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Emergency specialist travels to Kuwait

A part-time Salt Spring resident, who was part of the first postwar recovery team to enter a war-ravaged Kuwait last winter, is likely returning to the area this week.

By SUSAN DICKER LUNDY
Driftwood Editor

Disaster planning and emergency management specialist Murray Ritchie was flown into Kuwait just four days prior to the cease fire which ended the war with Iraq.

For Ritchie, the memory remains vivid: "Nothing could prepare us for the devastation we encountered once inside Kuwait," he said.

Ritchie was one of eight North Americans who arrived that day at what remained of the Kuwait International Airport. Although the team landed shortly after noon, the skies were completely blackened by smoke from more than 600 burning oil wells.

The team found a country devastated by both Iraqis and coalition forces and a nation covered in oil, Ritchie said. Wind direction determined whether or not the sun shone, and the ground shook constantly in the oil fields from the force of barrels of oil and gas being discharged daily.

"I have seen it rain oil in Kuwait and there wasn't a day that went by when I wasn't covered in black oil drops just from standing outside," he said.

While in Kuwait, Ritchie oversaw medical care of the Canadian and three American firefighting teams which travelled to Kuwait to battle the burning oil wells. He was to ensure firefighters had medical coverage and access to medical treatment — a task which featured its own complications.



RAINING OIL: Kuwait oil wells burn in the background while a slick of oil seeps into the sand. Disaster planning and emergency management specialist Murray Ritchie was part of a postwar recovery team that landed in Kuwait four days prior to the cease fire. Officials believe it will take at least one year to extinguish the oil well fires. In the meantime, it rains oil in Kuwait.

Photo by Murray Ritchie

"First off, we had to determine how to get injured firefighters out of the country," Ritchie said, noting that all Kuwaiti hospitals were operating without electricity and under "Third World conditions." He ar-

gued for medical evacuation helicopters to airlift injured personnel from the site and for a Lear jet to carry them from the country.

Finding a destination proved more challenging, he said. Although one of the world's best burn treatment units is located in Tel Aviv, the Kuwaiti government refused to permit direct flights from Kuwait to Israel. Ritchie also encountered tangles of red tape in attempting to locate adequate hospitals in Muslim countries where in-coming patients could be held up at customs for five or more hours.

He finally accessed medical care in a Dubai hospital and was able to secure help at an American base in Frankfurt, Germany.

Ritchie said injuries occurred frequently as firefighters faced the ever-present

danger of flames re-igniting and exploding even after being extinguished. Five firefighters were killed in one explosion while Ritchie was in Kuwait.

He also spent considerable time "scrounging, begging, borrowing and stealing" medical supplies from disbanding American MASH units.

Either Ritchie or an associate will return to the area this week to re-evaluate the systems established by the team.

Originally, officials believed it would take two years to extinguish the oil well fires. Firefighters — the best in the world — had to develop an entire philosophy on how to put out the fires.

"As elite as these firefighting teams are,

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Arthur Black says smokers have it tough enough — it's time to give them a break. Page B2.

Fall provides an excellent opportunity to make over a patchy, dying lawn. See story on Page B10.



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ARTHUR BLACK



A small smouldering excerpt from a letter to the columnist:

Guess which of these groups are non-smokers: (A) Adolph Hitler, Saddam Hussein, Richard Nixon, Idi Amin, Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker.

(B) Farley Mowat, Monsignor Athol Murray, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Winston Churchill, Mark Twain.

Ah the sharp, plaintive cry of an endangered, one could almost say extinguished, species — the yellow-taloned nicotine sucker. I know the critters well, and this one in particular. He is Walt Humphries, an amiable, artistic and thoughtful prospector up Yellowknife way. Walt's a perfect gentleman. With emphasis on the "gentle."

Until you come between him and his smokes, that is. Then Walt exhibits all the affability of a bee-stung grizzly.

"In the past four years my tobacco costs have risen from \$8 to \$35 a tin — just ask me how p——d off I am."

Light that butt and we'll kick yours

Walt's fuming — and who can blame him? Smokers are polite society's last official scapegoats, hijacked by government tax weasels, lectured in editorials, chastised by their children and scorned by waiters, shop attendants and recorded announcements.

