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## Fishermen being forced out of Rockfish industry

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

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One of the hardest-working rockfish fishermen on the coast, Andy and his 40' troll / longliner Melynsa Rae have developed a reputation for bringing high quality catches in from some of B.C.'s deepest rockfish holes. A notoriously tough fishery to survive in, the rockfish (ZN License) fishery is about to become impossible because of the latest Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) policy decision.

**"I'm going to be pushed out of the industry because all our licenses are going to be bought up by the wealthy halibut fishermen," said Andy.**

According to Andy, DFO is trying to solve the rockfish bycatch problems (particularly Yelloweye Rockfish) in the halibut fishery, by turning the rockfish industry over to halibut fishermen.

"I'm going to be pushed out of the industry because all our licenses are going to be bought up by the wealthy halibut fishermen," said Andy. "Halibut fishermen go over



Andy Amos

their allotted bycatch of yelloweye rockfish every single year, and now they want more. And what's worse is that DFO is willing to give them it all. The whole rockfish fishery will be gone."

Andy, who started fishing in 1961 when he was 20 years old, says he's spent his whole career watching the fishing industry fragment and fall apart.

The latest fragmentation has been DFO's efforts to privatize the entire commercial groundfish fishing industry through Individual Quotas (IQ's), with the rockfish fishery being the only commercial groundfish fishery untouched by the IQ Plan.

"They said they wouldn't switch our fishery to an IQ, but now they're doing exactly that," said Andy. "And all this plan does is make armchair fishermen (those who hold licenses but don't fish) into wealthy people while the working fishermen foot the bill."

According to rockfish fishermen and industry observers, DFO groundfish managers ignored the ever increasing rockfish bycatch in the halibut fishery for years. Now, DFO's Pacific Stock Assessment Review Committee (PSARC) has told the groundfish

managers to reduce the catch of rockfish in all their fisheries. The halibut fleet and DFO Groundfish Management Unit has to deal with rockfish conservation concerns and bycatch in its fisheries. They have used this situation to justify turning the rockfish fishery into an IQ fishery. The proposal under the guise of a rockfish conservation measure is to allow halibut fishermen who also have a ZN license to fish their halibut and ZN license fish at the same time. This is called combination fishing. To facilitate the combination fishing the proponents have said the ZN fishery would have to go to IQs. DFO Groundfish has stated IQs in the ZN rockfish fishery would be a benefit to the halibut fishery (They also admit it will not address the rockfish bycatch problems in the fishery).

"This plan will make the ZN fishery

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## Governments reject "bad-faith" accusations

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

Both British Columbia and Canada came out swinging after the Snuneymuxw First Nation accused government negotiators of negotiating in "bad faith".

In a letter to Federal Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Bob Nault, Snuneymuxw Chief John Wesley wrote that his First Nation did not understand why the Memorandum of Understanding "should force your government to be dragged into the same acts bad-faith negotiation that the provincial is proposing to commit".

Provincial negotiator Trevor Proverbs said his provincial team will not be returning to the Snuneymuxw Negotiat-

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**Just one of those days:** Haa huu Payuk Bus Driver Ray Seitcher and School Principal Syd Pauls wait for a tow truck to rescue the school bus after it slid close to the edge of Mission Road.

No one was injured in the winter slip, and all students were safely transferred to another bus in time for school.

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- Sufficient advance notice
- Reporter's availability at the time of the event
- Editorial space available in the paper
- Editorial deadlines being adhered to by contributors



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**Feature Elder: Vernon Ross**

By Denise Ambrose  
Central Region Reporter

Vernon Ross is a member of Ucluelet First Nation but is proud of his Huu-ay-aht, Hupacasath and Tseshaht roots. He was born at Dodgers Cove (Huu-ay-aht territory) in 1929 to Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Ross.

Vernon explained that his father was Huu-ay-aht from the Nookemis family. Sadly, Charlie died in 1930 when Vernon was still a baby. Vernon's mother Lulu Roberts was the daughter of Tyee 'Mahoy' Bob of Hupacasath. "Mom married Jacob Williams and we moved to Ucluelet when I was six. I've been here ever since." He has a sister Effie Williams of Ucluelet, a brother Allan Ross of Tseshaht, sister-in-law Rose and many nieces and nephews.

A young Vernon attended the both the original Alberni Indian Residential School and the 'new one'. The 'new one', as Vernon calls it was torn down several years ago and is now the site of the NTC office building.

Initially, he enjoyed school, "I liked it, they gave me a new set of clothes right from a hat down to my shoes. When I got dirty they gave me another set. I really liked that." But after two weeks Vernon got homesick and hungry, very hungry. "I asked my mother if she would come and take me home but she never came," explained Ross. After five years Vernon went home. He refused to go back to school and instead went fishing. Eight

months later Ross was forced by the RCMP to get on the boat Maquinna and go back to school. "I only stayed two months and never went back," said Ross. At the tender age of ten Ross began earning a living by fishing with his stepfather, Jacob Williams. "My dad was so proud of my strength; we had no gurdjes so I had to pull the lines in by hand and I did it!" Ross was most happy when he was out fishing saying that his first love is the ocean. He owned several boats over the course of his 50-year fishing career. "There was a time when there was lots of fish out there everywhere. That all went away when they started logging up in the mountains. Bears and cougars started coming into town because their houses,

the forest, are gone." Ross retired about ten years ago after selling his last boat. "My bones started breaking from osteoporosis," said Ross. He is now confined to a wheelchair and spends his days carving in his workshop behind his house. He is happy that he has a magnificent view of Ucluelet harbour from his living room window, where he can gaze at his first love anytime he wants.

Ross's workshop is filled with his beautifully carved creations. He gave me a quick lesson in our language, identifying each piece for me. There were a few chahiuk (adzes), and a kooh-min (rattle). Ross also carves real paddles and dancing paddles and lahal sticks in sets of eleven and twenty-one.

Vernon, being confined to his wheelchair, has limited access to carving wood. "Sometimes people will drop by and give me wood but I mostly buy it from the lumber yards in Port Alberni." Ross sells his pieces whenever he can but he mostly gives them away. He displayed his generous spirit by giving me one of his miniature carved and painted paddles - just for visiting him! Kleco, Kleco, Vernon!



