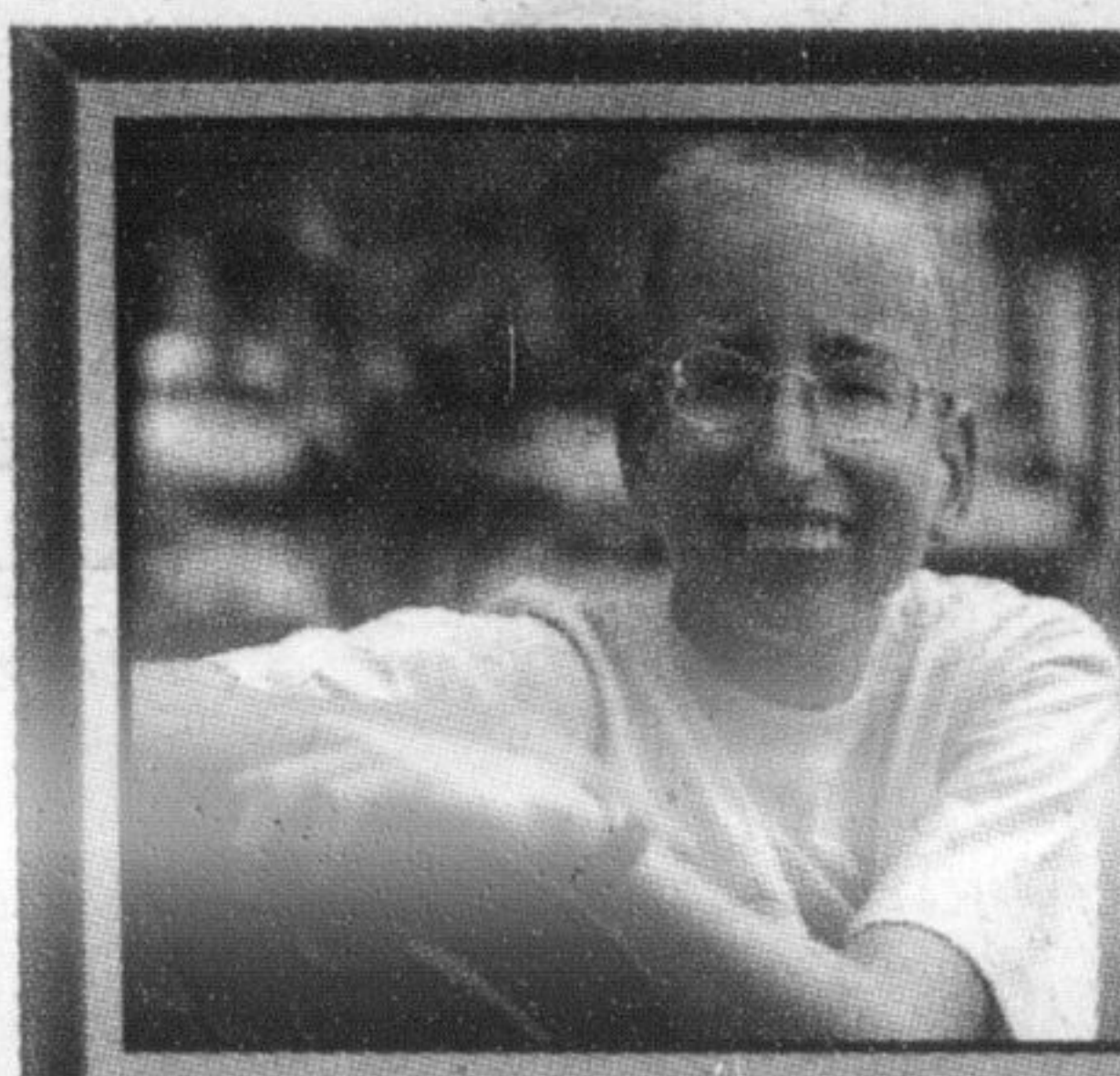
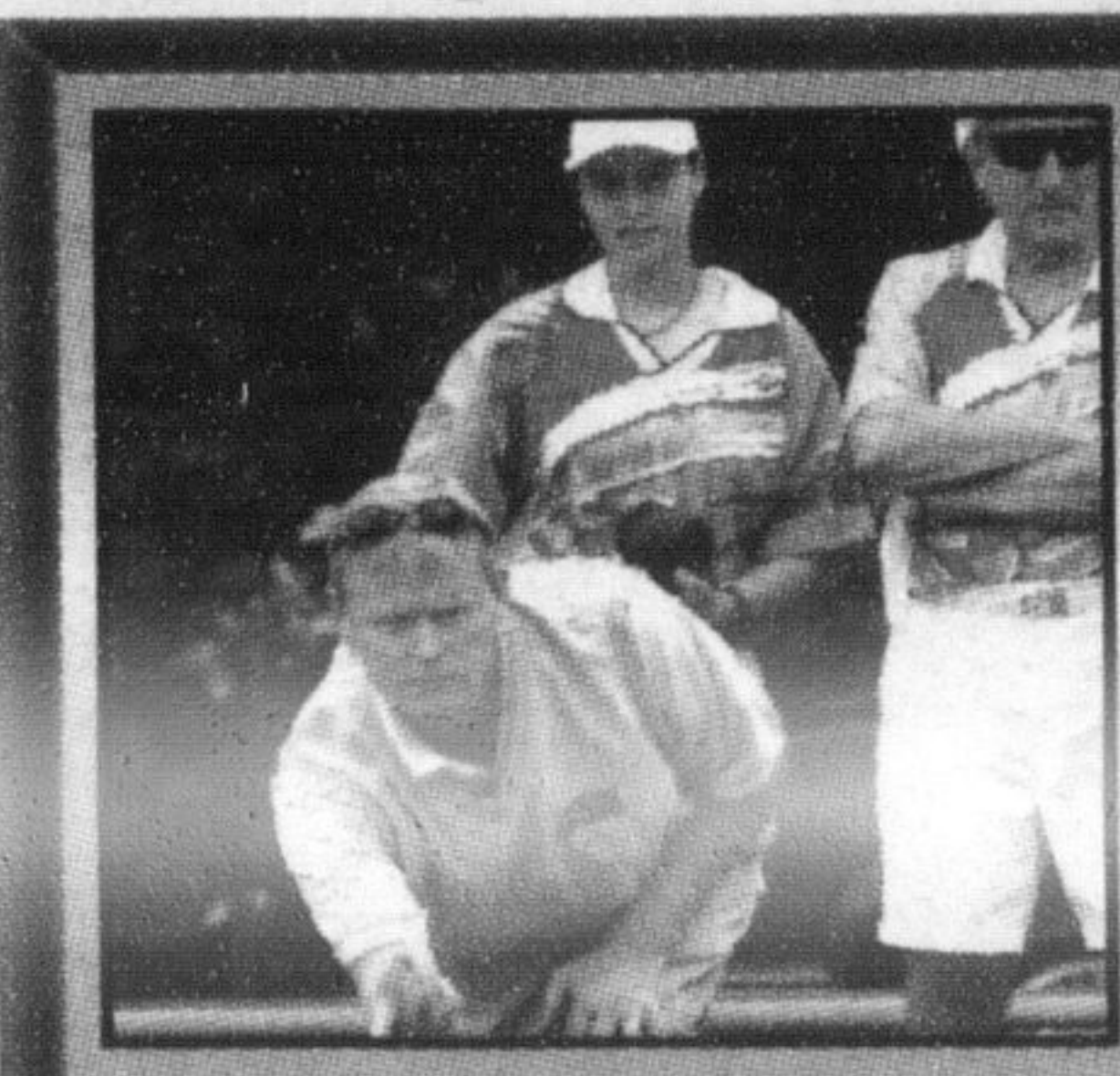


