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## '94 Nuu-chah-nulth Annual Assembly

This year's Nuu-chah-nulth Annual Assembly was held in Campbell River on November 1, 2, and 3.

The hosting Nation was Mowachaht/Muchalaht.

On the first day of the assembly an historic signing ceremony took place when the Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wiih (Hereditary Chiefs) signed a declaration that "endorses, supports, and directs our respective Nations to enter negotiations with the governments of Canada and British Columbia to reach agreements and / or treaties which will recognize and re-affirm

our ownership and governing authorities over our respective Ha'houlthee."

The assembly got underway with an opening prayer by elder Sam Johnson. A minute's silence was held out of respect of the recent passings of several Nuu-chah-nulth people.

Welcoming speeches were made by Andrew Callicum on behalf of the hosting Mowachaht/Muchalaht Nations and by Russell Kwaksistala, in whose territory the assembly was being held.

The signing of the declaration by the

Ha'wiih took place in the afternoon.

As each Nation's Ha'wiih entered the hall it was announced by Andrew Callicum who they were.

The Ha'wiih were accompanied to their seats by escorts from the northern tribes.

Some of the Ha'wiih chose to enter with a chant, a song or an introductory speech.

When all the Ha'wiih were seated around the table where the declaration was to be signed, the witwoq (young warriors) were asked to sit in the seats in the middle of the floor.

Each Nations Ha'wiih were then called up to sign the declaration. They had decided on their own which of the Ha'wiih were going to sign. In some cases it was the Head Chief who signed. For some Nations several or all the Ha'wiih signed.

Two tribes did not sign on this day, the Uchucklesaht and Opetchesaht. The Uchucklesaht Ha'wiih was not available due to a prior commitment. Opetchesaht indicated that they would require more community consultation at this time.

The signing of this declaration by the Ha'wiih is an important step in treaty making process for the Nuu-chah-nulth Nation.

It brings the Ha'wiih, who are the true owners of the lands, waters, and resources within Nuu-chah-nulth territories into the process.

A lot of work on the declaration was done by Willard Gallic who had countless meetings to consult with the Ha'wiih. Willard was thanked for all his efforts in bringing this declaration together.

During the assembly the delegates voted in favour of providing funding for honorariums and travel expenses for the Ha'wiih and elders to attend meetings, a further step to keep them involved.

During the evening four of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations shared their traditional

songs and dances with everyone. They were the Huu-ay-ahts, the Tseshahts, the Tla-oki-ahts and the Kyuquots.

At this time several gift presentations were made to Willard Gallic in appreciation of his work.

The Kyuquots also presented National Chief Ovide Mercredi with a gift and he was brought out on the floor for the first of his many dance performances of the assembly.

On the second day, National Chief Mercredi addressed the assembly.

First he thanked the elders for keeping their culture alive.

Chief Mercredi spoke about the treaty-making process, and

shared some experiences from where he came from, in Manitoba.

He said that for many years the Indian Nations have been trying to get the governments to honour the treaties.

He said that "so much has happened that affect our treaties" giving as an example that they are now subjected to provincial laws like the Wildlife Act.

"So I wish for the sake of your future generations, your process will be one that will unite your people, unite your leadership, because without unity you will fumble and fall," Mercredi told the assembly.

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### Ha'wiih sign Historic Declaration



Hesquiaht Ha'wiih Domenic Andrews signs the Ha'wiih Declaration while Chiefs Vince Ambrose, Edward Jones, and Mike Tom look on, along with James Johnson of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Nations.

### **NTC CONFIRMED READY FOR STAGE 3 OF TREATY PROCESS**

B.C. Treaty Commissioner Barbara Fisher has informed the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) that the Commission has now declared the NTC ready for stage 3 of the treaty-making process.

Stage 3 is the Framework Agreement negotiations. At this point the readiness applies only to the NTC. The federal and provincial governments have not yet completed their readiness requirements.

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### LETTERS

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Hi, my name is Gloria Gus, Miss Jr. Nuu-chah-nulth. So far, my year has gone great. I am enjoying myself, having fun and learning a lot of new things in my culture. I have also attended dance practices for a party that was held in October. I am learning a lot of new dances and having fun.

So far I have attended the Grand Opening of the Tin-Wis Lodge in Tofino, the Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Games, participated in the Opening Ceremonies of the 1994 XV Commonwealth Games in Victoria and Nuu-chah-nulth Days held in Saanich. My first appearance at a Nuu-chah-nulth Gathering was the Grand Opening of the Tin-Wis Lodge, which was excellent. I enjoyed myself dancing and learning.

During the Nuu-chah-nulth Indian Games, I enjoyed meet-

ing new people, learning new things and watching the baseball games, swimming, and track and field.

The Opening Ceremonies of the 1994 XV Commonwealth Games were so excellent. I learned a lot about the Coast Salish and Kwagiulth. I met a lot of people. I enjoyed watching and learning about the legend. The rehearsals were long, but they were a lot of fun. This was a great experience for everyone that participated.

The Nuu-chah-nulth days went well too. There were tables of arts and crafts, dancing and singing, story telling and a fashion show of Native dancing costumes.

I am looking forward to attending more Nuu-chah-nulth gatherings and meetings, so I'll see you in the future. Choo!

Gloria Gus

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## SHARING THOUGHTS ON HEALING

In the October 4th, 1994 issue of the Ha-Shilth-Sa, I was personally interested to read from Lisa Charleson's thoughts on the res. system, and noting the many hurts of those with the direct experiences of their holistic breakdown expressed so poignantly.

It is such thoughts that have had such a sharp cutting edge on us as human beings. It is ironic to have read such a book as "People of Terra Nullius" by Boyce Richardson. Geoffrey York, the author Lisa quotes re: "The Dispossessed," says Richardson's description of the Kafkaesque world of the federal Indian Act, with its overwhelming controls over every aspect of aboriginal life, is a masterpiece. There are quite a few books, written over the past two and three years, concentrating on the various experiences of First Nations across this continent. Sometimes it makes a person wonder who had the worst experiences in the face of the encounter with the Europeans over the past few hundred years. We tend to think that the strategized programs for the annihilation of our culturally holistic way of life has been bad enough. This is what we are still struggling with. Part of the larger struggle has been with the breakdown of the holistic family. We now know that much. We need to be in a healthy state for us to carry us on the road to recovery.

The residential school experience has been the major upheaval that has contributed to that breakdown. The strategy for this is written into the Indian Act. This is the worst piece of legislation that was ever pieced together by any nation for people of another nation. Incidentally, I guess we can say that the Indian Act was suppos-

edly pieced together by politicians of an intelligent race of people. Part of the component, or one of the pieces of strategy that has contributed to the continuing "attack" on the people of the First Nations, is the suggestion by Richardson in his introductory notes, "that TERRA NULLIUS (means) a land that is empty of people. This fits in with the concept introduced by some aliens, or "boat people" who have suggested that the people of this continent were less than human.

There is so much that is still happening in our First Nations world today. I believe we are fortunate to have leadership emerging who have the assertive skills to confront the sources of our problems that were and have been introduced to our First Nations world. We know now who has the problem. It has been good to see more and more of our people exposed to the actual source of "problems." I believe that we are on the road where we encounter ourselves and recognize that what we need to deal with is our responsibilities more than anyone else's. Others insist that they know how to deal with the problems that have been unloaded on our Nations. We can be assured without question that the cultural resources our people need for their continuing healing is right within our traditions. It is what was legislated against.

It has been a good experience for me to note that many of the "educated professionals" from both the aboriginal and the non-aboriginal community duly recognize the value of our cultural exercises common to our people as being the avenue required for our healing as Nations. As much value as we place in sharing, we still realize

that our Nuu cha nulth traditional customs suffice the needs of our own. Those teachings need to be appreciated and emphasized with more effort. It is truly amazing. It is a depth of life that anyone needs to live when contemplating entry into the services for our people. We have placed too much faith in others other than our own. This view is one of the aspects I refer to as the state and process of self-genocide that our people have resigned themselves to. All our services encounter this agenda. There is none exempt.

There is much that can be said, but allow me to close with the thought of recovery through the need to re-adopt our own approach to healing. This can apply to the needs of the recovery of the family. Our generations from my parents age group have experienced the residential school system and its sad effects on our families. I see those effects being demonstrated and carried into each generation as they arrive. I have recommended elsewhere that the move our people need to adopt is our "group" healing approach. It is good to hear that the younger set have been introduced to an approach as a

group. This has to be the most powerful way and avenue for the healing of our families and our people. All we need is a recognition of the place of each aspect of the process that we use in our culture. Only as one experiences it can one appreciate and understand the power of our culturally related holistic approach. That is my challenge to those who are seeking an avenue for recovery from the evils of oppression. It is sad to note that First Nation treatment centres have laid too heavy an accent on the institutionalized approach to helping others. The institution is what was introduced to break our holistic lifestyle. We need our own approach.

Thank you for your letter to the Ha-Shilth Sa, Lisa.

My blessings go with each one of you readers.

Roy Haiyupis

#### NEXT DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the next Ha-Shilth-Sa is Thursday, December 1st.

This will be the final Ha-Shilth-Sa for 1994. The paper will not be printed again until February, 1995 due to Editor's annual leave.

### A SPECIAL INVITATION To All Nuu-chah-nulth Chiefs & their Tribes

Daniel Charlie Naming Feast  
for his children:  
Calvin Foster  
Shantel Yvonne

Come out for a great time of song and  
dance

at Ahousat

December 28, 1994

## Nuu-chah-nulth Annual Assembly

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He also advised Nuu-chah-nulth to "never call your negotiation a claim. It is not a claim. It is a right! The Federal government reduces our rights by calling them a claim. It is them that have to make a claim," Mercredi stated.

Several times in his speech he addressed the need to stay united. "You are actually in a position now of rebuilding your nation...provided you don't destroy your opportunity with infighting."

Power struggles and politics divides people, but culture binds people, he said. "The product of that treaty will shape your destiny for all time. Above all avoid the infighting."

Following his address to the assembly Chief Mercredi was given a name by Chief Councillor Earl Smith from Ehattesaht. The name is one that Earl shares with Barney Williams Sr. and Ben David. It is "Cha-chim-sanup" meaning "make things proper."

"We want to share it with you because of all the great work you do," Earl Smith told Ovide Mercredi.

A presentation of a whale carving, done by Edgar Charlie, was given to the National Chief by the Ahousat Nation.

A presentation was made by the two Chief Treaty Negotiators for the Federal and Provincial Governments, John Langford (Feds) and Murray Rankin (Province).

They gave some brief remarks about building support for the process and stated that they wanted to move the negotiations around the Nuu-chah-nulth area for public information sharing.

Several delegates spoke against

the government proposal including Tse-shaht's George Watts who said that they should separate the negotiation and the public education process, instead of trying to do it all at the same time. He posed the question "are we doing this for us or for the white people?"

The second day of the assembly also had presentations from the Port Alberni Friendship center and the United Native Nations (Local 144).

The President of the Port Alberni Friendship Center, Charlie Thompson, said that the Friendship Center is non-political and has no business in treaty-making. However, he said, that they are available for information purposes, such as public forums. "We want to be a vehicle in making sure that information gets to your people," Charlie told the assembly.

Ben David, Vice-President and Bunt Cramner, President,

make a presentation for the U.N.N. They outlined some of the work that their organization does, such as in the field of education, native veteran's and providing services for those who have lost their status or live in urban areas.

A great feast was held during the evening.

Following the dinner, a group of Kwagiulth people performed a few of their songs and dances.

The rest of the



Ha'wiih from the Huu-ay-aht Nation at the signing ceremony of the Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wiih Declaration. From left to right are Rick Nookemis, Tom Happyhook, Andy Clappis, Victor Williams, Jeff Cook, Derek Peters, and Tyee Ha'wiih Spencer Peters.

### DECLARATION BY THE HA'WIIH OF THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH NATION

Since time immemorial, we the Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wiih are the rightful owners and carry the full authority and responsibility to manage and control all that is contained within each of our Ha-houlthee. Strict traditional laws and teachings dictate that it is our responsibility to govern our territories by managing and protecting all lands, waters and resources within our Ha-houlthee to sustain our muschim and our traditional ways of life.

Our authority and ownership have never been extinguished, given up, signed away by Treaty or any other means or superseded by any law. We continue to seek a just and honourable settlement of the land and sea question within all of our respective territories.

Through our governing laws and powers, the Ha'wiih endorse, support and direct our respective Nations to enter negotiations with the governments of Canada and British Columbia to reach agreements and/or treaties which will recognize and re-affirm our ownership and governing authorities over our respective Ha-houlthee.

This endorsement and support is provided on the basis and understanding that the Ha'wiih are and will continue to direct negotiations as decision-makers and active participants, consultants, and/or advisors throughout negotiations and discussions regarding all of the lands, waters, resources and governance issues within our respective Ha-houlthee.

evening was devoted to recognizing Nuu-chah-nulth elementary and secondary students with the presentation of scholarships. A total of 101 scholarships were presented, to encourage the students to keep up the good work.

Helen Dick was the MC for the scholarship presentations. They were presented by two of the Ha'wiih, Ambrose Maquinna of the Mowachaht Nation and Norman George of the Muchalalt Nation.

Helen Dick said that "these little ones

are the future leaders of our Nuu-chah-nulth. This is a special occasion for these children. Let us open our hearts, our minds, and our ears and learn to listen to our children and what they have to say."

Besides the cheques from the NTC, many of the students received gifts and words of encouragement from their tribes and their family members.

It took several hours to do all of the presentations, and due to the late hour the recognition of post secondary students had to be postponed until the next Tribal Council meeting, on December 2nd.

On the third and final day of the assembly there were reports by the Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services Board and by the NTC Fisheries Council.

There was also a request for support for the Ha-Ho-Payuk School's language program, so that they could seek funding from the First People's Cultural Foundation. A motion of support was passed.

NTC Fisheries Program Manager Bill Green gave a report on behalf of the Fisheries Council with several recommendations.

The recommendations included a review and restructuring of the Fisheries Program staff.

This was the final appearance of Bill Green with the Tribal Council, as he has gone on to other employment in the Kootenays.

Many speakers got up and thanked Bill for his dedicated service to the Nuu-chah-nulth communities and he was given a number of gifts.