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Always Remember:  
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Ha-Shilth-Sa belongs to every Nuu-chah-nulth person including those who have passed on, and those who are not yet born. A community newspaper cannot exist without community involvement; If you have any great pictures you've taken, stories or poems you've written, or artwork you have done, please let us know so we can include it in your newspaper. Also, if you have any thoughts or concerns about making your newspaper better, let us know that too!

This year is Ha-Shilth-Sa's 26th year of serving the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. We look forward to your continued input and support.

Kleco! Kleco!  
David Wiwchar  
Editor/Manager

**Treaty Update Meeting held in Victoria**

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

Hisin-quas Nuu-chah-nulth-aht organized another successful Treaty Update Meeting in Victoria last week. The 2-day meeting featured presentation by Simon Read on health issues, Blair Thompson on Education, Richard Watts, Cliff Atleo, and Vic Pearson on Treaty matters, and Vina Robinson on the Nuu-chah-nulth Residential School Healing Project.

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More than 30 Nuu-chah-nulth people living in the Victoria area came for both days of the update session at the Burnside Gorge Community Centre. The sessions were scheduled for the evenings, so people could attend whether they were working or not. The meetings also featured potluck dinners organized by the Webster family, and were welcomed by all in attendance.

Nathan Charlie, Edgar Charlie Jr., and Hudson Webster Jr. and Sr. opened the session with a song, and other drummers joined in through the meal to show their drumming and singing talents.

"It's really good to see the number of Nuu-chah-nulth Nations represented here tonight," said Willard Gallic. "It's



(l-r) Hudson Webster, Janet Webster, and Stan Smith listen to updates on the development of their treaty.

really good to see all the people here tonight asking questions and remaining active in their treaty process." "Hopefully this treaty will make things better for all of us," said Northern Region Co-chair Archie Little. "Especially for the young ones who won't have to go through the struggles that we went through."

N.T.C. Community and Health Services (CHS) Special Projects Manager Simon Read reported on health chapters within treaty, and on the Nuu-chah-nulth Residential School Healing Project.

According to Simon, a special seminar

on residential school issues was recently held for the federal and provincial negotiators where they viewed the N.T.C. video on Residential Schools, followed by a discussion facilitated by Ron Hamilton. "We are asking for four things as far as Residential School-related negotiations go," said Simon.

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"We want a full apology and a commitment that these types of things will never happen again. We want a recognition of the effects that Residential Schools had on Nuu-chah-nulth people, and a commitment from government to make things right. We want resources for language, cultural preservation, Education, community healing and justice. And we want an alternative process for people seeking to take their cases through the courts."

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Education Manager Blair Thompson spoke on current and future education issues, and the development of specifically Nuu-chah-nulth educational materials. Time ran out before Blair's presentation could be completed, so he promised to



Hudson Webster Jr. & Sr. and other Nuu-chah-nulth singers added their voices and drumbeats to the dinner in Victoria.

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**Treaty Meeting survives snowstorm**

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor hail, can keep Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Planners from their meetings. Despite a large snowfall in the Alberni Valley, Treaty Planners from throughout Nuu-chah-nulth-aht still made it to the January 20 session at Somass Hall.

Elder John Charlie opened the session with a prayer, before Northern Region Co-chair Archie Little began chairing the meeting as Central Region Co-chair Nelson Keitlah and many Central Region Treaty Planners and Negotiators were in Victoria meeting with governments on the central region Interim Measures Agreement.

Vi Mundy gave a report on a recent meeting held in Ucluelet on the possibility of having a Nuu-chah-nulth museum on their reserve #6, and the list of outstanding questions members still have before a final agreement can be put in place.

Southern Region Co-chair Richard Watts reported on the January 12 TSC (Tripartite Standing Committee) Session in Nanaimo, where various issues were negotiated between all levels of government.

Reports were then presented by various Mandate Working Groups, continued on page 9

attend the next Victoria Update Meeting. On the second day of the Treaty Update Meeting in Victoria, Cliff Atleo and Richard Watts spoke on the political issues involved in developing a Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty. Treaty Manager Vic Pearson spoke on the technical aspects of the treaty process, and the trio answered many questions on treaty issues.

Vina Robinson, Urban Outreach Worker for the Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project explained the work currently underway within the project, and offered to host a session in Victoria for Nuu-chah-nulth survivors of Residential Schools now living in the South Island region.

The next Victoria Treaty Update Meeting will be held on April 12, 13, and 14, with the 14th being a healing session for residential school survivors. Location and times will be announced in Ha-Shilth-Sa as soon as it is confirmed.

**Calendar of Upcoming Meetings**

MEETING	DATE	TIME	PLACE
N.T.C. Regular Mtg.	Jan 31 - Feb 2		Maht Mahs
Treaty Planning	Feb 7 - 8	9 a.m.	Somass Hall
TSC	Feb 9 - 10	9 a.m.	Tseshaht
Treaty Planning	Feb 17 - 18	9 a.m.	Somass Hall
Main Table	Feb 22	9 a.m.	Somass Hall

## Fisheries News

### Salmon Farmer's meet Northern First Nations

By Louise Amos  
Northern Region Reporter

Telegraph Cove was the host community to the BC Salmon Farmer's Association (BCSFA) Communication Meeting with various First Nations including Nuu-chah-nulth representation. There were eight First Nations represented and Nuu-Chah-Nulth had four nations represented with ten individuals. The BCSFA, business and industry also had reps at the December 8, 1999 meeting. The stormy conditions did not deter the session and the agenda was pressed forward.

The BCSFA initiative and intention is to open communication lines between themselves and First Nations. They have expressed a genuine interest in establishing information sharing and actual consultation with First Nations People in the interest of securing a productive and viable future in the Fish Farm Industry and Salmon Aquaculture. The implementation of the Salmon Aquaculture Review by government is seen as an opportunity for the Farmers and First Nations to work together, and acknowledged the lack of government consultation with First Nations during the review process.

The First Nations pressed the traditional protocol issues and values. This is an educational process for both parties. During the exchange of words there seemed to be levels of frustration by the FN reps because of the lack of understanding by the BCSFA of the protocol issues. However, both parties are interested in a reciprocal beneficial relationship and continued the dialogue. The Nuu-Chah-Nulth First Nations,

Ahousat Rep, John Frank stressed the importance of environmental protection in the fish farm industry. The Ahousat people have increased employment in that industry from 2 - 24 and feel they have valid information to contribute to the BCSFA. This is consistent with other First Nation's who have traditionally had fishermen in their respective communities. This is also applicable to the non-FN fishers. Local knowledge of the resources is a valuable contribution to the BCSFA and this assists with the information exchange. Up to date and current information is an important issue to the BCSFA.

