

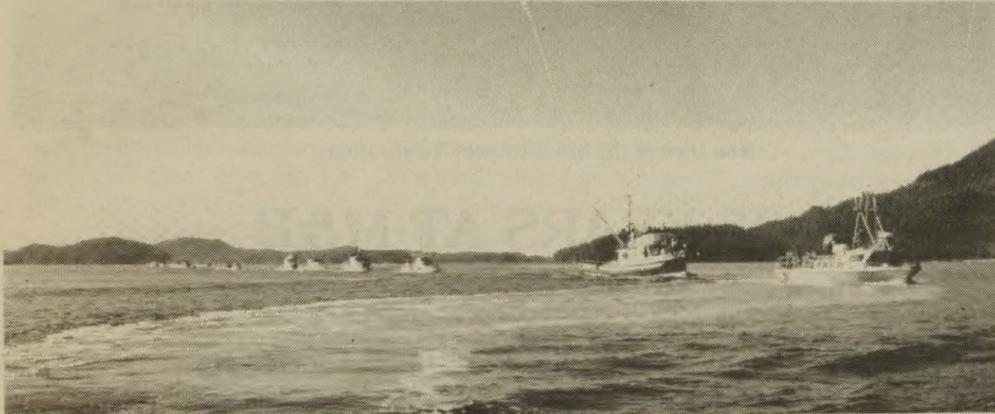
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A flotilla of boats from Ahousat went to the Pacific National Group's fish farm to protest their operation at Cypress Bay. (Below).

Photos by Denise Ambrose

## Fish Released from Controversial Salmon Farm

A salmon farm operating north of Meares Island, has recently been the subject of some sharp criticism and a protest from the Ahousat First Nation.

The site of a protest by a flotilla of 24 boats from the community of Ahousat, the Pacific National Group's fish farm has now had its nets cut and approximately 50,000 early juvenile chinook have escaped.

The protest came about on February 26th as a result of government's inaction in their own requirement to remove the fish from the site. The farm's 10 year tenure expired in November of last year. The company was ordered to remove the fish from the site by February 21.

Several meetings took place following the protest. They involved the Ahousat First Nation, the Pacific National Group, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Provincial Government-BC Lands.

The salmon farm had agreed to move their operation to another site across Cypress Bay.

When the protesters visited the farm they were led by a boat carrying singers from Ahousat. They were followed by a boat filled with school children.

Ahousat Fisheries Manager Al Keitlah said that "the protest is for our children. There will be no resources left for them if salmon farms are allowed to operate in our territories the way that they do." He said that they are an endangerment to the wild stocks.

Keitlah said that he was concerned that the fish farm chinook, which are taking in antibiotics, will interbreed with the wild stock which will be susceptible to disease.

The fish farm is located adjacent to the Cypre River which is a spawning grounds for wild chinook and other salmonids.

The fish farm has continued to grow salmon despite the fact that their tenure expired. PNG spokesman Kevin Onclin, said that they have gone through all the required processes in order to obtain the licenses necessary to operate the farm but they have been frustrated with what they perceive as government foot dragging.

Onclin maintained that PNG is not operating illegally because they were issued a license from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The required license from the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks has not been obtained by PNG.

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## Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Demands End to DFO's Disastrous Herring Management

Nuu-chah-nulth leaders say they will do everything they can to stop the Department of Fisheries and Oceans from approving the kind of dangerous fishing practices that allowed the commercial roe herring seine fleet to exceed the catch quota by over 2,000 tons during a March 4th opening in Barkley Sound.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council declared the 1997 herring fishery in Barkley Sound a disaster. In a fishery that lasted under three hours, 38 seine boats caught over 6300 tons of herring, exceeding the quota of 4000 tons by 57%.

Speaking on behalf of Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wiih (Hereditary Chiefs) and in support of Toquaht Chief Bert Mack, Nuu-chah-nulth leaders reacted angrily as the reports of over-fishing came in from Barkley Sound.

Nelson Keitlah, former Pacific Salmon Commissioner and current Co-Chair of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, was shocked by the report from the herring fish-

ery. "We have been protesting the commercial herring fishery for years, telling DFO to lay off the herring while the stocks rebuild."

"Just when there were some early signs the herring were coming back, DFO goes and lets the seiners do this. It's unbelievable."

Richard Watts, Southern Region Co-Chair of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, was not surprised by the overage. "Every year that DFO allows a wide-open seine fishery the result is the same. The only question is by how much. Since 1987, the Barkley Sound seine fishery has exceeded the quota by an average of over 1,800 tons. By comparison, over 6,700 Nuu-chah-nulth people are allocated 25 tons of herring by DFO. The commercial industry loves to portray Indians as a threat to fish stocks. Just who are they kidding?"

George Watts, former chairman of the NTC, reported to an assembly of Tribal Council leadership the cavalier attitude that DFO conveyed on the CBC Na-

tional news following the Barkley Sound herring fishery opening.

"Laurie Gordon, the manager of the fishery, told the Canadian public that going over the quota by 30% was not a threat to herring stocks. Is this what Minister Mifflin means by 'risk-averse management'? This morning the catch shows a 50% overage. Meanwhile our own fishermen struggle to get herring for food that they are rightfully entitled to. When we sit down and negotiate our fisheries with DFO in a few weeks we are going to be seeking 50% more than last year. That is the message that DFO is sending out."

In 1995 and 1996 DFO used a different method to control the seine fishery, called a "pool fishery", where fishermen agree before the fishery to take an equal share of the total quota. Since each boat's share of the quota is predetermined, it doesn't matter who catches the herring. The fishery is carried out cautiously, one seine at a time.

As a result, in 1995 and

1996 the total catch was under quota. "The reason DFO went into the pool fishery is because we launched a protest against the wide-open fishery in 1995," stated Cliff Ateo, former Pacific Salmon Commissioner and Treaty Negotiator for the Ahousat First Nation.

"Last year when DFO moved the herring seine fishery to Clayoquot Sound at the last minute we had to protest that fishery. Last week Ahousat First Nation had to lead a protest against an illegal fish farm in Clayoquot Sound. It seems the only way to get government's attention is to have a protest."

This year, the fishery was thrown open with near disastrous results. "Obviously DFO thought they could revert back to the old style fishery with wide-open access for all the seine boats this year, with the quota up to 4000 tons," explained Larry Baird, Chief Councillor for the Ucluelet First Nation.

"But they have proven once again, and for the last time, that they can't manage a fishery using just fishing time and area to control it. We can't-we won't- let them do this again," Baird said.

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**THANK YOU**

To whom this may concern:  
Re: The search for Russell Gordon Cook

The Huu-Ay-Aht Band Chief and Council, Staff, Membership and Cook family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support throughout this upsetting time. Russell will be sadly missed here in our village, in Bamfield and Port Alberni.

We would like to thank the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, the Port Alberni radio station and Check Around for the help that they offered. A special thank you to the Port Alberni R.C.M.P. and support services for their concern, support and compassion. Thank you to the Bamfield Coast Guard and Red Cross and to all the people who helped us with our search. Your support and compassion, concern and understanding have meant the world to us. We thank you all.

Respectfully yours, Sherri Herd,  
Community Development Manager, Huu-Ay-Aht Band

**Thank you**

I would like to thank the following people for their support and donations at the time of the passing of my father Joseph Smith:

- \* to Joe Prest and his crew for the money;
- \* to my cousin Rose M. for the money that helped lots;
- \* to Louie Frank and Harold Touchie for the fish;
- \* to my husband Earl and my girls Norma, Verna, Martha and Kelly for all the work they did;
- \* to Faith Jacob for bringing us clam chowder and fish soup, and the Indian bread, sure was good Faith;
- \* to all the people that came by and for all the phone calls that came in;
- \* to Ernie Smith, thanks for being with me on the morning of Feb. 7;
- \* also to my sister Millie for always being there for me.

Thank you all  
Jo George

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Ron Dick at the M&B 25 year celebration.

**25 YEARS AT M&B**

I would just like to congratulate my husband Ronald Dick Sr. He received his 25 year gold watch and ring from Franklin Cameron Div. (M&B) at the Hotel Vancouver on February 21/97.

The banquet was really nice and the hospitality was great. Just a few details about Ron's work history....Ron started at work at Sproat Lake in 1969-70, he was a longshoreman for a short time, and worked at Somass Mill on the greenchain. He also worked with the late Bob Milligan of Milligan Brothers, with late Joe Charles and Richard Sam Sr. (Mousie). What a crew they were!

When Ron started at Franklin it was Franklin Forestry. Then he was promoted to the rigging for 17 years. He worked in just

about all the different jobs in the woods- night shift logging, choker man, hook tender, steel spar and mobile grapple yearder, he was trained to run a D-8 Cat. Pat George, late Tony Fred (Chappy) ,Scotty Richardson taught him on the rigging. He went to work at China Creek dryland sort with Nibbles and Reg Gus Sr. and on the piledriver and he also worked with his brother Butt at Cameron.

Ron really misses all the guys who used to all be on one native crew, just a very few now work in the bush. He's worked with Roy Barney on the tension skidder, Larry Thomas, and the late Pat Thomas.

Ron was always the type to never keep still, he's been a hard worker and still is. He's always

made sure that there was bread on the table ( as the saying goes).

As you have read he had all different jobs, if he was laid off he would go out and look for a short term job.

I would like to take the time to also congratulate Roy Barney and Dick Moras on their 25 year watch.

Well I've just about said enough on my part. Just to say to Duck, " best of luck" in the future years in the logging industry. Thanks for the beautiful ring you ordered for me along with your watch.

The kids said " way to go Dad."

Love you,  
From your family

**CORRECTION**

In the last issue there was a report on the anniversary of Charlie & Gertie Lucas. In the article it was stated that Nathan Lucas and Deanna Amos were engaged. It should have read that Nathan Lucas and Donalle Edgar were to be married.

My sincere apologies go out to all three parties for this error.  
Bob Soderlund, Editor

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

POTLATCH...March 29,1997  
TIME... lunch will be served at noon.  
PLACE...Campbell River  
AT...The Navy League Hall  
RE...Indian names will be given, also family acknowledging family members.  
Hosted by Georgina Peters...nee..August, my parents...George August-Margaret August nee Ambrose.

**Ha-Ho-Payuk School  
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- ★ Displays by Nuu-chah-nulth Artisans on Carving, Silversmithing and Cedar Bark Weaving

**GAMES... PRIZES... DOOR PRIZES...**

All of Port Alberni is invited to come and share in the fun at this Nuu-chah-nulth Children's Fun Fair.  
(As you head towards Tofino, take your first left after the silver bridge, follow along up hill - then take your third right onto Mission Road.



**TOUQUITAHKULTH  
HOUSE-Mowachaht  
(Howard Family)**

Celeste Howard will be contacting you if she has not already. The purpose of the family meeting is to:  
- provide a treaty update  
- to share a meal & visit  
- to reaffirm support for our Mowachaht Ha'wiih.

It is vitally important for your involvement in providing input/participation in the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Process.

At the update meeting we have invited the Mowachaht Chief Negotiator, Ha'wiih & resource people from the NTC to provide information and to receive input from you.

The Mowachaht treaty manager will play a key role in helping you understand the importance of your role in the Mowachaht treaty process.

The people who have confirmed attendance are George Watts ( for an hour), Jerry Jack, Alan Tweedie, Victor Pearson, Willard Gallic, and Lillian Howard. It is also important for our house to re-affirm the support for our three principal Mowachaht Ha'wiih.

Northern Region-Please note members of the Mandate Working Groups will be participating at our Northern Region Treaty Session March 12. ( Northern Region Treaty Meeting March 10-12 at Tsaxana.)

**Barkley Sound Herring Fishery  
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The commercial seine fishery took place in the territory of Bert Mack, Hereditary Chief of the Toquaht First Nation. The Toquaht First Nation operates a commercial Spawn on Kelp license in Barkley Sound. Chief Mack complained bitterly about the overage in the seine fishery.

" If we go over our 8 ton quota for our Spawn on Kelp license the DFO seizes the overage and sells it, with the revenue going to the federal government. When the seine roe fishery goes over their quota, it all goes into the pockets of the fishermen and companies. You can bet if the seine fishery played by the same rules that we do, there wouldn't be any overage. As it stands now, it literally pays for the fishermen to lie to DFO about their catch."