During the lunch break Florence Martin from the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations spoke. She said that she had been appointed to the B.C. Arthritis Board of Directors.

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She was the first native person to sit on the board and she represents all native people in B.C. on this board. Florence is also on the board of directors of the B.C. Aboriginal Network on Disabilities Society.

Florence said that so many people from our families suffer quietly and don't know that they have a right to get treatment. She encouraged everyone who suffers from arthritis to bring the Arthritis Program into their home.

Florence's father Archie Thompson, and Co-chair Lillian Howard said that Florence was a great inspiration to her people.

Also during the lunch a raffle was drawn. The raffle was organized by Nona Rundquist of the Sa-Cinn Native Arts, who is from the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations. The money was raised for the Ha'wiih and Elder's fund and amounted to

\$1,103. A First Nations jacket was won by Jack Little. Native pictures were won by Anna Atleo and Bob Soderlund.

Nona thanked everyone for supporting the raffle and said that she was trying to find someone to carry on with this way of raising funds.

Although there were still a few more items on the agenda the delegates decided to adjourn the meeting when word came in that a Nuu-chah-nulth lady had passed away on this day. So the meeting was adjourned out of respect of this loss.

The agenda items will be carried forward to the next Tribal Council meeting scheduled for December 2 & 3 at Maht Mahs. The first day of this meeting will be devoted to Nuu-chah-nulth Commercial Fishermen and their relationship and concerns with the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation.



Bill Green with one of the gifts that he received at the Annual Assembly, in recognition of his work with Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries Programs.

NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING  
December 2 & 3/94  
Maht Mahs Gym  
Port Alberni

**December 2-** Meeting will discuss concerns & issues involving the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) & the Nuu-chah-nulth Commercial Fishermen. The fishermen are urged to attend this important meeting.

**December 3-** Regular NTC Business.

### Cuu, Kleco!! from Wii-hatsanup

I am leaving your country and the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations with many great memories and warm friendships. Thank you for making me feel so welcome in your communities and homes.

Thank you for the honour of working with you and for you on the important tasks of restoring your fishing rights and your fisheries resources. I have enjoyed working with the fisheries managers, technicians and guardians from each of your communities.

Thank you to the Mowachant and Muchalaht First Nations for the name they have honoured me with, and thank you for allowing me to continue to carry the name.

My thoughts will be with you in the coming months and years as your fishing rights become recognized and as your resources are restored. I will be thinking of you as we work to restore the salmon resources of the upper Columbia River basin.

We welcome our Nuu-chah-nulth friends to come and visit us at our new home in Kimberly (our new home is big):

Bill Green ( and Helen, Lars, Hanna, Madine and Stephan)  
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Cuu! Kleco.



Nuu-chah-nulth Princess Jara Donna Dimitreoff with A.F.N. National Chief Ovide Mercredi, who was a special guest at the Nuu-chah-nulth Annual Assembly.



Members of the Nicolaye family from the Kyuquot Tribe performed during songs and dances during the Nuu-chah-nulth Annual Assembly.

## Public Forum on Treaty Making Process held in Port Alberni

About 200 hundred people were on hand for a Public Forum on Treaty Negotiations, held at Echo Centre in Port Alberni on October 20th.

The forum was sponsored by North Island College and it featured presentations from representatives of the three parties involved in treaty negotiations- the Federal and British Columbia governments, First Nations, and from the independent commission formed to oversee the negotiations- the B.C. Treaty Commission.

The evenings discussions got underway with a welcoming speech from the Director of the Port Alberni North Island College, Nelson Ireland. Mr. Ireland said that he hoped that " this evening will lead to better understanding and will help to build our community."

He was followed to the speaker's podium by Nelson Keitlah, Co-chairman of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. He thanked everyone for being there on this evening and he spoke with optimism about the upcoming treaty making talks. He said that First Nations intentions are not to upset the economic activity now taking place, and not to displace people from their jobs or from their private lands. " We have optimism in our hearts and in our minds that we can deal with these issues truthfully and honestly. We need not be afraid of it. It can be resolved eventually," Mr. Keitlah said.

Port Alberni's Mayor Gillian Trumper also thanked everyone for coming to this important forum, saying that " it is important that we understand what is happening. " She said that the forum " is a golden opportunity for those of

us who are not aboriginal to ask the questions about what is taking place."

Mayor Trumper said that she hoped that this is the first of many meetings on what is taking place. " Hopefully at the end of it we will all be able to live together, and live in peace and understand and respect each others ways of living."

Sitting on the panel for the evening were the Chief Negotiators for Vancouver Island for the two governments- John Langford from the Federal Govt. and Murray Rankin from the Provincial Govt., Chief Joe Mathias from the First Nations Summit, Commissioner Barbara Fisher from the B.C. Treaty Commission, and Richard Watts, Lillian Howard, and Francis Frank, representatives from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

Also making a presentation was Susan Sieg, a Public Education Officer from the Federal Treaty Office who gave an overview and history of treaty negotiations in B.C. Her presentation was on behalf of the three parties entering into negotiations and is part of a province-wide public education initiative.

She provided answers to three basic questions about treaties. What is a treaty? Why are we negotiating treaties? What are the benefits?

A treaty was described as " an agreement between a First Nation and government that defines the rights of aboriginal people with respect to land, resources, and governance."

Ms. Sieg went on to describe the history of treaty making in British Columbia, from the mid 1800's when the Douglas Treaties were signed on southern

Vancouver Island, through the start of the Nisga'a negotiations in 1976 and up to recent developments in the 1990's. In 1990 the province of B.C. joined in on the Nisga'a negotiations, in 1991 the B.C. Task Force made its 19 recommendations which were accepted by the governments, in 1992 the B.C. Treaty Commission was established, in 1993 the government formed TNAC- Treaty Negotiation Advisory Committee, to consult with third party interests from industry, business, labour, local governments and environmental and recreational groups.

Current owners of fee-simple lands on the west coast of Vancouver Island will not be affected or displaced by treaty negotiations in the traditional territories of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

This policy was passed in a resolution by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council at a treaty meeting at Tin-Wis, near Tofino.

" Current owners of fee-simple lands in our traditional territories have our assurances that their land will not be affected or alienated as a result of treaty negotiations," said Richard Watts, co-chair of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal

## NTC SAYS FEE SIMPLE LANDS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY TREATIES

Council.

" Some opposition politicians have been spreading fear amongst the general public about this issue, and we wanted to set the record straight so that people living in our traditional territories will know there is no reason to be afraid."

The exception to the policy is current owners who wish to sell their fee-simple lands.

In addition, the resolution by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council takes issue with the B.C. government for its position on fee-simple lands. Recent B.C. government newspaper ads state that private lands are not on the

negotiation table.

" Private lands are definitely on the table, in terms of compensation to the Nuu-chah-nulth by the B.C. and federal governments, but we want to make it clear that private land owners will not be displaced."

" The B.C. government's ads have the effect of encouraging people to rush out and buy crown land because it's taken off the negotiation table. That is unacceptable to us."

The Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations call on the B.C. government and Canada to make sure not to prejudice future treaty talks by continued alienation of our lands fee-simple."

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1994 NTC Elementary Secondary Scholarship Winners

Grade 1

**Mariah Charleson** and **Layla Charleson**, grade 10, **Hesquiaht**, daughters of Stephen and Karen Charleson.  
**Danielle Jules**, **Kyuquot**, daughter of Cheryl Jules.  
**Deanna Samuel**, **Ditidaht**, daughter of Iris Thompson and Danny Samuel.  
**Alana Sayers**, **Opetchesaht**, daughter of Judith Sayers.  
**Evelyn Thompson**, **Ditidaht**, daughter of Art and Charlene Thompson.  
**Randall Atleo** and **Nellie Atleo**, Grade 3, **Tla-o-qui-aht**, son and daughter of Marie and George Atleo.  
**Jeffrey David**, **Tla-o-qui-aht**, son of Joe David and Grace George.  
**Joey Durocher**, **Ditidaht**, son of Low Durocher.  
**Kyle Frank**, **Hesquiaht**, **Joseph Bob**, Grade 5, and **Stanley Bob**, Grade 7, **Tla-o-qui-aht**, sons of Noreen Amos.  
**Jason Pollard**, **Haida/Ucluelet**, son of the late Audrey Haipee.

Grade 2

**Theresa Dick**, **Mowachaht/ Muchalaht**, daughter of Marie Lavoie and Tony Dick.  
**Danielle Samuel**, **Ahousat**, daughter of Wally Jr. and Lisa Samuel.  
**Jeannie Sutherland**, **Ahousat**, daughter of Donna Sutherland and granddaughter of Jeannie Sutherland.  
**Catherine Taylor**, **Ucluelet**, daughter of Vickie Taylor and Gordon Taylor Jr.  
**Aaron Callicum** and **Andrew Callicum Jr.**, grade 5, **Mowachaht**, sons of Andrew Callicum.  
**Sidney Dick Jr.**, **Tseshaht**, son of Sharleen and Sidney Dick Sr.  
**Linus Lucas Jr.**, **Hesquiaht**, son and Linus and Donna Lucas.  
**Philip Russ Jr.**, **Ditidaht**, son of Donna Edgar and Philip Russ Sr.  
**Jerami Sam** and **Sheena Sam**, grade 5, **Ahousat**, son and daughter of Alice Sam and John Kristensen.

Grade 3

**Melissa Ambrose**, **Hesquiaht**, daughter of Doreen Ambrose.  
**Heather Frank**, **Ahousat**, daughter of Greta John.  
**Carleen Jack**, **Mowachaht**, daughter of Rose and Edward Jack.  
**Rachael Mathiassen** and **Samantha Robinson**, grade 6, **Uchucklesaht**, daughter and foster daughter of Theresa Mathiassen.  
**Kimberly Touchie** and **Samantha Touchie**, grade 5, **Ucluelet**, daughters of Ladner and Marilyn Touchie.  
**Justin Dorward**, **Ahousat**, son of James and Pearl Dorward.  
**Jordan James** and **Marissa James**, grade 5, **Mowachaht/ Muchalaht**, son and daughter of Chief Arnold and Margarita James.  
**Grant Watts**, **Tseshaht**, son of Lisa M. Watts.  
**James Williams**, **Ditidaht**, son of Deanna Amos and William Williams, foster son of Linda and William Burrows, **Harry Amos**, **Ditidaht**, grade 4, son of Deanna Amos.

Grade 4

**Linsey Haggard** and **Ted Haggard**, grade 9, **Tseshaht**, daughter and son of Dave and Eileen Haggard.  
**Jadine Happynook**, **Brian Happynook**, Grade 6 and **Tom Happynook Jr.**, **Huu-ay-aht**, Grade 8 daughter and sons of Chief Tom and Kathy Happynook.  
**Alicia Jimmy**, **Tseshaht**, daughter of Richard Sam and Marria Jimmy;  
**Nadine Tom**, **Hesquiaht**, daughter of Chief Mike and Sheila Tom.  
**Jenny Touchie**, **Ucluelet**, daughter of Harold and Lori Touchie.  
**Walter Chester**, **Tahltan/ Ditidaht**, son of Bertha Chester and the late Bob Frank.  
**Jeffrey Ignace** and **Kaesok Ignace**, grade 8, **Hesquiaht**, son and daughter of Dave and Dianne Ignace.  
**Shane Keitlah** and **Nelson Keitlah 111**, grade 6, **Ahousat**, sons of Wilma Keitlah and of Nelson Keitlah Jr.  
**Jack Little Jr.**, **Ahousat**, son of Jack and Rosie Little.  
**Paul Vincent Jr.**, **Kyuquot**, son of Paul and Velina Vincent.

Grade 5

**Kimberly Gus**, **Tseshaht**, daughter of Deborah Gus, granddaughter of Reggie and Phyllis Gus.  
**Charmaine Seitcher**, **Tla-o-qui-aht**, daughter of Brenda and

Ray Seitcher Jr.  
**Ralph John Jr.**, **Kyuquot**, son of Ralph and Sandra John.  
**Reggie Sam**, **Tseshaht**, son of Charlie Sam and Betty Knighton.  
**Ryan Tatoosh** and **Bobbi Tatoosh**, Grade 6, **Opetchesaht**, son and daughter of Jim and Brenda Tatoosh.  
**Francis Williams**, **Tla-o-qui-aht**, son of John and Karen Williams.

Grade 6

**Teresa Cory**, **Hesquiaht**, daughter of Agnes Martin.  
**Melissa Jules**, **Kyuquot**, daughter of Corrine Sutherland, of granddaughter of Maggie Sutherland.  
**Candace Sanders**, **Ahousat**, daughter of Dave and Iris Sanders.  
**Julie Smith** and **Cheri Smith**, grade 10, **Nuchatlaht**, daughters of Audrey Smith.  
**Fanny Thomas**, **Ahousat**, daughter of Roberta and Samuel Adams Jr.  
**June Titian**, **Ahousat**, daughter of Denise Ambrose and of Barrie Titian.  
**Spencer Touchie**, **Ucluelet**, son of Sheila Touchie.  
**Reggie Watts** and **Jeff Watts**, Grade 8, **Opetchesaht**, sons of Marlene Watts and the late Floyd Mack and stepsons of Rick Watts.

Grade 7

**Crystal Mack**, **Ahousat**, daughter of Bev Unger and the late Samuel Mack Jr.  
**Terri Louise Robinson** and **Shawn Frank**, grade 10, **Ahousat**, daughter and son of Wayne and Esther Robinson.  
**Floyd Campbell Jr.**, **Ahousat**, son of Floyd and Marion Campbell.  
**Herbert Cook**, **Huu-ay-aht**, son of Jack and Deborah Cook.

Grade 8

**Serina Charleson**, **Hesquiaht**, daughter of Ruth Charleson and Ed Juliussen.  
**Heather Frank** and **Justin Frank**, Grade 12, **Ahousat**, daughter and son of Constable and Mrs. George Frank.  
**Priscilla Jack**, **Kyuquot**, daughter of Henry and Natalie Jack.  
**Jason Dixon Sam**, **Ahousat**, son of Kathleen and Thomas Sam.  
**Derek Thomas** and **Travis Thomas**, Grade 11, **Ahousat**, sons of Arnold Thomas and Jean C. Frank.