The BCSFA is committed to circulating all government documents they receive with the First Nations, so everyone has the same information and the flow of info continues. First Nations, governments, industry and the BCSFA are finding common ground in the Aquaculture Industry. The Aquaculture Review and recommendations is an opportunity seized by the BCSFA to try and open the lines of communication with First Nations on Vancouver Island.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 27, 2000 at the Paradise Cafe 4505 Gertrude St. Port Alberni, BC from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Lunch will be served. Some agenda items include elections / choosing a First Nations Co-Chair, Government Aquaculture Implementation Advisory Committee and the BCSFA Code of Practice Review. This is a partial list of agenda items. For more information call BCSFA @ 250-286-1636 or Fax 250-286-1574

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unviable, and will collapse the fishery," said N.T.C. Commercial Fishing Representative Roy Alexander. "DFO is calling this a 2-year pilot project, but they have said that they know this project will collapse the ZN industry. Speculators are already running around trying to buy licenses, because as soon as the rockfish fishery turns into an IQ fishery, those licenses will instantly be worth more."

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"This plan is just another attempt at destroying small boat fleet," said Richard Watts, co-chair for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) and the Regional Aquatic Management Society. "Where did the species plan come from? It sure as hell didn't come from the communities or the fishermen. It comes back to a question of proper process. There isn't any. It doesn't matter whether it's halibut, rockfish, salmon or whatever, it's just a very corrupt kind of process that's being developed. DFO is clearly saying 'no matter what you say to us, we're just going to do whatever we want to do anyway'."

Ultimately, the motivation behind this new plan is to privatize the ZN fishery. According to NTC biologist Jim Lane, Halibut fishermen already have 33% of the total allowable catch of yelloweye rockfish (383,496 lbs.), and now want it all.

"The halibut fishery has never been made to fish responsibly and this proposal perpetuates and rewards those practices," said Lane. "If the halibut fishery requires additional rockfish to prosecute its fishery, then it should be accomplished fairly. Responsible fishing is not grabbing fish from one fishery to perpetuate irresponsible practices in another, and this dual quota proposal provides little if any incentive for fishermen to practice responsible and selective fishing." "Furthermore," explains Lane, "it will only benefit a minority of the halibut fishermen. There are 435 halibut licenses and only 161 ZN licenses. Even if all the ZN licenses were owned by halibut fishermen, the benefits of the extra fish will only go to a select few."

To DFO groundfish management's benefit, they have begun to implement a few changes to the halibut management plan to make halibut fishermen more accountable for their rockfish

### To all Ahousat Nation Members Ahousat Nation Annual General Meeting February 18, 19 & 20, 2000 Marktosis Gym

**Proposed Agenda items for AGM:** Ahousat Treaty update, Reports from Management, staff, programs, Chief and council Marktosis School, Election regulation Housing, education, membership, and the Audit financial report. State of the Ahousat Nation. The theme is that we are all Ahousat regardless of where we came from and where we live. This is your opportunity to hear, listen, ask questions, provide constructive criticism and offer suggestions. This will give direction to Ahousat Chief and council, management, and the treaty process. This is your opportunity to but motions to the people and vote on agenda items. The meeting will only deal with agenda items not personal issues. To participate and vote in the meeting you must be a First Nation registered member of Ahousat.

There is a group who are working on agenda items they have met 2 times now. They are Wally Samuel, Dave Jacobsen, George Frank, Vina Robinson, Arnie Robinson, Pam Webster, Vivian and Charles Thomas, Chief councilor Angus Campbell, Council members Roman Frank and Guy Louie. There are many items that could be on the agenda but with time constraints the agenda items have been prioritized.

There will be information booths with reports regarding programs and projects with staff available to answer questions. There will also be cultural events and fun things in the evenings. Bring your drums, shawls and come with an open and positive mind. Transportation will be provided from Tofino Friday afternoon and evening and Saturday morning only. Return transportation will be provided Sunday afternoon and evening after meetings. Transportation from Victoria, Nanaimo and Port Alberni will be provided for those without vehicles. A schedule for the transportation will be developed. Those coming from other areas will have to connect in Nanaimo or Victoria. There will only be 1 time departures from the communities. You must inform the Ahousat office if you require transportation or billets.

We encourage you to come and participate, this is your opportunity. Chuqaa, waalthle-che-ee. Watch for information. Keep in touch. Mark your calendar. You have plenty notice. We ask no other events are planned for these dates. Tell you family and relatives. Chuu.

bycatch for the 2000 fishing season. These changes include the ability to move the rockfish they are allowed to catch between halibut fishermen and double penalties for any bycatch or halibut overages. DFO and Halibut fishermen should see how these measures work, before adopting a plan that will radically change a fishery they are not even licensed to fish.

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For Andy Amos, keeping his ZN license is not a question of what species he fishes for, it's a question of whether or not he retains his boat and remains in the fishing industry. The Melynsa Rae is also licensed to fish for tuna, but according to Andy, it's the rockfish license that keeps him afloat. And even with his off-season job as Fishery Adjustment Coordinator for the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation, the fishery has become so restrictive that Andy can't afford to lose any gear or rockfish when out on the grounds. "If we (rockfish fishermen) are going to stay in the industry, we need to have access to the resource," said Andy. "But DFO continues to limit our options, chipping away at our livelihoods year after year after year. This latest plan is the final nail in the coffin. Most of the guys will have no choice but to sell out."

### The IQ Test

Imagine the whole rockfish fishery is located in a swimming pool. There are 1000 rockfish in that pool. DFO says the commercial fishery is entitled to 100 of those fish (10%). There are 10 fishermen who hold rockfish licenses, but only 5 of them actually go fishing. The other 5 simply own licenses because they hope they will be able to sell those licenses for more money in a few years.

Currently, the 5 working fishermen can keep fishing until their industry quota of 100 fish is met - so they average 20 fish per license.

Under DFO's Individual Quota (IQ) plan, each license holder is given an equal share of the total allowable catch, which in this example would be 10 fish. So the 5 working fishermen can only catch 10 fish, while the 5 "armchair fishermen" can either leave their 10 fish in the pool, or sell their right to catch those 10 fish to one of the working fishermen, making it twice as expensive to catch the 20 fish the working fisherman used to catch.

Sound confusing? DFO hopes so.

