

Dancing on world stage at soccer event

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Three young Stouffville dancers performed at the opening ceremonies of the FIFA Under 20 World Cup Soccer tournament at Exhibition Place in Toronto on Canada Day.

Michelle Cody and Alanna DeLory, both 15, and 12-year-old Cassandra Fiorini performed a hip hop routine accompanied by a marching band before a crowd of 22,000 soccer fans.

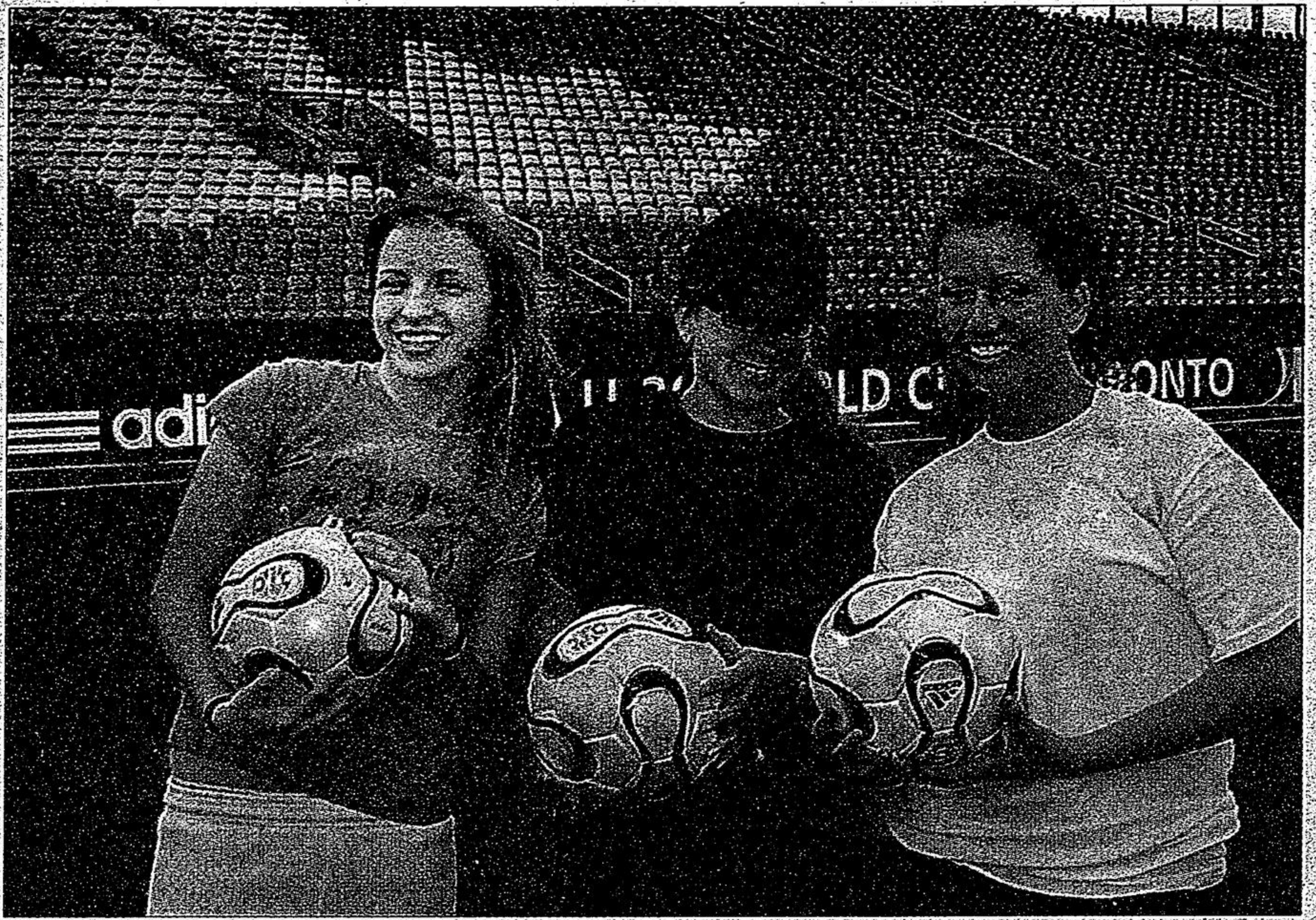
They were part of a group of 15 Markham and Stouffville dance students from Sandra Amodeo's Dance Studio in Markham. About 80 dancers from the GTA performed at the event.

