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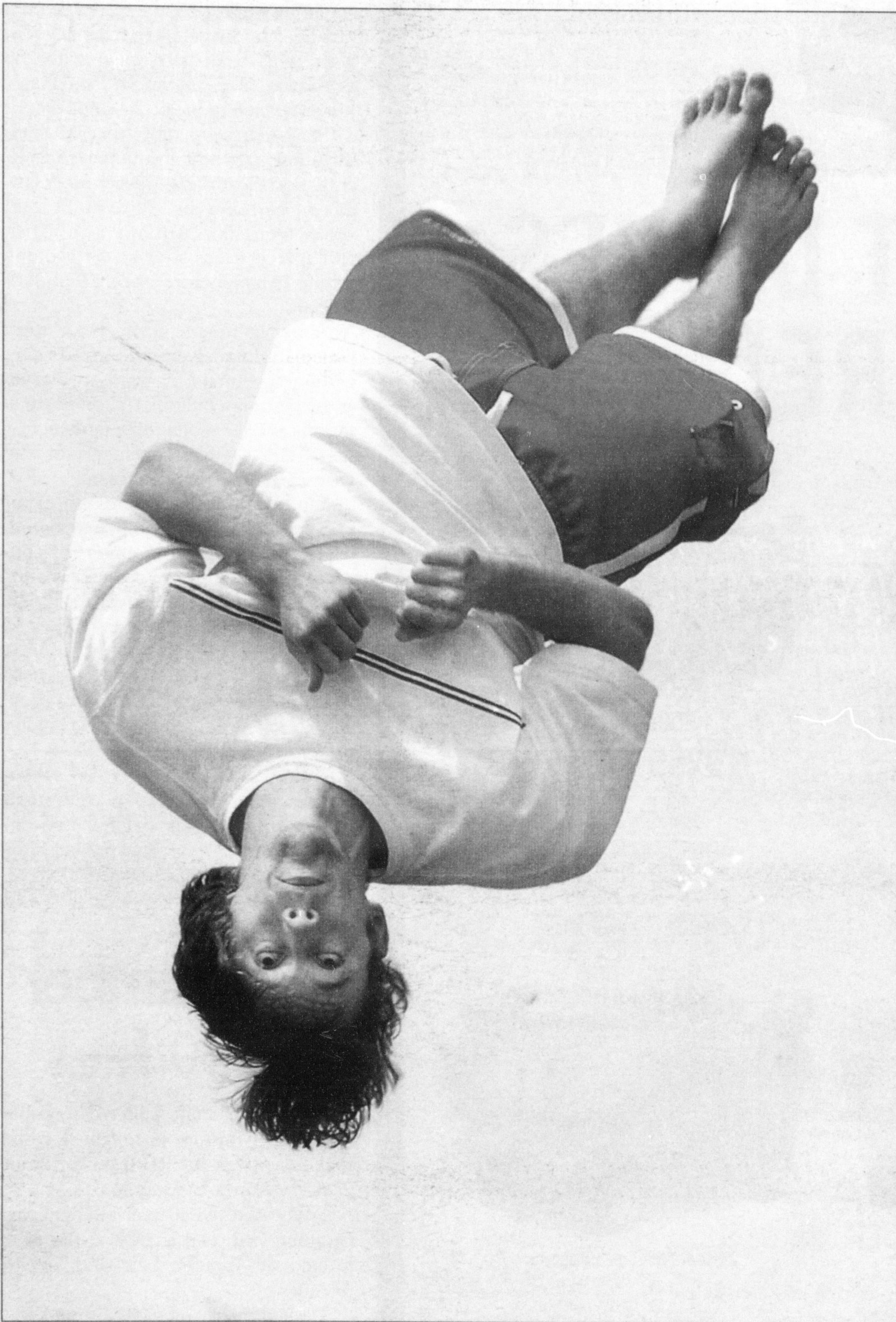
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**EYE POPPING:** Canadian National Trampoline Team member Jason Burnett delivers an eye-popping performance during Canada Day celebrations at the Milton Fair Grounds. See more Canada Day coverage on pages A13, A14 and B5.

## Power plant proposed on Main, east of Fifth

By Melanie Hennessey  
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A 680-megawatt power plant has been proposed for lands at the terminus of Main Street, just east of Fifth Line, that could open in 2009.

Plans for the natural gas-fired, combined cycle facility — named the Milton Clean Energy Centre — are now being put through an environmental assessment and will be the subject of a public meeting next week.

Pristine Power Inc, a Canadian power project developer, put forward the concept after the Ontario Power Authority sent out a request for proposals for a new local generating station.

"We're responding to a need for power in the GTA," said Julia Ciccaglione, Pristine Power's vice president of environment and strategic development.

The proposed site, a 22-acre property, has good proximity to Hydro One lines and is also designated as an industrial park area in the Town's Official Plan, she said of the land's merits.

The plant would encompass about 10 to 12 acres of the site and would include two approximately 150-foot-tall exhaust stacks — about the same height as the electrical towers in that area currently — and a 30-foot-tall structure that would house cooling towers.

The facility would operate during periods of peak power demand, which usually coincides with daytime hours, said Ciccaglione. It would create about 20 permanent skilled labour positions and 200 construction jobs over a two-year period.

While the proposed design of the plant isn't quite ready for public viewing yet, she said, "We're trying to do something a little different than your typical box."

She noted that the centre would fea-

ture technological advances such as the best available emission controls and modern cooling technology.

The environmental assessment process the centre is subject to will look at its potential noise and emission levels.

Ciccaglione said the facility wouldn't be allowed to produce more noise than the existing level in the Main Street/Fifth Line area.

While she said the emissions from the plant would contain nitrogen oxide and some particulate matter, she emphasized that natural gas burns quite clean and coal-fired plants have higher emissions.

Ciccaglione said the big thing that sets Pristine Power apart is that it looks for synergies it could create in the communities it comes to.

For example, she said Pristine  
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