commission in an annual ceremony last week.



Good Brothers honored

Richmond Hill's Good Brothers have added to their trophy collection again.

Twins, Brian and Bruce, who write the music for their group, were in Bermuda recently doing just that, when they received an invitation to appear at the Officers' Mess at the Canadian Forces Station Bermuda.

The brothers found the Canadian servicemen and their wives very hospitable and Brian described it as "a little bit of Canada, away from home."

During the evening, the Commanding Officer, Major Glen Ewen and the Chief Warrant Officer, Frank Martin, Junior, who hails

from Richvale, presented Brian and Bruce with mementos of their trip.

Each brother received a plaque bearing the insignia of Canadian Forces Station Bermuda and its motto 'Always Ready'.

The third brother, Larry, was not on the Bermuda trip. When the music is being written, he usually stays home.

Six new songs were written on this trip, songs that will be included in a new album called 'Some Kinda Woman', which will be released in August.

There will be 10 songs in all on the new album.

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Your community needs you

to DELIVER and DEMONSTRATE talking books for the blind. The C.N.I.B. is dedicated to the well-being of blind Canadians and to prevent blindness. One of the services that the C.N.I.B. offers to blind persons is a talking book library where people can borrow a talking book machine along with tape cassette "books". Once they're finished with the "book" they return it to the library and borrow another one. Currently there are seven or eight blind persons in the Richmond

Hill area who need to receive their talking book machine, so one or two volunteers are needed who can deliver and demonstrate the talking book machines. The visit would then be followed up by a phone call to ensure that the machine is working well. Volunteers would receive training as to how the machine operates as well as written instructions. If you are able to visit and demonstrate the machine (at your own convenience) please call the Richmond Hill Volunteer Bureau at 883-2235.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			11 Medical Secretaries Association meeting, 8 p.m. York Central Hospital. Info: 884-5789. Canadian Progress Club, 7 p.m. Info: 884-3888. St. John Ambulance Brigade training session, Don Head School, 8-10 p.m. Info: 884-4204. Travelling Puppet Show, Chas. Connor Library, 10.30 a.m. Info: 773-5533. Thornhill Lions Bingo, Thornhill Comm. Ctre. 7.30 p.m. Parent Concern, 8-10 p.m. Call Joyce, 884-3503. Counterweight, R. Hill Library, 7.30 p.m. Info: 255-4421. Seniors euchre 1.30 p.m. 10149 Yonge. R. Hill Lions Majorettes & drum corps practice, Lions Hall, 7-9 p.m. Richmond Hill Legion bingo, Legion Hall, 7.35 p.m.	12 Civic Improvement meeting, town office, committee room B. 8 p.m. Yoga Class, R. Hill United Church, 9-10.15 a.m. for beginners; 10.15 - 11.30 a.m. for intermediates. Info: 884-2671. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview & Green Lane, 7-8.30 p.m. Richmond Hill Youth Concert band rehearsals, St. Joseph's School, 7.30 p.m. Info: 884-8873. Thornhill Community Centre Library, films for kids, 9-12 years, 2 and 7 p.m.	13 Teen Drop-In at Concord Community Centre, 8-11 p.m. Ages 13-17. Thornhill Community Centre Library presents "Art In July", Fouad Fanaki Watercolors.	14 Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills and Leslie, 10 a.m. to noon. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 10 a.m. to noon. Euchre at the Senior Citizens Club Rooms, 10149 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 1.30 p.m. 15th
15 Summer Union Services, St. John's Baptist at Richmond Hill Presbyterian, 11 a.m.	16 Duplicate Bridge, St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge Street, 8 p.m. For further information, call 884-1689. Alateen — Aurora United Church, 8 p.m. For further information, call 773-4539.	17 Storytime for pre-schoolers, 3-5 yrs. Thornhill Comm. Ctre Library, 2 p.m. Thornhill Horticultural Society presents "Delphinium & Rose Show" at Gallanough Library, 8 p.m. Garden tour included. 889-4567. Richmond Hill Public Library pre-school story hour, 10-10.45 a.m. Pre-registration. Legal Aid Clinic, 7-10 p.m. Info: 884-9148. Yoga, R. Hill United, 7.15-8.30 p.m. beginner; 8.30 - 9.45 intermediate. 884-2671. Richvale Lions Drum Corps & Color Guard, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Ave. 6.30 p.m. Pooh Crafts at Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library, 3-5 yrs. 1.30 p.m. 881-5668.	18 Evening Book Discussion Group, Thornhill Comm. Ctre Library, 7.30 p.m. "The Great Turtle Races" at Chas. Connor Library, 773-5533. Thornhill Lions Bingo at Thornhill Comm. Ctre. 7.30 p.m. Parent Concern, 8-10 p.m. Call Joyce, 884-3503. Counterweight, R. Hill Library, 7.30 p.m. 255-4421. Seniors euchre, 10149 Yonge, 1.30 p.m. Lions Majorettes & Drum Corps practice, Lions Hall, 7-9 p.m. Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, Legion Hall, 7.35 p.m. Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library Highway Traffic Law, 7.30 p.m.	19 Richmond Hill Lions meeting, 6.30 p.m. Lions Hall. Widows and Widowers meeting, Victoria & Grey bldg, 8 p.m. Concert in the Mill Pond Park, 7.30 p.m. Jim Galloway & the Metro Stompers. B'nai B'rith meeting, at Gallanough Library, 8 p.m. 881-2027 or 889-7048. Yoga, Richmond Hill United, Beginners 9 a.m.; intermediates 10.15 a.m. 884-2671. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview & Green Lane, 7-8.30 p.m. R. Hill Youth Concert band rehearsals, St. Joseph's School, 7.30 p.m. 884-8873. Thornhill Comm. Ctre. Library films for kids 6-12 years, 2 p.m.	20 Teen Drop-In, Concord Community Centre, 8 p.m. Ages 13-17.	21 R. Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills & Leslie, 10 a.m. — noon. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 10 a.m. — noon. Euchre, seniors club rooms, 10149 Yonge Street, 1.30 p.m.
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