

3 women charged as massage parlour shut down



STAFF PHOTO/JOAN RANSBERRY
Police lead a woman, whose face has been digitally altered, away from a massage parlour closed down in Stouffville's west end Thursday afternoon.

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Three women are facing prostitution charges after York Regional Police shut down a massage parlour in Stouffville's west end Thursday.

Business owners in the Ringwood Drive Plaza cheered as police escorted a 53-year-old Toronto woman and 30-year-old Markham woman from Sandalwood Shiatsu to a waiting car.

A third woman faces similar charges, Det. Michael Klimm said.

Police searched the business at 5 Ringwood Dr. following an investigation trig-

gered by complaints from adjacent business owners, Det. Klimm said.

"In January, there were 182 known bawdy houses (in York Region) now there are 152. We don't want them here. We will shut them down," Det. Klimm said.

Neighbours became suspicious when the business opened last spring, said Dana Derasmo of Once is Not Enough.

Owning a children's clothing and baby furniture store beside such an establishment is "unnerving to say the least," said Mrs. Derasmo.

"I was so pleased to see

the police show up," she added.

Plaza property manager Ming Chung said when he turned up to do a routine check of his property and saw the film cameras and photographers, he thought someone was "shooting a commercial."

"I had no idea that this was going on," Mr. Chung said.

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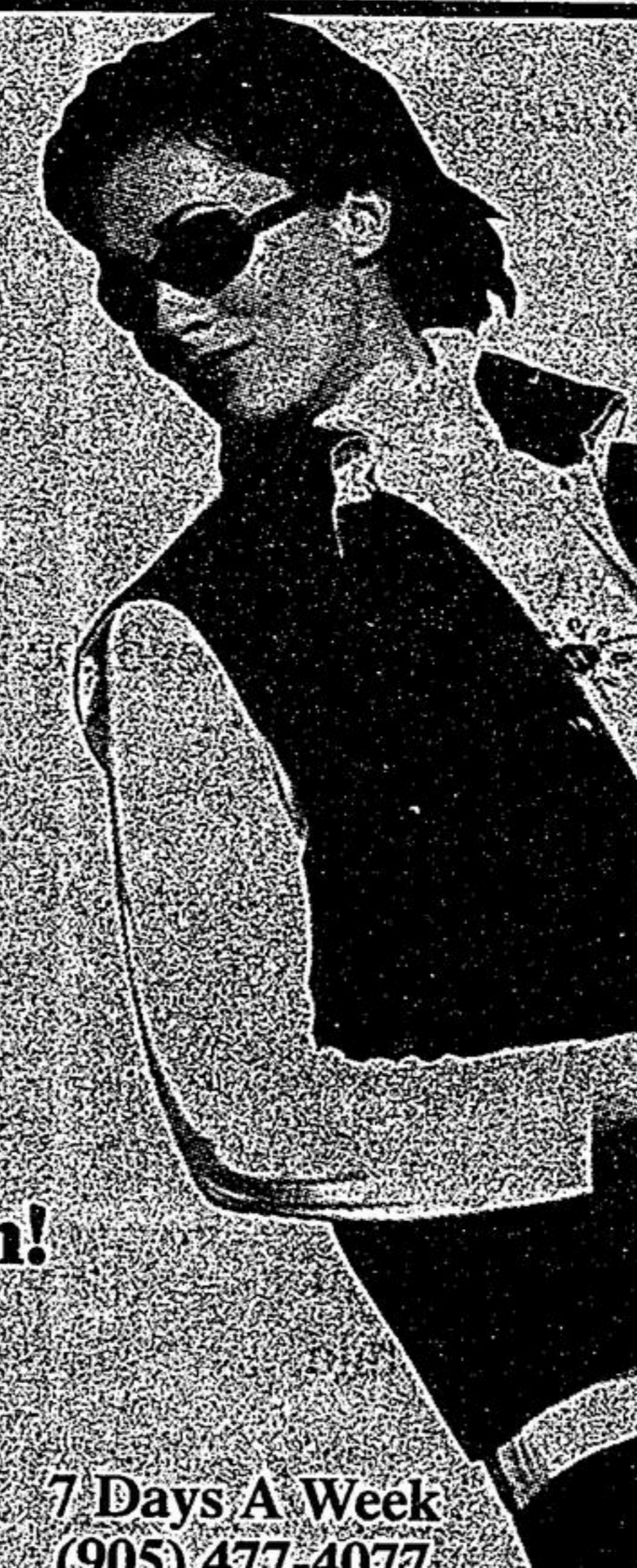
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