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THURSDAY FOCUS

BULLDOGS THE NEW TOWN TEAM FOR CBS TV MOVIE, THE RUSSELL GIRL

Greetings from Stouffville, Ill.

*Traveling Pants star
hits Main Street*

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
Staff Writer

Blink once, blink twice — downtown Stouffville turned into a small town in Illinois earlier this week for the filming of the TV movie *The Russell Girl*.

The movie features Amber Tamblyn, who starred in the TV series *Joan of Arcadia* from 2003 to 2005. She received Emmy and Golden Globe nominations for her performance in the series' title role. She also starred in the *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*.

*Hollywood North: Incredible
Hulk shooting in Stouffville
tomorrow/page 8.*

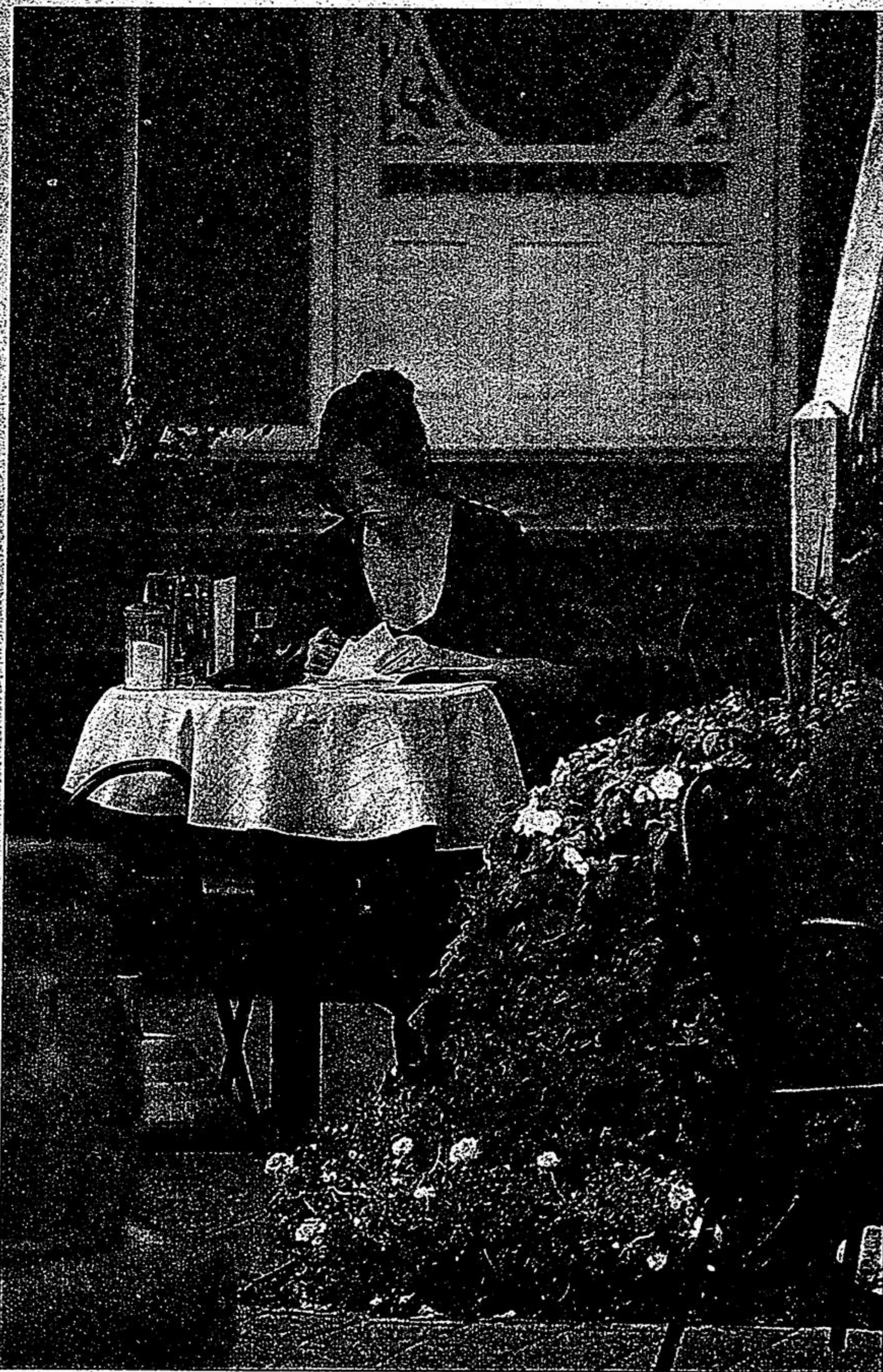
The contemporary story of *The Russell Girl* follows Sarah Russell, a small-town girl who attempts to escape her past by moving to Chicago. When she returns home, she is forced to confront memories from the past in the form of an estranged neighbour who has torn the two families apart.

It's expected to air on CBS in February as the second presentation of the Hallmark Hall of Fame's 57th season.

Also starring and working in Stouffville were Jennifer Ehle (*Possession* and *Paradise Road*) as Lorraine Morrissey, and Canadian actors Henry Czerny (*CSI*, *The Park Panther*, and *Mission Impossible*), as Howard Morrissey, and Max Morrow (*Monk* and *The Brady Bunch in the White House*) as Rick Morrissey.

Ben Lewis plays Jon Morrissey. Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and Tim DeKay play Gayle and

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Joan of Arcadia star Amber Tamblyn is on the set of *The Russell Girl* in downtown Stouffville Monday. She was dining at Candlelight and Memories, which stood in as an elegant coffee shop, outdoor patio and all, for the movie. It's to air on CBS in February. For additional photographs, see page 3.

Community slams judge's body rub decision

*York Region
bawdy house
charges dismissed*

BY JOE FANTAUZZI
Staff Writer

The reported dismissal of bawdy house charges laid against a Vaughan massage parlour manager has come under fire by Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio.

A report Tuesday by the *Toronto Star* quoted the presiding judge in the case as questioning if the community would consider masturbating a client to be sexual in all situations.

"I am really hoping that it is not going to give rise to more of these unsavoury types of businesses opening up in Vaughan," Ms. Frustaglio said. "I don't know how one reacts, retaliates against this type of ruling. If providing masturbation to another person is not a sexual act, then what is it?" Gormley resident David Jo agreed most people consider it sexual and also challenged the judge's idea the act wasn't prostitution but a no-cost optional part of a massage.

"Who pays that much for a massage?" said the convenience store operator.

Illegal massage parlours

pose a threat to community standards and are a public safety risk, Ms. Frustaglio said.

That sentiment was backed up by York Regional Police investigative services Insp. Tom Carrique, who said illegal parlours bring criminal behaviour such as unreported robberies, drug use and underage girls working as attendants.

In February 2004, three people were shot to death in the Mirage Spa on Warden Avenue in Markham. The murders of Yan Jun Liu, 35, Zhu Xia Lin, 41, and Walter Xio Chen Zhang, 40 remain unsolved.

In 2002, York Regional Police identified 180 illegal parlours, a situation Insp. Carrique called "epidemic."

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One parlour can generate \$500,000 per year, he said.

At least one has been raided in Stouffville this decade.

A crackdown launched in 2004 has lowered that number to 19 illicit parlours known to police, he said.

In the past two years, no attendants have been found under 17, Insp. Carrique said.

"I think our efforts have been very successful," he said, adding he does not expect the region will see an increase in illegal massage parlours in the near future.

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