Grade 9

**Stacey Hansen**, **Kyuquot**, daughter of Florence John.  
**Vienna Lamb**, **Ucluelet**, daughter of Elvira Lamb.  
**Cecelia Watts**, **Tseshaht**, daughter of George Watts and Anita Watts.  
**Ryan Frank**, **Ahousat**, son of Clarence and Karen Webster.

Grade 10

**Joseph Amos**, **Hesquiaht**, son of Clinton Fred and Donna Lucas.  
**Robert Kirchhoff**, **Opetchesaht**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirchhoff.  
**Ron Sam**, **Tseshaht**, son of Richard Sam and Catherine Dick.

Grade 11

**Moir Barney** and **Yanny Barney**, **Ucluelet**, daughters of Leroy Barney, foster daughters of Max and Sue Banton.  
**Crystal Clappis**, **Huu-ay-aht**, daughter of Zelda Clappis and the late Chester Clappis, granddaughter of Annie Clappis.  
**Bella Joe**, **Huu-ay-aht**, daughter of Herbert and Judy Joe.  
**Tami Lynn Joseph** and **Tanya Joseph**, **Ahousat**, Grade 12, daughters of Simon Joseph and Barbara Gulewich.  
**Taryn Joseph**, **Mowachaht**, daughter of Jessie Joseph and Rick Johnson.  
**Lynnette Lucas**, **Hesquiaht**, daughter of Cindy Stevens and Linus Lucas.

Grade 12

**Cecelia Touchie**, **Ucluelet**, daughter of Pearl Touchie.  
**Angela Williams**, **Tla-o-qui-aht**, daughter of Millie Williams and stepdaughter of Arnold Frank.  
**Thomas Anderson**, **Tseshaht**, son of Isabel and David Anderson.  
**Richard Mundy Jr.**, **Ucluelet**, son of Richard Mundy and Carol Astrom.



Grades 1 and 2 scholarship winners who were at the Nu-uh-nulth Annual Assembly.



Some of the students from grades 3, 4, and 5 who were awarded scholarships by the Nu-uh-nulth Tribal Council.



Jessie Tom was recognized by the NTC and her family for completing her Associate Degree in Business Management at Camosun College. Jessie is from the Hesquiaht Tribe and she works for the Victoria Native Friendship Centre as an Employment Counsellor. Offering their congratulations at the Nu-uh-nulth Annual Assembly were, from left to right, her uncle Steve Charleson, grandmother Jean Charleson, father Chief Mike Tom, and uncle Sennen Charleson.

George Clutesi Curriculum Development Program

Family Parental Responsibility

Parental responsibility is the key to this respect. The immediate family smooths over what went wrong. It must be brought forward. This begins a form of apology. A problem effects all parts of the family. It's the family's responsibility to polish, to rectify the problem and straighten it out. One way is by *ax'itcu*. Strictly from the immediate family.



Receiving NTC Scholarships were Candace Sanders and June Titian, grade 6, and Herbie Cook, grade 7.



Bella Joe, now in grade 12 at A.D.S.S., was one of the NTC Scholarship recipients. She was joined at the presentations by her parents Herbie and Judy Joe.



Tanya Joseph and Tami Lynn Joseph with their father Simon Joseph following their scholarship presentations.



Chief Earl George with wife Josephine at the Nu-uh-nulth Annual Assembly. Chief George was recognized for graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Victoria. (May '94).

Congratulations

I would like to congratulate my two children Nell and Randall Atleo on the scholarship for the year 1993-94.

We are so proud of you two and keep up the good work, because in the future it will all pay off to have studied so hard as you do now.

Love Mom & Dad

Also I'd like to thank the Nu-uh-nulth Education for their interest in our children and thank you for selecting my two children.

Marie Atleo T.F.N.

Happy 2nd Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Lance Ambrose on October 10th. Love Mom, Dad, Robyn & Richard.

## Public Forum....continued

The audience was told that the benefits of treaties included a new relationship between First Nations and the non-aboriginal people, certainty over lands and resources, economic growth and social development, and job creation.

Several of the panelists also made presentations before the forum went into a question and answer period.

Barbara Fisher from the B.C. Treaty Commission explained what the Treaty Commission is and how it fits into the process.

She said that the Treaty Commission has accepted 43 statements of intent to negotiate from First Nations which represents about 65 % of the First Nations in British Columbia.

"There is a need to coordinate the beginning of negotiations, determine when the parties are ready to start and to monitor the process," Ms. Fisher said. "The Commission is there to ensure that the tables are as balanced as possible."

She added that the Commission does not negotiate. They don't go to the negotiating table. It is not a court or arbitrator but acts as a facilitator.

She said that the Treaty Commission agreement has defined a First Nation as "an aboriginal governing body, however organized and established within its traditional territories in British Columbia and has a mandate from its constituents to enter into a treaty negotiation."

Chief Joe Mathias told the forum that "we are all part of a great wheel of history. In British Columbia this great wheel of history has been shaped by power-political and economic, shaped by cultures-rooted in somebody else's religion, and

shaped by self interest, simply because British Columbia and this corner of the universe provided such great wealth in terms of resources."

He said that we have to focus on several dates in Canadian history:

1763- the Royal Proclamation of 1763 which is still a constitutional document that sets out the political relationship between First Nations and colonial powers.

1871- British Columbia joins confederation- Chief Mathias said that history shows that "we weren't party to the terms of union, we had no input, we weren't even consulted."

"I guess that terms of union that allowed B.C. to join Canada was negotiated in secret."

1900-1928- was "a period of rapid resource extraction, industrialization and economic marginalization of First Nations." Native people were dying off from disease while the non-Indian population increased. Chief Mathias said that it was also a period when First Nations leaders were petitioning and meeting on the land question. "One thing was clear - Aboriginal Title- that was clear" he said.

1928 -The Allied Tribes made a submission to the Senate and the House of Commons. They were denied. In 1928 the government of Canada passed a law that any more than three Indians assembled are deemed criminals. "The right to assembly was denied us," said Mathias, "they wanted to shut us down forever."

1962- "A shining light in Canadian history," Mathias said, "Prime Minister Diefenbaker says that aboriginal people had the basic human right to vote." 1969- The Canadian government's "White Paper"- which amounted to "the abol-



ishment of Indians as we know them today. They were saying that "we want you to be equal to us under our terms. Under our laws. Under our traditions. Under our religions, our cultures and we want to extinguish you from the face of the earth for all times. Become like us!"

1982-Repatriation of the Canadian Constitution." Canada said we recognize and affirm aboriginal and treaty rights.

1990's- Chief Mathias said that "we now have an opportunity to reverse some of the wrongs that have occurred in this country and make them right. We are putting our aboriginal rights on the table. We are the ones facing the greatest risk in this process."

"We are facing off not only against two powerful governments, but also a multitude of municipal governments plus a great range of powerful third party interests."

"I think the treaty making process is the way to go," Chief Mathias told the forum. "Court action is a crapshoot. Confrontation leads nowhere. To establish a relationship between our societies and your society, we are talking about treaty making."

"The history and the record is clear," he said. "There's justification, there's moral grounds, and I believe there's legal grounds to enter into treaty in British Columbia between

Panelists at the public forum on treaty negotiations were, from left to right, Murray Rankin, Province of B.C. Negotiator, Barbara Fisher, B.C. Treaty Commission, Richard Watts, Co-Chair Southern Region of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC), Francis Frank, spokesman for the Central Region of the NTC, Lillian Howard, Co-Chair Northern Region of the NTC, John Langford, Federal Government Negotiator, Chief Joe Mathias, First Nations Summit.

white society and Indian society."

"We have a great deal to achieve in the horizon," Chief Mathias concluded. "Let's give the process a chance to work."

Next to speak was John Langford the Chief Negotiator for the Federal Government for Vancouver Island.

He said that the key issues that their team will be concentrating on included:

1) Fisheries-including the aboriginal right to fish for food, ceremonial and economic development purposes without undo disruption to commercial and recreational fisheries.

2) Self Government - "The treaty process in British Columbia provides us with a forum for the definition and implementation of self government."

3) Parks- "at present there are 22 reserves within the Pacific Rim Park area," said Langford. "We will be working towards providing certainty and First Nations rights in the Park and their role in management."

4) Environmental Management and harmonizing First Nations lands with federal standards.

Some of the principles important to the federal government, Langford said included making treaties that the

country can afford, balancing the rights of all groups with a stake in the outcome, creating clarity and certainty over key resources of lands, forests, and fish, and the powers of First Nations governments.

Langford said that "we want a no surprises process. We want to hear the public's views and we're committed to keeping you informed."

The Chief Provincial Negotiator for Vancouver Island, Murray Rankin said that the Province is committed to the trilateral process. He said that the key starting points that the Province has indicated include:

- private property is not on the table.  
-commercial interests will receive fair compensation.  
- access to hunting and fishing and recreational opportunities will be guaranteed.  
-the Constitution and Charter of Rights will continue to apply to all British Columbian's.  
- Jurisdictions between First Nations and local governments will be clearly spelled out.

This question was answered in the following way by Chief Joe Mathias.

"Our biggest concern is that once we reach final treaty, ratified and accepted by everyone, including the public... our concern is not that it's final and ends things. Our concern really is having both governments honour the terms of the agreement, to go towards implementation."

Also speaking was Francis Frank, spokesman for the NTC

Central Region. He said that First Nations are entering negotiations on the basis of sharing." The only challenge that is thrown back to yourselves, as citizens of Port Alberni, is to provide us with equal opportunities of sharing in the benefits and the richness of this region that you all call home."

"All we're asking is that you respect our traditional governments that have always been in existence. The essence of that government is sharing," said Frank.

Many questions were put forward from the floor. Some of the questions had to do with concerns about equality, justice, rights and privileges of all Canadians. Also questions about Interim Measures Agreements and if "it is a once and for all settlement."

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## Court Throws out Fisheries Charges

The Provincial Court of British Columbia has tossed out fisheries charges laid by D.F.O. against Victor Hanson, Peter Hanson, and Michael (Tony) Hanson. The Hanson Brothers were charged with various fisheries offences for an incident which occurred in September of 1992. In that year the N.T.C. signed its first Fisheries Agreement with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

After the Agreement was signed the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans issued a press release announcing the Agreement and announcing that the Kyuquot Indians would be permitted a test fishery for chum and would be permitted to sell the results of that test fishery. There was confusion as to when the Agreement would begin.

The Hanson Brothers were charged as a result of an incident which occurred on September 22, 1992. It was the contention of the Department of Fisheries

and Oceans that the fishing in Kyuquot was not supposed to start until October 1, 1992.

At the trial the Provincial Court Judge tossed out the charges saying that the Federal Crown had failed to lead any evidence on an essential element of the charges. Hugh Braker, who acted as the lawyer for the Hanson Brothers stated that under Canadian Law the Crown must lead evidence on each and every element of the offence. If the Crown does not do so a de-

fendant has the right to stand up and ask the judge to throw out the case on the basis that no evidence has been led by the Crown.

Hugh Braker stated that it is not necessary for Indians to show when they are charged with illegal fishing that the fish caught were legal. Rather, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans must show that the fish that were caught were illegally caught and/or illegally sold.

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Most colleges/ universities will start accepting application for registration by the **middle of November 1994**.

To apply for sponsorship through NTC, please pick up an application form at the NTC office from Blair or myself.

Every year NTC presents scholarships to post secondary students who have completed 8 months of school for the next year. The deadline has been moved from July 31 of each year to August 31 of each year. For more information on the Post Secondary Scholarships, please see me.

I am very proud to see the amount of students attending school. We have very intelligent, and resourceful students that are giving everything they have to reach their goals. At times it becomes very tight money-wise, and we have many students that are single parents.

If you wish to help any of the students with non perishable food items, I will be more than willing to deliver the items on my next visit.

My job description is to help the students. If you have any suggestions that may help any of the students, please phone me.

Cynthia Rayner  
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## Dr. Webster pays tribute to Chief Art Peters through donation of rare prints

In 1964 a group of native and non-native people from Port Alberni got together to establish the Port Alberni Friendship Center.

Among this group was Dr. Harry Webster, a well known Physician in the Alberni Valley. Another person who was instrumental in founding the Friendship

Center was Huu-ay-aht Chief Art Peters.

On Wednesday, October 19th, Dr. Webster paid a return visit to the Friendship Center, to make a generous donation of four John Webber prints to the facility and to pay tribute to the late Chief Peters.

The occasion

got underway with a delicious seafood dinner, hosted by the Friendship Center. The fresh seafoods had been provided by Erma Bos and people from the Huu-ay-aht Nation.

Charlie Thompson, President of the Board of Directors for the Friendship Center made some welcoming com-

ments. He thanked Dr. Webster for his many years of support to the Friendship Center. "Thirty years ago Dr. Webster and Art Peters were among those who had started the Port Alberni Friendship Center to provide much needed services to our people," Charlie said.

He introduced Dr. Webster who told the gathering that "in 1964 when we formed a committee to look at setting up a Friendship Center, we started a movement that went across Canada. In 1964 we formed a Board of Directors and Art Peters was recruited to join us. The following year he took over as Chairman."

Dr. Webster went on to say that he had met Art Peters for the first time in 1960. "I had the pleasure of travelling up and down the coast with Art in the Skeena a Department of Indian Affairs boat which he was the skipper of."

"He was very knowledgeable in Indian traditions and so on. He was always interested in improving the quality of life for his people," Dr. Webster stated.

In concluding he said "I can't think of a

better way to give them (the prints) a permanent home than as a presentation in memory of Mr. Arthur Peters."

After Dr. Webster spoke, several people from the audience got up to thank him for his gift to the Friendship Center, and some of them also thanked him for his years of caring for the native people of the Alberni Valley in his profession as a Doctor. He was also thanked by several relatives of Chief Art Peters, for honouring him on this evening.

Expressing their gratitude to Dr. Webster were Robert Dennis Jr., Charlie Thompson, Ron Hamilton, Wally Samuel Sr., Simon Dennis, Marj White, Ben David, Elmer Thompson, Bert Mack, Danny Watts, and Margaret Clutesi.

The four prints that Dr. Webster donated have now joined two others that he donated when the new Friendship Center facility was opened in 1988.