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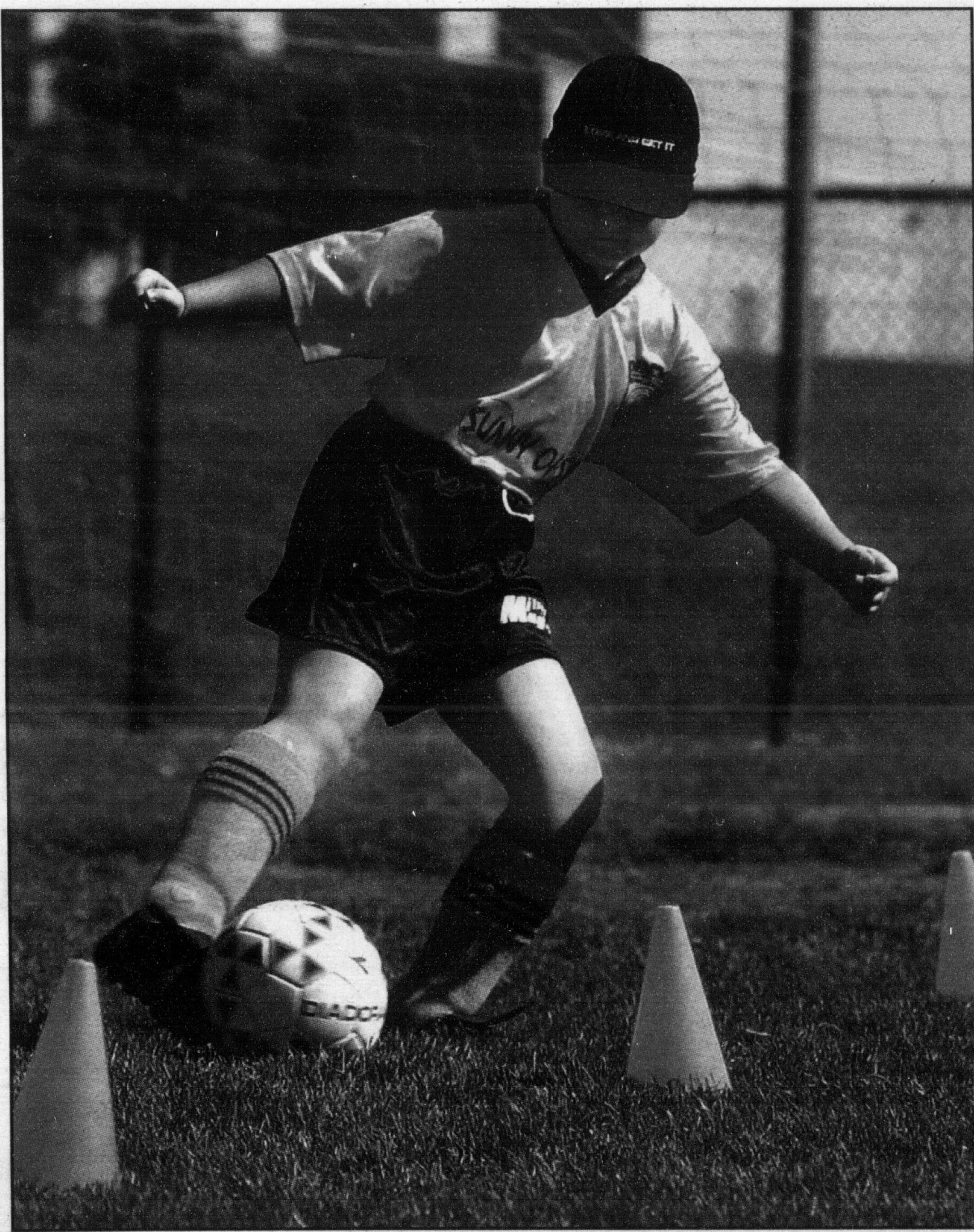


