

# Thieves rip off curtains from model home

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Curtains valued at \$5,000 were stolen from a Markham model home. Thieves broke into the Edgewood Crescent model home by unknown means and proceeded to remove all of the curtains from the main floor.

## Charges laid after four-year-old left unattended

A Newmarket woman has been charged with abandoning her child and failure to provide the necessity of life. The woman went to a bar, leaving her four-year-old grandchild unattended. Neighbours entered the house to check on the crying toddler and called police after realizing an adult wasn't present. The child's 20-year-old mother was at work at the time.

## Youth arrested in connection with bank robberies

A 17-year-old was arrested in the Davis Drive and Longford Drive area in Newmarket Christmas Day in connection with several bank robberies in the area last month. The youth, who cannot be identified under the Young Offenders Act, has been charged with seven counts of robbery.

## Heart attack fells ad salesperson John Shorney

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Remembered for his keen sense of humour, a meticulous nature and a love for fishing that netted him a prized Northern Pike catch just two years ago, John Shorney packed plenty of living into 57 years.

But despite besting a recurring bout of cancer, Shorney, an advertising sales representative with the Newmarket Era-Banner newspaper for nearly 15 years, died last Friday afternoon from a heart attack, just shortly after leaving work for the Christmas holiday.

"John loved to go fishing. He'd go anywhere, up north, on Lake Simcoe. You name it," longtime friend Vern Catania recalled yesterday. "He had great barbecues but I'll always remember taking him out ice fishing."

"There was always a lot of laughs and never a dull moment when John was around," he added. "He had a dry sense of humour with a lot of different expressions that always made me laugh."

Catania and Dave Williams both met Shorney when the trio worked at The Topic news magazine in Bradford.

And anyone to venture near Shorney's office desk in Newmarket saw a picture of the five-foot pike he wrestled with for more than six hours before finally landing, said Williams.

Shorney is survived by his wife Kathy, his son Ray, daughter Maureen and his mother Dorothy.

A funeral service will be held this afternoon in Newmarket in the chapel of the Taylor Funeral Home, beginning at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Cancer Care Outpatient Clinic at Southlake Regional Health Centre or the Newmarket Association for Community Living would be appreciated.

bery and use of an imitation firearm.

## Video games stolen from Canadian Tire store

Video games valued at \$1,000 were stolen from the Aurora Canadian Tire store Saturday. Thieves gained entry to the store through a garage window and proceeded to the entertainment section.

The culprits broke a glass cupboard and removed an unknown quantity of PlayStation games.

## Thieves use truck to steal two snowmobiles from home

Thieves made off with two snowmobiles from a Newmarket home last weekend. The culprits backed their vehicle into the driveway of the Coventry Trail home and broke the lock on a trailer loaded with the machines.

## Designer clothing stolen on Christmas Eve

About \$15,500 worth of designer

clothing and some petty cash were stolen from a Vaughan business on Christmas Eve.

Thieves broke into The Attic on Roytec Road by smashing the front door.

## Computer equipment taken from Vaughan business

\$43,000 worth of computer equipment was stolen from a Vaughan business on Christmas Eve.

The suspects entered Loop Enterprises through the front door and removed a large quantity of equipment.

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