

Markham-Stouffville connection brings aid to Ukraine

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Destitute elderly people living on the streets of Kiev, Ukraine are being helped by a Markham church group and a former Stouffville pastor and his wife.

A fund-raising concert by the Austrian Family Chorus at The Bridge Community Church on 16th Avenue in Markham on Feb. 16 will help support that work.

After seeing the desperation of homeless people shivering on the streets of Kiev during bitterly cold

winters, Dorothy Pitts was moved to create the Dorothy Mercy Fund.

The fund provides them with warm blankets, clothing, basic personal care items and money from Mrs. Pitts' 'Mercy Glove'.

"I always go prepared with local currency in my gloves or pocket," Mrs. Pitts wrote to members of the Live Wires, a 50-plus group at The Bridge. "It is called the Mercy Glove/Pocket."

She became well-known in the Stouffville community during the 1980s while her

husband, the Rev. Craig Pitts, was pastor at Stouffville Pentecostal Church.

Although the Pitts moved to Ukraine only four years ago, Mr. Pitts has worked in

the area for the past decade as Eurasia regional co-ordinator for the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada's missions department.

The Live Wires are in the

process of collecting items for 'Blessing Bags', as Mrs. Pitts calls them, which will be distributed to the poor in Kiev.

The fundraising concert by the Austrian Family

Chorus begins at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children. For tickets or more information on the concert, call the church at 905-294-6716.

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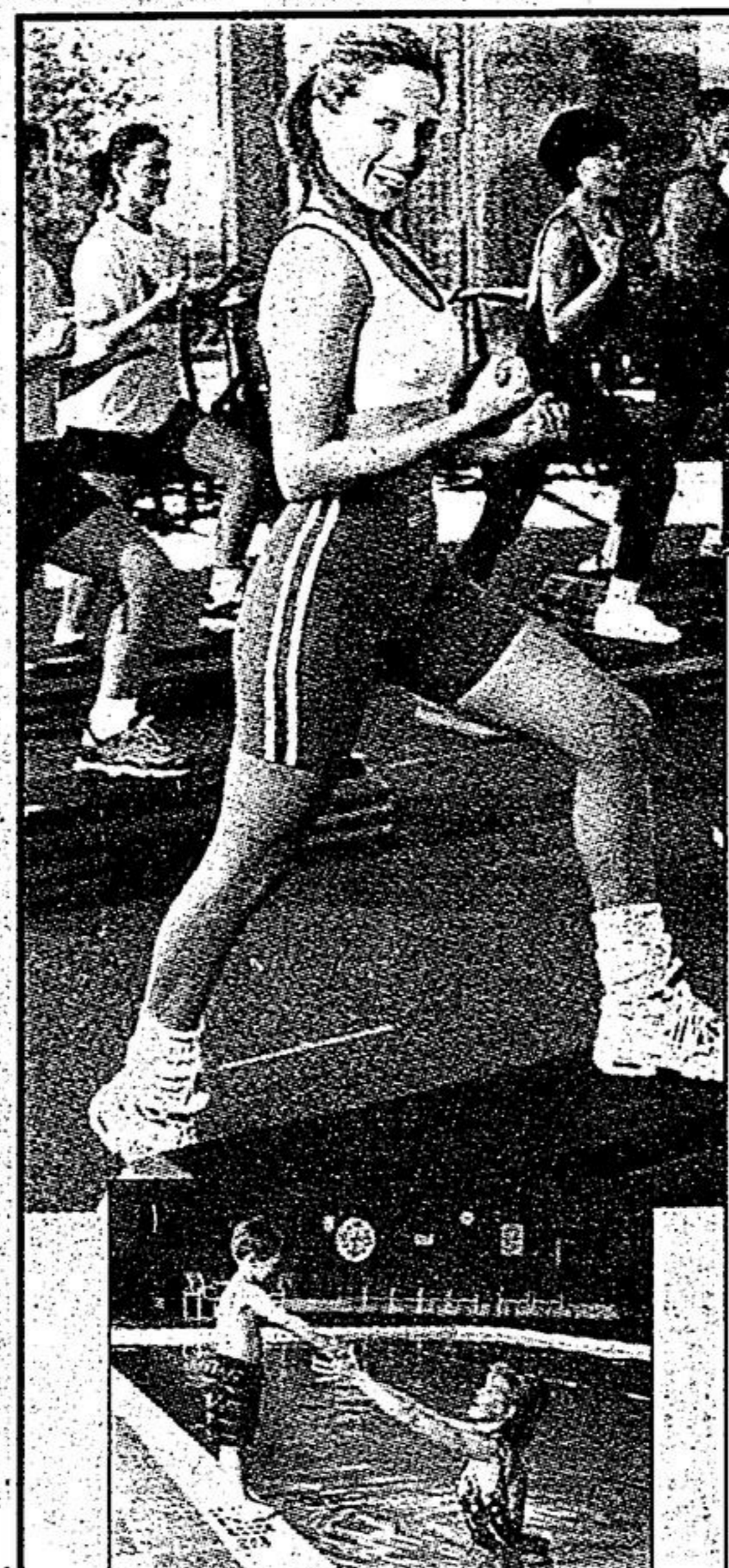
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Showtimes

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