DFO relies on verbal reports, called "hails" from each seine boat to estimate catch to determine when to close the fast-paced fishery. Intentional under-hailing is a chronic problem in the seine fishery, and there is no penalty for violators.

Robert Dennis, Chief Councillor of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, explained to the assembly that herring don't spawn on the east side of Barkley Sound any more.

" Huu-ay-aht people are extremely concerned that if we allow DFO to continue to allow this kind of over-fishing, our herring will never return to our territory. In recent years our fishermen have had to travel to Toquaht territory and ask Bert Mack for permission to fish in his territory, when we used to have plenty of herring on our side of Barkley Sound."

Nuu-chah-nulth leaders were impressed with a letter sent to the Barkley Sound First Nations from a group of First Nation fishermen that did participate in the Barkley Sound seine fishery. of the 38 seine boats, 9 were skippered by native fishermen from other First Nations, and one seine boat was skippered by a Nuu-chah-nulth fisherman.

The letter requested permission from the Barkley Sound Chiefs to fish in their territory ( ha-houlthee). " This letter shows respect for our Ha'wiih and their ha-houlthee , and follows the proper protocol that we have been asking for," commented Cliff Atleo.

" Yesterday's ( March 4 ) fishery was a disaster," concluded Larry Baird. " It was bad for the fish. It was bad for Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen. And it was bad for non-native fishermen. No one can afford to make such terrible mistakes."

**World Council of Whalers  
Opens Office in Port Alberni**

The Secretariat for the World Council of Whalers, located on the land of the traditional whaling peoples of the Nuu Chah Nulth Nations (at Port Alberni, British Columbia, Canada), opened on February 26, 1997.

Following meetings held in June, 1996 participants from ten countries decided to form an international organization to promote the sustainable and equitable use of marine living resources, to protect the cultural, social, economic and dietary rights of whaling peoples, and to address their concerns. This was the first time whalers from around the world addressed the prospect of working together under one global umbrella. Subsequent meetings and discussions resulted in the formal establishment of the "World Council of Whalers" (WCW) in January, 1997. This new organization will provide an informed international voice in support of communities engaged or interested in sustainable whaling, as well as working to protect whalers' livelihoods, health and cultural integrity.

Chaired by Chief Mexsis, Head Whaling Chief of the Huu-ay-aht Nation of British Columbia, the Executive Board consists of one Director from each of the five regions: North America, North Atlantic, North Pacific, South Pacific-Indian Ocean, and Caribbean.

Chief Mexsis stated "Many species of whales are non-endangered and are an abundant and renewable resource that various coastal peoples have used for food on a sustainable basis for hundreds

of years. Unfortunately, it seems that many city dwellers are unaware of the continuing importance of whales, as both food and cultural resources, for many coastal communities today. These communities are often situated in areas where farming is not possible, and where peoples' livelihoods and dignity depend upon using marine resources. The World Council of Whalers intends to support the well-being of these communities through the promotion of competent science and local knowledge-based management, and the sustainable use of our customary marine resources.

The WCW will hold an international conference in 1997 to which whalers and others engaged in the management of whaling and the sustainable use of living marine resources will be invited. The WCW will seek affiliation with relevant United Nations' and regional resource management bodies, and will contribute to the work of these organizations through the efforts of a number of expert Committees including a Legal Affairs Committee, a Human Rights Committee, a Health and Nutrition Committee, and an Education Committee.

For further information, interested parties are invited to contact:

World Council Of Whalers  
Secretariat,  
P.O. Box 1383,  
Port Alberni, BC, Canada  
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Phone: 1-250-724-2525  
Fax # 1-250-723-0463  
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**FISH FARM...CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

Ahousat Chief Councillor Sid Sam , demanded to see the license that Onclin claimed to have. Onclin replied that he could not produce the license because it was not on site.

The parties argued back and forth about the risks and benefits of salmon farms and it became obvious that each party was firmly panted in its position.

They did agree, however, that the provincial government is largely responsible for the current

situation and expressed dismay that the government-appointed mediator didn't show up.

It was agreed to have a meeting in Ahousat on February 28th in order to resolve the problem. This meeting and others in Port Alberni have taken place with the result that PNG was going to move their operation.

Even with the proposed move to another site and now, with the release of the young chinooks, it is doubtful if this issue is over.



Ahousat Fisheries Manager Al Keitlah, Chief Councillor Sid Sam, and Assistant Band manager Tom Paul were among the group from Ahousat that paid a visit to the PNG Salmon Farm at Cypress Bay, to protest the business' operation without a licence .

**You're invited to....  
Review the SMOOP for Tree  
Farm Licence #44**

Management Plan Three for Tree Farm Licence #44\* is in the process of being prepared. The third step in preparing this management plan is to request input from the public on the Statement of Management, Objectives, Options and Procedures (SMOOP).

A copy of the SMOOP can be obtained at one of the following locations from March 7 to May 13, 1997.

Locations (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday)

- MB, Alberni Information Center, Port Alberni, 5440 Argyle Street (Harbour Quay)
- Tofino Municipal Office, 121 3rd Street
- Ucluelet District Municipal Office, 200 Main Street
- MB Regional Office, 65 Front Street, Nanaimo

Ministry of Forests offices (8:30 am to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday)

- Port Alberni, 4227 - 6th Avenue
- Victoria, Resource, Tenures and Engineering Branch 1450 Government Street
- Nanaimo, Vancouver Region Office, 2100 Labieux Road

(\* TFL #44 consist of forested areas near Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet and Bamfield.)

Please send any comments or concerns by  
May 20, 1997 to:

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## Progress Made on Lands Issues at Treaty Negotiations

by Bob Soderlund, Editor

The Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Negotiations resumed at Maht Mahs on Monday, February 24th.

This session was the first one to use the newly developed negotiating process that was approved by the three parties.

Under this new process, all of the Nuu-chah-nulth, Provincial, and Federal Negotiators met at the main table on Monday and on Tuesday morning.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning the six negotiators appointed by the Nuu-chah-nulth went into a session with the two governments while the other negotiators, Ha'wiih, elders and resource people worked on treaty preparation.

On Tuesday, February 25th all three parties took part in an "Interest-based Negotiations" workshop with Ron Monk.

The first day of negotiations got underway with an opening prayer and some welcoming remarks by the hosting Tseshaht First Nation.

The Chief Negotiator for Canada, Wendy Porteous, introduced Eric Denhoff, who will be taking over as the Chief Negotiator for the Nuu-chah-nulth table.

Mr. Denhoff has held public and private sector positions in communications and aboriginal affairs, and has considerable experience as a government negotiator. Prior to his appointment as a Chief Federal Negotiator last summer, Mr. Denhoff headed up a management company providing advisory services on trade issues.

Also introduced was another new member of the federal treaty team, Darrel McLeod.

Wendy Porteous made some parting remarks to the Nuu-chah-nulth. She told them that "in nearly two years we have covered a lot of ground together. We've solved problems and made progress towards a treaty."

She expressed her appreciation to the Nuu-chah-nulth elders "who have been so faithful, so strong to this table."

The Nuu-chah-nulth delegation presented Wendy with a farewell gift, a set of lahah sticks and bones.

The Chairman of the Nuu-chah-nulth Main Table, Denny Grisdale made a brief report on the January negotiations.

Next Francis Frank, Chief Negotiator for the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, made a presentation on behalf of the Main Table Working Group (MTWG) on their recommendations regarding the Land Selection Process.

Each of the thirteen First Nations will make their own land selection decisions.

It was agreed that each of the three parties should have basic information in common prior to the first tri-partite meetings on land selection.

British Columbia has taken on the responsibility to produce maps of each First Nation.

Each party will be doing preliminary work to identify key areas of interest.

The land selection negotiations will be done at Side Tables and on a First Nation by First Nation basis.

The parties have agreed that the Side Table meetings will be open on a reasonable and limited basis.

There will also be open houses or forums to inform the general public about the land selection negotiations.

The land selection decisions will be ratified by the Main Table because there is only going to be one Agreement-in-Principle and one treaty on behalf of the thirteen First Nations.

The Land Selection Process document prepared by the MTWG was approved by the Main Table.

Some updates were presented on Interim Measures Proposals that have been presented to the two governments.

Willard Gallic said that the Nuu-chah-nulth have presented six issues relating to Elders Benefits to the governments.

The six issues are education, housing, access to all traditional foods, health, transportation and isolation.

The first issue that the elders want addressed is education. They feel that it is a priority that resources be made available to bring back the Nuu-chah-nulth language and culture to their people.

Lillian Howard (Northern Region Co-Chair) and Robert Dennis (Huu-ay-aht) said that they have had some meetings and have made some progress regarding their respective forestry proposals.

Charlie Cootes, Chief Negotiator for Uchucklesaht, also reported on his First Nation's Interim Measures Proposal to protect the T'iitskin Paawats (Thunderbird Nest) in their area.

Cootes expressed concerns that there has been no progress with the Ministry of Forests or M & B on this issue. He had received a letter from the Regional office asking what traditional uses the Uchucklesaht had for the area around Thunder Creek and how will their rights be infringed if logging goes ahead?

Cootes said that part of the area has already been desecrated by logging.

He said that the Uchucklesaht will have a meeting to discuss the letter.

Robert Dennis, Chief Negotiator for Huu-ay-aht, referring to Charlie Cootes' concerns, said that the Ministry of Forests was looking for a reason to harvest timber, and they had no respect for aboriginal rights in the area.

Provincial Chief Negotiator Murray Rankin disagreed with Mr. Dennis' remarks and said that the Ministry of Forests is addressing the issue of aboriginal rights.

Federal Chief Negotiator Wendy Porteous announced that the Federal Government will be bringing forward a report at the March session outlining their

principles on parks and protected areas.

A report on the recommendations of facilitator Dan Johnston and an implementation plan prepared by the MTWG was tabled by Heinz Dyck from the Provincial Government. The five page report gave recommendations on how to make negotiations proceed in a more efficient and expedient manner.

Some changes in the negotiating process will be tried on a four month trial basis, starting with the February session. Among the recommendations was a suggestion to schedule more time for Side Tables and Working Group meetings and less time for the Main Table negotiations.

A Monitoring Group was formed to monitor how well the negotiations are proceeding. Members of this group are Shawn Atleo, Tawny Lem, and Angela Wesley for the Nuu-chah-nulth, Heinz Dyck for British Columbia and Darrel McLeod for Canada.

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (morning) the six negotiators appointed by the Nuu-chah-nulth went into a negotiating session with the Federal and Provincial negotiators. The Nuu-chah-nulth negotiators were Cliff Atleo, Francis Frank, Lillian Howard, Nelson Keitlah, Judith Sayers, George Watts, and Richard Watts. Also present was the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Manager Vic Pearson, elders and Ha'wiih.

The talks focussed on land issues and the development of clauses dealing with the future of the land, such as management, rights-of-way and access.

George Watts said that "we made a lot of progress, but nothing is finalized yet. We still have to draft the wording and we will bring something to the main table session in March."

This tri-partite negotiating team will meet again in Port Alberni on March 24, 25, and 26. The main table will meet at Maht mahs on Thursday, March 27th.

Nuu-chah-nulth negotiators and resource people will do treaty preparation work on March 24th to 26th.

by Denny Durocher, Site Manager and Deb Lamb, Employment Liason

## N.T.C. HALO UPDATE

The H.A.L.O. Program in the Nuu-chah-nulth area is underway. After weeks of preparation, planning and spreading the word, we have received excellent response to the program from community members and agencies.

Debbie Lamb, the Employment Liason, has been busy getting information on the program to community members, agencies and making contact with supportive employers. One thing is clear: Nuu-chah-nulth people with disabilities have been waiting a long time for a program such as ours.

Those who have been following the BCANDS Newsletter over the past years know the hard work required to get this project launched.

The primary focus of the H.A.L.O. project is to ensure First Nations people with a disability who experience extensive barriers to employment have access to full participation in community living to achieve equality, independence, and the ability to contribute to their maximum potential as productive members of society.

Over the past few weeks, H.A.L.O. program staff have connected with more than 13 clients and many more care providers who have expressed interest in services we provide. H.A.L.O. services are designed to assist the participants in developing individual plans toward reaching training or employment goals.

Part of an individual's plan can include participating in skills training in the areas of personal growth and development, employment readiness training, and placements.

