

Stouffville mission fighting malaria outbreak

An outbreak of malaria in East Africa is hitting home in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Christian Blind Mission International, whose Canadian headquarters are on Stouffville Road, has started a campaign in response to an urgent request from field workers in Africa.

"The rainy season has peaked and mosquitoes are breeding furiously," mission spokesperson Lindsay O'Connor said. "Our hospital wards are packed; up to three children having to share a narrow bed."

The blind mission is the leading organization educating, treating and preventing disabilities from malaria.

Malaria kills more than 1.5 million people in Africa annually. According to the World Health Organization, it's estimated that 90 per cent of deaths from malaria occur in Africa among young children under the age of five.

But it has been proven insecticide-treated mosquito nets hung over beds are an inexpensive yet reliable way to help protect these vulnerable children from malaria.

For \$3.50, a net can protect the life of a child.

Female mosquitoes that carry malaria are largely active from dusk to dawn, seeking blood to nurture their eggs, as they transmit the deadly disease from

person to person.

Those who have survived malaria now have many secondary diseases, including anaemia, epilepsy and learning difficulties.

"We need help today to prevent malaria from robbing the lives of more young children living in poverty in Africa," Mr. O'Connor said. "It's estimated that every 30 seconds, an African child dies from this preventable and treatable disease."

