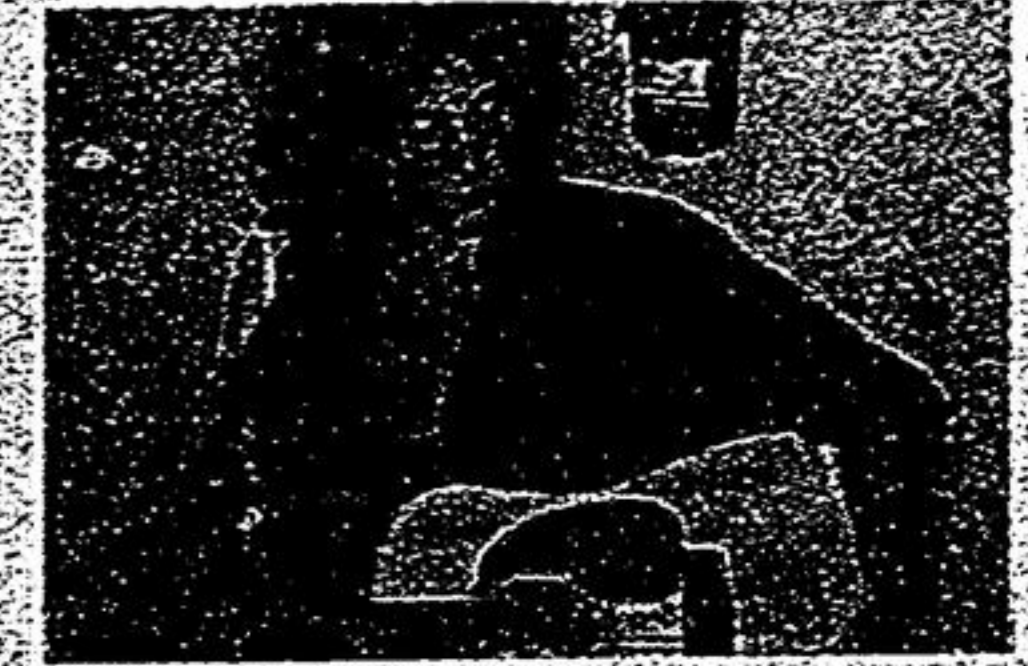


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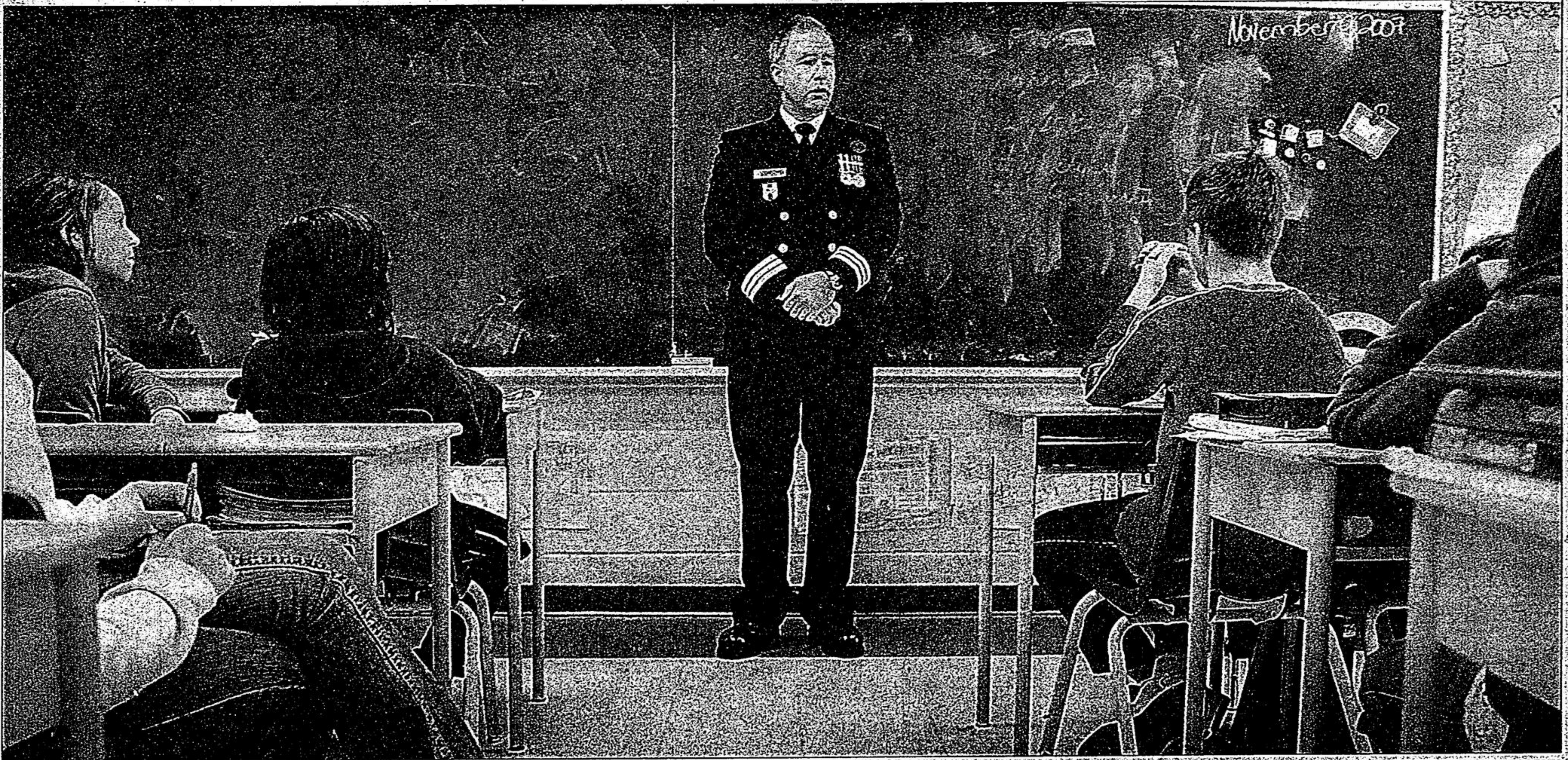
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TIME TO REMEMBER



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Navy Commander Paul Delhaise speaks to Grade 8 students at St. Brigid Catholic Elementary School in Stouffville yesterday, before taking part in a prayer service and speech in honour of Remembrance Day. For more, see page 9. Community services will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Stouffville tomorrow at 10:45 a.m.

Event raises \$300,000 for arts centre

BY JIM MASON
Staff Writer

Whitchurch-Stouffville's arts and culture centre is one-third of the way to its fundraising goal.

An Evening in Wine Country, a community event at Willow Springs Winery Thursday, raised \$300,000 for Nineteen on the Park.

The goal of the campaign, to refurbish the old town hall on Civic Avenue, is \$900,000, up from \$750,000 earlier this year.

"When I was first elected (a

year ago), I thought this project was questionable," Mayor Wayne Emmerson said. "But, we are going ahead. This will be done in the next year."

The announcement drew plenty of applause from the 150 in the crowd, including supporters and members of the arts community.

The facility will be of great value to the town, especially downtown Stouffville, he said.

The project has seen several false starts during the past 10 years.

Total cost is estimated at \$2.5 million, with half coming from the town and 16 per cent from government grants.

Smart Centres and Geranium Corporations headed the donors, presenting a cheque for \$150,000 Thursday. Cassels, Brock and Blackwell donated \$50,000 and another law firm, Bigioni LLP, \$5,000. The Sun-Tribune gave \$4,000.

The mayor's golf tournament pledged \$10,000 over two years. Bryte Com Inc. donated a \$10,000

photocopier for the building.

"We've got to get excited," Mr. Emmerson said. "This has been a long time coming."

Everything from the balcony to the toilets are open to sponsorship, he said. Other fundraisers are being planned.

Under the proposal, the old municipal building would be turned into space that could be used for community arts and cultural programming, such as art exhibitions, films, dance and musical perfor-

mances, concerts and corporate and social functions.

The total area on two floors will be around 6,600 square feet.

Professional lighting and audio systems will be installed to accommodate banquets, conferences, theatrical performances and recital and concert use.

Three barrier-free washrooms will be constructed.

For more information, go to townofws.com/nineteen.asp.

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