The first Orientation Session was held at North Island College on February 26 & 27. As the program develops, all the H.A.L.O. staff are looking forward to assisting participants in recognizing their personal gifts and moving their plans ahead to become more actively involved in the social and economic life of our community. Stay tuned for more news in our next newsletter installment.

Most consumers are unaware of many aspects of rearing salmon in this fashion. It takes

## SHAME ON THE SALMON FARM INDUSTRY!

Dear Editor:

While visiting Nuu Chah Nulth territory recently I read the letters to your publication regarding fish farming. I know there are many biological reasons not to continue fish farming in BC as it is currently practiced and indeed the reasons are entirely political that it is allowed.

Shame on the salmon farm industry for continuing to portray their operations as benign whenever anyone tries to bring forth legitimate concerns. The accumulating evidence is in sharp contrast to their public relations. This scenario plays itself out wherever the industry is operating. The industry often successfully intimidates concerned citizens who try to debate the very real issues. Note they do not allow any discussion of the serious pollution, disease transfer, feed load, nitrogen concentrations, sewage, escapes, loss of and negative interactions with other local wildlife attracted to the pens or antibiotic abuse that are inherent to these net cage operations. The health and human consequences of ingesting these genetically altered, hormonally manipulated and medicated species is always "overlooked". There are brood stock disease problems with the importation of Atlantics. Disease free stock no longer exists and the introduction of these nonnative or exotic stocks is dangerous. Disease pathogens do exist in sewage from these operations. Something the industry repeatedly tries to disclaim.

I understand that there are now 22 net cage operations in Clayoquot Sound. Everyone here should be very concerned about this intensive concentration, proliferation and risks this industrial model of "fish farming" poses. The sewage implications alone should not be tolerated. While we may ignorantly accept the trade off in diversity and habitat compromise to the marine environment for jobs, the risks are simply too great and many irreversible.

Only native species should even be considered. The risks from imported exotic species are well known, unmanageable and

four pounds of fish (as feed meal laced also with dyes and questionable ingredients - some of which are identified as toxic in other jurisdictions) garnered from fish suitable for human consumption to produce only one pound of "farm salmon" hardly a sustainable exchange or solution to global food production as the industry likes to portray itself. It is in fact a net-consumption, not production, of protein worked wide. The fish used for feed are harvested in areas largely off the Pacific coast of South America, where environmental regulations are lax. Canadian regulations prohibits this catch for conversion to meal feed in its waters.

The condition in the pen for the once-proud salmon are unbearably unnatural. These salmon are easily recognizable by the lesions and "fin rub" due to crowding in the pens. Stress induced disease is a constant problem. Kidney problems also plague the fish increasing medication with antibiotic therapy. Agents used to anesthetize or stun the fish prior to handling and kill get into the meat. Farmed fish is sold locally unidentified. I asked. Local inquiry also informs me a quantum increase in feed tonnage permits are being applied for. This would not be allowed in other jurisdictions.

The question needs to be asked and not continuously dismissed by industry pundits. Should we be introducing the extremely high risks of this industry into the local marine environment and food chain? The answer is NO. They should only be allowed to operate as land based operations where their deleterious impacts can be monitored (regulated) and the consequent sewage, particulate, feed and medication residues can be recycled, ecologically reintegrated into treated agricultural fertilizers in "closed containment systems" for Zero discharge.

Expect total denial to my letter and slick manipulations - all very unfortunate when this industry should be seeking solutions instead.

Sincerely,  
F.M. Martinas, Phd.  
Marine Biologist, retired  
Cous Bay, Oregon

should absolutely be prohibited. This lesson has been learned the hard way in other countries.

An additional problem in my opinion is your Canadian DFO is mismanaging this situation as badly as they have the wild fishery - look at the consequences of that. The net cage industry places enormous coercive pressures on DFO, usually outspending them to get regulatory concessions. The severe cutbacks to that department are a definite factor. The current provincial aquaculture Review underway promises to be a total compromise, at huge expense, and fundamental mismanagement the result.

Cutbacks in both federal and provincial departments make regulatory processes we like to rely on all by ineffectual. There is no longer the man power to monitor these operations. The resulting self regulation by industry is a very questionable practice.

If you live in a coastal community - expect a huge disclaimer and industry lobby response everytime someone wants an open discussion. They quote their own studies to justify their so-called "right" to continue to put the massive ecosystem we all rely on at risk. You do not have the "luxury" of the "mistakes" that have occurred in other areas of the worked where this model of fish farming used to be allowed. Scientist in Canada's DFO admit it is only a matter of time here.

Refuse to accept the industry lobby on these issues. I urge you to get informed and responsible while you still can. Your publicly owned marine environment is being compromised to subsidize these intensive industrial fee-lot operations destined largely for export while your communities, local species and habitat sustain the consequences.

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## SOME CONCERNS ABOUT FISH FARMS.....

Al Keitlah, Fisheries Manager for the Ahousat First Nation, shared some concerns about fish farming, in general, as well as about the Pacific National Group's operation at Cypress Bay.

"Our biggest concern is the displacement of ourselves," says Keitlah, "as well as the salmonids, herring, clams, oysters, crabs that are affected by the effluent from the fish farms."

"The public should be aware that they are consuming crabs from the area (of the Pacific National Group operation) and that goeyducks are going out of the country from there."

He says that chinook that spawn nearby in Cypre River are already endangered and we're concerned that the wild stock will wander into the pens and that the fish farm chinooks are interbreeding with the wild stock.

Keitlah adds that the site is used for commercial fishing and seafood gathering as well as for a native food source. "We used to harvest butter clams there but now we're scared to eat them," he says, adding that it is also a herring spawn area.

According to Keitlah and the Ahousat First Nation the Pacific

National Group is operating illegally, with an expired tenure, which was originally acquired with false information.

The original license application prepared by Hagensborg Sea Farms Inc. in 1988 has several discrepancies on it, says Keitlah. An example he says, is that the application asked if the site was within the 1 km. of an Indian Reserve and the company answered "no." Keitlah says that Ahousat I.R. Wausou is about 1/2 a kilometre away from the farm, which was purchased by PNG.

The applicant also said that the site was not used for commercial fishing and was not near (1 km.) marine fisheries habitat such as herring or cod spawning. Again, the applicant answered "no". Keitlah says that herring spawn all along Cypress Bay where the farm is located. "The application was approved with no homework by the BC government," he says.

"The present owners, Pacific National Group, say that they have a lot to lose if they are shut down," says Keitlah, "but what about our losses, he asks, they're going to be permanent. If they're operating illegally, we want them shut down!"

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## Central Region Chiefs/MacMillan Bloedel Make Progress on JVC

The Central Region Chiefs and MacMillan Bloedel (MB) executives met at Tinwis on March 7-8 to discuss and refine work on the Central Region/MB Joint Venture Corporation (JVC).

The JVC, upon completion of successful negotiations between the parties, would operate within the traditional territories of the 5 Central Region First Nations. The parties are negotiating many aspects of the agreement including training, employment, and cut rates.

The idea for the Joint Venture Corporation was borne out of the Central Region Interim Measures Extension Agreement (IMEA). The JVC is being negotiated in order to address some of the concerns raised during the negotiation of the IMEA. Some of

those concerns being:

- To provide for a viable, sustainable forest industry
- To increase local ownership within the forest industry
- That the Parties to the agreement will ensure that forestry operations shall continue in Clayoquot Sound based on the Scientific Panel Guidelines, the Forest Practices Code and the incorporation of First Nation Perspectives
- That MB and First Nations will negotiate a joint venture that will be between a development corporation owned by the Central Region First Nations and MB

Both MB and the Central Region Chiefs are committed to the full implementation of the Science Panel Recommendations and the Forest Practices Code within the Clayoquot Sound. They are

also committed to seeking ways in which to end the conflict between environmentalists and Companies. Their goal is to 'Unite to Advance Economic Interests'.

The negotiation of the JVC started in October 1996 with the development of a draft negotiating strategy. A 9-member negotiating committee was appointed, 5 First Nation and 4 MB. The committee has been busy with workshops and face-to-face negotiations. They are nearing completion of negotiating the 'Heads of Agreement', or Agreement in Principle.

There is still much work to be done and factors to be considered before agreement is reached. The work continues.

By Denise Ambrose, Central Region Reporter

## ANNOUNCEMENT

LOWER MAINLAND ARE INVITED!

Nuu-chah-nulth are invited for a dinner update meeting at the:

VANCOUVER ABORIGINAL CENTRE  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Hosted by Lloyd Billy of the

"House of Wuh-he-nox-tuh cumf-ah!"  
of Ehattesaht.

DATE: MARCH 23, 1997  
TIME: 5 PM



"The Ahousat Kids" did well at the lahah tournament held at the Somass Hall on February 22nd & 23rd. The winning team was Delbert Peterson's from Kuper Island. Second place went to Wilson David's team from Tla-o-qui-aht. Third place was Chuck August's team. Fifteen teams took part in the tournament which was a fundraising event for the Ahousat treaty negotiations. The raffles (lahah sets) were won by Moy Sutherland and Jimmy Chester. Another tournament will be held during the last weekend of May, at the Somass Hall. Entrants will have 8 people/team, and the entry fee will be \$100. Cecelia Titian will be hosting this tournament.

# NUU-CHAH-NULTH TREATY MAKING -----UPDATE REPORT-----

March, 1997

This report is intended to provide information to Nuu-chah-nulth people about the treaty-making process itself, and about where the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations are in the process. "Nuu-chah-nulth Nations" means Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Huu-ay-ah, Huu-pa-cas-ath, Ka:y'u:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7eth', Mowachaht/Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-ah, Toquaht, Tseshaht, Uchucklesaht, and Ucluelet. Although they are a member of the Tribal Council in every other sense, the Ditidaht Nation have decided to negotiate by themselves.

### What is the Treaty-Making Process?

Several years ago, the leaders of First Nations in British Columbia agreed with the governments of Canada and British Columbia that there would be a treaty-making process and that the process itself would be managed by the British Columbia Treaty Commission. The Commission has established a series of "Stages" for the entire process. A summary of the stages, with information about where the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations are in the process, is on the next page.

### What is the Position of the Ditidaht Nation now?

As already mentioned, the Ditidaht Nation decided at the beginning to negotiate separately from the other Nuu-chah-nulth Nations. Although there has been discussion from time to time that there might be changes to their decision, no changes have been made and there are no current discussions about this.

### What Happened to the December Main Table Negotiation?

At the end of the November session, the three governments agreed, as usual, to meet again in December, and agreed, also as usual, on the agenda for the December meeting. This was on November 29; the December meeting was to take place during the week of December 9. The dates had been set at least six months previously.

On December 4, NTC received a letter from the Chief Negotiators for Canada and British Columbia in which they stated that they would not attend the December meeting. NTC found the actions in the letter to be disrespectful, the reasons given to be unacceptable, and the whole process to be inconsistent with the fact that Main Table decisions on any sort need the full agreement of all three parties before they can be put in place.

Because of these matters, the British Columbia Treaty Commission became involved with the three governments in order to look for solutions. This led to a planning committee meeting which was held between January 28 and 30. The recommendations of the planning committee are to be put in place. They are intended to:

- Make the negotiations process more efficient, in terms of time and money.
- Set up a way for the three gov-

ernments to deal with the issues in a way that will produce results in a timely way. This will be achieved by the use of a tripartite negotiating team as well as other working groups or committees, who will work on an issue and bring the results of their work to the Main Table.

- When the work of the negotiating team and the working groups gets to the Main Table, the Main Table can accept it, accept part of it, reject it, or send it back for more work. In this way, the Main Table is always in charge.
- Set up a way for problems to be dealt with quickly, with the intention being to deal with problems while they are small and manageable, before they become big and get out of control.

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### What is Happening at the Negotiations Table Now?

The Nuu-chah-nulth members of the tripartite negotiating team are: Nelson Keitlah and Richard Watts, Co-Chairs of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council; George Watts, Tseshaht and Tisqah E quink; Chief Councillor Judy Sayers, Huu-pa-cas-ath; Chief Councillor Francis Frank, Tla-o-qui-ah; Cliff Atleo, Ahousaht. When they are negotiating, they have a mandate to speak for all thirteen of the Nations and not for their own Nations alone.