## Education

**MID YEAR CHECK IN! -- It is the middle of the school year and you should be checking the following:**

- 1) Get an academic update on your child's progress. If you have any concerns contact the teacher or the First Nations Support Worker to help iron out the problem. Work with your child to set goals that will help them to complete the year successfully.
- 2) Check to see if your child needs more school supplies. Often at this time of the year students need more books, paper, pens and pencils.
- 3) Check their attendance. Being on time and at school every day is essential for success.
- 4) Talk to your child and ask them how they are doing? Throughout the year discuss with them the importance of education and why they are in school.
- 5) Praise them for what they have accomplished so far and encourage them to continue to work hard.

### Helpful Homework Hints

Be organized - know what you need to work on and make sure you have all the books, pens, pencils etc. needed to do it. Make sure you have a good place to do your homework. Arrange and commit to the time necessary to do a good job. Setting aside a specific time each day to do homework will really help you to stay up to date in all subjects. Make sure you take time out every day to do homework. Study for tests in between your assignments. If you are having a problem and can't do it on your own look for help. There are peer tutors, community tutoring programs, friends, T block, etc.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE FEES

The NTC Education Department receives many questions about course and/or material fees being charged for high school courses.

The NTC's understanding is that fees are not to be charged for regular courses offered by public schools. **The families are already paying for these courses through the taxes that they pay.**

There should also not be charges for standard materials needed for courses. If a student wishes to make a project using more expensive material such as mahogany or teak in woodwork, there will be extra costs that the family will have to pay.

### Attention Post Secondary Students

The deadline to apply for Post Secondary funding is January 31st, 2000. This is for both new students (who start school in September 2000), or continuing students planning to take courses in the Summer of 2000 through September to April.

There are 2 types of applications, the first being for students who have not been under Nuu chah nulth Post Secondary funding, and the second for students who are currently being sponsored by our program. Please contact Kelly or Vicky at (250) 724-5757 to get an application mailed to you, or pick one up from your local First Nations office.

Please note - The deadline is very strict. If your application is received after January 31st, it will be returned to you, and you will have to try again next year. The fax machine at the NTC office gets very busy on this date, so please get your application in early if possible. If you are faxing in your application, please mail us your original as well. The NTC fax number is (250) 723-0463.

**Kelly Johnsen, Victoria Watts, Blair Thompson**  
NTC Education Office

### CAMPBELL FAMILY REUNION YEAR 2000

PLACE: GARTH HOMER CENTER, VICTORIA, BC  
DATE: MAY 20, 2000  
Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren of John Campbell, Angus Peter (Johnson) Campbell, Herbert Johnson, Nellie (Johnson-Campbell) George, Louise Olebar-White.

For more information contact:  
Melodie Charlie: Ucluelet, BC

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Guy Louie, Ahousat: 250-670-9664

John Brown Campbell: Ahousat, BC  
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## Mowachaht/ Muchalaht Youth Success'

By Louise Amos  
Northern Region Reporter

The Mowachaht/ Muchalaht Youth took a St John's Ambulance baby sitting course at the Council of Chiefs Boardroom at Tsaxana. The two night, six hour course was facilitated by Lynne West. The youth attended classes from 6:00 to 9:00 pm to receive their certification. The Mowachaht / Muchalaht Band paid the \$20.00 registry fee. Youth investment is a good thing. Originally there were nine registered and on January 11, the number had doubled. Of the 18 participants, all the registered students passed the written exam. A couple by the skin of their teeth, but they did it! Congratulations to all of you on your efforts. They will receive their certificates for successfully completing the course at the band meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2000. Rose Jack will do the presentation to:

Dwight Amos, Natasha Amos, Justin Dick, Desiree Dick, Robbie Frank, Carlen Jack, Jeremy Jack, August Johnson Jr., Cynthia (Cindy) Johnson, Jack Johnson, Janelle Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Theresa Lavoie, Imelda Maquinna, Francine Savey, Hilary Savey, Heather Webster and Melissa Williams.

Sue Kunkle, Bobby-Sue and Rose Jack assisted Lynne with the course. Lynne expressed her gratitude for their help and Rose was impressed with the

participation and how well everyone did.

The St John's Ambulance baby sitting course includes eight chapters of learning. The topics covered included: Becoming a Babysitter, Caring for Kids, Kids and Food, Getting Along with Kids, Kids and Play, Keeping Kids Safe, Handling Emergencies and First Aid.

The kids had an opportunity to use practical application in the various skills they will need to know for the job of babysitting. They had to learn about holding, diapering and care for infants and toddlers. They had to practise first aid and be aware of their own limitations. Lynne encouraged the participants to trust their own level of skill and reassured them consistently, it is ok to ask for help when unsure while baby sitting. The youth were eager to participate and the enthusiasm remained throughout the two nights of training.

The kids had an opportunity to evaluate the course and overall they gave a very high score to teacher and material content in their booklets. It is quite a sight to witness the youth swell with a sense of accomplishment once they received their scores and had an opportunity to review the exam with Lynne and Bobby-Sue. Congratulations to all the youth participants for a job well done.

## School Board Meets in Gold River

By Louise Amos  
Northern Region Reporter

The inclement winter conditions did not deter the regular schedule of the SD#84 meeting in Gold River. The first session of the year saw all recently elected or appointed School Trustees at the January 10th session and tending to business.

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If a parent, caregiver or community member in School District # 84 is interested or has a concern about a child's education in the Northern Region schools, these people are here to assist you. The team is approachable and helpful in answering questions about the children's education and what the school system is doing to provide the public education your child is entitled to.

The January 10th session lasted from 7:00 - 9:00pm and there were a few public members sitting in the gallery. The primary parental concern seemed to be coming from parents who have children enrolled at the Ray Watkins Elementary School (RWES). The ongoing issue is in regards to the lunch hour and activities for the kids during the one hour break. The issues appear to be the lack of physical space

in the school to accommodate the students and the school has requested the children go home for the lunch hour. In addition, there also seems to be a time element for the actual consumption of eating the lunch combined with a hygienic environment. Superintendent Friemanis will look into the matter and report back to the Board of his findings at the next meeting, hopefully with a satisfactory resolution.

Parents are encouraged to come and supervise activity during the lunch hour and this in turn seems to raise an issue with Union workers who are awaiting recall. There was discussion about the amount of time a parent can volunteer hours at the school before it crosses over to a Union issue and concern. Parents stated it is the school's responsibility to provide an education to the children and they do not want to be dictated to by Union, although there is an understanding of the Unions.

