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Residents escape bombing unscathed

A 10-day visit to Israel and Jordan ended horrifically for some Georgetown residents last week when a terrorist bomb exploded in the hotel they were staying at, killing dozens of people.

Hans and Mieke Schoffelmeer, and Barb Hutzal are still shaken from the bombing and feel lucky to be alive, especially after learning Sunday that a second suicide bomber tried to blow herself up unsuccessfully at the Jordan hotel alongside her husband who detonated the first deadly bomb.

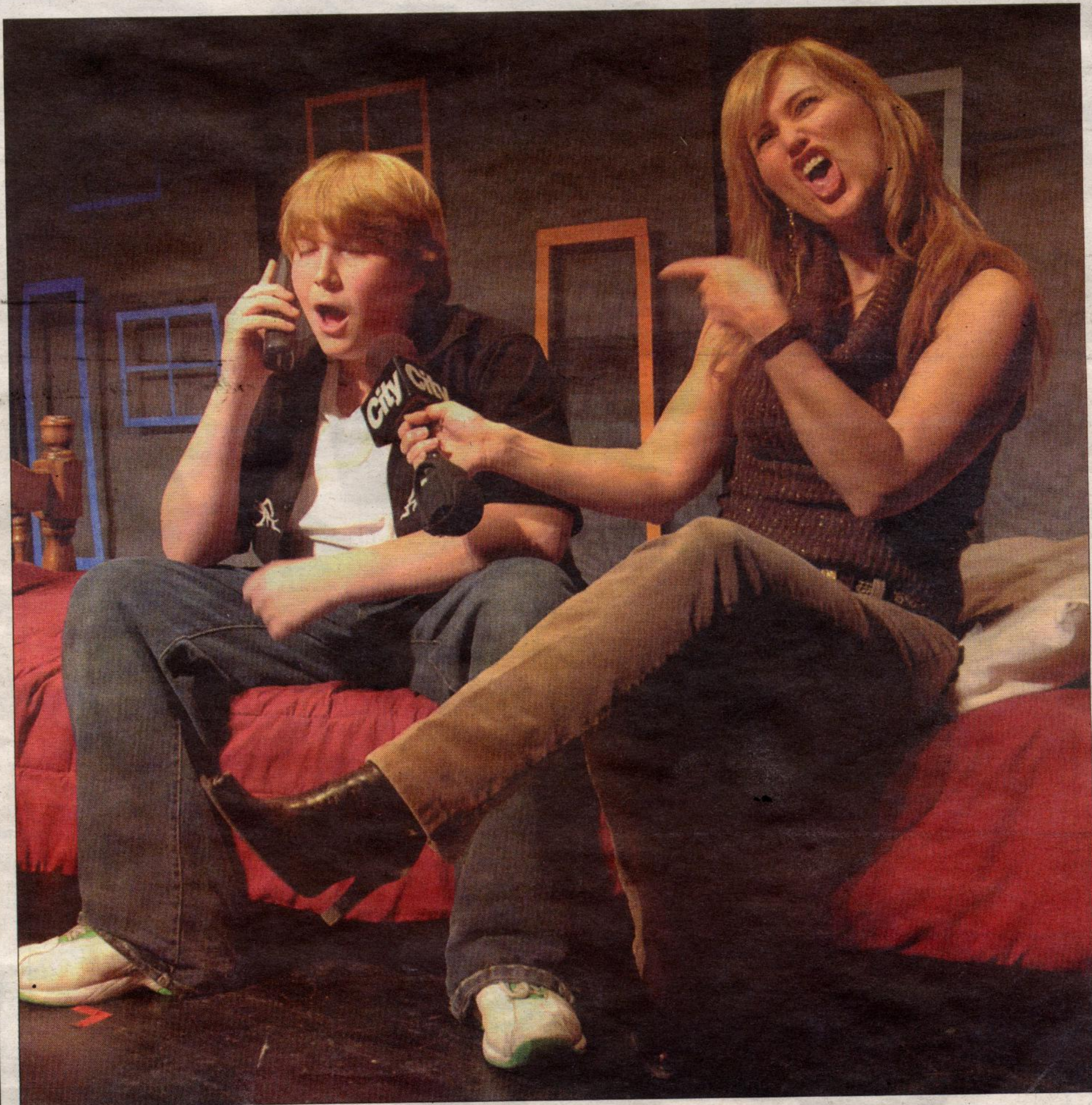
The Schoffelmeers and Hutzal, along with Janet and Russell Armstrong also of Georgetown, were in the Jordanian capital of Amman with 33 other people on the final stop of a Christian pilgrimage when suicide bombers detonated three bombs nearly simultaneously at the city's most popular U.S. based hotels Wednesday evening. Fifty-seven people died and 115 were wounded. No members of the tour, which was organized by former Maple Ave. Baptist Church pastor Don Fitchett, were injured.

The bombs are believed to be the works of Al Qaeda protesting Jordan's peaceful relations with the U.S.

The Schoffelmeers and Hutzal were in the lobby of the Radisson SAS Hotel with many others from their group watching a Jordanian-Palestinian wedding reception that was being held there.

"We were watching the escorting of the bride through the lobby," said Hutzal. She was enjoying the festivities that were accompanied by loud bagpipe music and drumming, and was thrilled to be able to observe the Jordanian customs.

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CITY-TV big on Georgetown

CITY-TV *Breakfast Television* Live Eye host Jennifer Valentyne hammed it up with Adam Norton, 14, as Georgetown Globe Productions performed segments of their upcoming show, *big, The Musical*, for the Live Eye, early Monday morning at John Elliott Theatre. Valentyne interacted with cast members and interviewed some of the leads, like Norton, who plays the part of Billy in the musical. The show opens November 17.

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