The First Nations give their negotiating mandate to the six negotiators. During negotiations, the Nations receive a daily report from the negotiators and, if necessary, they give clarification or additional mandate to them to deal with issues that have arisen at the negotiating table.

In order to keep the current mandate up to date and also to make sure that preparatory work is done on the upcoming issues to be negotiated, the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations have created Mandate Working Groups. Each of these Working Groups is responsible to ensure that each Nation's voice is heard on each issue; if any Nation has not given its voice on an issue, the Working Group must approach that Nation and find out its views.

It is expected that negotiations about several more of the large issues will begin when Lands, Waters and Natural Resources are finished.

### What Happens at the Negotiations Table?

We speak about the "Main Table" when we mean the occasions when the Chief Negotiators for Nuu-chah-nulth, Canada and British Columbia meet together.

With the changes that were put in place in February, the purpose of the Main Table has also changed. It is expected that the Main Table will now meet for only one or two days each month. The Main Table has the final say about agreements that are reached by the tripartite negotiating table or by working groups. The Main Table can accept, modify, or reject any of the agreements reached by them.

Even then, it is important

to remember that final ratification by First Nations is done on a Nation-by-Nation basis. The next part of this report has information about this.

### Ratification of the Agreements by Nuu-chah-nulth Nations

The Nations have decided that each individual Nation will vote to approve or reject each one of the agreements. Each Nation voted on the Framework Agreement, and each Nation will vote on the Agreement in Principle, and the Final Agreement. Voting will be open to all members, regardless of where they live at the time of the vote. In order to vote, members may have to be Canadian citizens.

Every Nation must approve every agreement. If even one Nation rejects an agreement, the entire process will stop at that point while the reasons for the rejection are dealt with.

In this way, each individual Nuu-chah-nulth person has considerable power. It should be clear that the power must include the responsibility of being fully informed about what is taking place and what is being agreed.

### Funding for Treaty-Making

Funding for treaty-making is managed through the B.C. Treaty Commission. 80% of all funds provided to First Nations are loaned to the Nations, and will have to be repaid. 20% is provided as a grant which will not have to be repaid.

For the period of time beginning in April, 1996, and lasting until the end of March in 1997, the Nations will have a total of \$2,875,000 available for Agreement-in-Principle negotiations. The cash flow to the Nations for this money will be spread throughout the fiscal year.

With regard to funding for NTC for the costs of treaty-making at the NTC level, the Chiefs have decided that these costs are to be paid from AFA money. They are not paid from the money borrowed or contributed by other governments.

### Report on Main Table Negotiations to Date

Main Table sessions were held, as part of the Framework Agreement negotiations, in April, May, June, August, September and October of 1995, and in February of 1996. The session in each month was for four or five days.

The Framework Agreement committed the parties to negotiate the following "broad substantive issues": Lands and Water; Natural Resources; Revenue/Fiscal Matters; Jurisdiction and Governance; Offshore Areas and Ocean Management; Fish and Fisheries; Culture and Heritage; Implementation; General Provisions (Amendment Procedures, Certainty, Constitutional Issues, Dispute Resolution, Eligibility and Enrollment, Ratification); Environmental Protection, Assessment and Pollution Prevention with respect to Lands, Water and Air; Air Space; and the impact of the Residential Schools.

The three parties have

agreed that negotiation of these issues will be targeted to take up to two years. It is fair to report, however, that the two year estimate does not seem likely to be achieved.

If there are any particular topics that are not included with the "broad substantive issues", they can be added to the list during the AIP negotiations.

The Agreement in Principle negotiations began in the first week of April, 1996, and a second session took place in the last week of April. Because of the closeness of the provincial election, the Parties agreed to cancel the negotiation session planned for the May, 1996. Negotiations resumed in June, 1996, and sessions also took place in July and August. Following this pattern, monthly sessions took place up to January, 1997, except for the session planned for December 1996.

It is fair to report that there is a long way still to go, and, as already mentioned, that it became clear that changes in the negotiating process should be made in order to get the job done. The changes have been approved on a trial basis only, for four months, and there will be a further progress report towards the end of the trial period.

### Making Sure that First Nations are Ready to Negotiate

Up to June, 1996, the Tribal Council had been meeting for a two or three day session prior to each Main Table session. The purpose of these meetings has been to finalize positions, develop strategies and do everything that is necessary to be ready for the Main Table.

It became clear that these planning sessions were not doing the job. To make sure that enough time was available for these vital tasks, the Tribal Council decided that a full week will be put aside, two weeks ahead of each Main Table session. This new approach started for the month of July, 1996, and was used up to January, 1997.

When the changes that took place in February were decided upon, the First Nations decided at the same time that they would combine the treaty-planning weeks with the negotiations weeks. This accomplishes two things:

- It saves money; and
- It means that the Nations will be meeting while the negotiations are going on. This makes it easy for the negotiators to get additional mandates or additional instructions as circumstances arise.

NTC's role is to provide additional assistance as the NTC leadership may direct and to coordinate the entire operations of the treaty-making activities.

### Other Information

**Validation** - During the entire development of the process of negotiations, the Ha'wiih were consulted. The Ha'wiih signed a Declaration during a ceremony at the Annual Assembly in Campbell River, in November 1994. This Declaration has the effect of providing authority and validation for the process. The signing ceremony

was filmed, and a video of the ceremony and related matters is now being completed.

**Chief Negotiators:** Nelson Keitlah, Richard Watts and Lillian Howard are the Chief Negotiators for NTC. Eric Denhoff and Murray Rankin are the Chief Negotiators for Canada and B.C. respectively. Negotiators for the thirteen First Nations are: Ahousaht: Cliff Atleo  
Ehattesaht: George Watts  
Hesquiaht: Richard Lucas and Joe Tom  
Huu-ay-ah: Spencer Peters  
Ka:y'u:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7eth': George Watts  
Mowachaht/Muchalaht: George Watts  
Nuchatlaht: George Watts  
Opetchesaht: Judy Sayers and Hamilton George  
Tla-o-qui-ah: Francis Frank and Moses Martin  
Toquaht: Bert Mack  
Tseshaht: George Watts  
Uchucklesaht: Charlie Cootes  
Ucluelet: Bob Mundy, Larry Baird and John Rivard.

**Negotiations Location** - All of the Framework Agreement negotiations and the first sessions of Agreement in Principle negotiations took place at Tin Wis. The Agreement in Principle negotiations during 1996 took place as follows:

June- August: Maht Mahs  
September - November: Tsaxana  
For 1997, it is expected that the negotiations will also take place in, Maht Mahs, Tin Wis and Tsaxana.

**Information Flow:** It is hoped that Nuu-chah-nulth members will be kept informed through community and urban meetings, and through Ha-shilth-sa. It is very important for everyone to make sure that their address and telephone number is up to date at the office of their National and at Ha-shilth-sa. Individual Nations should be keeping their members informed also, using newsletters and meetings.

Ha-shilth-sa is now published every two weeks. Half of each paper will be treaty news and information.

We plan more urban meetings for 1997, at which time we will present update reports and answer questions to be best of our abilities.

There is a Public Education and Information process in place, in order to educate the non-native public about treaty-making. Meetings took place in Port Alberni, Ucluelet, Tofino, Gold River, Tahsis, Bamfield, Zeballos and Kyuquot. Nuu-chah-nulth people are strongly encouraged to attend these meetings also. We hope that there will be further rounds of these meetings later.

**How can you become involved?**

Here are some suggestions:

- Make sure that you read the information that you get from Ha-shilth-sa and other newspapers and newsletters and from meetings.

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Stage:	Nuu-chah-nulth Situation:
1. All three parties must confirm they intend to negotiate.	Completed, December 15, 1993
2. All three parties must get ready to begin negotiations.	NTC completed this task in November 1994. B.C. and Canada completed the task during February, 1995, and the Commission declared that negotiations could start.
3. Negotiations for a "Framework Agreement"	These negotiations began in April, 1995. The Framework Agreement was finished in February, 1996 and was signed in March, 1996. The Agreement lists the subjects that will be part of the treaty, and sets some rules for the process.
4. Negotiations for an "Agreement in Principle"	These negotiations started in April, 1996. The AIP will contain everything that will be in the final treaty, but it will not contain all of the details. AIP negotiations are expected to take two years to complete.
5. Negotiations for a "Final Agreement"	These negotiations should start soon after the AIP is completed. The Final Agreement will be your treaty with Canada and British Columbia.
6. Implementation	During this stage, all that is needed for implementation of your treaty will be done.

## Mandate Working Groups formed to do work on Treaty Issues

Nuu-chah-nulth representatives at the February Treaty Preparation meetings have developed a system for preparing documents and papers for the negotiating team.

Negotiators from the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations, along with their resource people, have established four working groups to do preparatory work for the treaty negotiators.

Known as "Mandate Working Groups", the four groups will work on the following issues: Coordinators of the groups are in brackets)

- \* Jurisdiction & Governance (Robert Dennis)
- \* Natural Resources (Vi Mundy)

### TREATY MAKING: UPDATE REPORT

- Encourage your family to discuss the information in order to help others to understand it.

- See if there is a need for volunteers. Most Nations have set up negotiations committees. They may need members or other volunteers.

- Attend meetings and provide your own knowledge and views to others.

- Keep your address and telephone number current with your Nation's office and with Ha-shilth-sa.

- If you are not getting reports and updates from your Nation, give encouragement for them to be provided.

The most important part of involvement is the knowledge that the treaty when it comes must be your treaty as well as the treaty of every Nuu-chah-nulth person, now and for the future. Each person has the responsibility to make this a reality.

- \* Revenue/Fiscal (Darrell Ross)
- \* Lands, Waters & Air (Richard Lucas)

Representatives of First Nations will work together in the groups. The Jurisdiction & Governance Group has involvement from the Huu-ay-ah, Tla-o-qui-ah and Opetchesaht. The Natural Resources Working Group consists of Ucluelet and the Northern Region. Revenue/Fiscal is made up of Uchucklesaht & Tseshaht. And the Lands, Waters & Air Working Group will have the involvement of Hesquiaht and Ahousaht.

The overall coordination of the Mandate Working Groups will be handled by Lillian Howard, Northern Region Co-Chair.

The coordinators of the groups will be getting together to make sure that there is no duplication or overlap with each other's work.

First Nation members throughout all Working Groups is encouraged. Participation is not limited to negotiators. It is anticipated that Working Groups will call upon other members such as Band Staff, membership working in specialized fields and other individuals with particular expertise as required.

The coordinators of the four Mandate Working Groups have scheduled some meetings to further develop the process by prioritizing issues and scheduling working meetings for the groups.

Lillian Howard, in speaking about the formation of the mandate working groups, said "to the people who are working in this room, your participation and involvement is appreciated; to the negotiators, Ha'wiih, elders, support teams and people. It has really helped the process along. A word of acknowledgement to all of you, to our technical crew."

Participation of individual



### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Mother: Denise Lynn Amos  
Birth Info: Sept. 13, 1996, 8:37 PM  
Nanaimo, B.C.  
7 lb. 1/2 oz  
Baby's Name:  
Shykyla Cree Nicole Tara Frank

## POET'S CORNER

### Tears of a Heart

*The tears that run down your face  
It has no home, it has no place  
Because it can run day or night  
But usually after, your heart lost its fight*

*Lost in the abyss of your soul  
From river to ocean, that got out of control  
A heart has, an endless supply  
It can cry for years, when love dies*

*We must learn, to control this pain  
Life moves on, even through pain and rain  
Sure my heart cries, I'm only human  
This isn't a movie, and I'm not Paul Newman*

*Our grandfathers told us, you must be strong  
He meant mind and soul, as he sang his song  
So as you stand by the bank, so cold as you shiver  
Just remember, only you can stop this river*

Willard Gallic Jr.

### A REMINDER - WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH!

What you have come to believe, fear or accept in the past has nothing to do with what you yourself are capable of achieving in the future.

I like the body I have created for myself. It is part of who I am, and I like being me. Although I always work to improve myself and I get better everyday, I like who I am today. Tomorrow when I'm even better still - I like myself then, too.

I appreciate all the blessings I have, and the things that I learn, and all the things I'll be learning today and tomorrow - just as long as I am.

I refuse to accept my limitations to my personal achievement which others may try to place on me. I live my life by my own design, and not by the disbeliefs or limitations of others.

