

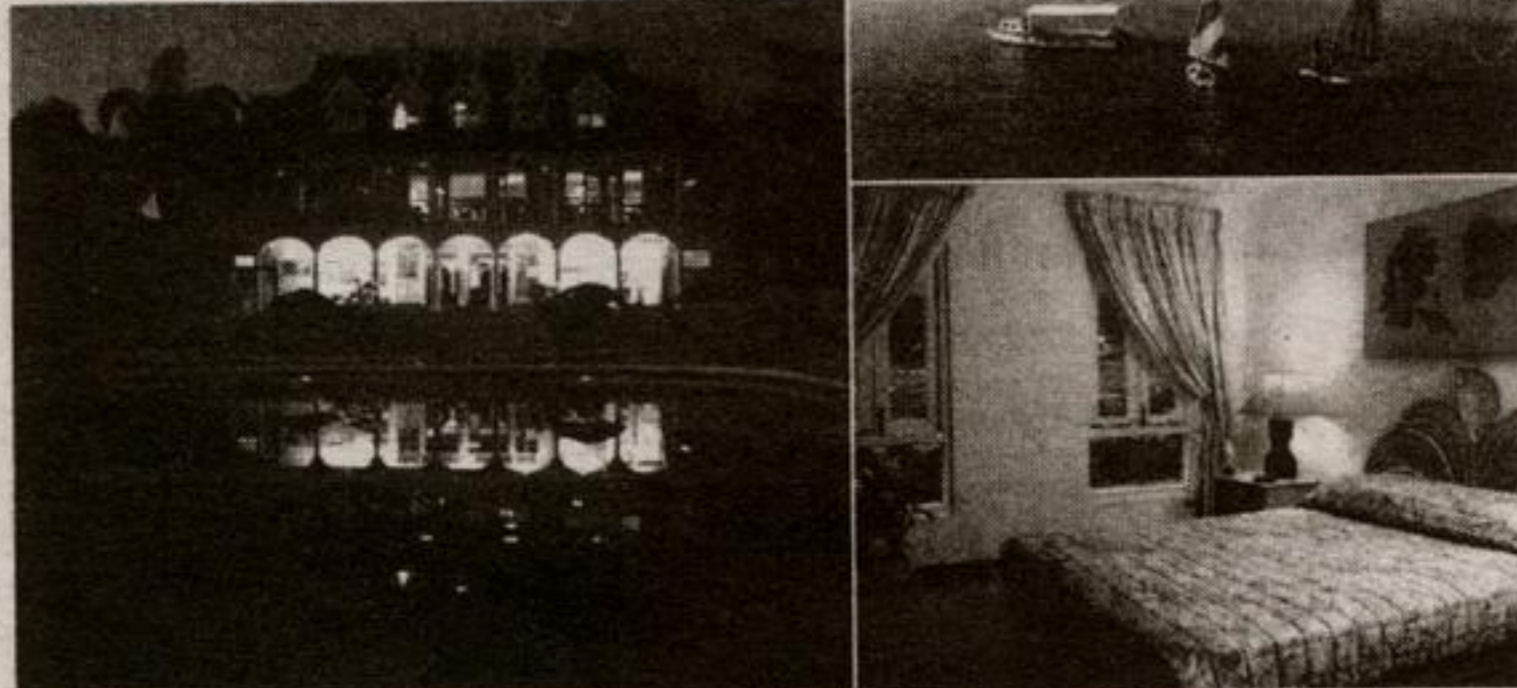
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Guelph, G'town still free calls

It will cost more for Acton customers to call Malton beginning September 24, but despite earlier information supplied by Bell Canada, long distance charges will not apply to calls to Guelph and Georgetown.

Bell Canada media relations spokesperson, Cathy-Anne O'Brien, initially said a recent audit of the telephone network found a program error that allowed long-distance calls to be dialed and programmed as local calls between Acton and Georgetown and Guelph.

She said that system error has been corrected and "519 area impacted calls will now have to dial 1 or 0 along with the area code and phone number and long-distance rates will apply."

Twenty minutes later, O'Brien retracted that statement to say that only calls from 519 to 905-362 numbers in Malton would have to pay long-distance charges — approximately .29 cents per minute, beginning September 24.

O'Brien said customers are being made aware of the change through inserts in their bills and with recorded messages when they call 310-BELL.

