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## Dog used twice in crimes, police say

*German shepherd killed during robbery attempt*

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It wasn't the first time a dog shot dead by police Thursday was used as a weapon to commit a crime.

This time, however, a 55-year-old Stouffville man's full-grown, muscular dog took a police bullet and died at the scene.

Three months ago, York Regional Police charged Clifford Allen Bass with assault with a weapon after a German shepherd was ordered to attack a bouncer at Markham's Friction strip club.

A man, escorted out by staff from the Anderson Avenue club April 26, returned the following day with a dog who lunged at a bouncer, narrowly missing the 30-year-old victim.

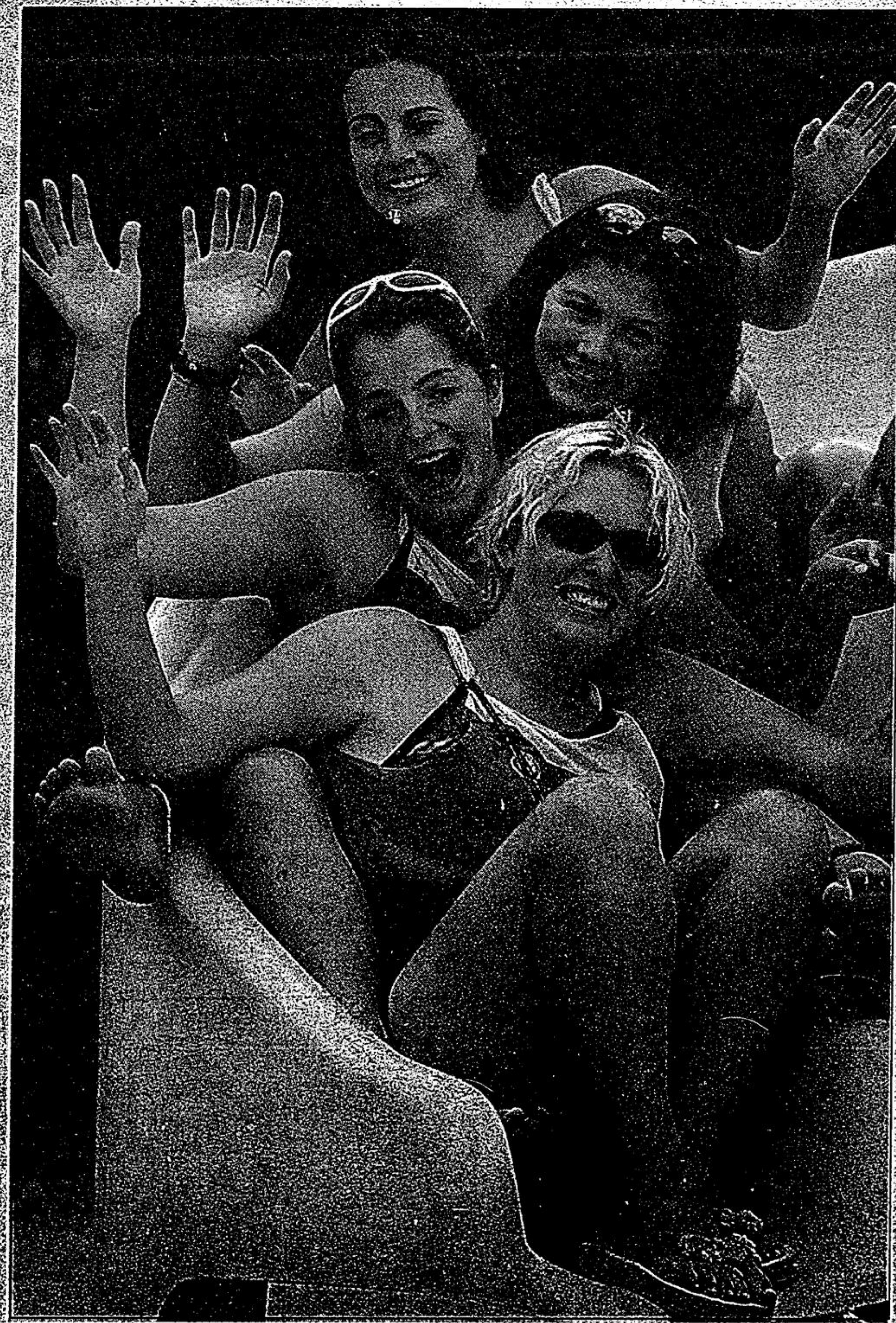
Thursday, a York Police officer fired several shots, killing the dog, after it lunged at him outside the CIBC branch in the drive-through lane at the corner of Davis Drive and Harry Walker Parkway shortly before 12:30 p.m.

A man entered the bank, demanded cash and threatened to sic the German shepherd on a teller if she didn't comply, police said.

Several customers and employees were in the bank at the time, but no one was injured.

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## Marathon of sliding



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Lifeguards (from top) Leanne Cushing, 22; Jessica Aprile, 16; Katie Metauro, 17; and Shannon Smyth, 16, prepare for a 24-hour slideathon to raise funds for Canadian Lifesaving Society drowning prevention programs next Saturday at Stouffville's outdoor pool. The public is invited to participate and sponsor a lifeguard for the event, which starts at 10 a.m.

## Water users under watch

*Golf courses, farms, businesses investigated by authority*

BY MIKE ADLER  
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As many as 41 property owners may be drawing water illegally from branches of the Rouge River in Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville, according to an official at the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Studies are under way to learn how much water York Region really has, both in rivers and underground. But no one really knows how much is being diverted to golf courses, farms and other commercial uses.

Large users (those who take more than 50,000 litres a day) need a permit from Ontario's Environment Ministry. But ministry records are considered to be limited in quality and completeness, according to the region, which hired consultants to check them.

The authority is doing fact-checking of its own this summer.

The ministry currently permits nine large users of water on the Rouge River. The authority, however, believes as many as 41 others may be drawing water from branches of the river in Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville, though their permits have expired.

There is a real need to go out and talk to these people, said Don Haley, water resources engineer for the TRCA, which plans to do the same on the Don and Humber once base flow measurements for those rivers are complete.

It's up to the individual landowner or company to realize their water-taking

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