I have made the decision to become the very best of who I am. That is how I choose to be. That is how I choose to live my life.

I conquer my fears, they do not conquer me. I confront them, I look at them, I understand them. I deal with them, and I defeat them.

In Body, Mind, Spirit  
Sandy B. Ambrose

### Child Care Worker Needed

Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services requires part-time CHILD CARE WORKERS for one-on-one activity-oriented work with youth. If interested please contact Dean Meyerhoff at the NTC Northern Region, 283-2012. Resume may be dropped off at 121-396 Nimpkish Drive.

## THANK YOU!

The family of Norman Watts (Boogie) would like to thank the people from the N.T.C. Budget meeting, Tseshaht 1st Nations, Tseshaht School Project crew, Tsow-Tun Le Lum - Nanoose who generously donated towards Norman and family. Thank you to the West Coast General Hospital emergency team, doctors and nurses and the helicopter crew for taking care of Norman. Thank you to all the Tseshaht and Tseshaht Elders who sent their prayers and did the cleansing at the school site. We appreciate what you've done. Thank you to the Marshalls who stayed with Norman until he was flown to Vancouver. Thank you to all the family members who took time out to visit Norman at W.C.G.H. and V.G.H. Thank you to those who brought chumras for the family during their visit at V.G.H. We appreciated seeing all of you. Norman and his family are praying every day for a fast recovery. It was very hard for the family to leave him in Vancouver, but we all plan to go to Vancouver and see him again soon!

WE ALL PRAY EVERY DAY AND NIGHT FOR YOU  
DAD, BROTHER, UNCLE, FRIEND (BOOGIE).

If anyone would like to visit with Boogie, he's in room #946, 9th Floor, Bed A, Vancouver General Hospital. Kleco, Kleco!

# ARTISTS DISPLAY WORK AT VANCOUVER CONFERENCE



Tracy and Jo Little displayed some of Jo's beautifully designed fashions at the art exhibition. She designs and produces men's and ladies jackets, vests, pants, suits, shawls in her home in Port Alberni.



A silver and gold hummingbird pendant carved by Gordon Dick.



Marj White, who works at the Circle of Eagles Lodge, a halfway house, had some of the resident's artwork at the Aboriginal Arts and Crafts Conference's evening reception.

Aboriginal Business Canada and the Department of External Affairs and International Trade pooled their resources to fund a conference for aboriginal artists across B.C. and surrounding provinces.

About 160 artists attended the conference which was held in Vancouver on February 21 & 22.

The much needed conference and exhibition filled a need identified by artists, especially from the smaller communities to find out more about such topics as selling through the internet, copyright law protection for artists, and exporting issues, but also a venue to network amongst each other and

exhibit their work and sell to wholesalers and galleries.

With the speaking panel including established artists such as Richard Hunt, Dempsey Bob, Norman Tait, and April Churchill sharing their experiences and emerging artists showcasing their work, the event became a great sharing opportunity.

Buyers were invited and came from as far away as Toronto and Seattle. U.S. buyers included the Legacy Gallery, Ancestral Spirits Gallery, Seattle Art Museum. Other guests included the wholesalers, galleries, museums, and the public who came to see the wide range of products.

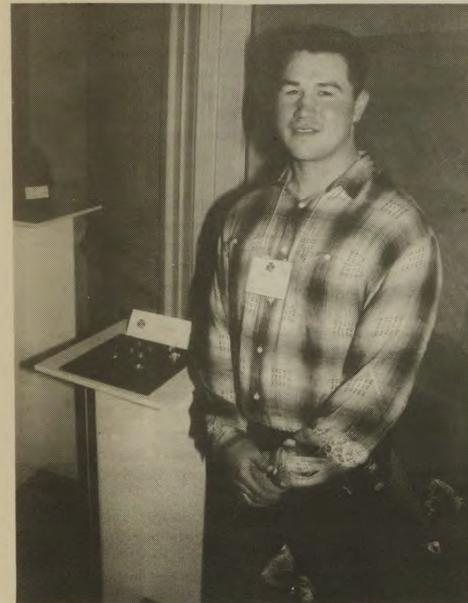
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Willard Gallic Jr. had some of his carvings and poetry on display at the Aboriginal Arts and Crafts Conference reception.



Wii Robinson, Tseshah carver, displaying some masks.



Gordon Dick, from Tseshah, specializes in engraving jewellery.



NAME: RAY SIM  
TRIBAL STYLE: TSIMSHIAN (K'SAN)

Ray is a status member of the Musqueam Salish Nation of Vancouver, B.C. He also has close ties to the Gitanmaax Band of the Gitksan.

He has received two years of formal training at the Kitanmaax School of Northwest Coast Art at K'san Village located in Hazelton, B.C. His instructors were Master Carvers Vernon Stephens and Ken Mowatt. He also received two years instruction in the arts programs of Malaspina College, Nanaimo, B.C. and North Island College in Port Alberni, B.C.

His wood carving includes plaques, spoons, various types of masks, bent boxes and bowls. He also paints, designs dance shawls and makes and paints drums.

He has taught art at both the Ha-Ho-Payuk School and the Friendship Center in Port Alberni. He also instructed students on the Qualicum Reserve.

Ray is an artisan who is dedicated to his work. He is striving to develop his own style.

He can be reached at: #19 - 4777 Maitland St.  
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Sterling Watts, an artist from the Tseshah First Nation, is wearing a jacket with a design that he air-brushed on it. Sterling is a self taught artist who started drawing at the age of eight. At the reception during the Aboriginal Arts and Crafts Conference Sterling was displaying his limited edition print which is entitled "Free Spirit". Free Spirit depicts an eagle in flight and it is based on the Native myth that animals can take human form. Sterling Watts can be contacted at (250) 723-3462.

## Connie Sterritt's Sculpture on Exhibit at MOA

Visitors to the UBC Museum of Anthropology can "step back in time" by enjoying the vast collection of Northwest Coast artifacts on display.

They can also have a look at the present and even into the future as the Museum shares the works of contemporary First Nations artists with the public.

By using modern materials and technologies, along with the teachings from the past, Connie Sterritt is creating a new and beautiful form of art.

Her large sculpture "Vereinigug", which is now on display at the MOA, represents the longhouse, in a time when man and animal were of equal status and home was as beautiful as its surroundings.

The three figures in the sculpture are the wolf, the bear and the raven. The entrance to the

longhouse is formed by the three animals' heads and their bodies make up the longhouse.

Inside each of the figures are human forms. Two women are inside the bear, a man, a woman, and a child are inside the wolf and a woman is inside the raven.

Connie constructed the sculpture from birch plywood over a period of ten months.

Connie Sterritt is of Nuu-chah-nulth (Tseshah), K'wakwaka'wakw (Mamaligala), and Gitksan descent.

She grew up in Campbell River and graduated from Carihi Sr. Secondary.

After her graduation she enrolled at the University of Manitoba where she received her Bachelor of Interior Design in 1991.

She lived in Los Angeles for two years and returned to B.C.

where she enrolled at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. She graduated from Emily Carr with a Bachelor of Fine Art, majoring in Intermedia.

Connie says that native people have always taken materials available to them to make something beautiful and that's what she is trying to do.

She says that everything she creates is influenced by native images "because that's what I am, native."

But she believes in breaking away from the stereotyping of having to maintain strict traditional techniques. Connie says that the work she creates as a designer-artist "will hopefully be some sort of an example that native artwork is still alive, just as we are as a people."

"I have always tried to find the balance between beautiful traditional west coast shapes and contemporary thinking. I see the need for the west coast art form to be freed from the stereotyping, and update people to expect the unexpected."

Connie also works in 3-D computer animation and she has designed 2 language books for the Ha-ho-payuk School in Port Alberni.

She has previously exhibited her "Bear Chair" and Wolf Table" at the Philosophic Chair and Table of Content Show" in 1995. The wolf table is now a prized possession of her proud mother Jane Jones.

Vereinigug, which means unification in German, will be on exhibit at the MOA until October 26, 1997. On March 25 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm Connie Sterritt will be giving a talk about her work.



Connie Sterritt with her sculpture "Vereinigug" which is presently being displayed at the UBC Museum of Anthropology.

## HA-SHILTH-SA SPORTS



The Heartbreakers met the Kuleet Bay Falcons in the semi-finals at the Eagles hockey tournament, in a game won by the Heartbreakers.

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GOLD RIVER, B.C.

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## EAGLES BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT 1997

Once again Ladysmith Warriors showed that they are a force to be reckoned with by going undefeated in the tournament.

They went through the weekend dominating all four games they played, defeating the Eagles 8-4, then Kuleet Bay Falcons bowed to them 11-5, then defeating the local Heartbreakers in consecutive games 19-10 and 12-8.

Ladysmith showed great skill in their passing and playmaking abilities throughout the weekend and they were congratulated for doing so in the final presentations.

Though there were two teams that did not show up, there was some great competition from throughout the Island.

Other teams participating were L.S.C. Thunder, Kuleet Bay Falcons, Ohiat Raiders, Ditidaht Hawks, Port Hardy Oilers, Port Hardy Warriors, Heartbreakers, and also the hosting Eagles.

On behalf of the Eagles we would like to thank all the people who donated towards trophies, the dance, the dozen/dozen draw and also for the help throughout the weekend. The tourney would not have been such a success without you all.

Kleco, Kleco.  
The Eagles Ball Hockey Club

### Results

1st Place- Ladysmith Warriors  
2nd Place- Heartbreakers  
3rd Place- Kuleet Bay Falcons  
Most Sportsmanlike Team- Ditidaht Hawks

### 1st Allstars

Al Little- Heartbreakers  
Greg Seymour Jr.-Falcons  
Charles Harris- L. Warriors  
Roger Elliot- L. Warriors  
Mike Poitras- Heartbreakers  
John Elliot- L. Warriors

### 2nd Allstars

Lonnie Erickson- Heartbreakers  
Herb Seymour- L. Warriors  
Pierre Tylee- L.S.C. Thunder  
Terry Amos- L.S.C. Thunder  
Alec Johnny- L. Warriors  
J.R. George- Heartbreakers

Top Goalie- John Elliot- L. Warriors

Most Inspirational Player- Charlie Charleson- Heartbreakers

Top Defenseman- Mike Poitras- Heartbreakers

Top Scorers- tie- Al Little, Heartbreakers and Charles Harris- Ladysmith Warriors.

MVP-Charles Harris- Ladysmith Warriors

Dozen/dozen-Ladymith Warriors

## Renegades on their way to Phoenix, Arizona

Once again, we are on our way to participate in the National Indian Athletic Association Basketball Tournament in Phoenix, Arizona. The tournament begins April 15, 1997 and ends April 19, 1997. Our team will be travelling by car down to the tournament.

Since we have just returned from the Prince Rupert, B.C. All-Native Tournament with a 2nd Place trophy, we feel confident that we will do fairly well in the big tournament. We also hold the

Silver Medal from the North American Indigenous Games which was held in Minnesota in the summer of 1995. Our team has continued to prove our capability to do well in the tournaments we participate in. We are looking forward to this tournament and hope to gain community support in our journey.

Since the All-native tournament diminished our team funds, we are looking for donations to help pay for travelling costs. Also,

### North American Indigenous Games Youth Art Contest

The North American Indigenous Games Committee is hosting a Youth Art Contest to promote youth involvement with the Games. The contest is open to all youth 18 years and under, and will be divided into the following age groups: under 6 years, 7-10 years, 11-14 years, 15-18 years.

In each age group the art work will be divided into two categories: Sports related art or First Nations cultural art. Prizes will be awarded to the top artist of each category as well as each age group. The closing date for this contest is March 27, 1997 and judging will take place on April 4, 1997. All entries will be displayed at the Volunteer Centre as well as at the various Games venues. Artist's names will be recognized 'm local newspapers and newsletters. This contest is limited to drawings and paintings. Art work can be sent to:

North American Indigenous Games  
Youth Art Contest  
#5-2475 Mount Newton Cross Road  
Saanichton, BC Canada  
V8M 2B7

or can be dropped off at the Volunteer Centre  
2nd floor, 775 Topaz Ave., Victoria, BC

Please include the Name, Address and age of the artist, as well as their Band name if applicable and a brief explanation of the art work. As a legacy, art work will be passed on to the 1999 North American Indigenous Games in North Dakota.