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Skillful showcase

Milton Youth Soccer held its annual end-of-season skills day for boys and girls under 9 Saturday morning at Lions Park. Here, Brandon Lewandowski tries to navigate the pylons with his team Sunny Oasis in the dribble and shoot event.

West Nile Virus in Halton confirmed, say health officials

By HOWARD MOZEL
Special to The Champion

While the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV) in Oakville has been confirmed, Halton's medical officer of health says the public understands the slim risk of infection.

Dr. Robert Nosal explained that final word on the blue jay in question came late

Thursday night from the Winnipeg lab where its organs had been tested.

He explained that this didn't come as much of a surprise and that residents appear to be well up to speed on the facts.

"People do have a good understanding that this is primarily a disease of birds and that the risk to humans is low," said Dr. Nosal.

That said, what remains is for residents to continue their vigilance by protecting themselves from bites and ridding their properties of mosquito breeding sites.

In the meantime, the health department will deploy traps in Oakville courtesy of the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to snare mosquitoes.

The trapped mosquitoes will be turned over to Health Canada for testing. The traps, 10 of them to start, will be used to help determine whether mosquitoes in the

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Water-use restrictions now lifted

Sprinklers were turned back on yesterday as a region-wide water ban was lifted.

"We are grateful to Halton residents and businesses for their patience and cooperation throughout the restriction period," said Patrick Murphy, Halton's commissioner of planning and public works. "The public's support was excellent."

Though the ban has been lifted, Mr. Murphy offered the following tips to conserve water and save money:

- Water lawns only once a week.
- Water lawns early in the morning between 6 and 10 a.m.
- Only use 2.5 cm of water per week (use a tuna can to monitor).
- Sweep the driveway instead of washing it.
- Shut off water while soaping up cars and then turn it on again to rinse.

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