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At least 4 new councillors for town; Dunkeld out

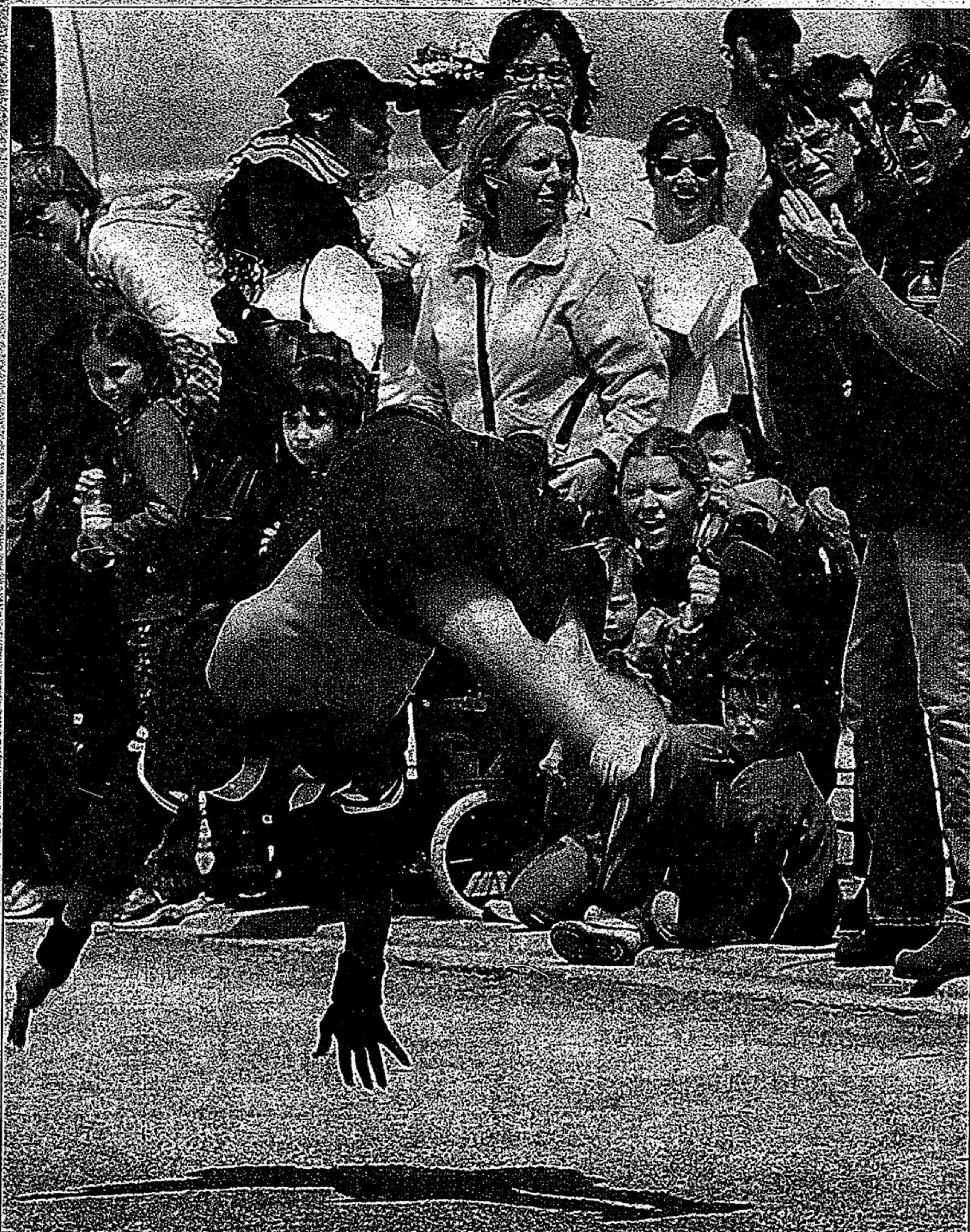
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Jim Priebe, who called a residents' meeting in Rupert Park to discuss development issues soon after moving to Stouffville, hopes to become the next Ward 4 councillor in the November municipal elections.

He signed up as a candidate Monday and will be among several political rookies trying out for a place on the next Whitchurch-Stouffville council. Four wards will have new councillors come election time. Veteran Ward 4 councillor Cliff Dunkeld announced his retirement May 13. Ward 3 councillor Peter Dobrich is also retiring, while Ward 6 councillor Sue Sherban and Councillor Steve Plakes of Ward 1 will leave their posts to take a run for the Mayor's position.

Mr. Priebe will be running against longtime resident Fred Robbins, a self-employed carpenter. In the 2000 elections, Mr. Robbins was defeated by Mr. Dunkeld, who was elected for a fourth time. Mr. Dunkeld cites the building of the indoor pool, library and fitness facility and the second ice pad as highlights of his 12 years on council. He has been a volunteer for most of his life and served nine years on the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Board.

An abiding interest in local politics and environmental issues fueled Mr. Priebe's decision to give municipal politics a try. The 40-year-old elementary school teacher would like to see development progress in Stouffville in a way that is beneficial and suitable to residents.



I'll tumble for ya'

Stouffville's Tyler Brooks draws applause from the crowd as he tumbles down Park Drive prior to the Stouffville Business Improvement Area's Spring Fling bed races Saturday.

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Town sued

Municipality should take over roads at lake, residents say

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While the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is looking to have Preston Lake North Shore residents pay a fee to maintain their roads, two residents have already launched a \$75,000 lawsuit against the town, claiming it is responsible for the roads' upkeep.

North Shore residents Dianne Leigh and Bruno Pignatelli filed their claim in a Barrie court last December. The roads are actually highways under the Municipal Act, they say in their claim, and therefore should be maintained to the same standards as roads in other Whitchurch-Stouffville subdivisions.

Their lawsuit also calls for \$75,000 in punitive damages because of the town's refusal to maintain the roads pursuant to their responsibilities under the Municipal Act.

"The town is defending its contention that they are private roads," said Nick Kristoffy, Whitchurch-Stouffville's treasurer/administrator.

"We are vigorously contesting their claim."

"We want them (the town) to assume their responsibility," Stuart Leigh said in an interview. "It is not a private road. It is similar to an unassumed road."

Since the 50 Preston Lake homes are a registered subdivision, Mr. Leigh said, he feels the two developers involved should be charged by the town for the upgrading and upkeep of the internal roads.

"We were hoping that the town

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