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## Pro lacrosse all-star inspired by football MVP

Markham coach, 39, pondered retirement

BY MIKE HAYAKAWA  
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In a round-about way, the Toronto Rock lacrosse club should celebrate Toronto Argonauts' quarterback Damon Allen winning the Canadian Football League's MVP award last year.

The veteran pivot does not play lacrosse, but he did influence Jim Veltman's decision to return for another National Lacrosse League campaign.

The 39-year-old Stouffville resident's decision to play another year for the Rock after pondering retirement last summer has paid off Mr. Veltman, who coaches minor lacrosse in Markham, was selected to play in the league's all-star game at the Air Canada Centre Saturday at 4 p.m.

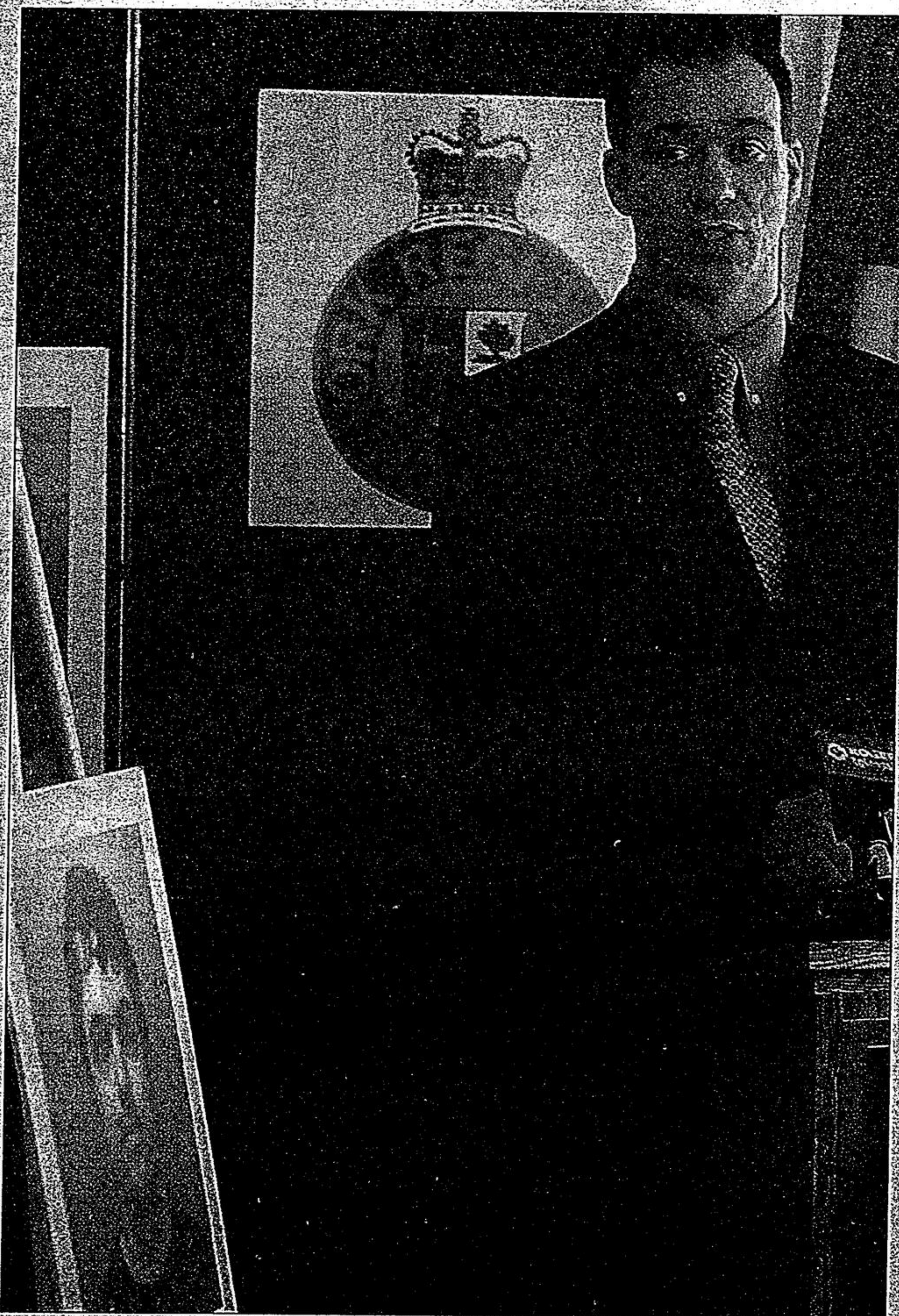
"Over last summer, I didn't know what direction I wanted to go," said Mr. Veltman. "But what gave me new life was Damon Allen. For him to win the league's MVP award at 42 years of age inspired me. I feel I can still contribute and I feel like I'm still playing at a high level and as long as I'm doing that, I'll continue to play."

Appearing in all seven all-star games the league has staged, the Rock captain is one of five players from the defending league championship club chosen to play.

Compiling four goals and 13 assists in eight league games this

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## LOOKING FOR MORE VICTIMS



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

York Regional Police Det. Don Dalgleish appeals to the public in an attempt to locate additional victims of indecent acts earlier this month in Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville. Carl Brady, 41, of Whitchurch-Stouffville faces six sex-related charges. See story on page 10.

## Region running out of land

More farms needed for houses over next 20 years

BY CAROLINE GRECH  
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As the region's greenspace is quickly being replaced with cookie-cutter subdivisions, planners are eyeing farmland as the future site for thousands more homes over the next 20 years.

"There's some difficult growth decisions that we need to make over the next year," York Region director of long-range planning John Waller said.

When the region's residentially zoned land is exhausted, planners and politicians have to start considering redesignating agricultural land to make way for homes, Mr. Waller said.

While some farmers feel the effects of urban sprawl has invaded their neighbourhoods, York Region beef farmer Ralph Smalley said farmers have been having such a tough time making a living over the past few years, if someone offered them a substantial amount of money for their land, many would take it.

"The small family farm is gone. Farmers aren't really hurt anymore because they don't really own the land anymore. Younger people can't make a living out of it," Mr. Smalley said, adding many farmers rent their land.

"Who's going to farm the land if there is no money in it?"

York Region's population is expected to grow to 1.5 million by 2031.

Problem is, there's nowhere to put an estimated 600,000 newcomers.

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