

Grow-op sparks East Van blaze

A spark from a marijuana grow-op set off a two-alarm fire at 4398 John Street in East Vancouver Monday about 8 p.m. The multi-tenant dwelling had extensive smoke, fire and water damage. No injuries were reported. — QMI AGENCY

Cheap contacts no treat at Halloween

The B.C. College of Opticians is warning of the risk behind over-the-counter Halloween cosmetic contact lenses. The lenses, which change eye colour, can cause allergic reaction, even blindness at the most extreme. A proper fitting with a licensed optician is recommended. — QMI AGENCY



Writer Douglas Coupland is about to put his mark on Vancouver's public landscape. QMI AGENCY FILE PHOTO

Coupland gets Fox gig

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B.C. Pavilion Corporation has hired Douglas Coupland to design a replacement for the Terry Fox Monument at B.C. Place Stadium.

The monument is slated for demolition because of the \$563 million stadium renovation.

The celebrated West Vancouver author, who penned Generation X and a 2005 biography of Fox, also created the Terry Fox Miracle Mile public art trail in Toronto.

The arch at the foot of Robson includes a larger-than-life etching of amputee Fox and a map of his cross-Canada run for cancer research, a journey cut short in Thunder Bay, Ontario, on Sept. 1, 1980.

Opinion polls in 1983 favoured dedicating the dome to Fox. Instead, the arch was built and a street west of the stadium was named for the Coquitlam native who died of cancer in 1981 at 22.



Super fans (left to right) Mearon (age 11), Asmaite (14), Lyla (12), Anthony (16) and Felicia (19) fist pump for their favourite pop sensation Justin Bieber outside Rogers Arena. PHOTO MARK YUEN

Beliebers see beyond the haircut

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Vancouver Beliebs!

Thousands turned out to prove that point Tuesday at Rogers Arena where teen heartthrob Justin Bieber performed to a sold-out house.

Claire Desjarlais, a 12-year-old from North Vancouver, summed up what was fueling the raw emotion streaming

from fans outside the arena gates two words: "He's cute."

Older sister Kayla, 19, however, saw some depth in Bieber the man, the artist, the performer.

"I don't see anything amazing in the haircut," she said of the Ontario artist. "I just think he's really talented."

Others agreed. Teens Megan White, Ella

« It's so cool how he was so poor and stuff and now he's a star. »

Klein, Maia Blomber and Amanda Sartor were camped outside the arena at noon to catch a glimpse of their favourite singer.

"Everything about him is so

amazing," Sartor beamed

"It's so cool how he was so poor and stuff and now he's a star," White chimed in.

Port Coquitlam mom Laura England said she had seen the scene before at her first concert, a Jethro Tull show years ago.

"It's still the screaming girls, face paint, the whole nine yards," she said. "Same thing."

TWO DEAD

PARAMEDICS

RCMP on Vancouver Island confirmed Tuesday it had located the bodies of two paramedics in a B.C. Ambulance vehicle submerged in Kennedy Lake. The paramedics, who are not being named pending notification of next of kin, were working out of Tofino. The ambulance, which left a Port Alberni hospital early Tuesday morning, was reportedly found in nine metres of water.

DOG SURVIVES

DRAGGED

A golden retriever survived being dragged 10 kilometers while tied to the bumper of a vehicle in Vancouver Island's Comox Valley Tuesday. The 18-month dog was tied to the vehicle by a woman in the Buckley Bay area when her husband, unaware of the situation, drove away. The dog is in rough shape but is expected to recover. No charges will be laid.

FIRE DEATH

SUSPICIOUS

The body of an unidentified male was discovered in the aftermath of a fire at a North Delta business in the 11900 block of 94th Avenue Monday afternoon. Delta Police said it had been unable to identify the man because of injuries sustained in the blaze and was treating the death as suspicious. The burnt-out business remains behind police tape.

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