

Gemini winner has seen world

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Stouffville resident Tom Dinsmore captured his first Gemini at the 19th annual award ceremonies in Toronto.

Along with Mark Bulgutch and Fred Parker, Mr. Dinsmore received the Gemini for best news special event coverage for the CBC news program, The 2010 Olympic Decision.

This is the first Gemini award listing Mr. Dinsmore as a nominee, although shows he's worked on in the past have won.

The 2010 Olympic Decision had already won the Radio and TV News Directors Association award for best special event coverage.

But the Gemini is "the top award in Canadian TV", Mr. Dinsmore said.

Now a senior producer with CBC-TV, Mr. Dinsmore joined the organization 22 years ago after graduating from Ryerson's radio and TV arts program.

Over his career, the 46-year-old has packed and unpacked more suitcases than most people. He wife, Sharon, and three boys, Andrew, Matthew and

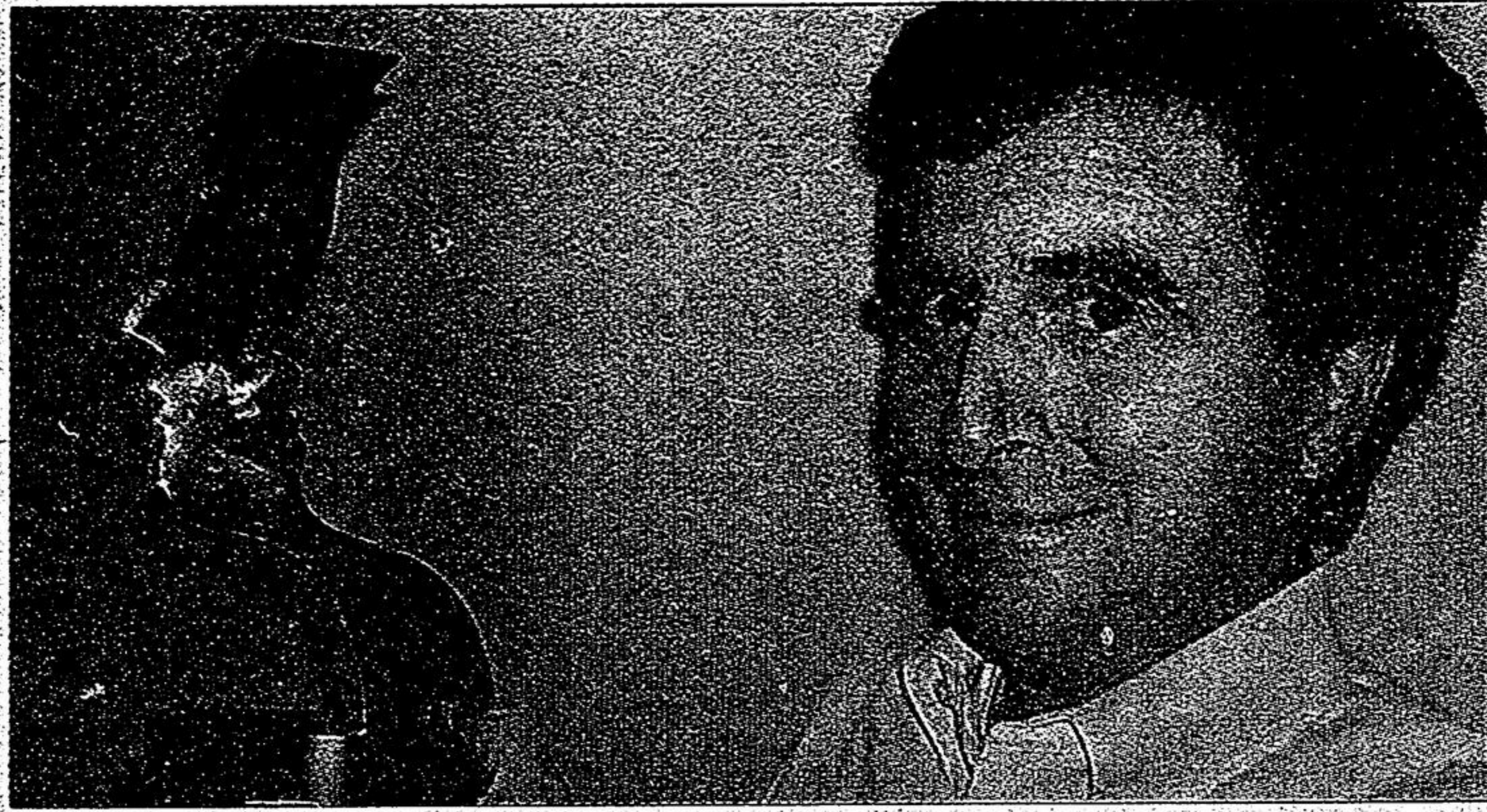
Teddy, can attest to the number of times he's been away. The family has lived in Stouffville since 1990.

He has covered the last five Olympic Games. It's an added bonus, he said, when the games are in locations with rich histories and fascinating cultures such as Greece or Japan. The most memorable games for him were in Sydney, Australia.

Mr. Dinsmore remembers overlooking St. Peter's Square when a CBC team was there to film the silver jubilee of Pope John Paul II. Seeing the square empty is impressive enough, he recalled, but filled with a million people, it "is something entirely different".

He's been present at historic events such as the 1997 handover of Hong Kong to China, which he calls "truly memorable", and was in Normandy for the 60th anniversary of D-Day. For Mr. Dinsmore, the D-Day commemorations were important because "our children don't know enough about it and we can only hope to teach them".

Much of his time now is spent working on The National, CBC's evening news program.



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Stouffville's Tom Dinsmore with Gemini he won for CBC-TV program on 2010 Olympic decision. The senior producer, currently working on The National, has worked for the network for 22 years.

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