A concerned parent reported the First Nations students have a lunch hour monitor and a person available to them throughout the day. It is through a different funding arrangement and the perceived inequity seems to be unsettling to the individual. However, on that same hand, it is good to report the targeted funds are being utilized in the prescribed manner.

The parents and trustees discussed the role of older students assisting the younger children as lunch monitors, reading buddies and models for social skill building. It seems the use of

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# 25 Years Ago in Ha-Shilth-Sa

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## How the FISHING INDUSTRY is going . . . .

By CHARLIE THOMPSON

Very alarming incidents occurred during this past fall concerning sportfishermen and the annual run of dog salmon (chums) into the lake. WASTE OF WHOLE SALMON, a very valuable food source to the Nitinahs, occurred during this time. Salmon are very delicious when smoked, particularly when half-smoked. However, on with the real story . . . .

One of our band members works for Franklin River Division and his job entails emptying garbage cans, among other duties, at their small trailer camp, next to our community. One day, during his routine of emptying garbage cans, he discovered in the cans "whole" dog salmon, with only the eggs being taken. I guess the white man values the eggs. IF THAT'S NOT WASTE, WHAT IS?

Natives all over B.C. have been accused of depleting salmon stocks and other

wildlife. I would like to set the record straight for our area. Many years ago when there was plenty of game (before the coming of the whiteman) the natives of this land had a sense of value and conservation. Natives only took what they needed to get them through each winter. In the Nitinah Lake there was lots of fish and game. Everyone was happy because no one was starving. Everyone got a fair share.

Then the whiteman came with his sense of values. Money was very important to them. They came to this area and completely changed our lifestyle.

In their greedy ways they saw enormous profits in fishing. They built a cannery at the entrance to Nitinah Lake, brought their big seine boats in and started fishing.

Our old-timers tell us stories of how the cannery could not keep up with the fishing fleet. They tell us of how bargeloads of fish would be dumped into the water because the cannery could not keep up to the rate the

fish were coming in. Barge loads! Can you imagine! I ain't that waste? ? Then when there was no more fish they packed up and left. Not even a thank-you. Where were the Fisheries' officers then?

Now today we are penalized for the whiteman's greed years ago. The Department of Fisheries make us think it a food fishing today is a privilege when at one time it was our "right" and means of survival.

Food fishing days are all we get today. They're afraid if we are not restricted we will deplete the stocks. When you tell the Fisheries that it was the whiteman who really depleted the stocks they get very angry and defensive. Why? Because it is the truth.

The natives of this province should run the department and perhaps there still would be plenty of fish. However, we have to live with the present situation and bear with it. But, for sure, if things continue to go as they are, someday there will be no more fish.



# Bone Marrow Registry ...

By Sue Kunkle and Louise Amos

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The Mowachah / Muchalaht (M/M) have held one bone marrow information session.

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Attendance at the workshop session is a prerequisite to the registration as a potential donor.

## ... needed for Nuu-chah-nulth Leukemia patient

In a candid interview with the individual, he openly discussed his current state of health. He recalled his brother's experience with leukemia. He said he was by his brother's side from the beginning to the day he died from the same disease.

He says the leukemia is scary and his chances of survival really do depend on the bone marrow transplant. His reaction to the diagnosis was difficult for him, his family and extended family members. He is still coming to terms with the acceptance of the disease. It has been six weeks and they have at times been very hard for him.

He said his doctor has been direct and forward with him about the medical condition. He has been informed to get his personal business in order and the stark reality of it is sometimes scary.

He explained the tiredness, the lack of energy and he can feel how his immune system has changed. He is cautious around people with colds and has to rest a lot. He described the perspiration he goes through when he sleeps and even in his waking hours.

He says although he sweats a lot, his body actually feels cold to the touch. He can feel the heat from within pouring out and he has to change his clothes to feel comfortable.

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He wants to have things in order and insisted he did not want his family to have any disagreements about the house, belongings or anything like that.

He described how this has challenged his spiritual beliefs and the struggle he goes through when he focusses on the seeming unfairness of the leukemia.

He has remained clean and sober throughout the experience. He deals with his frustration by driving and spending time alone to reflect about his life.

He said he gets out of the slumps by remembering the things that have

Sue Kunkle, M/M Community Health Representative has written to all communities encouraging them to host a session on Bone Marrow Registry and get involved. She is hopeful names will be added to the registrar for people who are need of this kind of assistance. The chances for leukemia patients survival is increased when there are donors and a match is found. Sue stated the individual will be leaving for Vancouver for 6 -10 weeks of treatment, including a bone marrow transplant. A sibling is the donor and the chances of a match are cautiously optimistic. The time to be spent in Vancouver is costly, so if you feel moved to make a contribution, please forward it to: C/O Sue Kunkle, Community Health Representative at PO Box 459, Gold River, B.C. VOP 1G0.

happened in the past and sometimes they make him laugh. He would like to take his son fishing, but it has to be readily accessible. He is concerned about his 16 month old daughter and is hopeful things will work out well for him and his family.

He said if anyone else gets this disease, it is good to talk to someone especially one to one. He said he takes it a day at a time and as far as the registry of donors goes, he thinks it is important. He says if it does not help him, it may be of help to someone else.

## Fast Facts on Bone Marrow Donors

- Canada has performed more unrelated bone marrow transplants per capita than any other nation in the world - 970 to date.
- Over 20 different diseases may be treated with bone marrow transplant from an unrelated donor.
- The Canadian National Registry has 200,226 potential bone marrow donors registered.
- 33,651 bone marrow donors are registered in British Columbia.
- 645 Canadians have donated bone marrow to Canadian and International patients, over 174 of those are Canadians from British Columbians.
- Within 24 hours of receiving a request for a donor a search of over a million potential bone marrow donors in Canada and the U.S. can be accomplished.
- Because Canada is a nation of ethnic and racial diversity it will always be necessary for an international search to find matching donors.

There were no statistics available primarily for First Nations Peoples. However, this can be changed with awareness of the need for this type of service to our people, wherever we may reside.

# New Water Systems for Ahousaht and Opitsaht

By Greg Dohm - Stantec Consulting For Ha-Shilth-Sa

The Ahousaht First Nation and the Tlao-qui-aht First Nation recently completed new water systems.

