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RACES IN ALL SIX WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE WARDS

Courtot, Mole in mayor's race

BY JIM MASON
 Staff Writer

Three candidates with election experience were last-minute additions to the list of hopefuls in Whitchurch-Stouffville's Nov. 13 election.

Pamela Courtot, who has run for the NDP provincially and federally, and 2003 mayoral candidate Randy Mole joined the mayor's race yesterday afternoon.

Fred Robbins, who has run in his home Ward 4, registered to run in

Ward 1 Thursday.

Also registering this week were Justin Altmann (Ward 2), Elizabeth Tracey (Ward 6), John White (Ward 5) and M.J. Perry (Ward 3). Jim Priebe withdrew in Ward 2.

There are now races for all six council seats and the mayor's office.

The deadline for registering or withdrawing was yesterday at 5 p.m.

Ms Courtot is up against incumbent Sue Sherban, former mayor Wayne Emmerson and political

newcomer Don Barker.

After running unsuccessfully in Oak Ridges-Markham in January's federal election, Ms Courtot hinted at running for local office.

The Stouffville resident, who holds an MBA from the Schulich School of Business, is a business and marketing consultant and a teacher at Durham College.

She is on the board of the Community Legal Clinic of York Region.

She decided to run because "so

many people have asked me to", she said.

"I've even been stopped in the grocery store and asked to run," Ms Courtot said.

The "rapid growth" of those requests prompted her candidacy.

People "have confidence in me", she said.

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WHEN SHOULD POLICE CUT THE CHASE?

Main Street pursuit raises safety issues

Note: A story on Wednesday's police pursuit that was to appear in Thursday's Sun-Tribune did not. The information is included in this story and is also on yorkregion.com.

BY MARTIN DERBYSHIRE
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Thousand-pound monsters made of steel, rubber, glass and plastic flying along the streets at breakneck speeds, twisting down side streets through all manner of traffic signs and signals.

High speed police pursuits can be dangerous.

Just ask the two youths who flipped a stolen van when they were T-boned by a pick-up truck after being chased through the streets of Whitchurch-Stouffville Wednesday afternoon. Two Hamilton youths, 17 and 18, were both arrested at the scene.

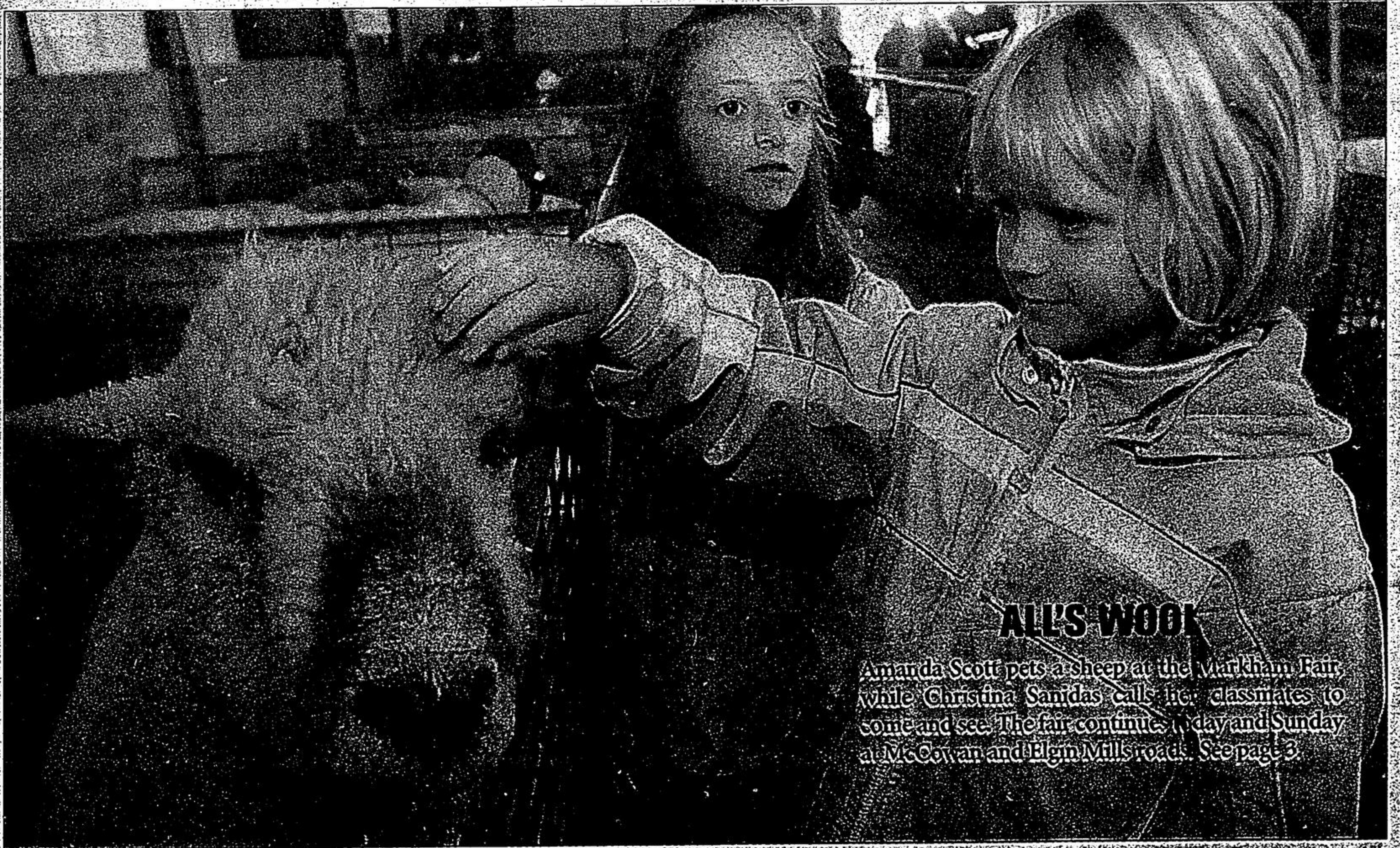
No one was seriously hurt, but it could have been a lot worse.

Witnesses saw the van driving wildly through busy downtown Stouffville with two cruisers in tow.

Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Judy Dunbar stepped out of the way just seconds before Wednesday's chase hit Stouffville's Civic Avenue where she was walking.

"If I was an old deaf person I would have been just a spot on the road," she said. "Luckily, I heard them coming and got out

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ALL'S WOOL

Amanda Scott pets a sheep at the Markham Fair, while Christina Samidas calls her classmates to come and see. The fair continues today and Sunday at McCowan and Elgin Mills roads. See page 3.

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