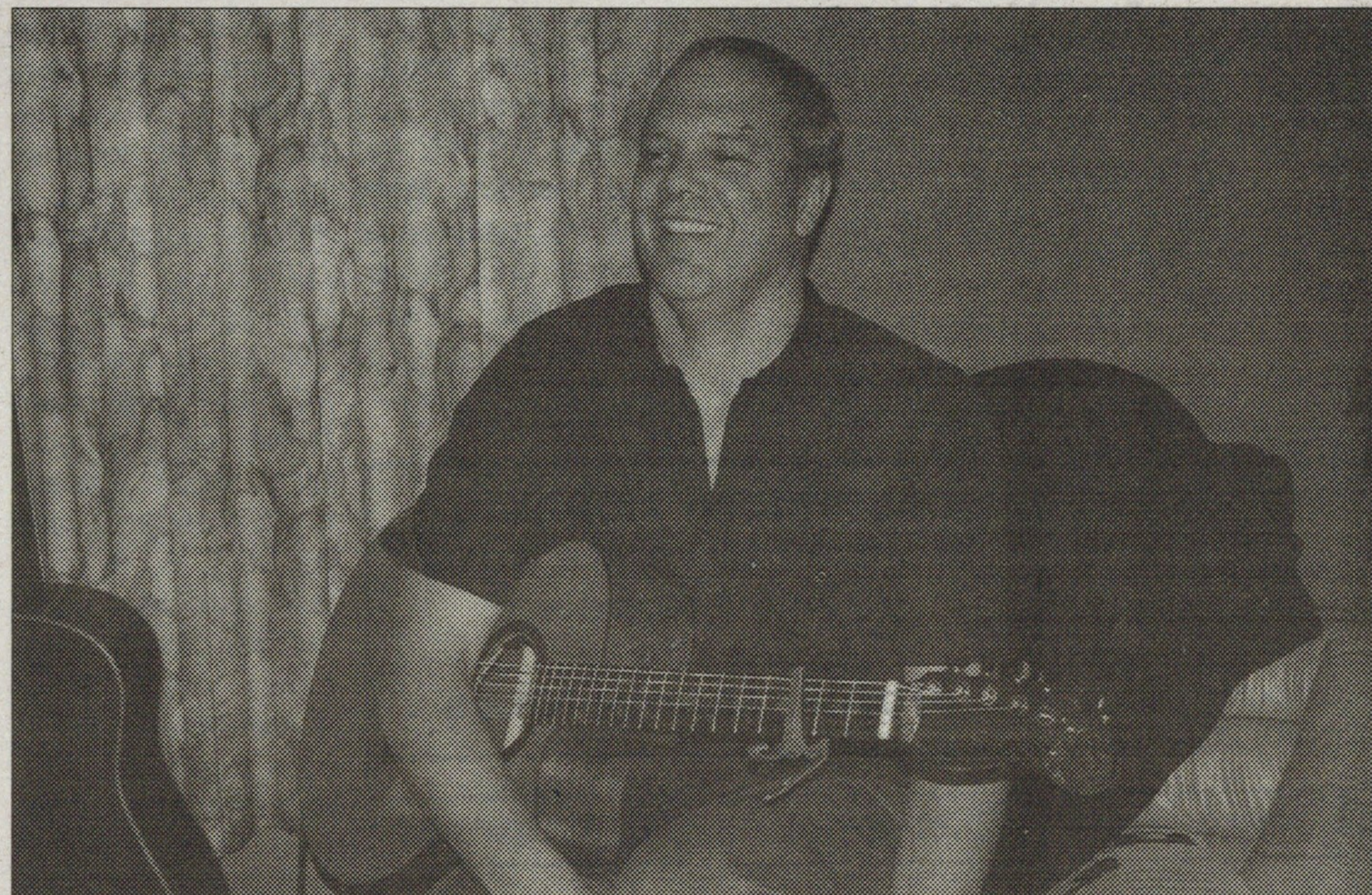
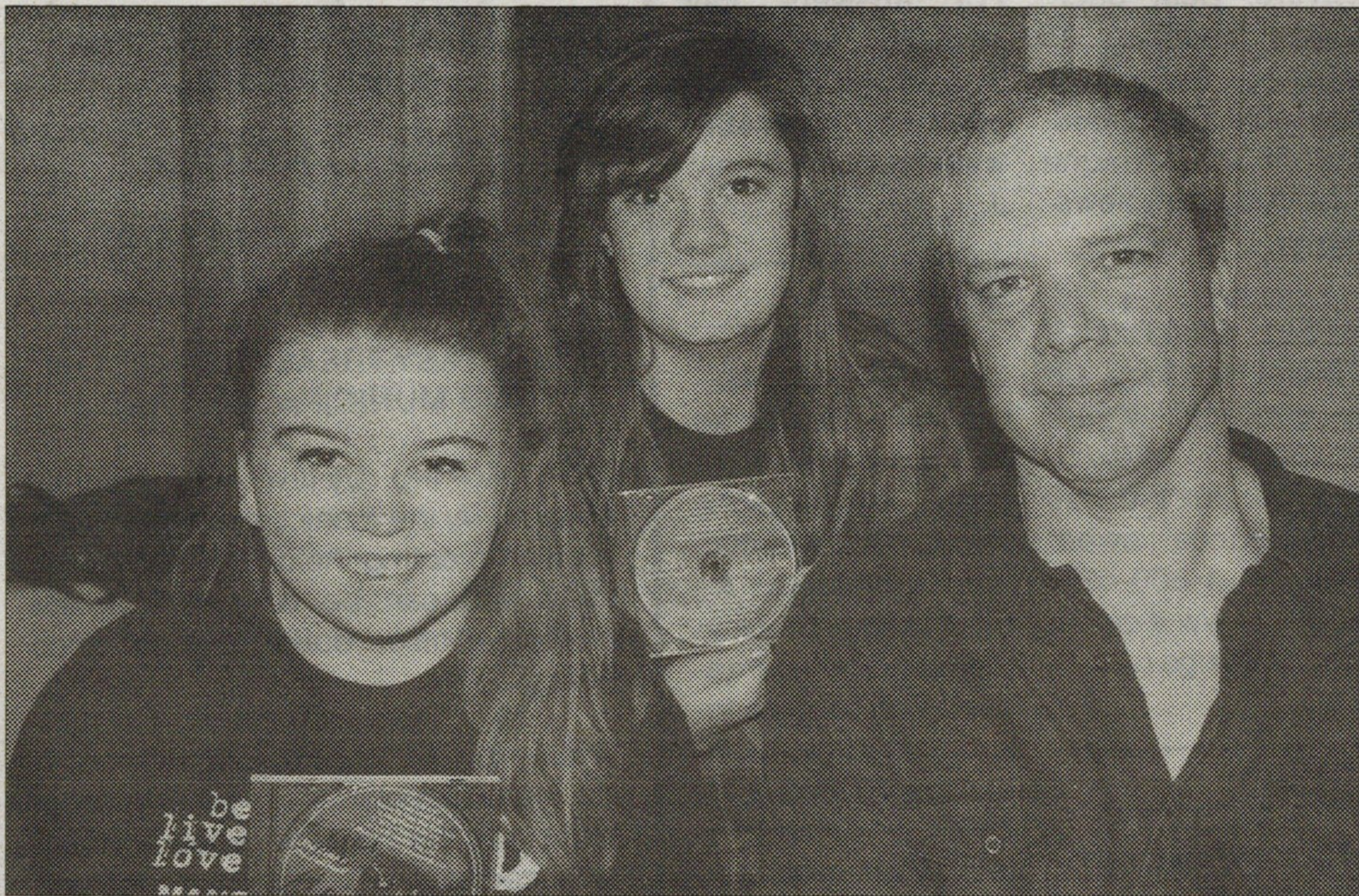


Rob Lutes shares the blues with SADD and FYI youth at leadership retreat weekend



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Rob Lutes is an internationally acclaimed songwriter and performer who tours Canada, the US and Europe. As well as giving workshops in many schools across Canada, Rob has taught in the Festival Blues-sur-Seine's (France) internationally recognized blues education program as well as the Ottawa Bluesfest's Blues in Schools program. Recently Lutes visited the youth from the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) and FYI (Former Youth Involvement) committee at their recent leadership retreat weekend held November 16 and 17 at the Horizon Hotel in Sutton. In a blues songwriting workshop, Rob worked with the youth to pen a song about their group and about working together sharing common goals, experiences, community involvement and fellowship. Prior to and following the workshop, Lutes performed some of the songs from his six available CDs. This was an experience that the youth will not soon forget as Lutes is a talented storyteller and seasoned blues man. For more information about Rob Lutes' visit: www.roblutes.com and for more information about SADD, FYI or any of the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre youth programs visit: www.cabmn.org.