The new water systems included improvements to water supply, increased water storage, construction of state-of-the-art water treatment facilities, and improvements to the water transmission lines at Ahousaht and Opitsaht.

In the past, the water treatment facilities at Ahousaht and Opitsaht included basic straining and chlorination. As the quality of the raw water varied with the seasons, the chlorination dosage requirements varied too. Often, chlorination alone was not enough to make good quality drinking water resulting in periods of poor water.

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The new treatment plants are equipped with advanced electrical controls that allow monitoring and control of the water system via a computer interface enabling effective plant operation.

The water treatment plants require a full time operator to conduct water quality tests, system monitoring and daily maintenance activities.

A new dam was constructed on Anderson Creek near Ahousaht. This rock filled concrete dam replaces the existing concrete retaining wall structure constructed in the 1960's by Ahousaht members. The new dam is approximately 15 feet higher and provides water storage for future growth.

The Opitsaht water supply is obtained from Brother Creek located above the Opitsaht village. To supplement the water supply during dry weather, a water supply line and pump station and intake structure were installed at Christie Lake. The new trail for the water supply line doubles as a recreational trail to Christie Lake for the Opitsaht community.

Water transmission line improvements were done for both the projects. The improvements included repairs to the existing raw water supply mains. As well, the improvements included repair and replacement of various service connections to the individual homes ensuring a water tight water distribution system free of any potential surface water contamination.

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Many people were involved in these projects including the Chiefs and Council, all of the Band administration, numerous people in the com-

munity that did the construction work, various contractors including First Nations' contractors Cover Creek Contracting Ltd. and Macoah Holdings Ltd., and general contractors Tritech Industries Ltd., Nason Contracting Ltd. and Sound Contracting Ltd., with engineering by Stantec Consulting Ltd.

Projects of this nature provide some of the building blocks necessary for improving the quality of life in any community and provide real value for the people today and for generations to come.

The Opitsaht water improvement project was made possible through the efforts of many. Special thanks to Howard Tom TFN Band Administrator, Danny Watts TFN project manager, the TFN Chief and Council, the TFN administration and the generosity and

hard work of the community. The Ahousaht First Nation water improvement project was made possible through the efforts of many, special thanks to Joe Campbell, Ahousaht Band Manager, the Ahousaht elected chief Angus Campbell and council, Geoff Lyons the financial controller, the Ahousaht Administration and the generosity and hard work of the community.

Public Works Canada and INAC provided the insight to assess the need for the infrastructure improvements. Special thanks to Ken Morton and Ron Green of Public Works and all the others that made these projects possible.

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students as a built in resource may help assist the school in a variety of ways. It is reported there is a total of \$1500.00 grant funding available to District #84 for student initiated healthy school projects. A formal application process is required and contact your trustee for deadlines.

The Aboriginal Education was skimmed over as it seemed the trustees had reviewed this previously. In SD#84 there is a 25% registry of Aboriginal students, so this significant number suggests that aboriginal educational issues are of utmost importance. The assessment of

last years provincial Ministry of Education found that the aboriginal students in this district are doing poorly in terms of reading and numerical skills. This will be the focus of the SD#84.

Special Education is an issue and the trustees were encouraged to read the Special Education Manual and White Paper with focus on their own schools. This will be a standing agenda item at the regular school board meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2000 - Gold River.

## Nuu-chah-nulth Language Phonetic letters

a	and	aa
The short a sounds like the letter u in the words duck, cup and bus. Some words that start with the short a.		
Many	-	?aya
Who	-	?acaq
This	-	?ahkuu
That	-	?ahn'ii
Yesterday	-	?am'iimit'i
Tomorrow	-	?am'iirik
What	-	?aqaq
The long aa sounds like the letter a in father. Some words that start with the long aa		
Half moon	-	?aaphtaapi
Lullaby	-	?aa?aa'sim'x'a
Generous	-	?aaphii
Bus	-	?aayaqs'pana'cy'ak
Niece	-	?aasiiqsu
Loon	-	?aama
Forehead	-	?aapsaat'a

Submitted for Ha-Shilth-Sa by Dave Watts, Čišaa?ath.

## CULTURAL EVENTS PROGRAM

In response to a growing interest by the Nuu-chah-nulth people regarding their participation in Out of the Mist, the Royal British Columbia Museum Public Programs Department, in collaboration with our Nuu-chah-nulth Cultural Liaisons, have organized the following special cultural events:

- Nuu-chah-nulth Canoe Makers:** February 19-20, 2000
- Nuu-chah-nulth Youth Festival:** March 2000
- The Art of the Drum:** March 25-26, 2000
- A Celebration of Song and Dance:** April-May, 2000

For further information please contact: Janet MacDonald, Program Producer  
Royal B.C. Museum  
(250) 387-2016

Patti Burridge, Coordinator  
Nuu-chah-nulth Cultural Events  
(250) 387-5576

# Sports



**Congratulations to Rachael Robinson-Mathiasen**

Rachael is a member of the Uchucklesaht Band and is currently in grade nine at E.J. Dunn Secondary School. She has been involved with the junior girls wrestling club for two years now. Since then, she has taken home one bronze, and two gold medals. We are very proud of all the effort Rachael has put towards this aggressive sport. With the dedication she has in practicing on a weekly basis, and with fundraising efforts, she has really made this sport work for her. At this time I would like to thank the Alberni Valley Wrestling Club for the tremendous amount of support and attention that has been given to our youth through this sport. And a special thanks to our family and friends for the great support you've given to Rachael. Rachael, we wish you the best of luck as you work your way to the B.C.'s. We love you lots!

Tina Robinson and family

## Warriors Congratulated ...

We'd like to congratulate our kids hockey team the "Warriors" for coming in 1<sup>st</sup> at the Ahusat tournament just after Christmas. The Warriors have been practicing hard these past few months. It's paid off! We have one girl on the team. Her name is Jocelyn Amos. She plays every game; the whole game (as there has to be a girl on the floor at all times). Way to go guys and gal for working so hard and as a team! All-stars picked at the end of the tournament were Dennis Blackbird, Terry Curley, Chris Barker and Jack Williams. MVP was Dennis Blackbird, top scorer was Dennis and top goalie was Jocelyn Amos. Keep up the good work Warriors. We are proud of each and every one of you! Team members are Dennis Blackbird, Jeff David, Terry Curley, Chris and Ryan Barker, Tony Knighton, Cameron McCreath, J.R. and Jack Williams and Jocelyn Amos. From your #1 fans! (Your parents)

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## ... and Supporters Thanked

A 'BIG' thank you to Gina & Larry Swan & Family for 'opening' your home to '10' of us during your hockey tournament after Christmas. You 'all' made us feel right at home during our 3 days there. We all enjoyed ourselves at your tournament!