The six prints were made from drawings by John Webber, an artist that accompanied Captain Cook on his voyage to the north-west coast of America in

1774. The copper plate prints were made around 1790, making them about 200 years old.

Captain Cook and John Webber visited Yuquot (Friendly Cove) in 1774 and that is where the original drawings were made. The six prints depict "A view of the habitations of Nootka Sound", "The inside of a house in Nootka Sound", "A Sea Otter", "Various articles at Nootka Sound" (a rattle & 3 headdresses), "A Woman of Nootka Sound" and "A Man of Nootka Sound". The drawings are representative of what the people and their homes looked like 200 years ago.

The six prints are now hanging in the new boardroom of the Port Alberni Friendship Center. A plaque hangs with them that says "These pictures are dedicated to Art Peters, a good friend and a man who served his people with honor, integrity, and understanding. Presented by Dr. Harry Webster to the Port Alberni Friendship Center October 19, 1994."



Dr. Harry Webster, Aggie Peters and Spencer Peters with three of the John Webber prints that Dr. Webster donated to the Port Alberni Friendship Center in memory of Chief Art Peters.

ALL NUU-CHAH-NULTH people and friends living in the lower mainland area are invited to a **Potluck Feast Gathering** to take place on:

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We apologize for any inconvenience the postponement of the October Potluck may have caused. We postponed the feast to November after consultation with others out of respect for those families experiencing difficult times.

Bring your drum! This gathering is for those people interested in the advancement of our culture, language, history, songs, and dances.

If you plan on attending or wish to help organize, please call Gerald at 581-0267 indicating how many will be attending and if you can bring food.

Chu.  
Shawn Atleo  
Ahousesat Nation

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## NATIVE SALMON ENHANCEMENT - The Henderson Lake Hatchery *ELLA'S DREAM*

By Bruce Hepburn

Ella Jackson had a dream. She saw thousands of sockeye returning to Clemens Creek. This Uchucklesaht Elder saw what DFO biologists had not predicted. Last year the largest return of sockeye to Henderson Lake since the 1930's was recorded.

This was also the first egg take for the Henderson Lake Hatchery. A total of 1.5 million sockeye eggs were taken last year.

So what does Ella's dream have to do with the technical subject of salmonid enhancement? There is most definitely a connection. Here it is.

What we have here is something quite unique, busy being born. On the one hand we have the wisdom of the elders. The kind of "seeing" that is the result of thousands of years of existence on this coast by First Nations people. And these peoples' intimate connection with their environment is most eloquently expressed in their high regard for, and reliance upon the once plentiful returns of salmon. On the other hand we have the results of poor management of the fishery, of the past, and the more recent better management practices (although not all would agree!) and the salmon enhancement program.

So what we have here is a greater involvement of the First Nations in salmonid enhancement. A mixture of the wisdom of the elders and the practise of fish culture.

And I think Ella's dream will come true for more years than 1993. And to more rivers and streams than Clemens Creek. From Kincolith on

the Nass River to Port Renfrew on the south west coast of Vancouver Island. And lots of points between. In isolated places such as Hartley Bay on the north coast and Owikeno Village at the head of Villers Inlet, First Nations peoples are practising fish culture. They are working together with the staff of large hatcheries such as Nitinat (Ditidaht Nation) and Big Qualicum Hatcheries. The Haida have a hatchery at Eagle Creek on Graham Island.

Which brings me back to one hatchery. And one tribe tucked away at the head of a small inlet near Barkley Sound. The Uchucklesaht.

The Uchucklesaht Tribe is one of the smallest on the coast (129 members). The village (Elhlateese) is located at the head of the original (1909-1937) hatchery at the head of Henderson Lake which has the highest rainfall in North America. This is a band with heart. They have actually put themselves in a deficit position to fund the hatchery (and Ella's dream).

The hatchery is one of only two sockeye hatcheries in British Columbia. The other is the DFO hatchery on Pitt Lake. In order to learn the art and science of fish culture Hatchery Manager Charlie Cootes Jr. and his crew are studying Fisheries and Aquaculture courses by correspondence from North Island College. Also they are receiving on-the-job training from NTC (Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council) biologist Don Hall and fisheries advisor Al Keitlah.

The 1994 egg take begins this week.

The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations are sending some hatchery staff from their Kennedy Lake Hatchery to assist and learn certain protocols necessary to prevent a disease which sometimes affects sockeye.

And by now you may be wondering how your Band could help this small Tribe with a big heart. Here's how. The Uchucklesaht Tribe is holding a raffle to help fund the hatchery. Books of tickets have been sent to every Band Council in B.C. Please sell these tickets and send for more if you run out. Contact Pam Watts at 724-1832 when you need more tickets.

The prizes are sockeye:  
First Prize-150 sockeye  
2nd Prize- 75 sockeye  
3rd Prize- 25 sockeye

### Alberni Elementary Students Enjoy Native Fashions

On October 31st the students at Alberni Elementary School were treated to a fashion show that featured a display of everyday clothing with traditional native designs.

NTC Education Worker Irisrose Sand-

If you wish you can have them smoked, frozen or canned. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. See your Band Council to buy your tickets. Also, if you wish to help by selling tickets as the seller you receive 10% of the commission.

Ella Jackson fished at Elhlateese, sometimes alone, well into her 70's. Once she fell into the swift waters of the Henderson River while fishing but luckily that day she was rescued by her sister Jenny Cootes, the only other person then living in the village. She died in August of 1989 after dreaming her dream. The Uchucklesaht Tribe and the Henderson Lake Hatchery will keep Ella's dream alive.



Native designed fashions by Caroline Ta were shown to the students at Alberni Elementary School recently. Looking on are Iris Sanders who was the MC for the showing and Caroline, the designer.

### Intervenors Line Up For N.T.C. Smokehouse Case

The N.T.C. Smokehouse case is now before the Supreme Court of Canada. This is a case which tests whether or not the Tseshah and Opetcesah people have the aboriginal right to sell their fish.

Recently, Hugh Braker, N.T.C. Staff Lawyer, appeared in the Supreme Court of Canada to oppose various applications for leave to intervene in the N.T.C. Smokehouse case. Madam Justice Beverley McLachlin of the Supreme Court allowed applications for leave to intervene to the following:

1. The First Nations Summit,
2. The Attorney General of B.C.,
3. The C.N.R.,
4. The B.C. Fisheries Survival Coalition,
5. The B.C. Wildlife Federation, and

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shown on this day. They also helped to make the show run smoothly by helping out back stage.

Irisrose was the MC for the show and she described the designs and the clothing that was being modelled. A lot of the designs were originally made by Caroline for her children and herself.

6. The Fisheries Council of B.C.

The Atlantic Salmon Federation's application to intervene was denied.

Hugh Braker stated that it is unlikely this appeal will be argued in the Supreme Court of Canada before June of 1995 at the earliest.

Chief Justice Lamer of the Supreme Court of Canada also informed Counsel for the N.T.C. Smokehouse that the the N.T.C. Smokehouse case would be grouped together with four other British Columbia Indian fishing rights cases. Those are the Gladstone Lewis, van der Peet, and Nikal.

All five British Columbia cases will also be grouped together with an Indian fishing rights case called Regina v. Adams from Quebec.

Caroline has been beading since she was a young girl and she has been sewing for the last few years.

Some of the materials she uses includes beads, felt, abalone, dentalia shell and liquid paint.

Modelling the fashions were Justin Dorward, Steven Lysne, Nicole Roberts, Diana Thomas, Sheena Jaworski, Nellie Jacobson and Margaret Eaton.

The several hundred students that watched the show were very responsive and appreciative.

At the end of the show Irisrose Sanders presented two students with a stick, symbolizing a gift that was coming in the future. The gift will be a mask by Patrick Amos who came to the school to demonstrate native carving. When the mask is finished it will be presented to the school.

## Backgrounder No.1

# RESOLVING LAND CLAIMS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Q What are land claims, and why are we negotiating them now?

Land claims are formal requests made by Aboriginal people, asking the federal and provincial governments to negotiate issues about land and resources that have remained unresolved for more than 100 years.

Unlike most of Canada, the first European settlers in B.C. negotiated very few treaties with First Nations regarding the use of land and resources.

Treaties are being negotiated now to end land-use uncertainty in B.C., and because the courts have said that treaty negotiations – not costly court battles – are the best way to reach fair and lasting solutions.

### Q Who's representing my interests?

It is the job of your provincial government to make sure your interests are both represented and protected through open and inclusive treaty negotiations.

The B.C. government has asked the federal government and First Nations to join us in opening negotiations to the public and ensuring that information is shared as widely as possible.

When land claims negotiations are about to begin in your area, we will organize community meetings where you'll have the chance to speak directly with negotiators. At the same time, we will establish regional committees – with representatives from business, environmental, fish and wildlife, labour and social welfare groups – to directly advise negotiators.

And following the provincial government's recent agreement with municipalities, local governments will be appointing an individual from each region to work with negotiators to ensure that community interests are fully represented.

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### A THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the people who came for the feast my mother Nellie Joseph (Frank) had for me. It is a real honour for me to say, I will guide my people in the right direction for a better future. I would like to thank my chiefs and elders for their guidance of being a good leader for my people. For the younger people of my generation I would like to encourage you to go see our respected elders and get their wisdom and knowledge from them. I would like to thank my brothers and sisters for being so much support to mom and myself, you guys are really appreciated. Also to Stanley Sam and Dixon Sam, we thank you for knowledge and wisdom. Also to the singers and dancers we thank you for the beautiful singing and dancing you had performed. You guys are all so much appreciated. I would like to thank my neighbouring First Nations for your kind words of wisdom and encouragement of being a better leader for my people. In closing I would like to thank all my brothers and sisters: George Frank & kids, Gloria Frank, Dennis Martin, and kids, Karen Webster and family, Noreen Amos and kids, Marie Atleo and family, Lorena and family, Willie Frank, Joseph Frank and family, Elmer Frank and family, John Goodwin and family for coming from Neah Bay. Larry Curley for the use of your truck. Sylvester Frank for the use of your truck. Also to Dora Robinson for the kind donation of bread. To the people in Tofino thank you for the use of your ovens, it is very much appreciated. To my auntie Marie Martin I thank you for the beautiful cape you had made. To Patrick Amos and John Goodwin for the headdresses you guys had made for me. If any are names left out you are not forgotten. You are the people who made this a memorable day on September 24, 1994. Everybody is greatly appreciated. Kleko-kleko.

Sincerely yours  
MUK-WIN-INK  
(Bruce Frank)

### KLEKO-KLEKO

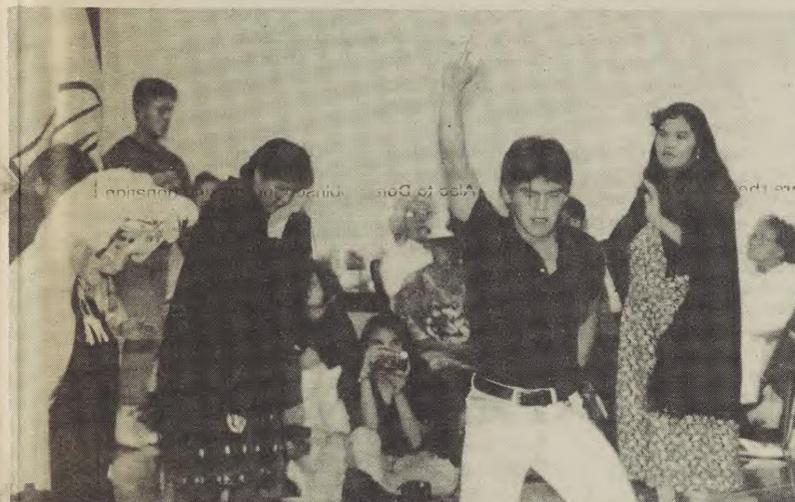
For my mother, I would like you to know, for what you had done for me was really a special day you had given for me. It gives me great pleasure to let First Nations know how special you are to us. Also to my brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews thank you for all your support you had given me. Kleko-Kleko.

MUK-WIN-INK  
(Bruce Frank)

# The Seating of Chief Muu-Chink



Relatives from Neah Bay, Washington give gifts to the hosts.



Joseph "Snapper" Frank dances with the money that the host is about to give to the guests witnessing the seating of Chief Muu-Chink.



Usma-na-hy, Elmer Frank and Naomi Seitcher's baby, is introduced. Standing from left to right are elder Stanley Sam, Muu-Chink, Elmer Frank, Naomi Seitcher, Marie Atleo with baby Usma-na-hy, and Nellie Frank.

September 24, 1994 was a big day in the life of Bruce Frank, from the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, as he was officially seated as a hereditary chief.

The ceremonies were held at the Wickaninnish Elementary School gym in Tofino.

When the guests were all seated Barney Williams Jr., who is the beachkeeper at Opitsat, welcomed everyone. He gave out money to some of the guests, symbolically

tying their canoe to the beach. These people are then tied up until the occasion comes to an end.

Stanley Sam, an elder who is related to the Frank family, spoke about the history of the chieftanship that was being passed on to Bruce and he spoke about his chieftan name-Muu-Chink. Stanley said that the seat and the name came from Jimmy Jim. Before he passed away he had told his family members how he wanted this seat passed on through his family. This was done through Nellie (Joseph) Frank, who is Bruce's mother. Stanley also gave Bruce some documentation about family history that Jimmy Jim had written during the 1930's before his passing.

Stanley also tsikshilth- chanted a prayer.

The other Tla-o-qui-aht hereditary chiefs stood in support of Muu-Chink and in support of what was happening on this day.

Muu-Chink then opened the floor with his two songs. The two songs had been kept in Neah Bay for many years. They were from Tla-o-qui-aht but when the pottlatch was banned by the government in the early 1900's the songs were taken to Neah Bay for safekeeping. A relative, John Goodwin and his family returned the songs and dances to Muu-Chink.

After Muu-Chink sang, the other chiefs from Tla-o-qui-aht performed their songs and dances.

When the chiefs were finished their dances everyone was served a delicious dinner.

Following dinner the floor was open to the visiting tribes to perform. Several groups

danced and made presentations to the hosts to support what they were doing.

When the guest had finished dancing Muu-Chink's older brother George- Chief Wickaninnish did some of his dances, including his sea serpent dance. The dancers, Francis Frank and Elmer Frank were wearing new capes made by Muu-Chink's sister Rena. Also dancing with them was another sister, Marie Atleo, who was holding her baby niece Kayla Ann.

