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**This week's question:** Do you think students who drop out of school should lose the right to an Ontario driver's licence as proposed by the Education Ministry?

**You said:** Of course not. An education is a right and shouldn't be forced on people. There are many extenuating circumstances that inhibit some students from continuing with their studies — why punish them? Also, in rural areas poorly serviced by transit, it would be very harsh sentence for most people and would con-

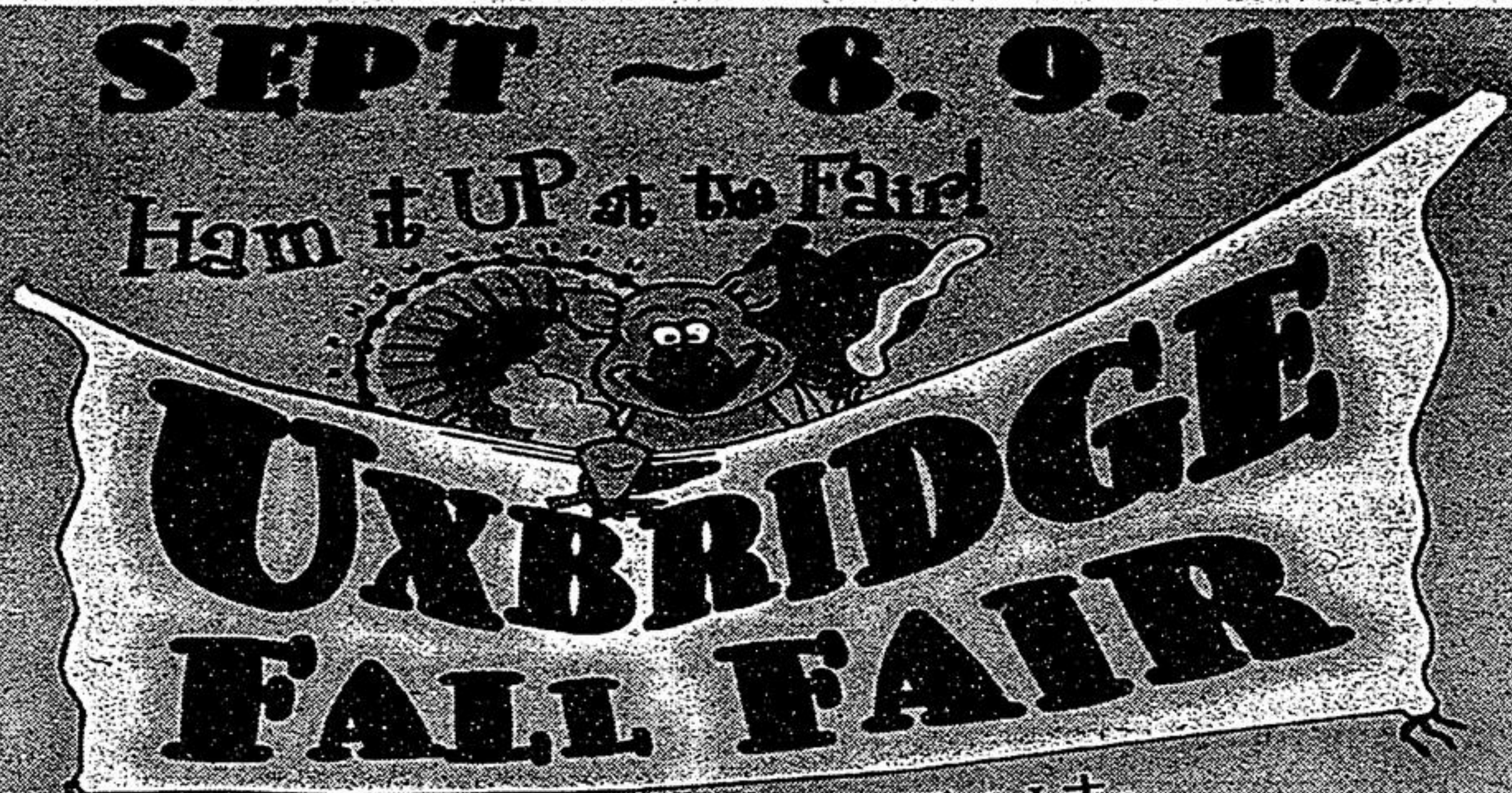
tribute to illegal driving and stolen cars, counterfeit drivers licences and driving without insurance.

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**You said:** It is not a crime to drop out of school before one is 18. Criminals can drive, so can terrorists. But if a Canadian goes to work before 18, the Ontario government will punish them by taking their driver's licence away. Quite insane. What's next?

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We are pleased to welcome you to our weekly column. In the weeks ahead, we will share recommendations on how to maintain the best hearing possible throughout your life. Untreated hearing loss can lead to negative social, psychological, and cognitive health effects. We are here for one simple reason: to help you improve the quality of your hearing, thus the quality of your life. Our registered Audiologists utilize the latest technologically advanced equipment to examine your hearing and carry advanced digital hearing instruments to suit a variety of needs and lifestyles. Please call us to schedule an evaluation.

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