Thanks again for making our stay 'comfortable'!  
Your relatives in Tofino! Carol, Daryle, Barb, Dennis and Trevor Blackbird. Chris & Ryan Barker, Tony Knighton, Clayton George and Terry Curley.



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Dave Watts of Tseshaht First Nation, presents a \$1000 cheque to Wendy Ewing of the Alberni District Arena Society, to go towards the construction of the new arena on behalf of the Tseshaht Nation.

"We share the same vision that the Arena Society has," said Dave Watts. "A lot of our youth use the current Arena facilities, so we are certain even more will take advantage of new facilities, which will help them to grow strong and healthy as they become leaders of the future."

## TO ALL BALLHOCKEY TEAMS

Your team is invited to register in the First Annual Ditidaht Youth Group Senior Men's and Ladies Ballhockey Tournament to be held at Maht Mahs Gym in Port Alberni on Feb. 25, 26, 27, 2000. Entry fee for the tournament will be \$250.00 (cash or certified cheque only). We will be accepting the first 8 men's teams and the first 6 ladies teams, so please register early. Prize payout will be \$1000.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place team in men's division (if there are 8 teams registered) and \$750.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> place in ladies division (if there are 6 teams registered). Rules for the tournament available upon request. If you require any additional information please feel free to contact Shelley Amos, Ditidaht Youth Worker, at (250) 745-3325 or (250) 745-3333.

## "Let's Get Ready to Rumble!!"

LSC Thunder Annual All-Native  
Ballhockey Tournament  
March 31 - April 1, 2000  
Maht Mahs Gymnasium  
Men's and Ladies Divisions.

Watch this space for more info, or contact Les Sam at 723-8950, or Richard Sam at 723-8503.

## Play Ball!

Any young men born in 1981, '82, or '83 who are interested in forming a competitive boy's fastpitch team based in Port Alberni for the year 2000 season, are asked to call Linus (720-8923 - evenings) or Matthew Lucas (723-1588).

## Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' Activities

By Louise Amos  
Northern Region Reporter

The Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' Band Manager, Bev Hanson reported there are plans in progress for housing and some development initiatives. School and community plans are in progress for a student field trip to Ottawa in May 2000.

**The current housing crisis is being addressed and the administration is trying to remedy the condition of many homes.**

The current housing crisis is being addressed and the administration is trying to remedy the condition of many homes. Factors include condemned houses, lack of land base for expansion and funding formulas.

She explained there are six houses that have been condemned and people still live in them because there is no other place to live at this time.

Hanson knows the need is pressing and that it is not uncommon for First Nations Peoples to have to live under trying living conditions. She explained the DIA funds certain housing projects. People need to know there is a certain formula and set of criteria that has to be met under different types of funding sources.

Hanson says there is also a shortage of land base and the new houses have to be built where the old structures currently stand.

This in itself presents its own set of problems. A new house for a resident RCMP officer at the village site is also on the drawing board.

Bruce Carlos, Gina Sutherland, Janice John and others are working on a field trip for their students to go to Ottawa in May 2000.

The students hold regular peer counselling training sessions on Tuesdays.

The students, the school, the parents and the community will be the beneficiaries of investing the time, money and energy into the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' youth.

Dick Leo is a busy person with his plans for site development at Fair Harbour. He, like others, is awaiting a response from the British Columbia Lands and Assets Corporation about the lease application. He mentioned a commercial storage, gas bar, store and small food outlet as some of the things he would like to see. He has a vision of a place for locals and visitors alike to have a convenient stopover point with goods and services. As soon as there is an official response, he can move forward with the next step of the process. Dick seems optimistic and certain there will be a good response from the public regarding Fair Harbour. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the area, it is the last land stop before hitting the Pacific Ocean with a stopover in the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' territory.

## Treaty Meeting ... continued from page 3.

including the Lands, Air and Water MWG, Revenue and Fiscal MWG, and Natural Resources MWG. All reports were thoroughly discussed and debated at the table.

In reviewing various chapters of the treaty rolling draft, Chief Hanuquii (Edgar Charlie) said some words (such as longhouse and potlatch) should be changed to Nuu-chah-nulth language.

Willard Gallic reported that the issue had already been dealt with by the Elder's Committee, and will be adjusted before the treaty becomes final; at this point words remain in English so Federal and Provincial Negotiators can understand them. Willard then reported on a recent treaty update meeting in Victoria (see story on page 3).



## Ucluelet First Nation Members

Status cards have an expiry date beginning in the Year 2000.

I will be compiling lists of persons needing status cards in various cities, and once I get enough persons, I can arrange travel to your town to issue cards.

Please call the Ucluelet First Nation if you want to be added to this list.

Thank you;

Sheila Touchie  
Ucluelet First Nation  
Box 699, Ucluelet B.C., V0R 3A0  
Phone: (250) 726-7342,  
Fax: (250) 726-7552

**Correction:** In the last issue, the Hesquiaht First Nation logo was mistakenly used in place of the Ucluelet First Nation logo. We sincerely apologize for this error.



## Calendar Notice

If you did not receive a copy of the N.T.C. / Ha-Shilth-Sa Year 2000 Souvenir Calendar, or would like additional copies, they can be picked up at the N.T.C. Office in Port Alberni, or can be mailed out if a large SASE (Self Addressed Stamped (1.50) Envelope is provided (while supplies last).

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## ATTENTION ALL NUU-CHAH-NULTH FIRST NATIONS

## Request for Information

Dr. Barbara Lane and Dr. Jim Haggarty have been retained to do a review of the Nuu-chah-nulth people's connection to their ocean and river resources. As well, they will be examining the creation of reserves and land allotment between the Federal and Provincial Governments. The initial preliminary archival research stage is due to be completed by the late November and the next stage will focus on a more in-depth examination of Nuu-chah-nulth information and oral history.

Do you or your family have records, documents, letters, artifacts, articles, or photographs relating to your connection to the fisheries, rivers and oceans? We need your families to help to assemble this information or to give oral histories of relevant information from elders or others.