"For your comfort and convenience, Flight 347 is a non-smoking flight and the washrooms are equipped with smoke detectors."

Translation: Light that butt and we'll kick yours.

Even if the beleaguered smoker manages to withstand the wrath of the pink-lunged portion of the human race, he or she still gets mugged at the corner store. Nicotine addicts are all but grabbed by the heels and shaken looniless every time they attempt to feed their habit.

Governments are singularly hypocritical about tobacco

Taxes on cigarettes are so prohibitive that nobody this side of Conrad Black is buying premium brands. In fact, there's a convenience store in Kitchener, Ontario that offers "home-made" ciggies. The proprietor hand rolls the gaspers. He sells them for a dollar a package less than the price of pre-packaged cigarettes. He was doing great business until the feds informed him it was illegal.

No-name smokes. It had to come.

I think it's just the beginning. In Spain, there are wizened little guys standing on street corners who will sell you cigarettes in-tens, fives, even one at a time. If Ottawa and the provinces keep slapping on tobacco taxes it won't be long before "one at a time" is about all Walt and his friends will be able to afford.

Our governments are singularly hypocritical about tobacco. They publicly denounce it, while privately wringing every possible shekel out of its victims.

It is the modus operandi of the drug pusher.

Go a little easier on smokers

Am I saying that smoking should be lionized, rendered "Hollywood sexy" once again? No. Smoking is an addiction — and a smelly, messy, lethal one at that. Besides, I like riding in smoke-free airplanes and buses. I appreciate eating a restaurant meal unperfumed by human smudge posts at the next table.

All I'm saying is, it might be nice if we could all go a little easier on smokers. Their vice is an unglamorous one, and they know it. They've got enough to handle with in the monkey on their back and the taxmen nibbling somewhat lower.

Let me leave you with a fag-end of tobacco trivia. Feel free to use it at our next smoke-free cocktail party: Who said *What this country needs is a good five cent cigar*? Answer: Thomas R. Marshall, U.S. Vice President, 1913-21.

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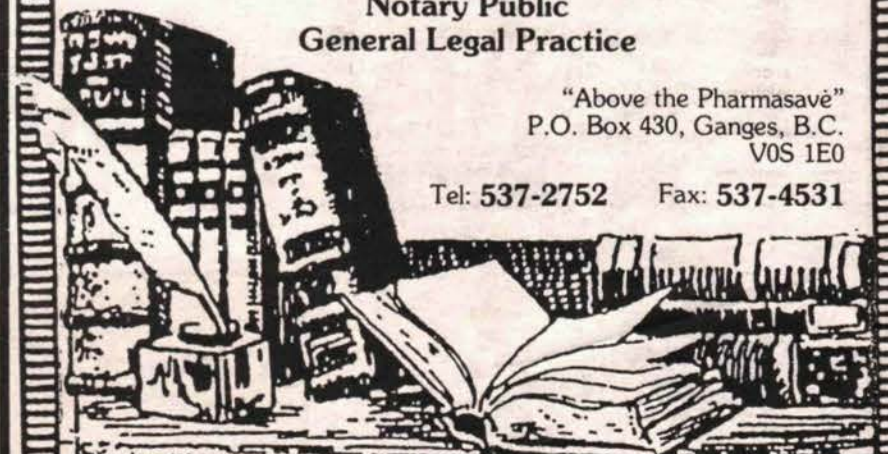
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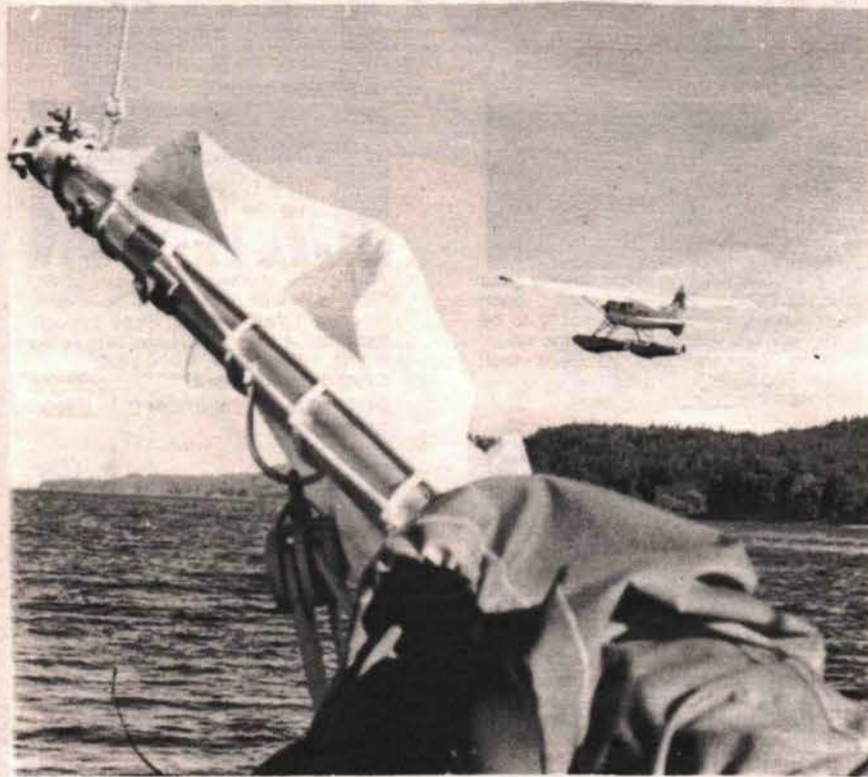
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LAND AND AIR: Two Gulf Island sports are enjoyed as float plane takes off from Ganges Harbour above the bowsprit of Salt Spring sailing vessel the *Calisto*.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

