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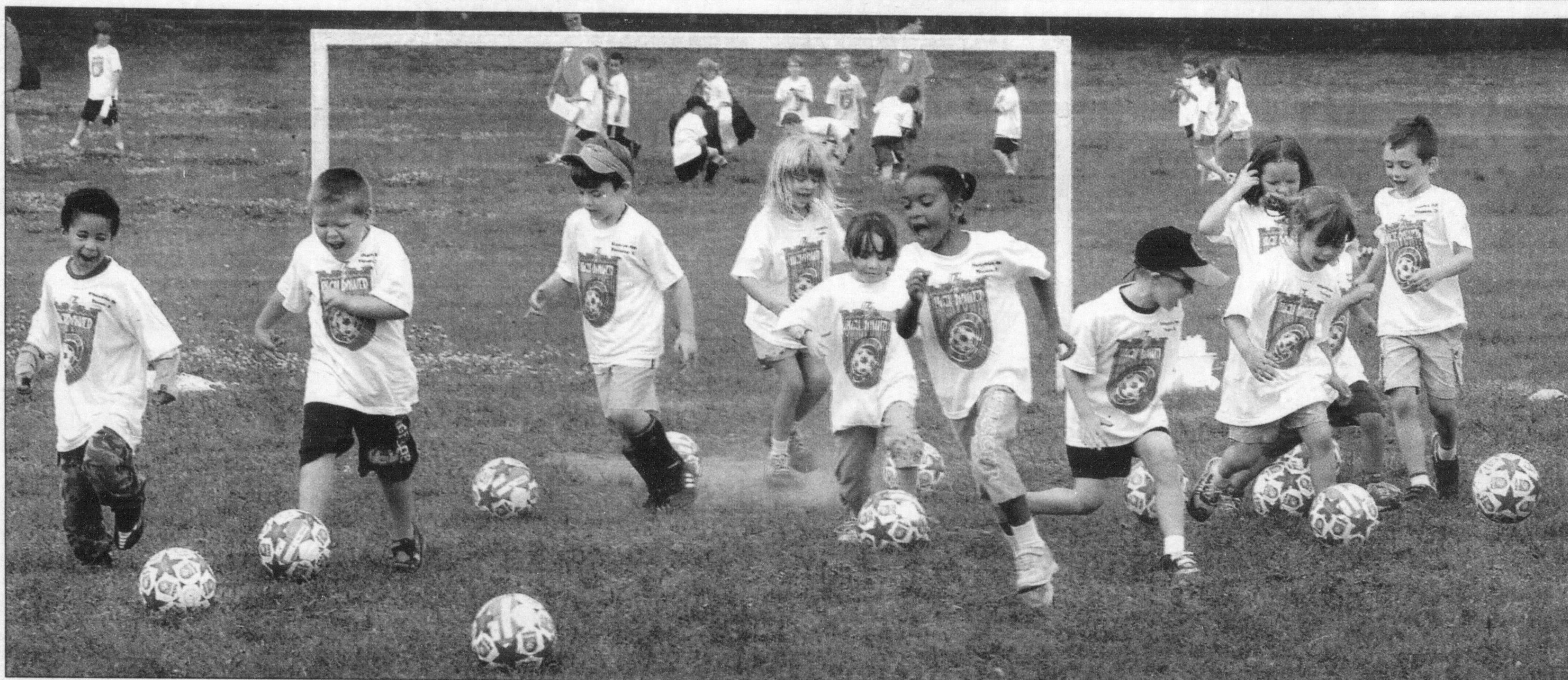
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**PUTTING YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD:** The annual week-long High Power Soccer Camp took over the playing fields of Our Lady of Victory School this week as more than 150 children from junior kindergarten to grade 6 took part. Here, a group of youngsters learn ball-handling skills. The soccer camp, which is in its fifth year, is put on by Southside Community Church.

## RCMP officer alleges harassment on job

Officer suing federal government for \$3.5 million

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An RCMP officer who says he suffers from anxiety attacks and lives in constant fear has launched a \$3.5 million lawsuit against the police force for harassment he alleges he suffered while working at the Milton detachment.

Const. Paul Carty, 28, alleges in a statement of claim filed Monday in the Superior Court of Justice that he suffered at the hands of his colleagues and supervisors, negatively impacting his health, relationships and career.

He's seeking the damages from the federal government as the RCMP's representative.

The Cambridge resident, who's of African, Native American and Caucasian origins, worked at the Toronto West detachment on

High Point Drive from October 2003 to July 2005.

In the 26-page statement of claim, Carty alleges fellow members of the force used derogatory language in describing his heritage and sent him racist e-mails.

He alleges he was forced to lie to cover for a superior, and had false accusations spread about his personal life. He was belittled in public and physically assaulted, he alleges, and was then transferred to the airport detachment, a move he didn't want.

He was also the victim of a prank and was "extremely embarrassed and humiliated," the document alleges.

When he complained to his superiors, no help was given, the document goes on to allege.

The court document says Carty suffered psychologically as a result of the alleged harassment.

"The Plaintiff suffered considerable embarrassment, emotional, psychological, financial, professional and physical damage," the document reads.

"He has severe consternation about returning to work in an environment that is racially hostile and poisoned and tolerant to racial stereotyping, racial name calling and racial prejudice."

The document goes on to claim Carty "lives in constant overwhelming fear, suffers from sleeplessness, has severe nightmares about work and suffers from migraine headaches due to anxiety attacks."

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

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