This was a way of introducing Kayla Ann to everyone. She is the daughter of Elmer Frank and Naomi Seitcher.

Muu-Chink was expressing his pride in his newborn niece and the fact that she comes from two big chieftan families- that of Wickaninnish and Hyoueah (Ray Seitcher).

The little girl was given the name Usma-na-hih.

An important part of the whole occasion came when several elders passed on some advice to the young chief, on how to be a good chief.

These words of wisdom were expressed by elders Stanley Sam and Dixon Sam during the evening.

Some of what Dixon said to Muu-Chink included "the seating of a chief is not just a plaything, it's a great responsibility to take the name of a chief."

"Years ago the ones that were picked were the most knowledgeable. They would go into the mountains and prepare themselves. They would ask the Creator for their wisdom. Each and everything they asked for would come to their door."

Another speaker

who gave advice to Muu-Chink on how to be a good chief was elder Joe Edgar from Diti-daht.

He also expressed his appreciation to his relatives, the Frank family, who always looked after him when he was visiting in their area.

Muu-Chink would like to express his gratitude to these elders and others who were guiding him on the right path as a chief. He is thankful to Ernest and Daniel David for sharing their knowledge and he is thankful to be working by their side and learning to be a good leader.

The final speaker on this day was Muu-Chink's brother Chief Wickaninnish, the head chief of the Tla-o-qui-ahts.

He thanked everyone for witnessing these important ceremonies and he thanked his mother, brothers and sisters and all the other people who put so much effort into making this special day possible.

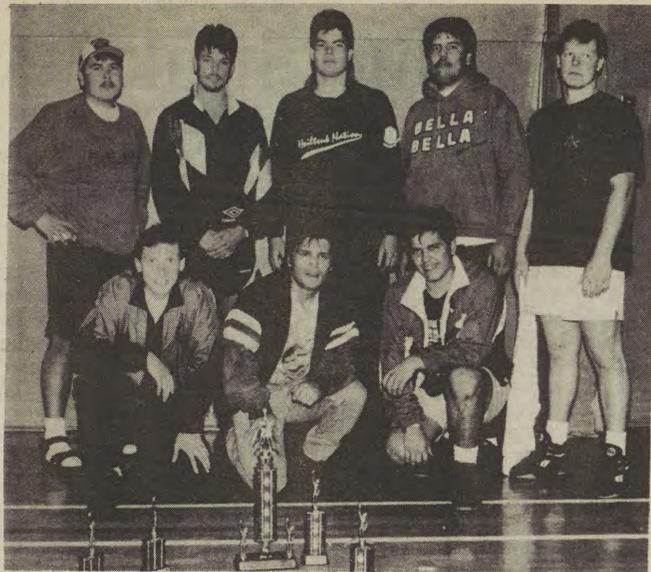
### Historic Day

September 24, 1994 was a very memorable and historic day for Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations.

I just want to wish my brother Muu-Chink (Bruce Frank) well on the seating of your chieftanship. To be seated as you were on September 24, 1994 is a very great honor Muu-Chink and I am very positive you will take it to heart.

Muu-Chink we wish you well and encourage you to do what you have to do and set a good example for your people. Good luck to you in the days to follow and years to come.

Love Marie.



Bella Bella...Champions at the Hornets Fall Tournament

Back row (l-r) Steve Wilson, Doug Kosterling, Mike Reid, Thomas Housty, Ryan Leighton. Front row (l-r) Cliff Starr, Jeff Brown, Mitch Martin.

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**Dancers thanked for trip to Kitwanga**

In October a group of Ahousat people travelled north to the village of Kitwanga to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Solomon and Katherine Marsden. The Marsdens are the parents of Rosie

Little, wife of Jack. Jack and Rosie did the organizing and fundraising for the group's travel. One of the reasons why Jack and Rosie wanted to bring some singers and dancers to

the celebration was because of Solomon's appreciation of Nuu-chah-nulth dancing. Among the dances performed was Chief Bill Keitlah's kingfisher dance.

When everyone had returned home Jack and Rosie hosted a dinner to express their appreciation to the one's who travelled north with them.

Some gifts were presented to the singers and dancers, with special recognition given to Bill Keitlah and his wife Anne George, who received a blanket and a paddle. Cliff Thomas was given a drum and other singers, dancers and guests at the dinner were given artwork by Roy Henry Vickers.

Jack Little told the people that "the trip to Kitwanga was very special." He thanked his father Harold Little Jr. for all his guidance. He also mentioned that Bill George Jr., who was on the trip, represented his family well. "Tonight was a little way of saying thanks," said Jack.



Chief Bill Keitlah and wife Ann were thanked by Jack Little at a dinner held at the Port Alberni Friendship Center on the evening of October 18th. Bill was thanked for allowing his Kingfisher Dance to be performed at a 50th anniversary celebration for Rosie Little's parents

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**ALBERNI HORNETS**  
1st ANNUAL FALL TOURNAMENT  
OCT. 28-30/94

<p><b>AWARD</b></p> <p>1st Place- Bella Bella 2nd Place- P.A. Eagles 3rd Place- Victoria Most Sportsmanlike Team -Hot Springs Cove Wolves</p> <p>Most Valuable Player - Mike Ironstand/Victoria Most Sportsmanlike Player -Keith Thomas/Eagles Most Inspirational Player -Cliff Starr/ Bella Bella Best Defensive Player -Ed Newman /Eagles</p> <p>Allstars Mitch Martin/Bella Bella Mike Reid/ Bella Bella Mike Risdale/Bella Bella Bob Rupert/Eagles Jason Charleson/Victoria</p>	<p><b>DONATED BY</b></p> <p>Dennis Jonsson Chev-Olds King Edward Hotel Magic Moments Shirts &amp; Print Shop Port Alberni Friendship Center</p> <p>Barlow's Home Entertainment</p> <p>Wally Samuel Sr.</p> <p>Esta Villa Motel</p> <p>Magic Moments Shirts &amp; Print Shop</p> <p>John Swift Al Keitlah Stargate Arcade Lace It Up Ralph's Mens Wear</p>
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Special thanks to Nelson and Al Keitlah for your consent and encouragement to continue with the tournament. We would like to express our condolences to the family and friends of the late Al Keitlah, Julia Campbell and Peter Thomas.

Thank you to all the players and fans. Thank you to the Referees Association, Tyson, Evan and Doug for officiating the games. And a BIG THANK YOU to Robyn, Ashley, and Serena who volunteered many hours. Also thank you to the Hesquiat Lady Braves.

**Kleco, Alberni Hornets**

**ALBERNI HORNETS**  
2nd Annual All Native  
Winter Basketball Tournament  
December 2,3, & 4,1994  
Alberni Athletic Hall

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**Registration Deadline November 27/94**  
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Hosted in Ahousat

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**PORT ALBERNI FRIENDSHIP CENTER PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

The Port Alberni Friendship Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to servicing the needs of Native people residing in the urban areas and improving the quality of life in the community as a whole.

It is a recognized, trusted and important organization that provides a number of services to the citizen's of Port Alberni.

- \* Legal Information
- \* Employment Outreach
- \* Community Health
- \* Family Support Service
- \* Alcohol & Drug Counselling
- \* Crisis Outreach
- \* Recreational Activities
- \* Programs for Women

Most importantly the Port Alberni Friendship Center recognizes the importance in all people, regardless of race, creed or culture and to promote this view in the community at large.

**History of the Center**  
1965 saw the opening of the Center,

located at that time on Second Avenue. An inadequate building even back then. Over the years, the Port Alberni Friendship Center has been able to not only respond to changing needs and conditions of the building, but to change and plan anew to meet the ever changing needs of the clientele and community.

At times the Friendship Center has had to make decisions according to present need that sometimes draws negative feedback, but these events have only helped the Center to grow and flourish.

The Friendship Center is an organization that is doing many things well.

We have developed over the years many strategies that have served their purposes where we have proved to a number of Government funding agencies that we have in place, competent management, financial and administrative con-

trol.

**Board of Directors**  
The Board of Directors is made up of ten people elected at the annual general meeting by the membership, who are representative of the community.

The Board is very active in supporting and ensuring that the goals of the Center are followed. Board membership is open and made up of people with different cultural, social and ethnic backgrounds.

**Service Philosophy**  
The Friendship Center, through its Constitution and with its Board of Directors are committed to:

- Promote the educational, cultural, social and economic advancement of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people in and about the Port Alberni area.
- To establish, maintain and operate a facility for the advancement and accommodation of Native people.

With " 5 person year" operation funds received from the Secretary of State, "to manage and administer services to Urban Native People" the following positions are "Core Funding":

Executive Director- **Wally Samuel**  
Bookkeeper/Assistant Executive Director- **Cheri Newberry**  
Administrative Assistant- **Cindy Stevens**  
Receptionist- **Bonnie David**  
Janitorial- **Geri Wesa**

All other funds are received on an individual application basis with their own time frames, as well as their own funding levels.

Some of these agencies involved are Canada Employment, Legal Services Society, First Citizen's, Ministry of Social Services, Ministry of Health, and the Aboriginal Health Council.

**Legal Information Program**

**Sharon Sjerven and Denny Durocher** provide information on legal matters, act as liaison between clients and social agencies and refers people to legal aid, lawyers and other resources in the community.

**Community Health**

**Irma Bos** assists clients in completion of forms and documents relating to medical needs (eg. travel warrants and applications). Provides information relating to health. Provides medical transportation for Elders and others in need.

**Employment Outreach**

**Susan Wale**, our Employment Counsellor provides a community based employment assistance project. The objective is to provide employment assistance through individual employment counselling, job search techniques, resumes and referrals.

**Family Services Program**

Our two workers, **Tannis Gray** and **Sharean Van Volsen** assist urban native families to function independently by providing support and skill development in the areas of lifeskills, positive parenting, child care, self development, household management and community awareness.

**After Hours Outreach Program**

To increase and provide support, counselling and crisis intervention services, on an after hours basis to

youth, adults and families. The Outreach team of **Tracy Langert, Ed Samuel, and Glynn Sutton** will assist at risk individuals in establishing a safer and healthier lifestyle and to prevent these individuals from moving into a " street behaviour" lifestyle.

**Alcohol & Drug Program**

**Sandra Billy** provides one on one and group counselling. Facilitates and organizes informational and support workshops and groups. Provides referral service to Treatment Centres.

**Women's Program**

For women of all ages, **Dennise Pederson** provides on going encouragement and support by assisting clients to identify and utilize services and resources within the community.

**Recreational and Activities Program**

Planning and implementing a variety of programs, from cultural activities to recreational and sports events. The director, **John Swift** is responsible for implementing and planning programs for all ages. Programs which are designed to enhance lifestyles of aboriginal people in the community.

**Superintendent Honours**  
**Debra Foxcroft**

Recently, on September 19, 1994 the Superintendent of Child Services honoured Debra Foxcroft, Senior Manager of N.T.C. Community & Human Services, for her many years of service and work in the area of child welfare. The Superintendent honoured Debbie by hosting a dinner for her at the Alberni Golf Club.

Many senior officials from the Superintendent of Family and Child Services Branch were present. Following dinner Debbie was presented with several gifts from the Superintendent and the other Ministry staff.

Among those at-

tending the banquet were Debbie's parents James and Jan Gallic, Mike Foxcroft (Debbie's husband), Marika Czink, Richard and Faith Watts, Hugh Braker, Joyce Rigaux, Superintendent of Family and Child Service, Fred Storey and Ken Clement, both of the Superintendent's office, Mavis Henry, Deputy Superintendent, Audrey Linquist, Gary Winchester, Area Manager, Lori Money, District Manager of Ministry, Jack Coleman, District Manager, Graham and Sally Ramsey, Wayne Ironmonger, Regional Manager of Ministry.

The guests were

treated by the Superintendent to a dinner of roast beef and chicken. In her speech, the Superintendent of Family and Child Service thanked Debbie for her many years of commitment and for the change that she had made in child welfare. The Superintendent was particularly pleased with the way that Debbie had influenced government thinking and by her drive for Indian control of child welfare.

Following the dinner Debbie was presented with several gifts including a carved pendant.

**ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1994**

**AT THE PORT ALBERNI FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

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# WHAT IS ALCOHOL?

Ethyl alcohol, the active ingredient in alcoholic drinks is a drug that acts as a depressant. There are 4 main types of alcoholic beverages.

**Beer** contains 3-6% alcohol, **Wine** contains 12-14% alcohol. **Fortified Wines** (for example sherry, port) have alcohol added and contain 18-20% alcohol. **Liquor** (for example Scotch, rum, bourbon, vodka) contains 40-50% alcohol, which is expressed as degrees of proof. A liquor's alcohol content is half its proof. An 80-proof liquor is thus 40% alcohol.

## HOW ALCOHOL ENTERS YOUR BODY...

Unlike food, alcohol does not need to be digested. It is absorbed directly into the bloodstream in the small intestine and the stomach. Through the bloodstream, alcohol reaches every organ and tissue of the body, slowing the activity of the cells.

Your body processes alcohol at the rate of approximately 1/4 to 1/2 ounce the alcohol in 12 oz. of beer or 5 oz. of wine per hour. The liver processes the

greatest portion, and the remainder is excreted by the kidneys, lungs, and sweat glands.

## Your Life...

Mostly people can take an occasional drink and never become alcohol-dependent. But some fall into a pattern of drinking just to make it through the day or week, or only on weekends, or stay drunk all the time. If you can't handle life without drinking, you may be an alcoholic even if all you drink is beer.

## HOW IS ALCOHOL USED?

### SOCIAL DRINKING

As many as 70% of Americans drink alcohol socially, mostly during meals and social occasions. These drinkers seldom, if ever, get drunk.

### ALCOHOL ABUSE AND ALCOHOLISM

Alcohol abuse is drinking so much that that you become drunk. Alcoholism is an addiction to alcohol. An alcoholic craves alcohol.

### WITH OTHER DRUGS

Alcohol multiplies the depressant effect of sedatives. Taken with sleeping pills or tranquilizers, alcohol can kill you.

