

Record numbers for tomorrow's big show

It's a record. Close to 500 students, from kindergarten through Grade 12, will display their vocal, instrumental and dance talents at Stouffville District Secondary School tomorrow.

At 7:30 p.m., the curtain goes up on the 11th annual Student Music Scholarship Concert, hosted by St. James Presbyterian Church.

Schools taking part include St. Brigid, Stouffville Christian, Summitview, Orchard Park, Glad Park, Ballantrae and SDSS.

All monies received will be divided among participating schools to assist their music programs. Over the past 10 years, thanks to community sponsorships and free-will donations, more than \$30,000 has been raised. Town businesses and service clubs have been marvelously supportive.

While Friday's moment of glory is important to every boy and girl on stage, as well as hundreds of proud parents, the focus of attention will fall on one student, this year's recipient of the 2003 music scholarship award.



Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

She is 16-year-old Kathryn Irwin of Stouffville. Now in her final year at SDSS, Kathryn joins an elite group of previous winners: Georgina Muir, Clara Jordan, Cameron MacKenzie and Jocelyn McDowell.

Kathryn is accomplished in many areas of music including the flute and piano. She plays in the high school senior and jazz bands, directed by Dan McConnachie. She also sings in the high school choir, directed by Miriam Sellick-Smith. In addition, she's studying piano under the tutelage of Sharon Wilkinson.

It was Ann Hemphill of Orchard Park School who initiated Kathryn's interest in the flute.

"It had a nice sound and was fun to play," she recalls. On reaching Grade 9, Kathryn's skills were further honed by Mr. McConnachie.

Kathryn considers it a privilege to sing in the school's senior choir, directed by Mrs. Sellick-Smith, who she describes as "a wonderful person". Under the guidance of Mrs. Wilkinson, she's advanced to Grade 8 in piano.

More recently, she's taken up the guitar. The high school band, says Kathryn, is so large it's outgrown the stage. Even with no Grade 13, an influx of Grade 9 students has more than made up the difference. The flute section alone has 15 members.

"It's wonderful," says Kathryn, "with a band so large, we can play different kinds of music." She also claims the band initiates a camaraderie between students that otherwise wouldn't occur.

But Kathryn doesn't confine herself to SDSS activities. She's played her flute in worship services at St. James and the piano at the Main Street church's vacation Bible school.

With all this, she still finds time to punch out a tune on the cash register at Secondary student recipient of Stouffville's A & P town's 2003 music scholarship. Following graduation, Kathryn plans to attend university at Trent, Wilfrid Laurier, or Western Ontario. She hopes to major in forensic science with a minor in music. She maintains an 80-plus average.

Kathryn admits performing solo can sometimes be unnerving. "But in the end, when you know you've done your best, it's all worthwhile."

Over the years, I've worked on several committees in several areas, all with different challenges and objectives. None, however, has been more rewarding, more satisfying than the Student Music Scholarship.

Why? Because the schools of our town and the youth of our town are the direct beneficiaries — a cross-section of our students and teachers who give so much, but expect so little.

Come tomorrow and see for yourself.

Jim Thomas, a member of the concert committee, is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 50 years.

Three services honour war veterans

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459 is hosting three war memorial services in Whitchurch-Stouffville this year.

On Sunday at 1 p.m., members of the local Legion branch host a 45-minute service at the Stouffville Cemetery on Tenth Line.

It will be followed by an indoor service at the Legion hall on the Ninth Line, beginning at 2 p.m. Light refreshments will be served following the second service.

The traditional Remembrance Day service is at the cenotaph at the

Legion hall Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.

Refreshments will be served in the hall following the ceremonies. The public is invited to all three services.

Local dignitaries will attend.

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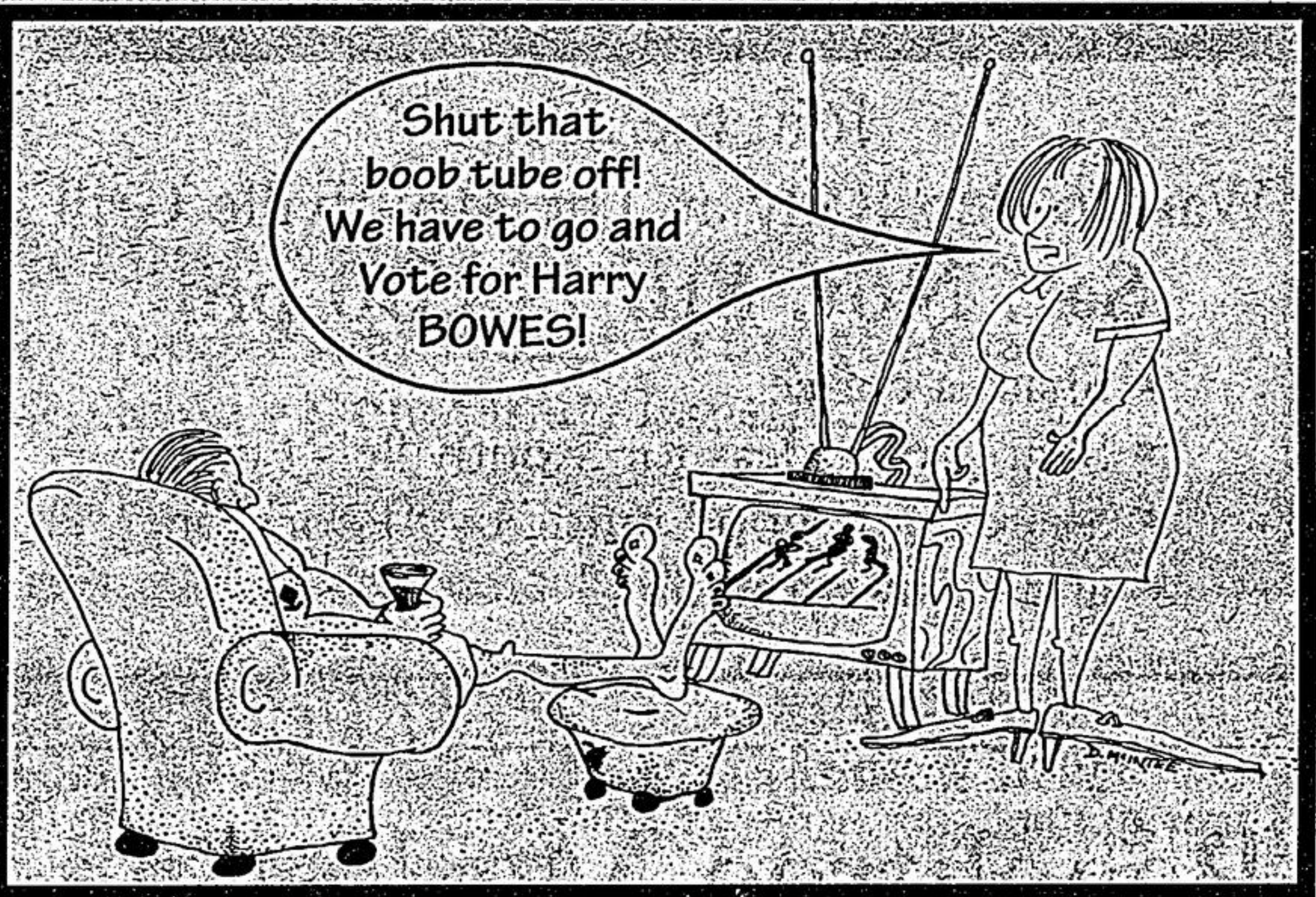


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