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**T-showers**  
H: 31 L: 18

**SUNDAY**  
Showers  
H: 23 L: 12

**MONDAY**  
Variably cloudy  
H: 23 L: 8

**TUESDAY**  
Partly cloudy  
H: 20 L: 11

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**WORLD TOMORROW RESORTS TOMORROW**

Amsterdam	sunny	20	Acapulco	showers	33
Athens	p.cloudy	38	Barbados	tshowers	32
Bangkok	tshowers	36	Bermuda	p.sunny	30
Beijing	p.sunny	25	Havana	tshowers	35
Berlin	p.sunny	26	Honolulu	sunny	32
Bogota	p.cloudy	19	Las Vegas	tshowers	36
Brussels	p.cloudy	20	Los Angeles	sunny	27
Budapest	p.cloudy	24	Mexico	showers	19
Cairo	sunny	32	Miami	tstorms	33
Caracas	tstorms	33	Myrtle Beach	tshowers	32
Dublin	cloudy	19	Nassau	p.cloudy	33
Helsinki	p.sunny	20	Orlando	tstorms	34
Hong Kong	tstorms	31	Palm Springs	sunny	41
Istanbul	tshowers	24	San Juan	tshowers	28
Jerusalem	sunny	28	Tampa	tstorms	33
Kiev	sunny	19	Trinidad	tshowers	32
Lisbon	sunny	25			
London	p.cloudy	22			
Madrid	sunny	27			
Manila	tstorms	31	Normal High	24.2°	
Moscow	sunny	18	Normal Low	11.2°	
New Delhi	p.cloudy	34	Record High	30.1°/1978	
Oslo	p.sunny	23	Record Low	4.6°/1977	
Paris	showers	20			
Perth	p.cloudy	17			
Rio	sunny	27			
Rome	cloudy	28	Sunrise: 6:31 AM		
Santiago	sunny	19	Sunset: 8:18 PM		
Seoul	rain	23	Moonset: 5:59 AM		
Singapore	tstorms	32	Moonrise: 8:43 PM		
Stockholm	p.cloudy	22			
Sydney	sunny	18			
Taipei	showers	30			
Tel Aviv	sunny	31			
Tokyo	cloudy	30			
Vienna	p.cloudy	25			
Warsaw	sunny	21			

**ALMANAC**

Normal High 24.2°  
Normal Low 11.2°  
Record High 30.1°/1978  
Record Low 4.6°/1977

**Precipitation**  
Today's Normals 2.2mm

Sunrise: 6:31 AM  
Sunset: 8:18 PM  
Moonset: 5:59 AM  
Moonrise: 8:43 PM

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Aug 19 Full Moon  
Aug 26 Last Q  
Sept 3 New Moon  
Sept 11 First Q

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# Crack: Addicts fall into life of crime

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But the man, 39, was acquitted of the robbery charge just weeks ago because police had not followed the proper procedures in arresting him.

Mammolite takes comfort in her belief that the man who robbed her will pay for his crime in the afterlife.

"He may have gotten off," she said, kissing the Madonna medallion hanging around her neck. "But God knows what he did."

Crack is a condensed version of cocaine powder and the high is more powerful than any other type of illegal drug, making it extremely addictive.

The rock-like drug is made by cooking cocaine powder with ammonia or baking soda and oil.

Since the drug is highly addictive, addicts fall into a life of crime to support their habit, Davis said.

As a result, policing costs are being funnelled towards fighting the spin-off crimes sparked by crack-cocaine addictions, he said.

"That's where your tax dollars are going. It's time taken away from community policing."

A crack addict's crime of choice is breaking into homes, Staff Sgt. Maurice Obergan said.

"Residential break-ins are easier for crack addicts because they are looking for cash or jewelry, things that are easy to sell," said Obergan, who is with the force's property crime unit. "Stealing from businesses is more difficult because you end up with higher-end merchandise and you have to find a way to sell it to get cash."

The number of residential break-ins in the city rose 35 per cent from 352 in 2003 to 486 in 2004. Police directly attribute the jump to the climbing numbers of crack addicts.

When a crack addict breaks into a home, there are the policing costs that come with the investigation — the paperwork and the time an officer must spend in court to follow the charge through from conviction to sentencing, Obergan said.

Plus, there are emotional and financial costs to the victim, said Delores Vokey, at the Guelph-based insurance firm The Co-operators.

"There is a feeling of being violated when someone breaks into your home," Vokey said. "And sometimes the items that are taken are irreplaceable like your grandmother's ring. Some companies will also increase a person's premium after a claim."

The victim's neighbourhood also pays a price since insurance rates can be directly influenced by crime rates in the area, she said.

"If a broker knows a certain street has a lot of drug dealers on it or a lot of crime they may even refuse to write up the insurance policy."

Not only is Guelph's crack problem taking a toll on policing and the community, it's also eating up court time and provincial drug treatment programs with taxpayers picking up the bill.

Crack-cocaine offences have become a regular part of Guelph's court schedule, federal prosecutor Don Doney said.

"There has been a substantial increase in the number of crack cocaine possession charges over the years and a similar increase in the number of possession for the purpose of trafficking charges," said Doney, who has handled drug cases in Guelph for 12 years. "Five years ago, crack was rarely seen in Guelph. Now we have about one

**CRACK IN THE CITY**  
**Police say crime is on the rise due to the presence of crack cocaine in the community.**

Charge	2003	2004
Crack cocaine *	28	45
Assault	455	510
Weapons	53	73
Thefts	313	370
Home break-ins	352	486

\* In the first seven months of this year police laid 40 crack cocaine charges.

case a day."

