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VW Bugs invade Whitchurch-Stouffville

BY HANNELORE VOLPFE
Staff Writer

The "bugs" that have invaded the Stouffville Country Market today and Sunday didn't fly in.

These bugs have wheels. They're hundreds of Volkswagens, Audis and Porsches which are here for the 11th

annual Great Canadian Bug Show — the country's largest show of this type, say organizers.

Some of the vehicles have been lovingly restored to their former showroom glory, others are souped up with hydraulic lifts or have been outfitted with "suicide doors" (with the door opening

from the opposite side). There might even be a hippie van among them.

The oldest vehicles date from the early 1950s. Car owners and vendors come from as far away as B.C. and the east coast of Canada, and California and Florida.

A large number of vendors are selling Volkswagen parts, accessories, and memorabilia. Thousands of people are expected to attend.

Today there are beat the clock bug

races and obstacle course events. Sunday is the 11th annual Show and Shine where more than 300 Volkswagens will vie for prizes in a number of categories. Last year 285 competitors took part.

Families attending the show can watch an engine tear-down contest for the fastest time, a VW tug-of-war and "see how many people we can cram into a VW Fox," said co-organizer Sean Procinier.



Markham Federal Liberal Association Summer BBQ

Sunday, August 26, 2001 • 1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

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John McCallum
M.P. Markham

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Wednesday, August 22, 2001.

Town still watering sports fields

BY MIKE ADLER
Staff Writer

Despite Thursday's rain, everyone in Markham is being ordered to keep their lawn sprinklers off until Monday at least.

Except for the town itself, which is watering its own athletic fields, a Thornhill homeowner has pointed out.

The ban on watering, requested by the region July 31 to protect supplies, is being enforced, said Marjorie Rebane, a spokesperson for the town. She added that most residents have complied.

"We thank everybody who has done this. However, we have had complaints from people about watering."

There have been about 150 complaints — not bad for a town of 55,000 households, Rebane said.

But Allan Garber, a Thornhill man

who heard about the ban this week and shut off his own automatic watering system, said he drove past a local park and noticed the sprinklers there were on.

"They're telling us to not water our lawns and they're going ahead and watering the park," Garber complained. "To me, it doesn't sound consistent with what they're expecting everyone else to do."

Rebane said the town is only watering its athletic fields and only because of a legal responsibility.

"If we rent them out and somebody has an accident on them then we could be liable," she said.

Homeowners have been issued an unknown number of notices for breaking the ban. Rebane said repeat offenders can be issued a summons to court, where they can be fined as much as \$5,000.

Meet Mike Bullard of Open Mike at Kick Back 4 Charity



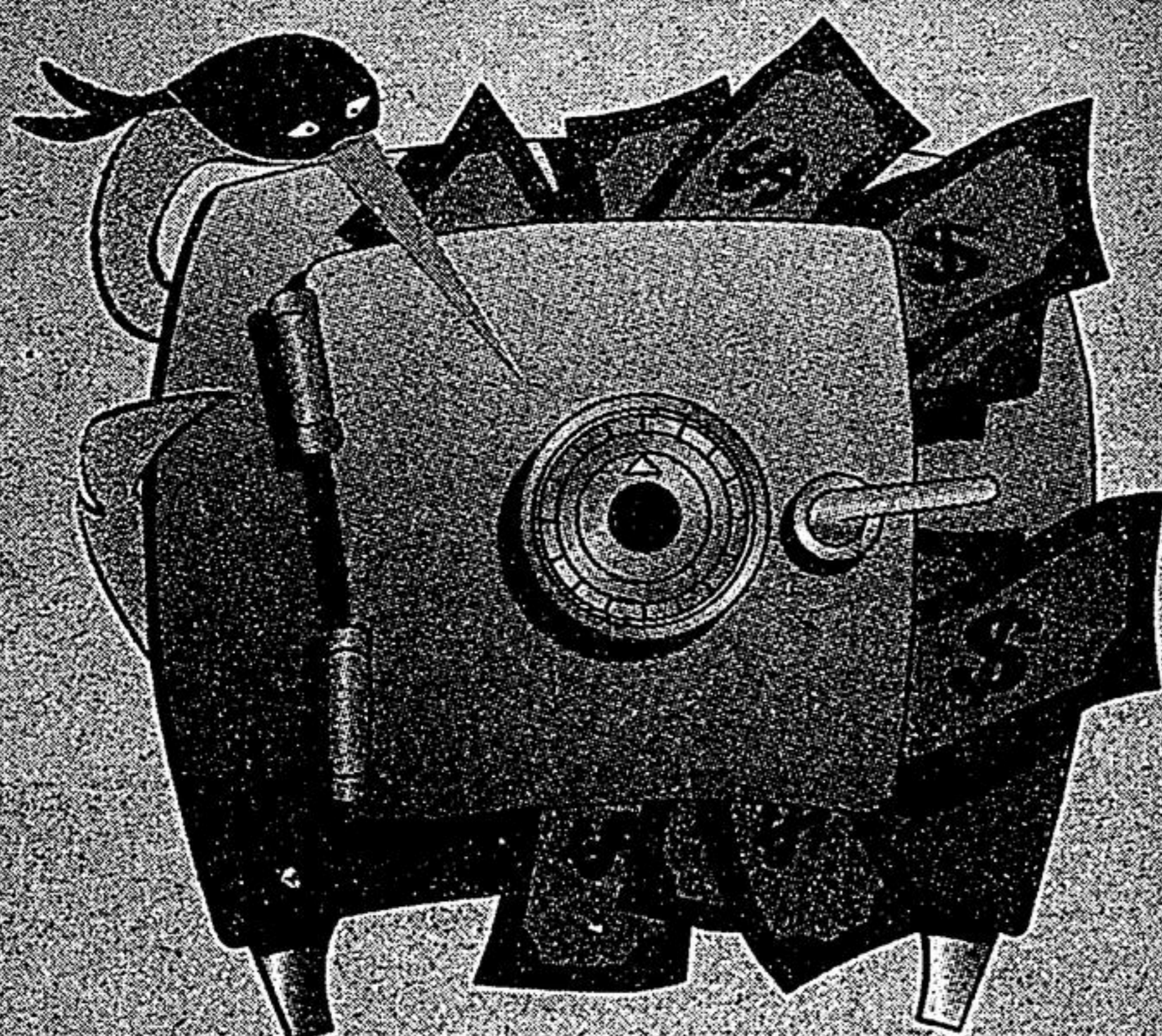
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- 9:30 Fitness Kickboxing - Sean Wong
- 10:30 Yoga - Lee Downer
- 11:30 Women's Self Defense Level 1 - Sean Wong
- 12:30 Women's Self Defense Level 2 - Sean Wong
- 1:30 Introduction to Kids' Karate - Sean Wong
- 2:00 Stay Alert - Stay Safe (Kids, Street Safety Course) - Sean Wong
- 2:30 Advanced Self-Defense (Martial Arts Exp. Req.) - George Cushinan
- 3:30 Sport Kickboxing - Offense and Counters - Paul Tudlong
- 4:30 Big Sisters Class 1 - Sean Wong
- 5:30 Big Sisters Class 2 - Sean Wong
- 6:30 Kicking Seminar (Developing Power and Speed) - Sean Wong
- 7:30 Sparring Seminar - Morana Zeskoski

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