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"In September come grapes; apples of all colours; peaches; melocotones; nectarines; cornelians; wardenes; quinces."
— Francis Bacon

This year the rain forest has lived up to its name and you can add blackberries to September's list.

The advantages of blackberries are twofold: they cost nothing and they demand no looking after. What else is like that? Nettles are . . . and fiddleheads. I can think of little else. Even the climate, for which people used to blame God, now appears to be affected by human meddling and cannot be taken for granted.

Consequently for those who, from necessity or choice, must live as much as they can out of cities, blackberries have great value. Uprooted from polite urban gardens, brambles flourish along country roadsides and ditches, with the wild watercress, the salmonberry and the Nootka rose bushes.

Because of these lowly addresses, however, people have difficulty elevating the blackberry into metaphor. Polite hosts in hacking jackets never gaze through the French windows in Agatha Christie's novels and say, "of course, Susan, you absolutely *must* come with me and view the blackberries this evening."

They are too prickly and unkempt for polite conversation.

Bacon's melocotones, for example, have a linguistic pedigree you could write a thesis on. A laborious grafting of a peach tree onto a quince-apple by an ancient Greek in Kydonia is, undeniably, a past of consequence.

The cornelians look expensive and the wardenes are quite impressive.

But blackberries stain fingers like long sticks of licorice and for some that's plain depressive.

On the islands the thorny Himalayan blackberry that pricked the fingers of Francis Bacon has colonized everywhere; but I prefer the indigenous Pacific blackberry. It has low, trailing stems and small berries that are sweet and delicious if you wait and pick them on the right day.

The Pacifics are more trouble, that is to say they take more time to harvest. People

It is a plant of Venus in Aries. A winter's drink can be put up at the end of summer by immersing these berries in a mixture of juice and reduced red wine. Store the jars in dark, cool places and bring them out after American Thanksgiving.

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FIGHTING FIRE: Firefighters from Canada and the United States battle oil well fires in Kuwait. The situation -- unlike anything these "elite" firefighting teams had seen -- proved highly dangerous. Part-time Salt Spring resident Murray Ritchie was in charge of ensuring injured firefighters received quick, adequate medical care. Photo by Murray Ritchie

KUWAIT

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they had never seen anything like this," Ritchie said. "Everything is covered in oil. The sand is black."

To complicate the scenario, each well was blown up differently, Ritchie said: "Saddam Hussein had someone very knowledgeable working for him."

Because new crews have joined the fight and because firefighters are constantly learning new techniques, officials now believe it will take approximately one year to eliminate the fires. However, it could take 10 to 15 years to rebuild the country.

Ritchie, who moved to Salt Spring in 1985, is now based in Calgary. He intends to return to the island after his Middle East contracts are complete.