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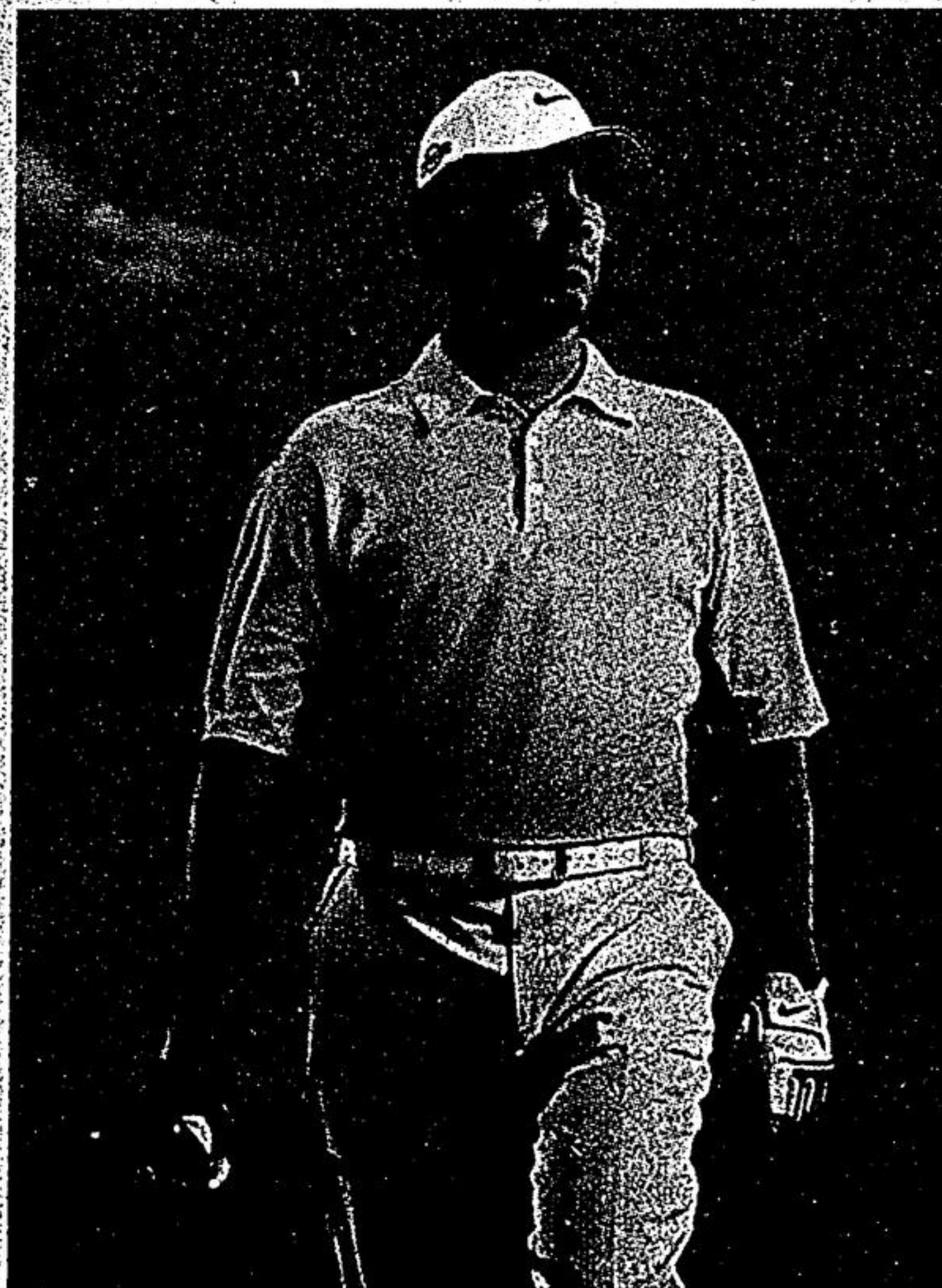
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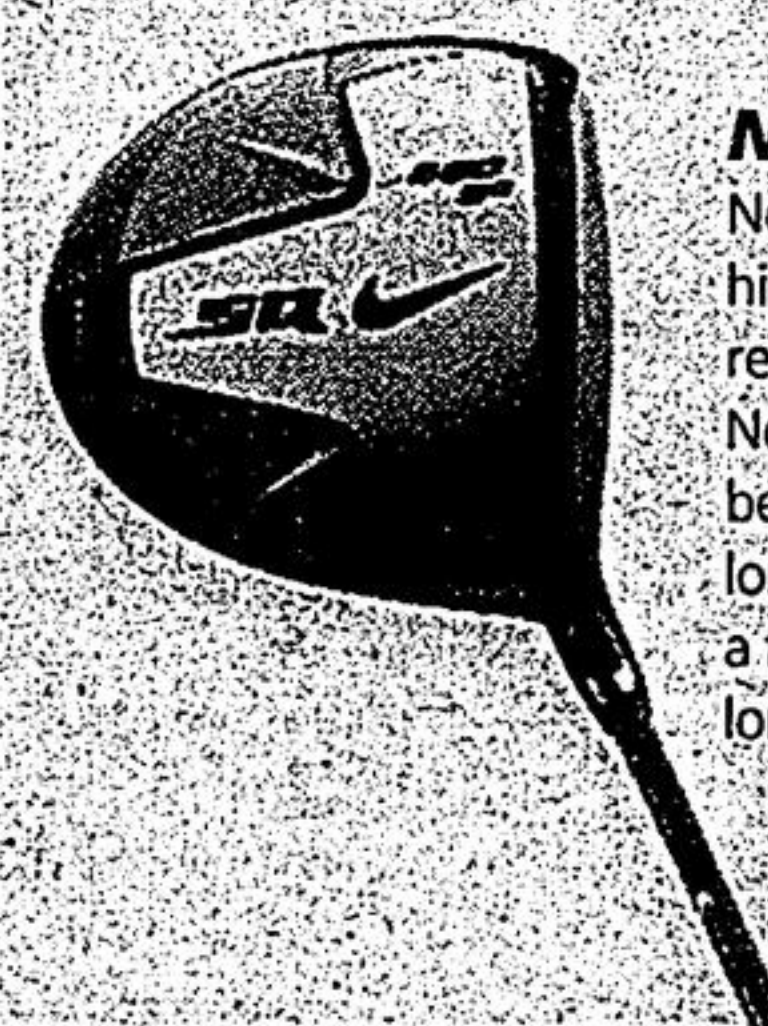
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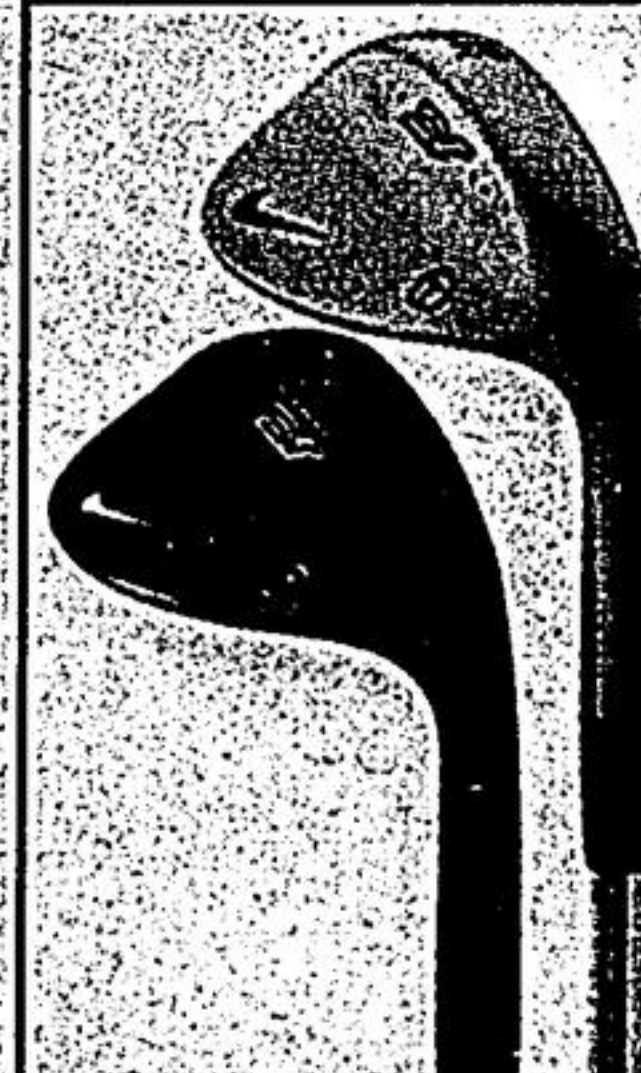
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