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Opening night festivities

Officials from Stouffville's Re/Max Imperial Realty organized an official opening celebration at the new Imperial Centre in the west end of town last Thursday, and pulled no punches for the event. The real estate group is the first tenant in the newly-opened Imperial Centre. Hot air balloons (below left) bearing the company's logo turned out for the event, as did its president. In the photo at left, local broker/owner Ronald Good (left) accepts a congratulatory bouquet from President Walter J. Schneider.

Congratulations extended to Uxbridge High School grads

Congratulations to all of the graduates of both Brock High School and Uxbridge High School who received their diplomas on Friday, Nov. 3. In particular, I would especially like to mention the recipients of the Ontario Scholar Awards.

The winners of this award at Brock High School were Karen Berry, Ken Carson, Kelly Coad, Amber Currie, Steven Fourth, Barbara Green, Kim Henry, Karen Kea, Lisa Larson, Brenda McGibney, David Misner, Leslie Risebrough, Jennifer Snelgrove, Cody Storry and Andrew Tinkl.

In Uxbridge, the recipients were David Archibald, Perry Asa, Paul Bernhardt, Carol Ann Betz, Jennifer Connor, Mandy Dacey, Angela Davis, Colin Hales, Jennifer Harding, Julie Henderson, Richard Kim, Jennifer Magill, Marilyn Norton, Daphne Paszterko, Linda Rance, Carol Rowland, Hyo-Jin Shin, Marilyn Stoteler and Alisa Whittaker.

A significant announcement was made last week by Health Minister Elinor Caplan to reinforce our government's commitment to provide quality health care in Ontario.

The minister announced a \$15-million program to improve the recruitment and retention of nurses.

The following are six major initiatives which will have an annual cost of \$3 million, over five years:

- A five-year, \$5-million nursing innovation fund
- An ongoing \$1.5-million bursary program for nursing students, registered nurses and registered nursing assistants who agree to work in designated



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- Annual funding of \$400,000 for research in quality of work life issues in nursing.
- Annual funding of \$200,000 for nursing human resources data centres.
- Establishment of the positions of a nursing co-ordinator and two nursing policy advisors within the ministry.
- Restructuring and broadening of the membership of the Advisory Committee on Nursing Manpower.

These initiatives should go some distance to find solutions to various challenges that are facing nurses today.

The month of November is Wife Assault Prevention Month. The Hon. Mavis Wilson, minister responsible for women's issues, has restated the government's commitment to long-term wife assault prevention strategy.

For many years, the subject of wife assault had been too sensitive to discuss in public and, as a result, it has remained a silent crime. The way to stop the silence is through education.

The brochure, Let's Break the Silence, is currently being produced as a new component for the 1989 campaign and will be available shortly. A list of programs is available at my constituency office.

Recently I attended the official

opening of two new restaurants in our riding. My best wishes to D. D. Homeburgers in Mount Albert and Zappeion's in Stouffville.

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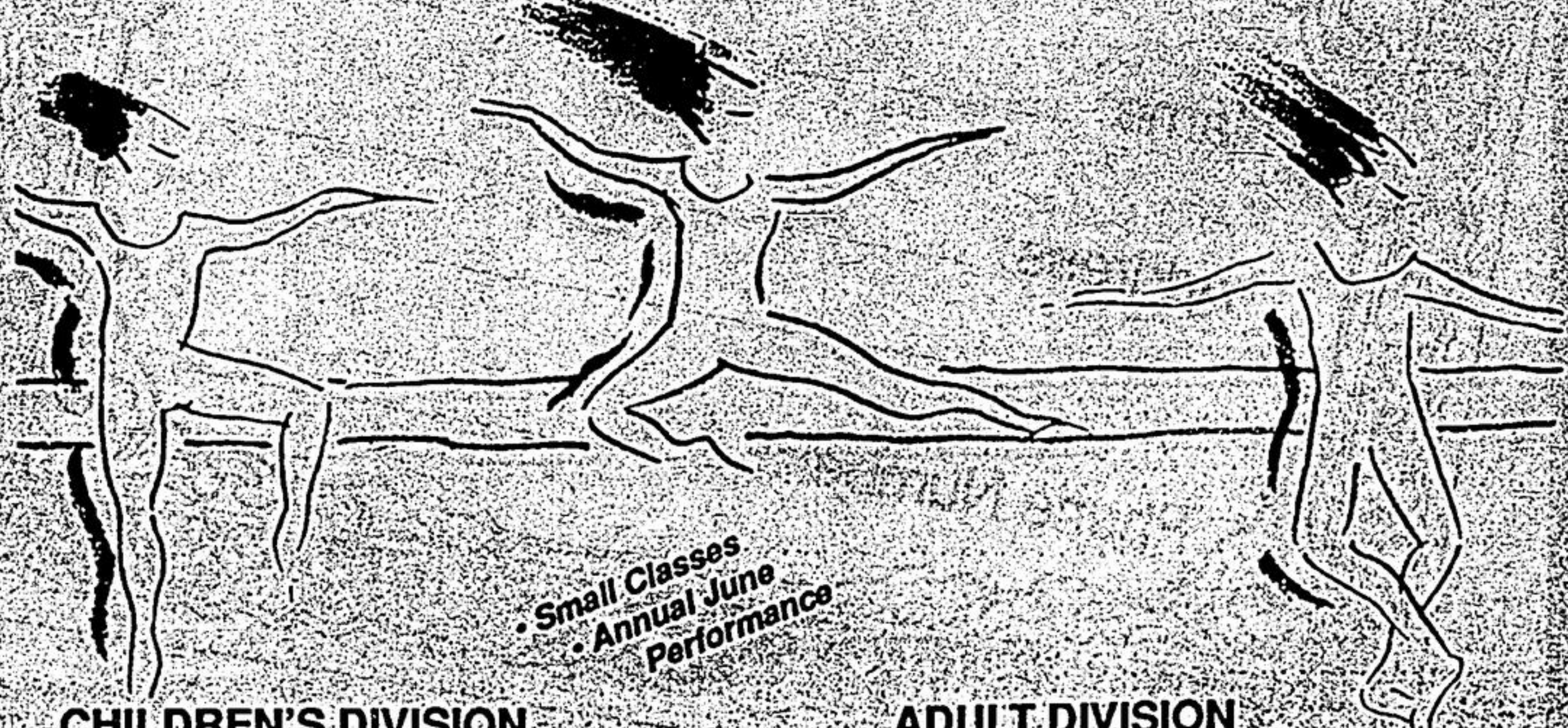
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