As a disaster planning and emergency management specialist, Ritchie has travelled to the Middle East on numerous occasions. He was involved in emergency planning in Saudi Arabia where he designed disaster plans for the city of

Riyadh, the Saudi National Guard and the Saudi royal family.

He is returning to Saudi Arabia this November to complete a contract with the country's armed forces.

Ritchie was also in Kuwait prior to the war while on assignment with the Crown prince of Saudi Arabia.

"We were only there for a few hours," he said, "but it impressed me at the time as being a very beautiful city. This entire region will never be the same again."

He said "sad as it is," he is fortunate to be one of the few people in his field involved in the current Kuwait project.

"The lessons we are learning in Kuwait will prove useful in the planning of emergency response for all types of disasters everywhere."

Ritchie will be speaking at the fourth annual Emergency Preparedness Conference in Vancouver this October.



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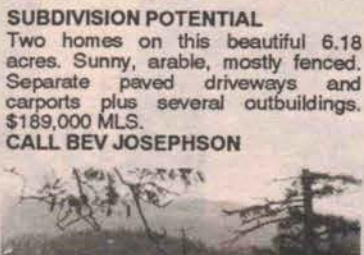
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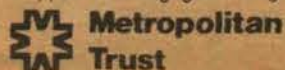
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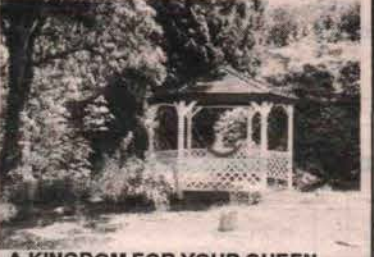
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ISLAND LIVING

Island bash celebrates purchase of mountain

Islanders of all ages join in the activities

A party held recently at the south hall on Galiano Island celebrated the purchase of a mountain.

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

The pot luck affair was open to all Galianoites who helped in the "Buy the Mountain" campaign of last spring.

GALIANO News

For those wondering why the party took place so long after the event, the obvious answer, according to one Galiano Club member, was "this is the first free Saturday evening since!"

The old hall was filled for the dinner — people of all ages and from all parts of the island attended. Tables were laden with home cooked specialities and there was lots of food for everyone.

Popular musician Carolyn Bell entertained at the piano "with all the oldies from fifties and sixties," during the dinner hour. Games and dancing completed an evening of family fun.

School re-opens

Eighty-six pupils enrolled at Galiano Elementary School for the new term Tuesday, September 3.

Newly appointed principal Ken Trotman who teaches a Grade Six and Seven class, has five full time teachers on staff — Robin Allen, Barry Bartlett, Louise Decarlo, Catherine Maneker and Lynn Scott.

The school also boasts one "point-six" teacher, Steve Nemtin, and three para-professionals — Krista Barlow, Sydney Massey and Gerry Hudson. Kelly Blackwood continues as school bus driver and Celia Challoner as secretary.

Improvements made at the school since last June include a gravelled path from the grounds down the driveway to the access on Sturdies Bay Road, and a paved regulation-sized play area behind the school.

Parents and teachers say they are delighted with both improvements.

Terry Fox Run

The eleventh annual Terry Fox Run for cancer research will take place Sunday, September 15.

The run will begin at the Galiano Community Hall at 9:45 a.m. and wrap up in the same location.

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SATURNA ISLAND *Scene*

September has brought a few changes to the Eddie Ried Memorial Library.

By GAIL TRAFFORD
Driftwood Correspondent

Beginning September 12, the library will open Thursdays as well as Saturdays. A large number of new books have been donated and readers are invited to come in and browse. Joan McLellan describes these books as very interesting, varied and perhaps controversial.

Openings are available for volunteer library clerks from 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on either day. Readers are reminded to use the book slot located next to the door if they are unable to return book during library hours.

Recycling committee

The recycling committee has been making some progressive changes. Newspapers may now be brought to the centre unbundled since boxes have been provided for transport.

The can crusher is now in operation so cans should be rinsed clean, labels removed, and preferably left uncrushed.

The committee is still looking for uses for the accumulating crushed glass. Share your ideas with Jeanne Crerar of with the volunteers on duty Saturday. Better still share some of your time. More volunteers are required for occasional two hour shifts.