## ALCOHOL - ITS EFFECTS & HAZARDS

### ALCOHOL DAMAGES YOUR BODY

#### STOMACH DAMAGE

Alcohol causes the stomach to produce excess stomach acid. This can lead to gastritis, a painful inflammation of the mucous lining of the stomach. Gastritis causes bleeding and leads to stomach ulcers. **DAMAGE TO THE ESOPHAGUS**

The esophagus is the tube that carries food from the stomach. Alcohol is known to cause cancer of the esophagus, a rapidly growing cancer which is usually fatal. It causes difficulty in swallowing, and a feeling of blockage in the chest.

Alcohol can also cause varicose veins of the esophagus, which can burst if the person vigorously coughs or vomits. Burst veins can cause a person to bleed to death.

#### LIVER DAMAGE

The liver has a central role in digestion and helps rid the body of poisonous substances. Alcohol damages this organ in several ways: **Fatty Liver** occurs because the body uses calories from alcohol as its energy source, instead of using the fat deposited in the body. This condition is usually reversible when alcohol use is stopped.

**Liver Inflammation** involves the death of liver cells. It can cause jaundice, a yellowish colouring of the skin. Untreated, liver inflammation can cause death or lead to cirrhosis. **Cirrhosis** occurs when liver cells die and are replaced by scar tissue. Symptoms include weakness, fatigue, weight loss, and loss of interest in sex. Cirrhosis can be treated, but if drinking continues to cause liver damage, it may be fatal.

## EFFECTS & HAZARDS

### BRAIN DAMAGE

Prolonged drinking damages the nerves that allow you to control your muscles and sense pain, temperature, pressure and position of your body. **Korsakoff's syndrome** is the result of long years of hard drinking and affects the thalamus and hippocampus. The thalamus is a body to the brain for information going from the body to the brain. The hippocampus is involved in memory. When these structures are damaged, the drinker has almost no memory of recent events, and has great difficulty learning new material.

**Wernicke's disease** is an even more serious brain damage, with severe muscle incoordination and mental confusion. It is probably related to the vitamin-B1 deficiency alcoholics tends to suffer. The cerebellum controls muscle movement and coordination. The vitamin-B1 deficiency caused by drinking alcohol damages the cerebellum so that the person shuffles, stumbles and shakes.

Alcohol abusers may have hallucinations seeing or hearing things that are not really there.

### HEART DAMAGE

Alcohol can poison the heart muscle and cause congestive heart failure, in which the heart cannot pump blood efficiently. Alcohol can also cause an irregular heartbeat, and chest pain from restricted blood flow to the heart. Further, alcohol causes high blood pressure, which can lead to a stroke.

### FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

The alcohol a pregnant woman drinks reaches her baby and stays there until the mother's body processes it. Because of this, alcohol use by a pregnant woman carries the risk of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. FAS is a group of abnormalities ranging from mild to severe mental retardation to deformities such as a small skull, small eyes, misshapen ears, joint defects and facial deformities. Low birth weight, failure to thrive, and heart defects also occur. Growing up, FAS babies have difficulty focusing their attention. Since no safe level of alcohol use has been established for pregnancy, women should not use alcohol at all when pregnant.

## ALCOHOL CHANGES YOU

As alcohol gets a grip on you, you start missing work or school. When you do show up, your work is below average. As your reactions slow, you are more likely to have accidents.

You start to drink more and more to achieve the same effect and back away from your family and friends. Your good judgement, pride and self-respect all slip away.

### How to stop using alcohol

- Admit that you have a serious problem with alcohol  
- Throw out all the alcohol you have.  
- Then, get help. Talk with an alcohol-abuse counsellor or mental health professional about stopping alcohol use and developing a healthier lifestyle.

### OTHER DANGERS OF ALCOHOL ABUSE

**Respiratory failure, coma, and death** can result from too much alcohol "taken" too quickly. Because alcohol reduces coordination and impairs judgment, accidents are more likely. This is particularly true when someone drinks and drives. Alcohol also loosens inhibitions, so that a drinker may become more aggressive and destructive.

Weight loss and malnutrition can occur from long-term alcohol use. Alcoholics tend to neglect a balanced diet, so vitamin-B deficiencies, which cause nerve damage, heart damage, poor memory and fatigue are especially likely. Alcohol often cancels a man's ability to have and maintain an erection. **Delirium Tremens** occurs during withdrawal from alcohol, it involves seizures, anxiety attack, sweating, confusion, sleeplessness, profound depression and hallucinations. It can last up to 10 days, and may be fatal if the person is not under the care of a physician.

### How to stay away from alcohol

- Respect yourself and treat yourself well.  
- Stay away from people who abuse alcohol.  
- Discourage friends from abusing alcohol.  
- Don't get into situation where you think others will get drunk.  
- Get involved with responsible people.  
- Learn better ways to deal with the problems and difficulties you face.  
- Develop other interests and activities.

### ALCOHOL... IT ISN'T WORTH THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.

# Lynette Lucas- BCTV's First Saturday's Child

On October 29th BCTV introduced their first "Saturday's Child" on their morning news hour.

BCTV has created the Saturday's Child program to recognize youths in British Columbia who are making unique and significant contributions to their communities.

The first to be recognized in this way was 17 year old Lynette Lucas, a Nuuchahnulth youth from the Hesquiaht Nation.

Lynette is the daughter of Linus Lucas and Cindy Stevens. She is a grade 12 student at Alberni District Secondary School. Lynette has always achieved very good grades in school and has received many scholarships and awards while attaining an A average.

What does BCTV look for in choosing Saturday's Child?

"Saturday's Child" is 18 years of age or younger and is a positive role model for other kids- and for adults. They want to make a meaningful contribution to their community, have

set personal goals for themselves and work very hard to achieve them. Some of the qualities of Saturday's Child are ingenuity, enthusiasm, kindness, commitment, sincerity, resourcesfulness, and a positive outlook." This is the description of Saturday's Child in the nomination papers. It describes Lynette perfectly.

Lynette is an excellent role model for teenagers. Her mother says that "she always tries very hard in whatever she does, she has good values and she follows these values very strongly."

She is independent and she is not a follower.

Lynette is very loving and caring and she is always willing to help out when she's needed. She helps her fellow students by tutoring she has volunteered at the Port Alberni Friendship Center, and she helps her mother in her business and around the house.

Lynette works very hard in school and also out of school. She



"Saturday's Child" Lynette Lucas, reading to some children at the Port Alberni Friendship Center.

has worked during the summers and weekends and uses her money to buy things that she will need in the future.

Some of her pastimes includes sports (gymnastics, swimming, softball, floor hockey) and playing the flute.

Lynette has consistently been on the honour roll in school. She was in the gifted program at John Howitt Elementary and at Mt. Klitsa Jr. Secondary. She has been awarded

NTC scholarships throughout her schooling and has been recognized with top athlete awards and top academic student awards at John Howitt Elementary.

Lynette loves children and likes working with them. Her longtime goal in life is to become an obstetrician (baby doctor).

As a Saturday's Child Lynette was presented with a \$1000 Canada Savings Bond, donated by Dairy

Queen, which she will undoubtedly use wisely. She was presented with the savings bond during an interview on the BCTV news hours in New Westminster.

During the program BCTV showed a short segment about this busy young lady.

Lynette's family and friends are very proud of all that she has achieved and the kind of person that she is. Congratulations Lynette for being the first Saturday's Child and for being you.

## NATIVE WRITERS AND ARTISTS

### UPCOMING PUBLICATION(S)

The Native Mens Residence (Na-Me-Res) in Toronto is actively seeking literary works such as poetry, short stories, essays, that portray Aboriginal philosophies, beliefs, experiences, or reflections of the past, present future lifestyles and existence. Line artwork is needed to accompany written works.

Preference may be given to works that portray Native people in a more positive light, and works that will help raise public awareness and understanding of Native issues.

\*\* First time unpublished writers welcome!

\*\* A chance to see your work in print!

\*\* **Deadline for submissions is April 30th, 1995.**

\*\* Send all submissions (copies) and inquiries to:

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## B.C. Aboriginal Network on Disability Society

# PROJECT INTERACTION & ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The B.C. Aboriginal Network on Disability Society (BCANDS) sponsored a conference "Project Interaction" on October 13-15, along with their Annual General Meeting which took place on the final day.

Executive Director of the Society, Florence Wylie, reports that "we were very proud to have been able to involve some key resource speakers at the Project Interaction to talk about their experiences of living with a disability. These individuals were Gertrude Frank, speaking on living with arthritis; Audrey & Ted Atleo Whitmore, speaking on

lupus; and Dan David, speaking on diabetes; and to complement the panel was Barney Williams, Medical Services Branch Prevention Specialist. The openness and willingness to discuss their history of living with their particular situations was of extreme benefit for many people who attended the conference."

Chief Robert Thomas from the Tse-shaht Tribe performed the opening prayer in his native language.

Chief Norman George, Songhees Tribe, welcomed the gathering to his traditional territory and expressed his wish for the

continued success of the Society.

During the first day of the conference the participants heard from several representatives of the government, including the Honourable Joy MacPhail, Minister of Social Services, Judy Moses, Director, Aboriginal Health Policy Branch, Ministry of Health, and Randy Brandt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs.

The speakers were thanked by Society Co-chairman Gerry Wesley who then outlined the purposes of the conference and he gave a brief history of BCANDS.

The conference participants then had an opportunity to speak about their personal disabilities, how they cope with them and their goals for the future.

On the second day a panel discussion took place. Mr. Ian Hinksman, President and Co-chairperson of the Society introduced the panelists and said that they were going to discuss issues that had been requested by the membership.

The panelists were from the Nuuchahnulth Nation. They were Dan David, Barney Williams, Gertrude Frank, and Ted Whitmore, speaking for

his wife Audrey Whitmore-Atleo.

Dan David spoke about diabetes and the fact that there has been an increase in diabetes among aboriginal people in the last few years. He expressed the concern that some people have diabetes but are unaware of it. He said that diabetics have to watch their diet and weight and some of the symptoms include blurry vision and thirst. He stressed very strongly that diabetes is a serious illness that needs medical as well as personal attention.

Barney Williams stated that he wanted to share his personal view

"that wonderful, wonderful gift of life that our ancestors instilled in us in their teaching" and that "each of you have that gift, the same as me." He also talked about how he had been taught that no one was different. There is no word in the Nuuchahnulth language for disability. The disabled are considered a part of the community.

His final comment was "live so that when your children think of fairness, caring and integrity, they will think of you."

Ted Whitmore described his experiences as a caregiver for his wife Audrey, who has lupus.

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## T.R.U.S.T. -the Tseshahat Rescue Unit Survival Team

A group of Tse-shaht people have formed an emergency response team for their community.

The group is known as T.R.U.S.T.-Tseshahat Rescue Unit Survival Team.

The team first got together in February and since then they have been meeting on a weekly basis, as well as

preparing themselves through training sessions. They are ready for any emergency situation such as earthquake, tsunami, housefires, and land and sea rescues.

The members of the team have been trained in first aid and C.P.R. and some of the team has had experience in helping out at an

accident scene.

Why are these people involved in T.R.U.S.T.?

Mena Fred says that there was a lot of concern in the community that elders didn't have emergency equipment in their homes, such as fire extinguishers and first aid kits. "We made it a priority that we'd be there for them," says

Mena.

Gerald Fred Jr. adds that "there was a concern that if there is a major disaster we'd be isolated from town and wouldn't have any help."

"I joined for earthquake awareness," says Ron Dick Sr. "If a disaster happens we'll be in need of help."

Ben Fred said "I joined to learn first aid

procedures in case I run across anyone injured or needing help." Ben also sees the training useful as the father of four accident-prone kids.

"I care for my community," says Maryanne Fred, "and if anything did happen I'd know what to do."

Each of the emergency responders have their own first aid kits. They also have designated areas in the community that they are responsible for during an emergency.

They have been working on renovating and furnishing a station in the basement of the Maht Mahs gym and are fundraising to purchase equipment like stretchers, radios, and first aid kits.

They have purchased t-shirts identifying themselves as members of T.R.U.S.T.

The logo on the shirt was designed by team member Alfred Dick.

Connie Sam is the fundraising coordinator. Some of the fundraising activities and plans include catering at the last Tseshahat Annual Assembly, raffles, 50/50 draws, etc. They also have a unique way of raising funds internally. One of the members, Helen Dick, has stressed the use of proper language during meetings, non-smoking and being on time. Self discipline, in other words. So if any of the group is late for a meeting or cusses they have to pay into the fund.

The team is presently looking for donations of furniture for their new emergency response station and they are also available for catering or any other fundraising suggestions.



T.R.U.S.T. - The Tseshahat Rescue Unit Survival Team. Front row - Helen Dick, Mena Fred, Gerald Fred Jr., Elizabeth Dick. Back row - Margaret Fred, Mary Ann Fred, Harold Fred, Ron Dick Jr., Connie Sam, Ron Dick Sr. and Norman Watts.

## B.C. ABORIGINAL NETWORK ON DISABILITY SOCIETY

### continued

He spoke of his commitment to his marriage and said that the skills he has developed in coping have been developed together with his wife. He wanted others to have a better understanding of the disease and how families are affected.

Gertrude Frank has been working in Ahousat as a Community Health Representative for the last 25 years. She contacted rheumatoid arthritis suddenly a number of years ago and was severely disabled because of it. Initially she gave up hope and then later, remembering her grandfather's courage when he was incapacitated by a stroke, she began to accept the challenge of

her disease and forced herself to walk. She credits the belief that she had in herself as a major factor in her gradual recovery but stated that she is not entirely over her disease.

Following the presentations by the panelists there was a question and answer period.

Another guest speaker during the conference was George Watts, past Chairman of the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council.

Mr. Watts said that because of the oppression that Aboriginals have endured, he wanted to talk about the dynamics of a downtrodden society. He stated that human reaction to oppression is anger that turns inward

and he felt that it was important to understand this is for the future strength of Aboriginal communities. He said that Aboriginals should be directing their anger outwardly against their oppressors and not inwardly against their own people.

Watts cited the violence that has occurred in Aboriginal communities against women, children, the disabled and the weak as examples of anger that has been directed inwardly. He said that women are now talking about the violence in their communities and that people have to recognize and acknowledge that what they are saying is the truth.

Mr. Watts made the commitment to the

BCANDS to continue to help the organization to lobby the Provincial Government and to continue to speak out when he sees neglect of the needs of the disabled occurring within the Aboriginal community.