If you have any questions please contact me at 250-361-1997

Pam Rush, Volunteer Assistant

since we don't have a sponsor, we are looking for one for this big tournament. The sponsor will help pay the tournaments: \$350.00 one try fee (Canadian). Any donations or offered sponsor will be greatly appreciated and recognized by the team and the community.

Thank you for any support you/or your organization may be able to offer.

Wish us luck on our journey to Phoenix, Arizona!

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### TRIBAL JOURNEYS

The cultural component of the 1997 North American Indigenous Games will begin with the Tribal Journey...a 600 mile canoe expedition along the West Coast of British Columbia. There will be approximately 40 canoes that will average 25 miles per day to celebrate and showcase this part of their proud heritage. Representatives of some of the 30 tribal groups will enter the Victoria Inner Harbour by canoe and be received in a traditional Coast Salish welcoming ceremony. Everyone is welcome to join us as we acknowledge and welcome each Nation of Indigenous Peoples.

Nuu-chah-nulth people wanting more information about Tribal Journeys can contact Ed Samuel at 724-5757.

## Memories of Friendly Cove Sports Days

By Dana Atleo, Northern Region Reporter

On February 12th we gathered to share a lunch with a few elders from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Nations. In attendance (from left to right top): Lori Wilson, Recreation Director, Arnold James, Billy Williams, Jack Johnson Jr. (Rick), Brenda Johnson, (left to right bottom): Mary Johnson, Alice Mark, Soloman Mark, Jack Johnson Sr. The purpose of this luncheon was to talk about "Memories of Friendly Cove Sports Days" & "Encouragement for the young athletes participating in the North American Indigenous Games this coming summer."

The bay of Friendly Cove used to be filled with fishing boats. The people came from all the different tribes of the West Coast: Ahousat, Hesquiat, Ehattasah, Ka'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h', Tla-o-qui-aht, Nuchalaht... Jack Johnson said, "We used to be able to tell who was coming in, even though they were miles away yet. We could tell by the colors of the fishing poles; some were blue and white, others were orange and white. The colors were at the tip of their poles."

"If it rained, we used to just do something else, until the weather was good" said Arnold James.

The kinds of events that took place must have been neat to see. There was things like: soccer; softball; events that tested your strength, such as: the white oval rock. The white oval rock was very difficult to lift; they say that Charlie Moyas and Ambrose Howard were the only ones who

could lift this rock—Terry Williams says, "that rock is still in Friendly Cove!" Arnold James said, "I remember we used to try to lift that same rock but couldn't". Jack Johnson said, "there was an oblong rock too that Charlie Moyas used to use to train, he used to walk around with it on his shoulders. He used to run along the gravel beach for training. This was good because you used to sink in the soft gravel and it made the training difficult, (he ran the beach from one end to the other in Friendly Cove)"

And what about the event

that was like bull fighting—they say that George August was the best bullfighter. This event consisted of pushing your opponent with your shoulder—the object was to see who could push the farthest.

Running:

Sam Johnson said he witnessed a race between Ambrose Howard and Percy Williams. Percy Williams was the fastest man in the world who came to Friendly Cove to compete against Ambrose Howard. Sam Johnson said, "Ambrose beat this man. Percy Williams later went to Germany and won a gold medal in run-

ning, he eventually wrote a book but never mentioned the race between him and Ambrose Howard."

Mary Johnson said, "Ambrose Howard and Charlie Moyas used to run along side a mowach to do their training"

In the Long jump, Sam Johnson jumped 24 feet, in one jump and he pole vaulted 12 feet up in the air. They also had a hop, skip & jump competition.

In the swimming races, Harry Dick was very dominant. They also had a diving contest (see who could dive the farthest); boat races, canoe races and the upset canoe race.

The 'Upset Canoe Race' must have been quite the event to watch. As you can see in the picture the object was not only to win the race, but to 'upset' your canoe, and to boot, you had to leave one man in it. Once the canoe was upset your team had to get back in the canoe and race back to the finish line. This picture was taken in 1926.

Sam Johnson said that, "The best one used to be Jacob Louie. He used to go backwards, you know when you tip the canoe, he used to go backwards. He was the talk of the town, he used to make everyone laugh, he went backwards instead of going forward. The people used to be laughing on the beach." Jacob Louie was from Nootka.

Do you remember the sports days in Friendly Cove? I hope this story sparks your memory. I would like to dedicate this edition to the young athletes who are competing in the 1997 North American Indigenous Games this summer. More specifically to the six young athletes from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations: Michelle Johnson, Salvador James, Marissa James, Daniel Dick, Joni Johnson and Wayne Lavoie. CONGRATULATIONS!

The advice that the 'elders' have for the young athletes is to "Start training, we used to run everyday!" Sam Johnson said, "Never drink water before a contest; the moisture does something to your

### UPSET CANOE RACE

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- Sam Johnson Sr.

muscles." On a bigger note they are very interested in talking to the young athletes to give them words of encouragement and advice.

Take a look at the old records from Sept. 6, 1948 (next page) and the old picture of the Nootka Natives in their first uniforms.

Sam Johnson said, "We played in Vancouver and Axel Murphy pitched seven straight games in one night; we never lost a game! and Ray Williams used to be the best at 'bunting' the ball; oh man was he ever good!"

According to Jack Johnson their softball coach used to have them running everyday. They would train in Friendly Cove by running to the lake and literally jumping in it. They would never go past their neck and they would wash off with a branch that produced a soap like lather and than run back home.

At this point I would like to acknowledge all those who attended the luncheon on February 12th and say, "Kleco-Kleco—for all your help and your kind company." THANK YOU Brenda Johnson for a very delicious lunch. Sam Johnson, I really appreciate you coming in to the office and telling me about Friendly Cove; Kleco-Kleco for all your help. And a very special Kleco-Kleco to Terry Williams for providing me with the 'Upset Canoe Race' picture and the old records of the Friendly Cove Sports Days.

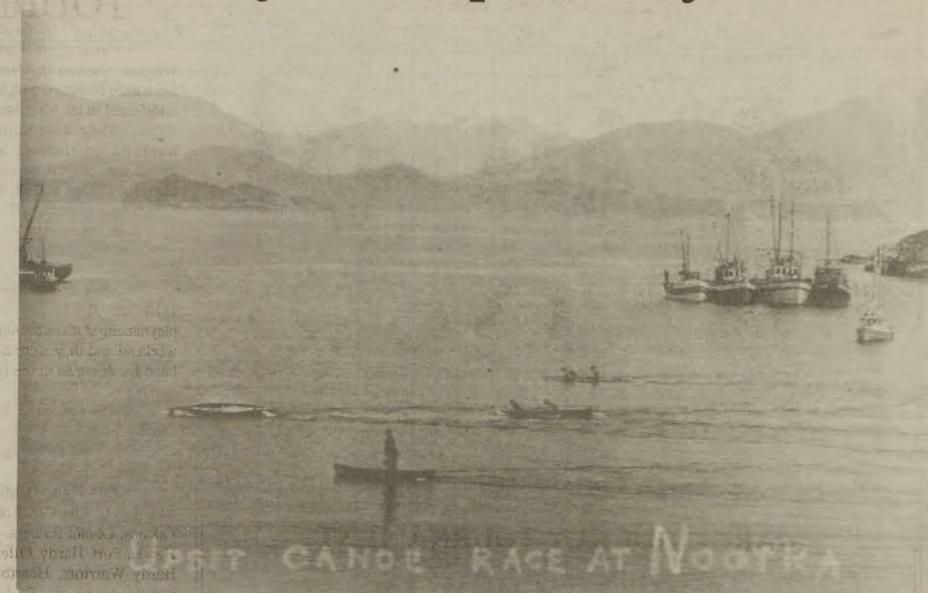
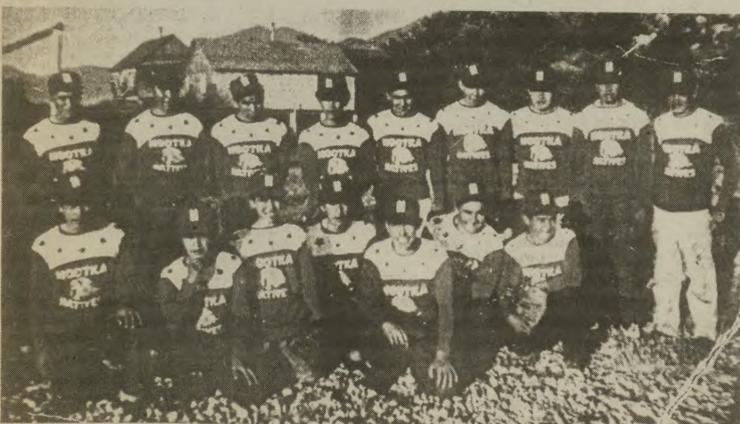


Photo courtesy of Terry Williams



Some of the people who shared their memories of Friendly Cove Sports Days.



The Nootka Natives softball team. Photo courtesy of Jack & Mary Johnson

**RESULTS FROM THE 1948 FRIENDLY COVE SPORTS DAYS**

Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1948

First Prize	Second Prize
✓ Ladies Running Race 75 yds. <i>Maryann Jack</i>	✓ Ladies Running Race 75 yds. <i>Mrs. Marie Smith</i>
✓ Men 100 yds Dash <i>Robert Thomas</i>	✓ Men 100 Dash <i>Jack Johnson</i>
✓ Men 50 yds " <i>Harvey Dick</i>	✓ Men 50 " <i>Louis George</i>
✓ Ladies & men Wheel Barrel Race <i>Robert Thomas &amp; Smith</i>	✓ Ladies & men Wheel Barrel Race <i>Pat Murphy &amp; wife</i>
✓ Men 200 yds Dash <i>Barney Howard</i>	✓ Men 200 yds Dash <i>Robert Thomas</i>
✓ Ladies & men Relay Race <i>Robert Thomas &amp; Smith</i>	✓ Ladies & men Relay Race <i>Pat Murphy &amp; wife</i>
✓ Men Three Legged Race <i>Johnson &amp; Pat Murphy</i>	✓ Men Three Legged Race <i>Henry &amp; J Johnson</i>
✓ Men Shot Put <i>Robert Thomas</i>	✓ Men Shot Put <i>Matthew Green</i>
✓ High Jump <i>Barney Howard</i>	✓ High Jump <i>Robert Thomas</i>
✓ Men 440 Dash <i>Robert Thomas</i>	✓ Men 440 Dash <i>Barney Howard</i>
✓ Mens Broad Jump <i>Robert Thomas</i>	✓ Men Broad Jump <i>Edward Jack</i>
✓ Mens Soft Ball <i>Jablon</i>	✓ Mens Soft Ball <i>O</i>
✓ Men Hup Step Jump <i>Barney Howard</i>	✓ Men Hup Step Jump <i>Jack Johnson</i>
✓ Ladies Potato Race <i>Judith Smith</i>	✓ Ladies Potato Race <i>Mrs Robert Milton</i>
✓ Indian Wrestling <i>Robert Thomas</i>	✓ Indian Wrestling <i>O</i>
✓ Foot Ball <i>Swandy Cove</i>	✓ Foot Ball <i>Swandy Cove</i>
✓ Mens Canoe Race <i>Matthew &amp; Johnson</i>	✓ Mens Canoe Race <i>James A &amp; Tommy M</i>
✓ Ladies Canoe Race <i>Beatrice &amp; Judith</i>	✓ Ladies Canoe Race <i>Mrs Paul Henry &amp; wife</i>
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**NAME OF THE "WORK" "OUR BEGINNINGS"**

Description of 'Our Beginnings':

- Circular design (original design of 20" drum)
- Raven figure with human
- Colors: black formline with black and red filler designs

Accompanying description of Our Beginnings:

In the legends of many First Nations, Raven is remembered for having placed the sun, moon and stars into the sky; fish into the sea, and salmon into the rivers. In other legends Raven is known for having placed rivers, lakes, cedar trees - and people - over the land. Legends also talk about Raven having brought the gift of fire to humans.

Raven is also known as a trickster, and of having magical or super natural powers; Raven could transform into anything at any time, and is known to be the keeper of many gifts such as great wealth knowledge and wisdom.