Bridge Club

The bridge club is organizing its semi-annual tournament on October 5.

Lists are posted at local stores so find a partner and sign up. Don't wait too long because if there is an uneven number of partners the last pair will be eliminated.

The winter progressive bridge tournament is also being arranged. This tournament usually entails a bridge game every three weeks with pairs given alternating hosting duties. The lists will be up soon so if you do not have a partner start looking before all the players have committed themselves.

Church news

A mid-week bible study group will begin meeting again Thursday September 12 at 2:30 p.m. Call Suzanne Middleditch

for more details.

Church school will be held Wednesday afternoons this year, at the church, beginning at 2:45 p.m. or as soon as school is dismissed.

Children as young as three are encouraged to attend. The program includes singing, stories and crafts.

Church Sunday is September 22 this month. Rev. George Taylor from Pender will officiate. Remember that the Sunday bible study group meets at the church at 11 a.m. every week except church service Sundays. Call Pip Woodcock for details.

Open house

Canon Ivan Futter was on hand Sunday at the Stone House Bed and Breakfast open house. He led a brief ceremony of dedication and blessing on the house after joining in with the many friends and neighbours who were celebrating the opening.

Flotsam and jetsam

Tumbo Channel has been full of flotsam and jetsam possibly due to recent heavy rains causing damage up island.

Harvey Ackerman awoke last week to discover his boat missing.

The culprit was discovered a short way down the beach. An uprooted tree had tangled the mooring chain in its branches as it drifted past. The boat was unharmed and promptly returned to safety, but Harvey and Doris had to reschedule plans to go to town that morning.

Harmless creatures?

This is the time of year when spiders can be seen scurrying across floors and hiding in sinks and damp places. Even though they can be large and look threatening, the experts claim they are harmless.

Well, they obviously didn't ask Dayle Johnson. Dayle is still recovering from an attack by a "killer spider." She was on her hands and knees reaching deep under a counter at the pub when the offending spider ran up her arm.

She jumped up and hit her head on the counter. Her neck is still stiff after two weeks and a trip to the chiropractor. You won't convince Dayle that those spiders are harmless.

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ISLAND LIVING



WEEDING: Salt Spring resident Roberta Elliott gets to the root of the matter. She was recently seen attired in a Pith Helmet pulling weeds from a local garden.

Driftwood photo by Derrick Lundy

Fall provides chance to fix damaged lawns

September is often the month people look at their lawns in despair, seeing brown patchy spots, unsightly weeds and thinning grass.

Somehow, the summer transforms beautiful, green landscapes into "Death Valleys."

Early fall is the perfect time for nurturing tired lawns back to full health. Lawn make overs can be as simple as spot patching small areas or as ambitious as overseeding the entire lawn.

Which ever make over one chooses, autumn's gentle rains, cool air and warm soil temperatures will help seeds germinate quickly, encourage roots to grow deeper, and reduce competition from crabgrass and other annual weeds.

For best results, one should buy grass seed from a reputable company. Investing in top-quality seed will pay off handsomely later on.

Spot patching

To patch a weedy, dead or damaged section of lawn, rake out the affected area to form grooves in the soil surface. Next, work in a handful of balanced fertilizer, and rake the area smooth again.

Once weeds have been removed and fertilizer added, you are ready to spread seed over the area.

After the patch has been seeded, re-rake the area.

Next, tap the seeded area lightly with a spade to firm up the soil. Keep the seeded patch moist until the seedlings begin to germinate.

Existing grass around the patch should

be sowed as often as needed to keep it from shading the new seedlings. As the new grass develops, mow it at the same height intended for the entire lawn.

Overseeding

If more than 50 per cent of your lawn is in good shape, you do not have to dig up the whole lawn and create a new one — overseeding will do the job.

This is the best way to thicken a lawn or introduce new varieties of grass.

For northern and southern lawns, overseed in the fall, about six weeks before the first frost.

Begin the task of overseeding by removing thatch and weeds with a power rake turf thinner, de-thatcher or vertical mower. These tools tear out weeds and thatch, but leave the grass intact. They also cut shallow grooves in the soil that will catch newly-sown seed and speed germination.

Use a cyclone or drop spreader to overseed large areas. Go over the area several times in different directions for even coverage. You will need to use approximately two to three pounds of seed for every 1,000 square feet.

