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Having concerns about peanut bans?

Having difficulties trying to pack a healthy lunch that your children enjoy eating because of the lists of items banned at school?

The York Region Newspaper Group is looking for parents who have concerns about school board bans on peanut products.

If you would like to speak to the newspaper about the issue please e-mail cgrech@yrng.com

Armed man holds police at bay

Police were involved in a one-hour standoff after a man pulled two box-cutter knives on a security guard Thursday.

Security guards told a man to extinguish a cigarette at about 11 a.m. in the lobby of the Liberty Centre on Steeles Avenue East. The man pulled out two box-cutter-style knives in a threatening manner, York Regional Police said.

The emergency response unit was called in.

A 33-year-old man was charged with possession of dangerous weapons, assault with a weapon and resisting arrest.

Pizza store hit again

A pizza store on Fred Varley Drive in Unionville suffered its second robbery in two months Thursday.

Police said a man, armed with a knife, entered the store about 10:15 p.m. and removed cash from the till before fleeing through the back door to a waiting vehicle.

No one was injured.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7873, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Cops crack down on lane misuse

York Regional Police are going to get tough on motorists who drive in restricted lanes in Vaughan in the next two months — and they will be particularly tough on three specific days.

The Community Oriented Response Unit will run the enforcement blitz with a zero-tolerance policy on Sept. 20, Sept. 29 and Oct. 5.

The blitz will focus on solo drivers who use lanes restricted to cyclists, buses, taxis and car-pooling vehicles.

Those caught using the restricted lanes without cause will be charged under the Highway Traffic Act and could face a fine of \$110 and up to three demerit points.

Man sought on assault, drug charges

Police are on the hunt for a 24-year-old Newmarket man after an incident at the Howard Johnson Hotel.

York Regional Police were called to the hotel Thursday afternoon after they say a man threatened an 18-year-old woman with a gun.

When police searched the suspect's room, he was no longer there, but drugs and drug paraphernalia were found.

The man is wanted for various charges including assault with a weapon and threatening death.

David Dean Purkness, is white, five-foot, 10-inches tall, 165 pounds. He has short brown hair and brown eyes.

Anyone who spots him is asked to call 911. Anyone with information should call 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7141, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave a tip at www.crimestoppersyr.ca

Couple assaulted in home invasion

A Vaughan couple was assaulted by three men in a home invasion robbery Thursday, York Regional Police say.

The men showed up at the home on Brownridge Drive, in the Centre and Dufferin streets area, at about 8:30 p.m. and assaulted the 60-year-old couple, threatened them and bound them with duct tape.

While one guarded the couple with a silver handgun, the other two searched the home. After taking jewelry, the suspects fled on foot.

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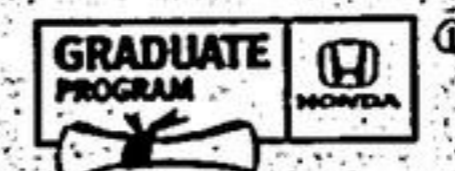


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