## Local smokes are for wimps

by Milton Howe

New in town? Don't be afraid, we're here to help. Sometimes moving to a new city can be a real challenge, especially learning the more subtle details of urban survival. Not knowing the day, hour and location of a sufficient number of 99-cent draught bonanzas can be trying, as can figuring out which used-CD store has the selection which best suits your particular needs. But all this pales in comparison to the ultimate piece of word-of-mouth information: Where do they sell contraband cigarettes? Veterans of cheap Marlboros at the ice cream shop on Spadina Avenue and cartons of illicitly imported Export 'A' from under the counter on St.-Denis can feel lost when faced with an entirely new set of circumstances such as Halifax. And few things are as uncomfortable as crawling out of the underground economy to discover that the legitimate one hasn't gotten any more appealing during all those years.

Now let's say you know the answer but don't know how you could best use your knowledge to make the city (and consequently the world) a better place for one and all? That's easy. The Gazette is asking its readers to submit their tips for Haligonian survival by 'phone, fax, email, snail mail or the printed word. We know you've all got those pearls of wisdom of your minds, now don't be selfish, share your knowledge with your fellow sufferers and help them to help themselves as they apprehensively traverse this chaotic web of urban unfamiliarity. Confidentiality is as-

squirreled away up there in the backs sured, and any illegal and/or immoral suggestions will be independently verified by Gazette staff before being promptly omitted from the next and all further issues. Any suggestions regarding duty-free American cigarettes will be given top priority.



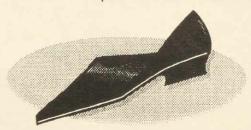
## ATTENTION SHOE LOVERS

Her Shoes has expanded! Our ladies shoe store is now twice as big.

Our new layout still allows the staff to provide professional service. If you're in a hurry or prefer to help yourself, self service is our newest option. The choice is yours!

## SAVINGS

Until October 30, 1994, we will pay the equivalent of the G.S.T. (7%) on all rerular priced merchandise.



Nine West Plaza Suite **Nickels** Aerosoles Boulet

Rockport Santana Kaufman Birkenstock Geronimo

Spring Garden at Queen St. Halifax - (902)423-8567

saturday 1-5 PEST the liz band coyote

sunday 1-5 the suddens mona

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In addition to the million bands you have to see this year, there is also the first rock talk indie symposium and record fair. Over twenty independent label reps, producers and recording studio people from across Canada and the US will be here to display their wares and field your questions about the indie lifestyle. The display will be held on the third floor of the Khyber building, while downstairs in the Khyber Café, a rocking all ages show will be happening.

Each of the labels have agreed to donate some recordings for you to win in the Ultimate Instant Indie Record Collection, to be drawn for on Sunday afternoon.

If you have a demo, bring it for a chance to win a dream date with Steve Shelley of Sonic Youth. If Steve likes your demo best, you win thirty hours free recording time, with Steve as your producer at Windwood Sound's 24 track studio in PEI.

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