Those charged with crack-cocaine possession or trafficking return to the court over and over again, accumulating more drug charges, he said.

"You can see the physical deterioration of people who are addicted when they come back after a couple of years with more charges," he said. "It's shocking and disturbing."

Once they are convicted of a crack-related charge, addicts are sent to mandatory drug treatment as part of their sentence.

In the Homewood Health Centre's addiction program, crack addicts make up 60 per cent of patients, said Dr. Graham Cunningham, director of the program.

The centre's addiction program treats about 2,000 adults a year.

"Street drugs follow trends and crack is the fashionable drug right now," Cunningham said. "It's cheap, easily available and has a rapid effect."

When crack addicts fail to recover after short-term treatment, they are sent to Stonehenge Therapeutic Community in Guelph, which offers longer treatment programs of up to six months.

Heather Kerr, executive director, said the facility is experiencing a surge in the number of young crack addicts — a sign that local addicts are reaching a crisis point sooner than in the past.

"Instead of waiting to see people when they are older and have developed an acute addiction, we are seeing them at 18 or 20 years of age," she said.

People with crack addictions can also be a burden on the health-care system because of the associated health risks that accompany chronic drug use.

Hepatitis C, HIV, Crohn's disease, epilepsy and diabetes are all common side effects of crack cocaine use, Kerr said.

"These people are going through a revolving door when it comes to hospital care. Addicts are always showing up in emergency wards."

Addicts coming into Guelph General Hospital's emergency department are seeking treatment for a rapid heartbeat, hallucinations, anxiety attacks or mental health problems, said Jan McCormick, manager of Guelph General Hospital's emergency department.

"They come to us wanting help with the side effects of the drug," McCormick said.

"They need our help and we treat them just like any other patient who comes in."

# Murder: Parole board has had an 'awakening'

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In Huttonville, the week between Shaw's disappearance and the discovery of her body was surreal, like something out of a horror film.

Fraser admits that she wasn't particularly close with the victim. But her best friend's brother was dating Shaw at the time. So the two often ran in the same circles. Both families were farmers.

For young women in the village, the prospect that one of their own could have come to a grisly end was unthinkable.

"We thought she's going to show up with some explanation," Fraser said. "People from Huttonville don't get murdered on the side of the 401."

And prior to last week, the high-profile case remained unsolved.

Last Friday, Fraser's mother called and said she had heard on the news that there would be an update about the Shaw case.

Fraser went to her car outside her Guelph office to wait for a news report on the radio, excited at the possibility that a killer might have been found.

"All those memories flooded back this whole week," she said. "Just this past Easter, (my family) had talked about how it had been 15 years and still nothing. Friday was an emotional day. Then the news came and it was awful. I can't imagine what the family was going through."

The news was that DNA evidence had pointed to a killer in the case. The suspect, who the media later revealed to be Alan Craig MacDonald, was a cop killer who was on parole in 1990 when he killed Shaw.

He killed himself in 1994. Like many former residents of the small town, the murder has always haunted Fraser. She won the first memorial award named after Shaw in 1990 at Brampton Centennial, an honour given to a female student with high marks in science.

The following fall, Fraser left to study agriculture at the University of Guelph. Her parents gave her strict rules for the trip to school: Don't stop for anything. If you do get a flat tire, don't get out of the car.

"We always knew the killing was senseless, and now we find out it was completely preventable," Fraser said. "He killed two people. One of those was a cop. How do you shoot a cop and

cabbie and get out in 12 years?"

Fraser will be putting that question to Guelph Liberal MP Brenda Chamberlain and Justice Minister Irwin Cotler. She said she wants to launch a letter-writing campaign to lobby for changes to the parole system.

"I don't pretend to be an expert on our justice system," she said. "But obviously, something is wrong."

Victims' rights advocates throughout Canada are rallying behind the Shaw family after last Friday's revelation.

Gary Rosenfeldt, executive director of the Ottawa-based advocacy group Victims of Violence, said a letter-writing campaign might spark a public inquiry into how MacDonald was granted full parole in 1989.

Rosenfeldt, whose 16-year-old son was killed by serial killer Clifford Olsen, started Victims of Violence in 1984. He said changes in the parole system in the past 15 years have been positive and there are far fewer instances of killers being released on parole. But that doesn't mean those responsible for granting MacDonald early release shouldn't be held accountable, he said.

"There has been an awakening of the National Parole Board in the last 15 years," Rosenfeldt said. "They were getting in trouble, and rightly so. Some of these people never, ever should have been out on parole. There's no way in the world these people should have been given a second chance."

"I'd say go ahead with the campaign," he said. "They should be held accountable. The truth should be brought out."

The National Parole Board is reviewing how MacDonald was released. But a spokesperson from the board declined comment yesterday about the case.

Joe Wamback, of the Toronto-based Canadian Crime Victim Foundation, applauded Fraser's plans to launch a letter-writing campaign. He said it's the first step in a democratic society to force real change in the justice system.

"It's the only avenue open for Canadians to make change," he said. "We'd be more than pleased to help her with the campaign. We need to make (justice system reform) an election issue. The only way we can change things is to let politicians know that if they don't do certain things, they won't get elected."



**BIG FINISH**  
Guelph's Hilary Edmondson runs to a seventh-place finish in the final of the 1,500-metre run yesterday at the 2005 World University Games in Izmir, Turkey. The Speed River Track Club member's time was 4 minutes, 16.78 seconds.

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