Rake lightly until the seeds are barely covered by the soil.

Occasional sprinklings of water will be needed to keep the soil surface moist until the new grass becomes established. A light mulch of weed-free straw will help retain moisture.

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by Hubert Beyer

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Immigration review

Attorney General Russ Fraser and Solicitor General Ivan Messmer told the federal government last week that it's time to review the Immigration Act.

"The majority of immigrants living here are productive, law-abiding citizens who enhance the economy and culture of this province," the two said in a letter to Ottawa.

We're concerned about those people

who have already run afoul of the law before they come to Canada, and those who commit crimes while they are here. These are the people we must deport," the letter said.

Sales to go up

British Columbians will experience the strongest retail sales growth in Canada next year, according to a report by Clayton Research Associates Ltd.

B.C. retail sales are expected to grow by 6.8 per cent in 1992. Ontario sales are forecast to increase by 6.5 per cent, while Alberta can expect a 6.3 per cent increase.

Disposable income, the report says, will grow by six per cent in British Columbia, and consumer confidence is expected to be high. Good news all around.

Triumf gets 100 grand

Vancouver-based international financier Peter Wall donated \$100,000 last week to the Triumf-Kaon project. Triumf is the world's largest cyclotron, which accelerates sub-atomic particles to three quarters the speed of light.

The proposed \$708 million project will enable Triumf scientists to conduct leading-edge experiments that cannot be performed anywhere else in the world.

Wall said he hopes his contribution will send a clear message to the federal government to take part in the project.

Drug program

A \$490,000 high school grants program to finance substance-abuse prevention activities in high schools was announced last week by Labour Minister Jim Rabbitt.

"Every high school in the province is invited to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000 to help with planning and implementing alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs," the minister said.

Native education grants

learners.

Advanced Education Minister Peter Dueck last week announced \$1 million worth of new funding for Native adult education programs. The funding is in keeping with the recommendations of the report of the provincial advisory committee on post-secondary education for Native

Up in smoke

If you haven't noticed yet, tobacco taxes went up again. The provincial tax on a package of 25 cigarettes rose by 35 cents to \$2.35. Outrageous? Yes, but you can always quit.

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Immigration review

Attorney General Russ Fraser and Solicitor General Ivan Messmer told the federal government last week that it's time to review the Immigration Act.

"The majority of immigrants living here are productive, law-abiding citizens who enhance the economy and culture of this province," the two said in a letter to Ottawa.

"We're concerned about those people

who have already run afoul of the law before they come to Canada, and those who commit crimes while they are here. These are the people we must deport," the letter said.

Sales to go up

British Columbians will experience the strongest retail sales growth in Canada next year, according to a report by Clayton Research Associates Ltd.

B.C. retail sales are expected to grow by 6.8 per cent in 1992. Ontario sales are forecast to increase by 6.5 per cent, while Alberta can expect a 6.3 per cent increase.

Disposable income, the report says, will grow by six per cent in British Columbia, and consumer confidence is expected to be high. Good news all around.

Triumpf gets 100 grand

Vancouver-based international financier Peter Wall donated \$100,000 last week to the Triumpf-Kaon project. Triumpf is the world's largest cyclotron, which accelerates sub-atomic particles to three quarters the speed of light.

The proposed \$708 million project will enable Triumpf scientists to conduct leading-edge experiments that cannot be performed anywhere else in the world.

Wall said he hopes his contribution will send a clear message to the federal government to take part in the project.

Drug program

A \$490,000 high school grants program to finance substance-abuse prevention activities in high schools was announced last week by Labour Minister Jim Rabbitt.

"Every high school in the province is invited to apply for a grant of up to \$2,000 to help with planning and implementing alcohol and drug abuse prevention programs," the minister said.

Native education grants

Advanced Education Minister Peter Dueck last week announced \$1 million worth of new funding for Native adult education programs. The funding is in keeping with the recommendations of the report of the provincial advisory committee on post-secondary education for Native

learners.

Up in smoke

If you haven't noticed yet, tobacco taxes went up again. The provincial tax on a package of 25 cigarettes rose by 35 cents to \$2.35. Outrageous? Yes, but you can always quit.

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