He concluded by saying that everyone has the right to put their needs on the table and to govern themselves and their family and he said that he felt that "this country can afford to look after everybody who is in a disadvantaged situation."

Ian Hinksman, President and Co-chairman, on behalf of BCANDS, presented George Watts with a gift to show their appreciation for all that he has done for the organization.

### TEN DAYS WITH LOTS OF LOVE....

Each memory comes back to me everytime I see a star, feel the rain, hear the Waves crashing on the shore, or the smell Of the fire burning at night...

I think of each smile....each laugh... The twinkle in ones eyes... the love Around no matter what, through good Time and through bad...

The first day so frustrating... So quiet and so shy, the second day Yet the same... The second to last Day so very hard, the memories...

The last day the best and the worst... The worst cause it is all ending, everybody So emotional, everybody so sad, already Missing each other, everybody in tears.

The best day just realizing we all got So close, and how much we care and love Each other so much, the love we all shared The strength...one family...

We can say it is all ending But in the heart or in The mind... we will always Remember one another...

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## ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT GATHERING

Walk the Wild Side, an Ahousat tourism venture, hosted this workshop to learn more about the business world and to recognize Ahousat entrepreneurs.

Walk the Wild Side is a group of Ahousat women committed to First Nation's entrepreneurial development. They began their business in the summer of 1994- it includes an hour nature walk, exploring the forest and coastline of Flores Island, a salmon barbeque (optional) and an artist's retail outlet, where you can purchase a variety of locally made products.

As their business progressed, they identified a need within themselves for more training and so the concept of an entrepreneurial gathering was born. They put together a list of speakers and on October 21 and 22, 1994 hosted the workshop in their school gym. It was a small-15 to 20 people- but dynamic gathering with lots of questions and interaction between speakers and participants.

Walk the Wild Side would like to thank the following speakers for their time, their effort and their participation:

-Ernie Elliot: Aboriginal Banking, Toronto Dominion Bank,  
-Robert Gunn: Regional

Economic Development Officer,

- Tom Degruchy: Degruchy Norton & Co, certified general accountants,

- Hugh Hughson: Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs,

- Jan Dahl: Manager, CIBC,

- Cynthia Rayner: Post Secondary Councillor, NTC,

- Amelia Robinson: Coast Forest Mgt, GIS mapping,

- Michael Colclough: Regional Economic Development Officer.

To you all kleco, kleco.

Lunch and dinner, provided by the Hoyas high school basketball team ( and their moth-

ers) was delicious and healthy, combing fresh seafood and fresh vegetables with more the traditional turkey and mashed potato dinner. Kleco, kleco boys ( and Doris).

After dinner, Walk the Wild Side presented gifts and certificates to Ahousat entrepreneurs, recognizing their contributions to the Ahousat community as role models, entrepreneurs and community leaders. To these Ahousat businesses, congratulations:

- Cougar Island, water taxi: Felix Thomas,  
-Raven Dancer, fish charter: Al Keitlah,  
-Vera Little's Guest House: Vera Little,  
- Spirit of Maktosis, sea bus: Ahousat Band,  
-Maktosis Grocery, mini market: Ahousat Band,  
-all Ahousat artists ( too numerous to name).

The day ended with elected Chief, Louie Frank Sr. thanking Walk the Wild Side for the contributions they have made to the community, both with their business endeavours and their workshop. He recognized each woman individually and presented each one with a certificate of appreciation from the band.



### DIA AWARDS PRESENTED TO NEGOTIATORS OF MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT RELOCATION

Presentations of Deputy Minister's Outstanding Achievement Awards were made to: back row (l-r) Brian Martin, DIA, Marcel Filion, DIA, George Watts, negotiator-Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, Vic Pearson, Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council, John Scherebnj, DIA, Richard Bucino, DIA, Jim Fleury, DIA. Front row (l-r) Larry Andrews, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, Dan Goodleaf, Deputy Minister DIA, Kelly Scarrow, DIA.

A number of people were recently presented with awards by the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs.

The three are Larry Andrews from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Nation, George Watts, who was their chief negotiator, and Vic Pearson who was the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council Executive Director during the negotiations.

This year, however, was the first time that the awards have been presented outside the department, as three people who worked for

the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Nation were also recognized.

The three are Larry Andrews from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Nation, George Watts, who was their chief negotiator, and Vic Pearson who was the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council Executive Director during the negotiations.

Larry, George and Vic each received a certificate which was

presented by DIA Deputy Minister Dan Goodleaf " in recognition of excellence as a member of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht's settlement negotiating team."

As a result of their successful negotiations work is now underway in relocating the Mowachaht/Muchalaht community to a new site north of Gold River and away from the unhealthy conditions adjacent to the pulp mill where they have been living for the last three decades.



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# GRADUATES FROM GIS TRAINING

My name is Darren Thompson from the Ditidaht Nation and I am one of the thirteen recent graduates from the Resource Information Management Training Program. I have had the privilege to have been a fellow to student to Chief Rick Thomas of the Lyackson First Nations, Mike David and Ray Martin of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Susan Cook of the Huu-ay-aht Band, Eleanor Nicolaye of the Ka:yu:kt;h Nation, Stas Smith of the Ehattesaht Tribe, Matthew Legasse and Ernie Combes from the Sto:lo Nation, Charlie Paul of the Gwa'sala-Nakwaxda'xw Nation, Regina Amos of the Hesquiaht Band, James Marchand of the Okanagan Band and my first cousin, who in the beginning of the program was Wendy Thompson, graduated as Mrs. Wendy Marchand.

The course is held in Courtenay and is presented by Westcoast Forestry Training Centre. The course focuses on research, documentation and map preparation for resource management, traditional and cultural education and land claims. This course is valuable for resource managers, treaty negotiation workers, researchers and resource and cultural information managers. Areas covered in the program are computerized mapping (GIS-Geographic Information Systems), database management systems, word processing and page layout, spread sheets, public speaking, project management, job skills - communications, meeting skills, etc. business writing and research in natural and cultural resources.

The goal of the program is to train people in the many skills

required to effectively utilize the tools of computerized map and database management in a geographic information system. Program instructor Paula Beltgens and assistant instructor Lucille Hill are unique individuals whose personalities are what makes the program work. The contents of their open mind and open heart create an affecting atmosphere that brings out the foremost qualities in each individual who participates in the program. They give you the support, encouragement, respect and friendship everyone desires for accomplishing the goals that are set forth in their own personal endeavors, inside and outside the program, and they keep that connection intact after you have graduated from the program.

I encourage anyone interested or involved in resource management within their community to consider taking the initiative in utilizing this training opportunity. The next program is scheduled to begin this coming January.

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Over the past 16 weeks I have been involved in a course with Westcoast Forestry Training and Information Centre. The course covered a variety of different areas of training beginning with learning about different functions of a computer. Other courses we also studied were on the programs MS Excel, MS FoxPro, CorelDraw, MS Word and Pagemaker. Public Speaking and Communications were also introduced to us. One of the most interesting of the courses was one we did on PAMAP GIS (Geographic Information System) which involved learning computerized mapping.

When I first entered the course my rea-

son for studying all these programs was so that I could assist in the future negotiations of Treaty Negotiation either by mapping, researching information, or the computer expertise we learned in the program. I found the program to be intensive at times but well worth the time to take this course. I know it will greatly assist me in my goals.

**Eleanor Nicolaye**  
Ka:'yu:k';h Nation  
Kyuquot, B.C.

When I was informed about this GIS program I wasn't quite sure about joining. But my Band needed to know right away because the program was already started. At first I didn't know if I should take it because I was three weeks late, but I took the opportunity to be in this program. I am glad to have taken this program because I have learned a lot about computers. I am able to speak in front of a group whereas before the program I was always looking at my feet and speaking softly. Now I can have my head up high and speak aloud.

The people that were here were great. They helped me to catch up to everybody's level and they were all very friendly. When I first started, I was asked if I wanted to work for my Band, but I said no because I had no idea what I was doing and if I would be good at it. But as the months went by I gradually knew what to do and if I needed help there was always someone to turn to. For the future I hope the GIS program will continue because it will help in the long run for individual people and the Bands.

**Susan Cook**  
Huu-ay-aht First Nation

I'm Stan Smith and I am from the Ehattesaht Band. I had an interest in the computers and taught myself how to use the compu-

ter. When I first heard about the course I was a summer student at the Nu-u-chah-nulth Tribal Council office. Allen Tweedy was going around and asking if anyone was interested in a computer mapping course called GIS-

I found the course was pretty intense but I also found it a lot of fun because my interest was always in computers. I also found that the GIS was a lot more than I expected because at that time I thought that maps were just lines on paper. But after starting the course I found that creating a map is a whole different process, that there is a lot of resources that we had to use to create the map.

After I finish this program, I plan on going to work for my own Band in Campbell River. First of all I will be starting off with their database systems. We will be adding archaeological information in databases connected to the maps. After that we will be going into digitizing all our rivers and creeks and adding our Indian names. Also we will be adding the species of fish and escape-ment numbers of fish that go up the creeks and rivers. There is one particular area that I am interested in and that is the potential for recreation. One of my plans is to build a resort in the Port Eliza area because there is a lot of potential out there. It would create employment for our native peoples in the area and a chance to share our cultural history. We could have arts and crafts displays and do traditional ceremonies. I would have to talk to the Elders about that.

Once I gain the experience in the GIS I would like to form my own consulting company but still work in association with the Ehattesaht Band.

**Stan Smith**  
Ehattesaht Tribe,

I'm from the west coast of Vancouver Island in Tofino. I come from the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations. I worked in a fish camp for six and a half years. I heard about the program through my Dad who works in the land research department of my Band. From there I went and put my application in for the GIS course and got accepted. We started on July fourth and the course has been really good for me. It has been a really big change and it excites me. It is a never ending journey of discovery. It is an endless career where I can work with forestry, real estate, fisheries, heritage information and land claims.

I worked on a project for a demonstration for my Tribe. What I did for the project was to input some names of traditionally used places. Also I did some recordings of the history of the places with Elders from my Tribe. I input the sound at the demo onto the sound software. It was really exciting to me. The people at the demo were really interested after they heard what I was able to do with the computer.

I got a contract with my Tribe for working with the treaty negotiations. I will be digitizing my traditional territory and also inputting all the archaeology and natural resource information. With all this technology we have today it will be a good educational tool for the future generations to come in learning our native traditions and heritage that we almost lost many years ago.

**Mike Alex David**  
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations  
Tofino, B.C.

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My name is Raymundo Martin and I am from the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations. I started logging when I was about sixteen years old and logged for about thirty years. What really got me to thinking about how I was making a liv-

ing was flying out of camp from Rivers Inlet and seeing all the clear-cut. After seeing that it just devastated me. It really changed my views on clear-cut logging and how I was making my living. When I saw that I felt just wasted. I guess knowing that I was part of it too made me feel really sad. I had been over this route several times in the past years, it was just that one day that I really had a good look at it and thought there has got to be a better way of harvesting our natural resources. I think that was what got me out of the logging industry.

After leaving the forest industry I focused on native art. I studied at the famed Gitenmax School of Northwest Coast Indian Art in Hazelton, B.C. Since then I have been commissioned by various Hereditary Chiefs in the Nu-u-chah-nulth Tribal Council to make their ceremonial regalia. Doing this strengthened my cultural awareness with the Nu-u-chah-nulth people.

It was my cultural involvement and my interest in better management of natural resources that brought me here to the program. I feel really happy that I am here. Earlier in the course I was asking myself "what am I doing here." I was seriously thinking of leaving but after talking with the instructors I was persuaded to hang in and work hard and I'm glad I did stay for the duration of the course.

I plan on working with various Native organizations using the skills I have learned in this GIS program. Right after the course is done, Mike David and I will work for the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations. I plan on moving around and working for whoever needs my skills.

**Raymundo Martin**  
Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations,  
Tofino, B.C.

## In Loving Memory of my late son DARCY SHAUNE EDGAR



Born October 7, 1994  
Passed Away November 14, 1992

It has been two long years gone by now son, since you left us. The days to me are getting easier knowing where you've gone.

Because it was "I" who gave you life with great pride and honor. I still carry a lot of pain and cry many tears for you.

You, my son Darcy mean so much to me, and you always will My journey in this world will go on. For the rest of our family, I know that's what you'd want me to do.

I will always love you son!  
And I miss you very much.

Your mom Linda E.



## In Memory of Barbara Grace Ross July 16, 1950- November 15, 1993

Do not stand at my grave and weep; I am not there. I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow; I am the diamond glints on snow. I am the sunlight on ripened grain; I am the gentle autumn's rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft star that shines at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry. I am not there; I did not die.

Her memory we shall always keep. With love from your son Jimmy, the Ross family, Gina & Cyril Livingstone and family and Annie and Dave Watts and family.

## In Loving Memory of Norman Joseph Webster July 19, 1949- November 18, 1990

Written October 16, 1994.

Dear Norm,  
  
I dreamt about you last night...  
I still love you and  
I wonder when....  
I can't say it.

You were a part of my life for almost 10 years  
We have a beautiful daughter,  
who will be 11 years old soon.

I wish you were here  
I wish you could see what a beautiful young lady  
Jenny turned out to be  
I wish Jenny had the father she deserved.  
I wish you could see how you rubbed off on her.

You loved her so much  
Who would have thought you'd leave so young  
You are always in Jenny's thoughts  
You are always in my thoughts

We were sad  
We were angry  
We were grieving  
We were alone

TODAY JENNY AND I ARE SURVIVORS

It was nice to see you again and I thought I'd tell you I dreamt about you last night!

always in my thoughts,  
Jessie D. Tom

## In Loving Memory of the Brother I Once Had

When I learned about you At first I thought it can't be But Dad told me the veracity. I wanted to introduce myself to you, but I don't know why I didn't. Maybe I was scared or nervous, But then I'd think why? I guess I was confused and hurt. because it all came to me like a flash. At times I feel very mad and sad For not knowing the brother I once had. Life is moving very fast I had wonderful thoughts of meeting you at last. I never had that chance to be your big sister Con Now my dear brother you're gone. A part of you will go forth For you created the most precious gift, Russel Just to embrace him I encounter wonderful thoughts If I only got to befriend with you. Always remember I'll love you forever, Because Con, you were the Brother I Once Had.