Acton's Sandy Chapman drafted by Toronto Rock

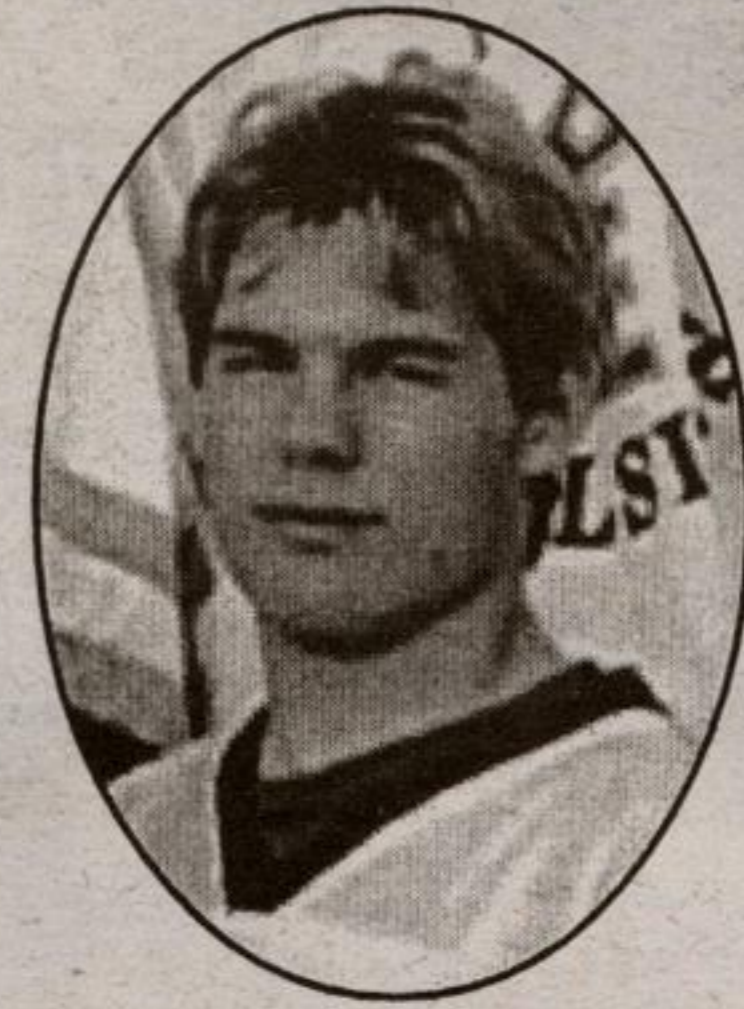
By FRANCES NIBLOCK
The New Tanner

Fast and fearless. Those are the attributes Acton's Sandy Chapman hopes will help him crack a spot on the National Lacrosse League's (NLL) Toronto Rock.

Chapman, 20, was the Rock's first pick (12th overall) in the first round of the NLL's draft on Saturday, and while cracking the 23-player team may be a long shot, he's hopeful he will be one of three players on the practice roster.

"Chapman is a nice kid. He plays bigger than his size and never takes a shift off," Rock general manager/coach Les Bartley said in a press release.

The 5-foot-11, 180-pound right-hander is seen as a transition player who could give the team some speed. Rock media co-ordinator Chad Richardson said Chapman would fill a void in their line up.



"When our coaches are drafting they're looking for an over-all package including work ethic, being a team player and then points. Sandy is definitely a hot commodity at the draft. We are a big, bruising team and wanted somebody who is quick up the middle and can turn the ball from offence to defence and defence to offence," Richardson said on Monday.

Chapman, who started his career playing house and rep lacrosse in Acton as a child, played his third season with the Junior Brampton Excelsiors last season, and

was named captain mid-way through the year. He scored 11 goals and 30 assists in 20 games and caught the eye of Rock assistant coach Ed Comeau, who also coaches the Excelsiors.

He was named the Excelsior's rookie of the year in '98, most sportsmanlike and most valuable player in '99 and earned MVP again last season and was also bumped from assistant-captain to captain.

Chapman is entering his second year at Brock University studying health sciences. The Rock practises in nearby Grimsby. He'll attend the Rock's training camp and tryouts in early October in Toronto.

Considered a semi-pro league, Rock players earn between \$400 and \$1,600 per game. The Rock won back-to-back titles for the 1999 and 2000 season and lost the championship to Philadelphia last season.

Sandy is the son of Acton lawyers Gord and Sandy Chapman.

Arthritis affects lives of many people

Over four million Canadians suffer from arthritis, several hundred of them from Acton, Rockwood and area. Here's the story of one of them:

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The Arthritis Society is Canada's only not-for-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for research into the causes and cures for arthritis, committing \$7 million a year to funding approximately 100 research projects across Canada. The Society designs a range of programs and services to support, educate and treat over four million Canadians living with the disease, including:

Consultation and Rehabilitation Service (CARS) a community-based service for people of all ages with arthritis. CARS personnel are specially trained occupational therapists, physical therapists and social workers who work throughout the province of Ontario. This service is funded through the Ministry of Health.

Arthritis Information Line (1-800-321-1433) provides information and support during regular business hours.

Arthritis Self-Management Program (ASMP) is a six-week self-help program for people living with arthritis delivered by people with arthritis and designed to help the individual better understand and cope with the disease.

September is arthritis month. Canvassers go door-to-door collecting money for the Arthritis Society. There is a desperate need for canvassers in Acton. If you are willing to canvass a street, please contact one of the following: The Arthritis Society Brampton 905-455-6243. Jos Bosboom 519-853-0738 or The New Tanner 853-0051.

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