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## Girl in counselling thanks to flasher

Police on lookout for man seen in local parks

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It was a warm, sunny afternoon and Elizabeth and her little brother Jack did what they had been doing since the middle of July – they took their neighbour's puppy for a walk around their north-end Stouffville neighbourhood.

However, this became no ordinary stroll around the block.

Partway through the walk, a man exposed himself to 11-year-old Elizabeth.

The man was parked against a curb facing the wrong direction and yelled something to Elizabeth, who was walking with her four-year-old brother and the puppy on the grass near the vehicle.

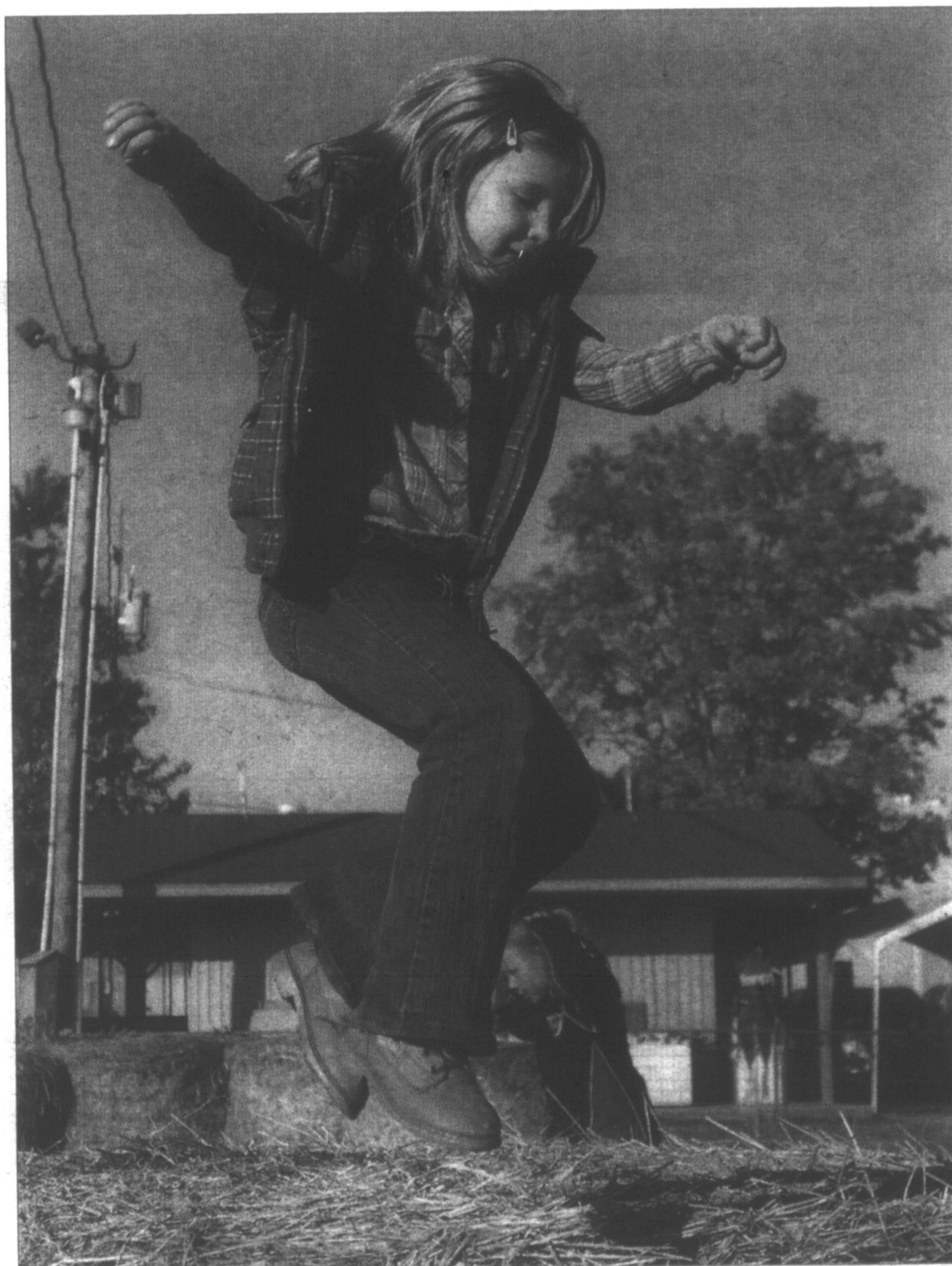
"She looked directly at him and he said something like: 'have you seen anything like this,'" Shelley, Elizabeth's mother said of the Aug. 23 incident.

Names of the family members have been changed to protect the identity of the victim.

While sitting in his car, the man pulled up his T-shirt to bare his chest and his jeans were

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## FAIR LEAP



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Caitlin Hollands, 7, has a blast testing out a new addition to the Markham Fair yesterday. Faircrow's Farm Park is a play area for children to burn off extra energy. The 166th annual fair opened today and runs through Sunday. For more information, go to [markhamfair.ca](http://markhamfair.ca)

## Night of fatal crash revisited

'No closure' for father of teen killed on Hwy. 48 in 2002

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Phil Harding said he had pulled out to pass a slower moving vehicle on Hwy. 48 when he heard tires squealing.

Mr. Harding's testimony was heard at the Newmarket courthouse yesterday in the trial of Toronto resident Omar Sharef Hassan, who is charged with failing to remain at the scene of a collision in the 2002 death of Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Matthew Bobbett, 16.

Matthew was struck by a car while walking south on Hwy. 48 with two friends. The driver of the southbound vehicle that struck him left the scene, Ontario Provincial Police said.

Matthew died a short time later.

During questioning by Crown prosecutor Rob Scott, Mr. Harding testified that night he and his children were riding in his car on the way home from a cottage when he noticed a vehicle coming up behind him on a two-lane stretch of Hwy. 48 near St. John's Sideroad.

Mr. Harding testified before he saw the car coming up behind him, he had seen several teenagers walking along the side of the road.

"There is no question in my mind that vehicle behind me collided with the people on the road," he said. "I (heard) a skid from the vehicle behind me and I heard a thud."

Mr. Harding testified he saw the headlights of the vehicle that had been following him go dark after the collision.

He called 911 and told the call-taker he

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