

**POLITICS: Former Catholic board chairperson will seek Tory nomination**

# Trustee wants to serve as MPP

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Former Catholic school board chairperson Tina Molinari has thrown her hat in the ring for the Thornhill Tory nomination.

"I thoroughly enjoy representing my community and had been encouraged to run by parents and ratepayers," said Molinari, who recently stepped down as board chairperson after four years and has served as trustee for the past 10 years.

"I would like to continue to serve my community at the provincial level with the same commitment and dedication that I have in the past."

Molinari's political aspirations have been rumoured for months, which she said is probably due to the fact she was approached by so many people to seek the Tory nomination.

Among those sitting on her nomination committee are long-time local Tories Rita and Sam Ciccolini and Vaughan councillors Michael DiBiase, Joyce Frustaglio and Gino Rosati and York Centre MPP Al Palladini.

Molinari said her nomination will be tested Jan. 11 at the Hollywood Princess. The deadline for nominations was Sunday, she added, but she had not heard if anyone else had registered.

Among the highlights of her tenure at the helm of the Catholic board was the elimination of a \$32-million debt, achieving a balanced budget and implementing the computer foundation program and the results of the standardized tests that saw 90 per cent of York's Catholic students perform at, or above, the provincial average.

Molinari said she will maintain her trustee position "at least until the election is called. I don't see that I would not be able to fulfill all my duties."

"I think there's a difference between a councillor and trustee position,"

Molinari said

"I'm not afraid of confrontation. I've lived through some situations that have been quite stressful, having dealt with two (teachers) strikes in less than a year."

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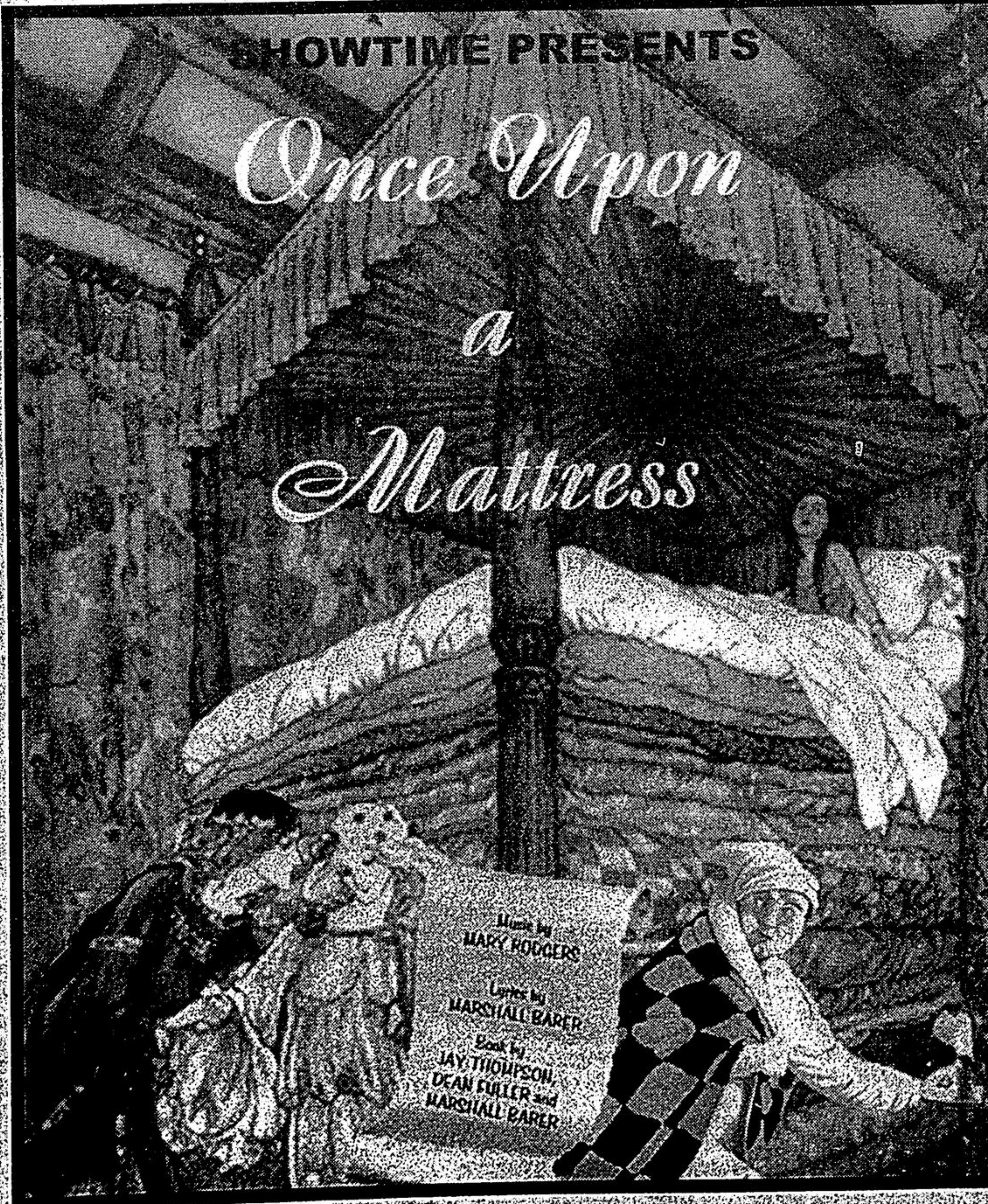
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