Our Beginnings is inspired by a Creation story from the Tlidiht people. The story, told by Art Thompson goes as follows:

*In the beginning of time, there was only Raven in the world - because he was the Creator. It was a world yet without sun or moon or stars. Flying in the darkness was treacherous; and Raven decided to take a walk along the beach one day. As he walked, he began to grow to an enormous size. His sudden growth made him hungry, so Raven looked about for something to eat. There on the rocks he saw an abundance of mussels. He indulged in a feast of mussels, after which, Raven became tired, and decided to rest.*

*As he slept, dreamt of many things - more creations for our world. suddenly, he was awoken by the sound of the waves breaking on the nearby rocks. In his waking moments, he realized his feelings of loneliness, for he did not have any mates to play or talk with.*

*In his self-pity, he began to cry. He continued to cry uncontrollably and as he wondered blindly along the rocks, he stepped on the sharp edges of a mussel shell - causing his foot to bleed. This made him cry even harder. He cried so much that mucus started running down his beak. The harder he cried, the more mucus flowed from his nostrils; some of the mucus landed in an open mussel shell. The moment it landed, the mussel shell closed. So lonely was Raven that he cried himself into a deep slumber; he did not work for four days.*

*On the fourth day, he was awoken by strange noises - sounds that he had never heard before. He rummaged through the collection of mussel shells that he had left after having feasted, and as he poked and*

*prodded, he discovered that the noises were coming from inside one particular mussel shell.*

*With his most convincing voice, he coaxed the creatures out of the shell. Slowly, a group of four small human beings appeared. - blindly finding their way around this strange new world.*

*Raven was amazed at his new tiny companions, for they had a strange new language that even Raven did not understand. Raven was even more amazed at their rate of growth, for by the fourth day of their existence, these creatures were four times the size of the great Raven.*

*Like children, the new creatures liked to play - an play they discovered using Raven as their new-found toy. Raven grew fond of his new (accidental) creatures. He taught them to build great longhouses, and showed them what kind of foods were good to eat.*

*The human beings were always grateful to Raven, and always respected him. And when mankind flourished, great carvings were made in remembrance of the Raven as our Creator.*

*During the early beginnings, Raven showed the humans many things. One of the most incredible sight the humans saw was Raven's ability to transform into anything. Today, this is remembered during the "winter ceremonies" (Tlo-Kwalla) where stories and legends speak to the ability to transform.*

*Raven, the knowledge keeper, had fulfilled his duty - his obligation - he had passed on the knowledge of the world to the human beings for their safe keeping; and as a lasting remembrance, Raven gave human beings the*

ability to give birth.

*Our story is repeated over and over again as each generation is born. Our lives are the spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual manifestation of the transformation. Each day we transform, gaining knowledge, skills and abilities, and passing this knowledge on to our children.*

*Our Beginnings, provides a very special contest for the 1997 North American Indigenous Game, in that it speaks to a new beginning, and a new era for all Indigenous peoples.*

*For the teams, individual athletes, families of athletes and the communities from which each athlete originates, participation in the 1997 North American Indigenous Games is a collective, unified transformation into excellence. Raven serves as a major symbol of this transformation, and each of the human figures contained in the design represent our being borne into the time of transformation.*

*The blend of sport and culture for these Games generates a larger transformation that will be felt throughout all communities in North America - that is, the partnerships and relationships that are being developed between First Nations and non-First peoples and communities.*

*All of the gifts given to our peoples through Raven, earth, sky, water and air, are celebrated through both sport and culture; and through our celebration of these gifts, we transform ourselves and our world to create a stronger tomorrow for our future generations.*



Portal Players presents two one-act plays. Pictured here are the actors from Job's Wife, Charlie Thompson, Marina Alstad (right) and Sam Oliver.

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her child. Be prepared to be challenged by your views on racism, and on your own concept of God.

The second play of the evening is Laughs, Etc., written by James Leo Herlihy and performed by Diana Geertsema as Gloria.

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Understanding the needs of language learners is essential, so many facts must be considered when preserving the language and when developing learning aids for today's learners.

A clear barrier of today's language learners is the shortage of resources and resource persons, for English has become the first language of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nation, and our language is slowly disappearing. This is very disturbing. Influence from the rest of Canada in the past and today make it difficult to live the way our ancestors lived. But, this does not mean that our culture and language must cease for us to survive in today's world. In fact it is the opposite, we can hold onto what is really important to us, yet educate ourselves along with mainstream society. Knowledge is the key to survival. Many of our people have expressed that they feel a part of them is missing. I believe this is our language, amongst other things. The knowledge of our own culture is missing and this knowledge is within the language. We have to recapture this missing link.

Because it is difficult to learn orally today we must consider other alternatives. An option is to introduce the language into the homes of Nuu-chah-nulth people in a different way. For instance, books, audio-tapes, visual tapes, television, radio, and in the near future computer programs. Native Language curriculums at our schools are another means of presenting the language. But, we cannot solely rely on our schools to teach our children their language. All age groups must be actively involved in learning and using the language for it to become an everyday language! In some Nuu-chah-nulth communities the language is being taught in the evenings. This is a positive step towards the restoration of our language.

The options listed above are only possible if we have Elders to assist us. They are the only ones who can truly teach us how to speak our language. A combination of our Elders' knowledge and today's teaching techniques will help us to effectively reach a larger number of Nuu-chah-nulth people.

Time is a crucial factor when language is the topic. We have to take action today before time runs out!

Nuu-chah-nulth-eets Tsitsiqi, Language and Cultural Resource Project would like to hear your thoughts about language. Why is our language disappearing? How can we keep it from disappearing? Where can we go to learn the language? What would help you to learn the language? Is language a priority? Do we need our language?

Thank you for taking time to read our column.

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LBMF PREPARES FOR FORESTS IN OUR LIVES WORKSHOP

Long Beach Model Forest is in the midst of preparing for a workshop that will seek to promote community involvement in local sustainable resource management.

The idea for the workshop is the result of community feedback after lectures on resource management issues from various speakers.

Students at North Island College in Ucluelet, for example, expressed a desire to learn more about and strategize around sustainable community-based resource management.

The *Forests in Our Lives* workshop will attempt to answer the following questions:  
- How does your agency promote

community involvement (First Nation and non-aboriginal) in resource issues?

- How does your group involve itself in resource issues within the area of LBMF (area C of Alberni/Clayoquot Regional District)?

- Where can we go from here in order to promote community involvement in resource issues?

Some of the presenting organizations are: Long Beach Model Forest, District of Tofino, Village of Ucluelet, DFO, Ministry of Forests, Central Region Chiefs, Central Region Board.

Other speakers may give presentations on resource issues. The presentations are geared to provide the general public with information about resource manage-

ment in Clayoquot Sound, not promote controversy.

The presentations will be followed by a question/answer period, then a strategizing session.

The date, time, and place for the workshop will be announced in the near future.

For more information contact Matthew Lucas at LBMF, (250) 726-7263.

INTRODUCTION  
Long Beach Model Forest  
Society  
Research Coordinator

Dr. Barb Beasley is the new Research Coordinator for the Long Beach Model Forest Society. She will oversee the ongoing LBMFS research program on the ecological importance of riparian zones and initiate new projects. Barb earned her doctorate in Behavioural Ecology at Simon Fraser University in 1994. She has a strong interest in research and education. Barb is glad for the opportunity to be involved in community-based research, particularly the training and development

of skills in local people. Barb is not new to the west coast of Vancouver Island. She spent 2 years living in Bamfield where she worked as a biology instructor and university program coordinator at the Bamfield Marine Station. Last summer, she was a part of a team of researchers investigating the nesting habitat of the mysterious Marbled Murrelet in Clayoquot Sound. Barb spent the fall semester of '96 teaching a 4th year course in Animal Behaviour at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby. The teaching was fun but she is happy to return to the friendly atmosphere and rugged beauty of the outer west coast.



Les Sam receives a gift from Tsaheh Branch Manager Michael Bonshor.

Bank of Montreal Tsaheh Branch  
Celebrates 1st Birthday

By Denise Ambrose

Yes, it's true. The Tsaheh Branch of the Bank of Montreal is already one year old! Mike Bonshor and staff marked the memorable occasion with a birthday party complete with cake on Friday, February 21.

Chief and elder Bob Thomas welcomed the guests and thanked them for coming. He said in his opening comments that the Tsaheh Branch has not only been of benefit to the Tseshaht people but also in other neighbouring communities, both native and non-native. He said that he got to know most of the people that visit the branch when he greeted them at the door over the past year. He had to stop greeting the people after his recent heart attack. He said it was a grand day today and ended his remarks with a prayer.

Mike Bonshor, Branch Manager, thanked the staff for their hard work over the year. He especially thanked Sharon, Deb and Mag for their extra effort. Bonshor thanked the community as a whole and also the Tseshaht for allowing the bank to do business in their territory. They look forward to another successful year at the bank.

Mike presented a gift to Les

Sam. Les, said Bonshor, not only played a large role in the actual construction of the bank, but is also a huge supporter of the bank.

Les accepted the gift and commented that the bank has been good for the community. The branch location is convenient and comfortable. He gave credit to the staff for the friendly atmosphere that they provide.

Les led a group of Tseshaht singers in a song that belongs to his young son, Chevy. The song was given to Chevy by Ron Hamilton on Chevy's first birthday.

Trevor Green, Vice-President, North Vancouver Island Bank of Montreal, also thanked the community and staff. He said that this is a special occasion for him because he has never been to a branch's 1st anniversary. 'I've attended a 124th anniversary but I don't think I'll be around to attend this branch's 124th anniversary,' joked Green.

The birthday party ended with the drawing of winners' names for a fund-raising raffle for the Port Alberni Friendship Center. The prizes were donated by the House of Himwitsa in Tofino. The guests were treated to a slice of birthday cake.



Singers from Tseshaht helped to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the Tsaheh Branch of the Bank of Montreal.

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Raffle Results

Fundraising for Tim Paul's trip to England.

1st prize-Painted Paddle-Zoe Jackson

2nd Prize-Framed Print- Deb Hunt

3rd Prize-Earrings- Clyde Claxton

We would like to thank the following people for their help and donations: Norma Smith, Pacific Edition Ltd., Hilda McEachen, Kelly Lucas. For the donations- Pat Amos, Josephine George & the Ehattasht Tribe ( for their assistance).

NEXT DEADLINE  
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Starting Friday night May 9, 1997  
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Registrations and Introductions.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Opening remarks by Wilfred Andrew  
Lunch Provided at 12:30 p.m.

4:15 p.m. - Swimming - Sauna & Hot Tub  
in the Echo Pool - ends at 6:15 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
all this happens in the Dogwood Room  
at the Echo Centre in Port Alberni  
Closing remarks by Corby at 11:45 a.m.

Everyone is most welcome.  
For more information please call Corby  
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Contact: Janice Amos

ADDRESS CHANGES  
FOR THE HA-SHILTH-SA

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
HA-SHILTH-SA EDITOR/MANAGER

The Ha-Shilth-Sa Newspaper requires an Editor/Manager. The newspaper, which is published by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, covers issues of importance and interest to the Council and it's membership. The paper is printed every two weeks. The Editor/Manager works according to policies and direction of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

Duties include:

- \* ensuring the newspaper is printed on a regular basis.
- \* scheduling printing dates and liaison with the printers.
- \* hiring, supervising and directing staff.
- \* reporting within the Southern Region of the Tribal Council and other areas when required.
- \* edit, correct, revise submissions to the paper from Tribal Council staff, Nuu-chah-nulth members, and outside sources.
- \* create an income for the paper through advertising and subscriptions.
- \* layout and design the newspaper and proofread.
- \* ensure that the paper is distributed through the mail and through retail outlets.
- \* attend meetings as required including treaty, Personnel Committee, NTC Regular Meetings.
- \* other duties as required.

Qualifications include:

- \* should have previous newspaper experience.
- \* should have some post-secondary education.
- \* should have good computer skills, including knowledge of the Aldus Pagemaker Program.
- \* must have good writing skills and a good command of the English language.
- \* should have a good knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth issues, with emphasis on the treaty making process.
- \* must have a vehicle and a valid drivers licence and be willing to travel.

Salary: Negotiable and depending on qualifications and experience.