"There was a lot of adrenalin with the dance," Alanna DeLory said, "because the fans were so excited."

The girls all had to audition to be in the opening ceremonies.

The three Stouffville girls take a variety of lessons at the school including jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop and musical theatre.

Melissa Panton, of Groove Street Productions, who teaches hip hop lessons at the Amodeo studio, choreographed the dance numbers for the opening ceremonies.



Stouffville dancers Michelle Cody (from left), Cassandra Fiorini and Alanna DeLory took part in the opening ceremonies of the FIFA under-20 world soccer championships at Exhibition Place in Toronto Sunday.

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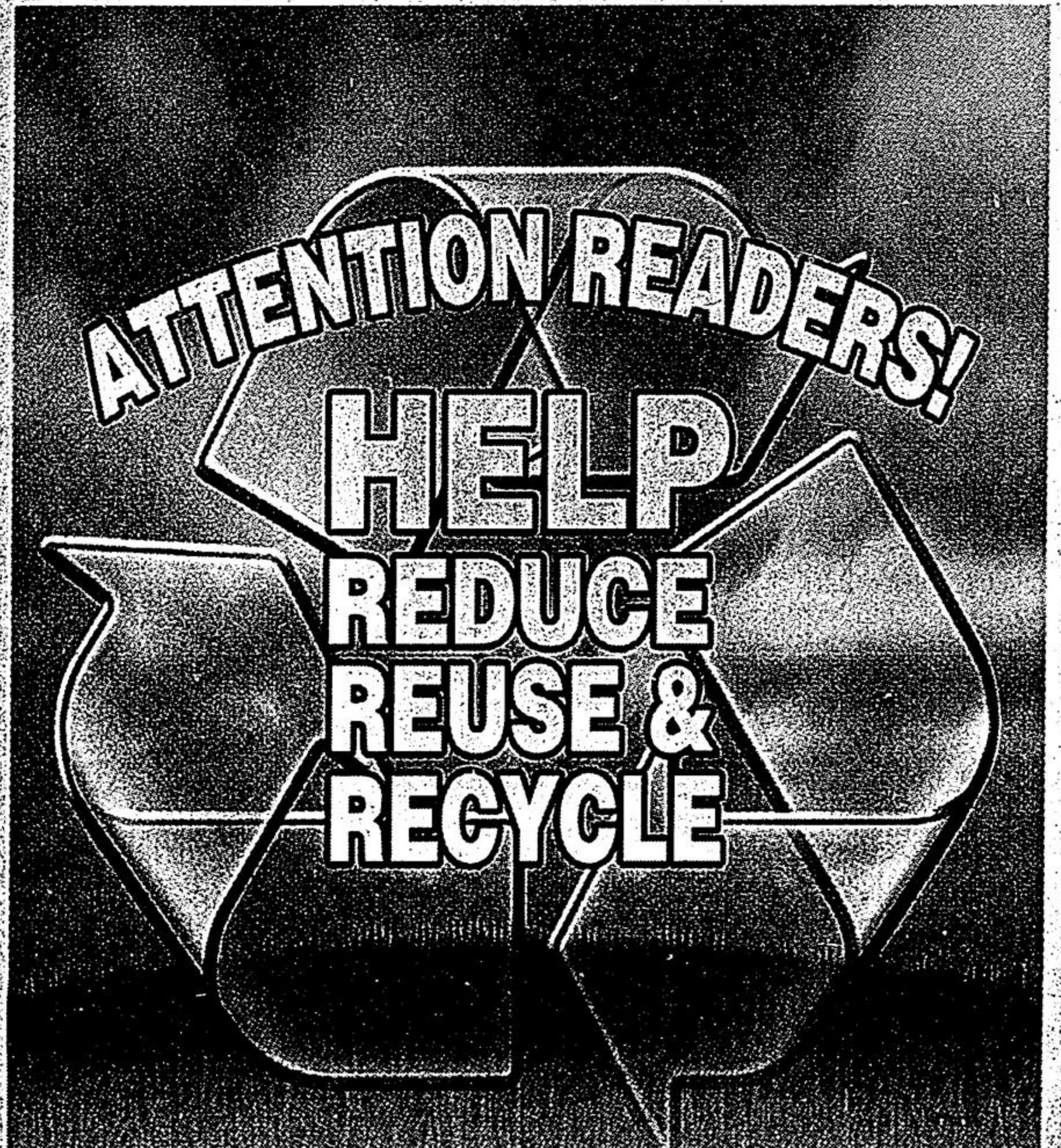
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