Love your sister, Connie S. Charleson  
Nov. 6th, 1994

## Birth Announcement

Karen Christine Amos of Hesquiat and Vincent Andrees of Ojibway Nation in Ontario are proudly announcing the arrival of their baby:  
**Hesquiat Alexander Matthew Lawrence Amos** weighing 8 lbs. 5 1/2 oz. Born: October 3rd, 1994 at Duncan Hospital.  
A baby brother for Frances and Bowashgusin.

Lord they do not hear me, As I walk along the river, I can hear the drums. I hear my people singing. Lord I love to dance to, I see my mother, brother, my best friends and my son All so sad, with tears in their eyes I cry their name. Lord they do not hear me. I try to tell them be happy cause I love them all. I asked why they're all so sad Lord I see why as I watch them lower the coffin in the ground in which I lay Lord they do not deserve the pain I know I done wrong, Lord make them hear this Let me go I am free. I walk with the Lord Be happy and go on with your lives for Lord you are also free to live. This is dedicated in the loving memory of Deanna M. Tylee, who had a gift to share love and friendship and courage to all right to the end. I miss her always with love. In Sisterhood Bertha



We would like to introduce our daughter Usma-na-hih. Kayla-Anne Ashley Violet Frank, born August 14, 1994. Time: 6:37 pm Weight: 7 lb. 8 1/2 oz. Parents: Naomi Seitcher Elmer Frank Grandparents: Delores Seitcher (Keitlah) Chief Raymond Seitcher Sr. Nellie Joseph Joseph Frank Great Grandparents: Agnes Samuel- Alfred Keitlah Sr. Margaret Marshall -lan Seitcher Sr. Annie Clutesi- Chief Joseph Theresa Jack- Francis Frank We would like to say thank you to everyone that's welcomed our baby into this world with open arms and love. Thank you to all the family and friends for the gifts and flowers. Thank you to everyone that dropped by the hospital to see us. Everything is greatly appreciated. It will always be remembered that Kayla-Anne received her Indian name at her Uncle Chief Bruce Frank's (Muu-chink) potlatch. Kleco, it means a lot to us, and will always be remembered and cherished. Kleco, Kleco. Naomi & Elmer

# Birthday Wishes

Happy belated birthday to my daughter Bonnie E. Oct. 23, my brothers Sam and Aaron-Oct. 22, Ralph B. Edgar-Oct. 28. A very special belated birthday to my son Frank Ermineskin Jr. Nov. 1 (14 yrs). Also a very happy birthday Nov. 14th to my brother Matthew Edgar. To my mom Christine Edgar and Perry Edgar Nov. 16th.  
From Linda J. Edgar

I'd like to wish my mother Christine Edgar a very happy birthday on Nov. 16th along with my Bro. Perry Dean Edgar and also my little brother Matthew M. Edgar on Nov. 14th. Have a good one. Love you all from Vera and all my girls.

Birthday wishes to our mom Rosie Ross Oct. 31, sis Annie Watts Nov. 1, Bro. Lanny Ross Nov. 26, cous. Deanna Dick Nov. 16, auntie Effie Williams Nov. 19. Love you all from Georgina & Cyril & family.

We would like to wish Annie Watts a happy birthday. Love Mom & Dad & from Sherry & niece Rosa Ross.

I would like to wish my sister Effie Williams a happy birthday. Love from brother Allan and sister Rosie & family.

Niece Deanna Dick also a very happy birthday from Uncle Allan & Auntie Rosie & family.

Happy birthday Lanny Ross. Love Mom & Dad & sister Sherry \* niece Rosa Ross.

Happy 9th birthday Tabitha Ina Louie, Nov. 17, Darcy Dick Nov. 18, Shirley P. Thomas Nov. 15, Regina George Nov. 18.

Happy Anniversary Charles. Love from Vivian

A very happy belated birthday to my special sister Laurie-Lynn Andrews on October 31st. Love your sister M.

Happy 11th birthday Marissa Maria Alice James (October 27th). Love from Marie, Theresa, & Wayne

Thank you everyone who showed concern when Daniel Dick was injured. Especially to Mark Jack for coming from Ahousat. It was greatly appreciated. It's not always expressed, but you're special.

We'd love to wish our older brother Chief Wickaninnish a happy birthday for Nov. 4th/94 and our dear mom a happy 60th birthday on Nov. 19th. Love you lots. And last but not least our baby brother Elmer Stanley on Nov. 27th/94. Love you all lots. Love Karen & family.

Also to my Godson Glen Douglas a happy birthday on Nov. 20th/94. Love your Godmother, Grandma Karen.

Happy 19th birthday to my dear brother Walker Faron Charleson on Nov. 3, '94. Love your sister April, brother Al, nephew Tyler.

Happy belated birthday to Alec Daniel Frank October 10, Anthony and Allan Wisnek October 15, and Lenny Frank October 27. From Bill and Lenora Frank.

Happy birthday for Oct. 31 to my precious mom and bingo buddy Rosie Ross; a very happy birthday to my sis Annie Watts, on Nov. 1st; also to cuz Deanna Dick on Nov. 16; and to a special auntie Effie Williams on Nov. 19; to bro Lanny Ross on Nov. 26th. Also happy 33rd Anniversary to Deanna & William Dick. Your daughter, sister, niece & cousin Gloria.

October Birthday Wishes to:

Angie Forsberg Oct. 12, Sidney Dick Sr. Oct. 22, Alfred Dick Oct. 24, Norman Watts Oct. 13, November Birthday Wishes to: Annie Watts Nov. 1st, Richard Watts Sr. Nov. 4, Robert Watts Sr. Nov. 23, Happy 18th anniversary to Faith & Dixie on Nov. 6 and happy 7th anniversary to Critch & Eileen on Nov. 6. From Duck, Oakers & family

We would like to wish the following a happy anniversaries for the month of November: 7- Critch, Eileen- 7 years 15- Martin, Rita Ann- 8 yrs 19- Lance, June- 6 years 30- Tim, Norma- 8 years and many more. From Sid, Sharleen, & family

We would like to wish our nephew Jonathan Dick a happy birthday for Nov. 13/94. Love from Sid, Sharleen & family.

We would like to wish our niece Patricia (Pepsi) Jimmy a happy birthday for Nov. 10/94. Love from Sid, Sharleen & family

Happy 1st birthday to my favorite nephew Brandon-Lee Martin on Nov. 11, 94. Love you very much, always aunty Corinne your cousin/ brother Preston and Uncle Cory.

Happy 37th Birthday Dad-Joe S. David also Nov. 11/94. Have a good day- love always Corinne and grandson Preston/ Cory

At last but not least "Bessie" Happy Birthday!!! I hope you have a good one and you can tell me "I did" as uncle would say. Love always Corinne, nephew Preston and Cory.

A belated birthday wish to Brandon Frank on Oct. 11, 1994, from Corinne, Preston, & Cory.



Happy 4th birthday to our father/grandfather Wallace Jones Samuel Sr. on November 27th. Love your main Squeeze Donna, all your children & grandchildren.



Happy 50th Anniversary to our wonderful grandparents/parents Solomon & Kathleen Marsden of Kitwano, B.C., on December 21st. Love your children & grandchildren

Happy birthday to Tyrone Marshall Nov. 14/94, Samara Marshall Nov. 26/94, Eunice Joe Nov.

7/94, Richard Nookemus Nov. 24/94. Happy belated birthday Butt Oct. 24/94. From Marvin, Pearl & kids.



Happy 26th birthday to Wally Samuel Jr. on October 20th. Love Mommy, Daddy, Robyn & Richard.



Happy birthday to Donna Samuel on October 6th. Love your honey (Wally), your children, and your grandchildren.



Chevy, Dad Les Sam, Mom Colleen Gus, and MC Shane Pointe at Chevy's 1st birthday party.

## CHEVY'S 1ST BIRTHDAY

On October 16th relatives and friends of the Sam and Gus families joined Chevy Sam in celebrating his first birthday.

Chevy is the son of Leslie Sam and Colleen Gus. His grandparents are Reggie and Phyllis Gus, Chuck Sam, and Sylvia

They were are present at the Somass Hall for this joyful occasion.

All the guests enjoyed a meal with the family. Then the singers from Tseshaht and Opetchesaht entertained with a number of happy songs.

During the evening a number of fun things had been planned.

One of the highlights was the "pinyata", which was in the shape of a tootsup or sea urchin. The pinyata was suspended from the ceiling and was filled with sweets and goodies.

Each of the children at the party had a chance to break the pinyata to get at the treasures inside. Their mission was made more difficult because they were blindfolded

and the pinyata kept moving.

Finally Bradley Starr broke the pinyata and the scramble was on for the contents.

During this game the singers sang a song that was recently composed by Ki-Ke-in.

Speaking on behalf of the host, Leslie Sam, was his brother-in-law Shane Pointe, who explained that the idea of the pinyata came from the creative mind of Terry, Chevy's oldest brother.

Chevy was given lots of gifts and money during the evening and he was presented with a birthday cake that was baked by his aunt Mary Ann.

He also had a lock of his hair cut off by his grandmother Phyllis as a momento of this occasion. Chevy did not appear pleased with this surprise haircut.

Chevy was given his first Indian name during the party. The name was the same one his grandfather had as a small boy...."May-kuts".

Leslie and Colleen then gave away gifts and money to the people who witnessed the naming of May-kuts.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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### To All Ucluelet Band Members:

I would like to be notified when your address changes so that I may have complete up-to-date Membership file.

Occasionally we will need to be sending you information with regards to Land/Sea claims and it is very important that each and every band member receive one.

Please notify me of your new address or telephone number where you can be reached.

Thank You, Sheila Touchie Indian Registry Administrator

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### A Thank You

To my husband, family, friends & acquaintances: Also to all those who remembered me in their prayers:

All the flowers and cards, of which I received many, lifted my spirits immensely. Through you all my stay in the hospital was made somewhat easier. I shall look back on the cards in my long recovery. Once again thank you all.

Roberta Jones

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### ATTENTION: ALL TSESHAHT



The Band Administration is currently updating its mailing, telephone, and/or fax numbers list, of all Tseshaht. The main purpose is to ensure that the Band bulletin and any other important Tseshaht membership issues such as land claims negotiations is mailed to all Tseshaht interested in being updated on important Tseshaht issues.

If you would like to ensure that you are on the mailing and communication list, please phone (604-724-1225) or write:

Attention: Darrell Ross  
Tseshaht Band Office  
P.O. Box 1218  
Port Alberni, B.C.  
V9Y 7M1

## For Sale

"Elfin Maid" 35' A-1 Lic. Wood (Pushka) 1968, Diesel, Combo, Gurdies, Alum. Drum.

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### Thank You

A very warm thank you to our cousin Irma Robinson for her

great efforts in providing us with hospitality in the 1994 Opening Ceremonies of the Commonwealth Games.

Irma - we noticed how hard you worked to keep us comfortable during our duties at the Games.

We must admit though cuz, we did a great job, with your help! Kleco, Kleco! Christine, Vera, & Linda Edgar

## WEST COAST WOMENS' RESOURCES SOCIETY TRANSITION HOUSE RELIEF WORKER POSITIONS

The West Coast Womens' Resources Society has an opening for three Transition House Relief Workers based in Ucluelet. A strong awareness of the dynamics of abuse is necessary, as well as experience in: crisis management as it relates to domestic violence, working with women coming out of abusive relationships, and the skills in supporting them in working towards healing and recovery. Counselling skills are required, as well as strong communication skills and the ability to work on ones' own and within a close feminist orientated team. Familiarity with the legal process as it relates to domestic violence would be an asset.

Staff do not need to live in Ucluelet. Reliable transportation and a residential telephone are necessary. The position involves shift work and on-call duty. A criminal record check is required. (women of colour, First Nations women, lesbians, women with different abilities are especially encouraged to apply.)

Please forward a resume to:  
West Coast Womens' Resources Society  
Hiring Committee  
Box 868  
Ucluelet, B.C. VOR 3A0

Closing date for applications is Wednesday, November 23rd, 1994.

## NOTICE

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht Band is requesting that all Band Members forward their address and phone numbers to the Band Office. This is important so that members can be updated on housing, membership and other important issues.

Write to: Mowachaht/Muchalaht Band Office  
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# Resolving Land Claims in British Columbia

## • PROGRESS REPORT NO.1 •

*The government of British Columbia has established a basis for negotiating treaties with First Nations and the federal government that will be fair and lasting, and will provide certainty and stability for the province.*

### Getting ready

- ▶ Last year, we entered into an agreement with the federal government and First Nations to establish a new B.C. Treaty Commission to oversee tripartite negotiations.
- ▶ We have negotiated a cost-sharing agreement for treaty negotiations and settlements which reaffirms the federal government's primary financial responsibility.
- ▶ Over the past year, more than 40 First Nations, representing more than two thirds of the reserve-based aboriginal population of B.C., have stated their intention to begin treaty negotiations.

### Open and inclusive negotiations

To ensure public confidence in the new process, we are instructing British Columbia's negotiators on the following principles for open and inclusive treaty negotiations. We have:

- ▶ Called for open negotiations as the starting point, closed negotiations the exception.
- ▶ Committed to giving all British Columbians an opportunity to be heard, and ensured meaningful input from local communities and third parties.
- ▶ Guaranteed local government participation in the new treaty process.
- ▶ Committed to taking all agreements-in-principle to the public for review and all final agreements to the legislature for ratification.
- ▶ Committed to applying the spirit of these principles to negotiations for pre-treaty interim measures agreements.

### Where we stand

We are instructing our negotiating teams on guiding principles which include the following:

- ▶ Private property will not be on the table.
- ▶ Continued access to hunting, fishing and recreational opportunities will be guaranteed.
- ▶ The Canadian Constitution and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms will continue to apply to all British Columbians.
- ▶ Fair compensation for unavoidable disruption of commercial interests will be assured.
- ▶ Jurisdictional certainty between First Nations and local municipalities must be clearly spelled out.
- ▶ Province-wide standards of resource management and environmental protection will continue to apply.

*The treaty negotiation process will begin in the next few months. Watch for further progress reports and background bulletins.*

### For more information:

Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs  
908 Pandora Avenue  
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4



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