Deadline for applications: March 26, 1997

Send resume to:  
Robert Soderlund  
Editor/Manager  
P.O. Box 1383,  
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL  
TSESHAHT BAND MEMBERS



The Band Administration is currently updating its mailing, phone and/or fax numbers of all Tseshaht members. The main purpose is to ensure that the Band Bulletin and other important Tseshaht membership issues such as Land Claims Negotiations is mailed to all Tseshaht interested in being updated on these important Tseshaht issues. Please include your employment status or if attending school. If you would like to ensure that you are on the mailing and communications list please phone our TOLL FREE NUMBER: 1-888-724-1225 or write Darrell Ross, Tseshaht Band Office, P.O. Box 1218, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 7M1.

ANNOUNCEMENT / INVITATION

We are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of Betty Nicolaye, daughter of the late Art & Agnes Nicolaye, to John Flett, son of Charlie Buck and Liz Chartrand.

The wedding will be held in Campbell River  
July 26, 1997  
Church Ceremony: Campbell River United Church  
415 Pinecrest Rd.,  
4:30 pm  
to follow  
Reception/Traditional Native Ceremony  
Thunderbird Hall

We invite all our friends and family to attend

The Nicolaye Family  
Betty Nicolaye (1-250-286-8345)



Happy Birthday to my Auntie & our Grandma Laurie on March 5th '97. Love your niece Adrienne, Rudy & kids.

Happy Birthday to our cuz & our Auntie Bonnie on March 7th '97. From Adrienne, Rudy & Kids.

Happy 2nd Birthday to our Son Brian on March 10'97. Hope you enjoyed our visit at home. Love Mom & Dad.

Happy 2nd Birthday to our brother Brian on March 10'97. Hope you enjoyed your day! Love your sister Natasha, Brothers: Dwight & Richard.

Happy 29th Birthday to our Dad Rudy on March 10'97. Love your kids: Natasha, Dwight, Richard & Brian.

Happy 29th Birthday to my honey on March 10'97. Love: Adrienne.

Happy Birthday to our Nephew & Cousin Cody on March 7th '97. From Auntie Adrienne, Rudy & Cousins: Dwight, Natasha, Richard & Baby Brian.

Happy 28th Birthday to our Auntie Evelyn on March 15th '97. Love your niece Natasha & Nephews: Dwight, Richard & Brian.

Happy Birthday to our Auntie Sheila on March 12'97. Love your niece Natasha & Nephews: Dwight, Richard & Brian

Happy 28th Birthday to my Buddy Evelyn on March 15th '97. From your Buddy Adrienne.

Happy Birthday to my Buddy Shiela on March 12'97. From your Buddy Adrienne.

Happy 8th Birthday to our Nephew Todd on March 17th '97. Love your Auntie Adrienne & Uncle Rudy.

Happy 8th Birthday to our cousin Todd on March 17th '97. From your cousins: Dwight, Natasha, Richard & Brian.

Happy 2nd Birthday to my nephew Brian C. Amos on March 10th. Love Auntie Roberta

Happy 29th Birthday to our bro. Rudy on March 10th. From: Roberta, Tracy, Juanita.

Happy 8th Birthday to my nephew and our cousin Todd on March 17th. Love Auntie Roberta & cousins: Hamuut & Shorty.

A very special birthday wish for my two, new friends/sisters: Shiela Savey on March 12th and Evelyn Savey on March 15th. Thank you for your kind friendship and shoulders when I need someone to lean on. I hope your day is a great one, 'cause the numbers are getting bigger!!! HA! HA!

Happy Birthday to my Uncle Tree (Gordon H. Campbell) on March 18th; and to my uncle Darrelle E. Campbell on March 8th. Boy, you guys are getting up there eh?



To my niece Pretty Girl (Danielle Ashley Campbell): Happy 1st birthday Pretty Girl! on March 17th. Love your lots 'girl' from your Auntie Dana and your cousins: Selina & Shamrock.

A very special Birthday wish for our Granddaughter: Ashley (Danielle Campbell) on March 17th. Love from your Grandma Phyllis & Grandpa Gordie Charles.

Happy Birthday Auntie Ina Campbell — I know it's in March sometime!

Love from Dana B...!( You know!) and grandson Shamrock.

Happy Birthday Rose Charlie! From Dana & Shamrock.

For March I would like to wish my two sisters: Evelyn Savey on March 15th... Happy 28th! Hope you had a terrific day! Sheila Savey on March 12th.. Happy ?? Birthday! Also hope you had fun on this happy day! From your sis-in-law: Dottie.

Feb. 26/97 Happy Birthday goes to my one & only brother Hudson Webster. Hope you enjoy your day. Love sis Lil.

Feb. 27/97 Happy Birthday to a very special daughter Janice M. Thomas. Enjoy your day. I love you. Love Mom & Dad.

March 1/97 Happy Birthday to sis Tina Titian. Love sis Jane 7 Jess. & Rick.

March 4/97 Happy Birthday to a special friend Rosemary B. Frank. Enjoy your day Rose. A Friend Lil.

March 11/97 Happy 17th Birthday to Guy Louie the 3rd. Many many more to you all Love from Lil.

I would like to wish a very special boy a happy 3rd birthday on March 19/97. Happy birthday Jeffrey Frank. Hope you have a great day. You mean the world to me Kiddo! Love you lots! Love mom.

Also on March 19/97 Happy 29th birthday to Lorena Frank. Hope you enjoy your day. Love Lyse.

To my "soul mate" grandma Lorena Frank. Happy 29th Birthday also on March 19/97. I hope you can make it so we can celebrate another birthday together. Say "Hi" to auntie Neleeta for us on this side. Missing you guys. Love you lots. Love your "soul Mate" Jeffrey Fank.

And to my nephew and cousin Kennedy Frank. Happy 2nd Birthday on March 03/97. Have fun Kiddo. Love Auntie Lyse and Cousin Jeff.

I'd like to wish Jeffrey Stanley Elmer Frank a Happy 3rd Birthday on March 19/97. Have a great day grandson. Love you lots! And to baby Lorena on the same day as your soul mate. Hope you have a nice gentle day. Love ya, Take care. Love Grandma and sister Karen.

Happy 2nd birthday to Kennedy Frank on March 03/97. Love Grandma Karen and Clan.

And to George Frank way over in Cumberland, Happy 8th birthday on March 08/97. Enjoy your day. Love ya! Love Auntie Lyse and cousin Jeffrey.

Also in March to Stephanie Marchand, Happy 4th birthday on March 11/97. Love Auntie Lyse and cousin Jeffrey.

And finally to Nona Marchand. A Happy 2nd on March 31/97. Love Auntie Lyse & Cousin Jeffrey.

Happy Belated Birthday to my nephew Richard Knighton on Feb. 6, 1997;

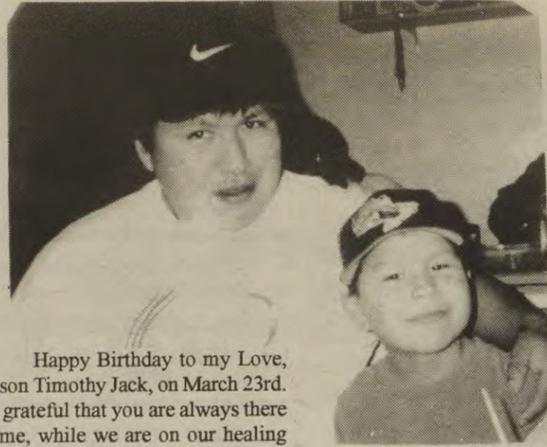
Bonnie Williams on Feb. 18, 1997; Judy Williams on Feb. 28/97. From Aunty, Cousin, Niece Joy and Erich.

Happy 1st Birthday to our Niece Desiree Knighton on March 9th, 1997. From Aunty Joy and Uncle Erich.

Happy 28th Birthday to our Sister Terri Glendale on March 10/97. From Brother Erich, sis Joy.

Happy Birthday to Lena Ross on March 12/97, Happy Birthday to Jed Dick and Les Sam on March 14/97, Cindy Wishart on March 18/97, Patsy Mack on March 22/97, Elliott Dick on March 28/97, Jeanette AB Watts on March 31/97, Vi Blain on March 25/97, Joleen Dick on March 4/97,

From Joy and Erich.



Happy Birthday to my Love, Wilson Timothy Jack, on March 23rd. I'm grateful that you are always there for me, while we are on our healing journey, together! You are such a strong person, and I love you that. Have a good one and many more to come!! Love always, Jackie

Happy Birthday to my Dad, Tim Jack, on March 23rd/97. Love you lots Dad!! Love your son . . . Mathew Jack -Sabbas

Belated birthday wishes go out to : Paul Smith on Feb.1, Tim John on Feb.2, Virgil John on Feb.9, Karen (Me) on Feb.10, Felix Harry on Feb. 11, Cica John on Feb. 12, Tom Smith on Feb.13.. Happy Valentine's Day to everybody out there! Happy birthday to Tory John on Feb. 24, Martin John on Feb. 28, Tyson Michael on Feb. 27. Happy birthday to everybody else that I missed for Feb.'97. From Karen Smith and Richard Dean

In March happy birthday to Paul Vincent March ??, Allison Vincent on March??, Velina Vincent on March 5, Doreen John on March 7, Georgina John March 7, Edward Smith March 14, Velina Smith March 14. I hope you all enjoy your guys birthdays. And happy birthday to everybody else out there that I forgot. From karen Smith & Richard Dean .P.S. We sure miss everybody back at home. We are doing alright in the big city of Victoria. Karen & Richard.

Wish my son Vincent Aleyious, Virgil. Irvin Frank a happy belated 7th Birthday for Feb. 02, 1997.

Wish my dad a very special birthday for March 12, 1997. With Love From your daughter Debbie.

Wish my nephew Jeffery a happy birthday for March 13th.

Wish our daughter Rebecca Cecilia Marie a very happy 6th Birthday for March 14th, 1997. We Love you very much babe. From Mom, Dad, Brothers and sisters.



Congratulations to our daughter Michelle and Mike on the birth of our 6th grandchild.....Destini Valerie Dick.....born February 14,1997, 9 lbs. 9 ozs. And at the present ( any time) we're waiting for #7 grandchild from Lillian & Jason. Love from Grandpa Duck & Grandma Oakers & family

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Happy Birthday to the following people in March, Lisa Samuel on March 4th; Norma McDonald on March 4th; Dawn Keitlah on March 4th; Lance Ambrose on March 5th; Nicole Keitlah on March 12th; Nathan Samuel on March 13th; Jamie Bird on March 13th; Lila Charleson on March 18th; Joy Charleson on March 20th. Hope you all enjoy your special day. Love Robyn and Shyanne.

Happy 30th Anniversary goes out to my parents Wally and Donna Samuel on March 27th. Much love from your "little" girls Robyn and Shyanne Dominique.



Happy Birthday to Andrew Mack from Karen.

Happy 10th Birthday to my niece "Leighsha Michelle Christene" over in Victoria. Love you and miss you, From Aunty Karen Tate cousins Mercedesie and Dakota.

Happy Belated Birthday to Jason Ray on Feb. 11, your friends Andrew and Karen "Betty Keitlah" Happy ?? Birthday Mom on March 10th. Love your son Kevin Johnston, Peggy, grandchildren Shayne & Ashlee.

Happy 10th Birthday to my Niece Leighsa Charleson on March 17th, from Auntie Peggy Tate & Cousins.

Happy 4th Birthday to my niece Natasha Charles on march 22nd from Auntie Peggy & Cousins & Uncle Kev.

Happy 13th Birthday to my Big cuz Kelita Seeber on March 29th. From cuz Peggy & Kevin & nieces & nephews.

March 4th happy birthday to best friend Adelene Sam.

March 5th- to Marcella Edgar ( Happy birthday Ducky).

March 11th- to sis Lo Edgar . From Elizabeth Edgar.

I would like to wish " Eyes" Steven Lucas a happy 40 something birthday on March 15. Love April, Lorena, Steven & Melanie.

Happy 4th birthday Sonny Boy on Feb. 28th.

For March to my grandchildren Leslie Fred March 12th, Theresa March 8, Jordan March 20, and Michelle March 23rd. From Mom & Dad & your grandparents.

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate my daughter Leah Jenny Ambrose who is graduating this year and has been accepted at Camosun College. Granma Precious, Granpa Benny, uncles, especially Thomas & I are very proud of you. Keep your head high, smile and enjoy your life. Keep the faith. Love you dearly, Mom & Thomas Ambrose.