Some examples are:

**PHOTOGRAPHS OR DRAWINGS** - of fish use (either for home or sale) food preservation, fishing locations and methods, vessels, etc.

**DOCUMENTS** - Licenses, fish tickets, boat leases, fish sale receipts, old log books or notes.

**LETTERS OR CHARTS/MAPS** - Describing resource use, licensing, fishing sites, or relating to reserve or land concerns, government correspondence, etc.

If possible, please do not send original documents. If available, these can be photocopied at your local band office or the NTC Office in Port Alberni. If you require further information or have private or valuable artifacts, please contact us.

**ORAL HISTORIES** - Relating to involvement and resource use, as above. Appointments to receive oral histories will be arranged for each Nation.

Get in touch and bring your history to life.

for further details contact:  
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## Introducing NCN Disc Jockey, Tom Curley!

By Denise Ambrose  
Central Region Reporter

Tofino- "You're listening to 101.4 CHOO.FM and this is your good buddy, happy-go-lucky guy, Tom Curley!" says our newest DJ to his listenership. Tom has had about a month to learn the ropes at Clayoquot Sound's latest radio station and his friendly, easy-going style is emerging more and more.

Tom says that he landed his new disc jockey job after receiving a call from station owner, Pete Moffat. "They heard that I have experience acting (in a local play) and had my own band, the Roving Ramblers. They said I'd be perfect for the job!"

hard at getting all the steps down pat. Tom says that he is teaching himself how to operate the controls as he goes along and that he is still learning. Mistakes are bound to happen and when they do, Tom is ready with a quick joke. "That song was so good we had to play it again!" or "I was going to play you that other tune but this guy really wanted to sing to you so we let him!" are examples of Tom's quick comebacks.



"This is lots of fun, I really enjoy it!" says an ever-enthusiastic Tom. Tom Curley is from Tla-o-qui-ah and his show will have some NCN content and receives music requests and news tips from Ahousaht and Tofino. Tom is a delight to listen to. His show airs 10am to 2pm weekdays. Give him a listen when you're in the Tofino area!

## "Bad Faith"

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ing Table until they retract their comments.

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"This was put forward without any evidence provided and therefore we are requesting that the Snuneymuxw First Nation withdraw this," said Proverbs, in an interview with *The Nanaimo Daily News*. "We are not standing down. We are simply stating we will not be coming to further negotiations until this issue is resolved."

The battle over "bad-faith" erupted after the Snuneymuxw First Nation withdrew a press conference in Nanaimo announcing the details of a proposed treaty offer and their reasons for rejecting it.

In a reversal of the recent Ditidaht-Pacheedaht controversy, Federal and Provincial government representatives were extremely upset that Snuneymuxw released the details of the treaty. Last month, Ditidaht and Pacheedaht were angered by the Federal and Provincial Negotiators who publicly announced details of a possible treaty before Ditidaht and Pacheedaht were able to meet with their members to discuss their treaty.

B.C. Aboriginal Affairs spokesman Peter Smith says the two situations are different however, because there was an agreement with the Snuneymuxw First Nation on how details would be released, whereas there was no such agreement with Ditidaht and Pacheedaht.

"We were clear from the outset that we needed to communicate the elements of that (Ditidaht - Pacheedaht) offer to not only the third parties, but also the public generally about what was in that offer," said Smith. "Different from the Ditidaht - Pacheedaht where we couldn't reach agreement about how the offer would be made public, we had reached agreement with the Snuneymuxw through a procedures agreement on how that offer would be made public. They chose to release details of the agreement early, contrary to what they had agreed to."

Smith said the Treaty Offer was supposed to be released at a January 19<sup>th</sup> Main Table, but the Snuneymuxw First Nation released details on January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Even though the reasons for Ditidaht and Pacheedaht's anger at the two levels of government is identical to the government's accusations against the Snuneymuxw First Nation, Smith maintained that the situations were still different because of the existence of an agreement on how details would be announced.

Meanwhile, in North Vancouver, leaders of the First Nations Summit said they were surprised at the governments' reactions to Snuneymuxw First Nations' decision to release the joint treaty offer which was tabled by the two governments given the fact that both Canada and British Columbia have in the past chosen to release details of treaty settlement offers to the public without

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## Charlotte Seitcher Rampanen named Interim Director for Usma



I would like to once again take time to introduce myself: Charlotte Seitcher Rampanen. As of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1999 I have taken on the responsibilities and challenges of Interim Director for Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family and Child Services. This interim position is in place until March 31, 2000 after which it will be re-evaluated and hopefully moved into a permanent position. I have family ties with Tla-o-qui-ah/Ahousaht through my late father Jan Seitcher and family ties to Kelsmit/Lillooet through my late mother Margaret (Marshall). I have shared in the raising of five children over the past thirty years with John; three children born to us - James, Tamara (Bob), and John Jr (Nitanis); and two sons who adopted us as parents - Matthew Seitcher and Joey Dennis. We are the proud grandparents of six grandchildren; three beautiful granddaughters - Letitia Rampanen, Mercedes Donald, and Desiree Seitcher; and three fabulous grandsons - Joel Donald, Damon and Sabre Rampanen. In a few months John and Nitanis will be giving birth to our seventh grandchild. I was raised by parents who believed strongly in family and education; which encouraged us as children to pursue goals many would think unachievable. Through my father I learned the

importance of commitment and standing beside and with your people. He was a strong influence in teaching me to help others not only materially but also to always be a person willing to listen and hear others. My desire to work in the Human Services field stems a lot from his life long teachings. I look forward to this opportunity of working with Nuu-chah-nulth families and children. I have worked in the Nuu-chah-nulth area for 24 years and feel I have a good understanding and involvement with communities to help me in my new role. I look forward to the opportunity of working together as Nuu-chah-nulth to achieve healthier communities.

## "Bad Faith"

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the consent of the First Nation involved.

Their discussion of the Snuneymuxw First Nation's situation then turned to the "bad-faith" accusations, and Summit leaders said they were extremely disturbed over remarks made by BC Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, Dale Lovick, who has suggested that an apology from the Snuneymuxw First Nation is owed to both governments over accusations that governments are not negotiating in good faith with the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

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"The governments are way off base if they think any First Nation should apologize for the governments' lack of good faith negotiations at treaty tables. Clearly, the governments have continued to come to the treaty negotiation tables with unilateral preconditions that are clearly unacceptable to First Nations

as it flies in the face of the principles of good faith negotiations. It is time the governments recognized that they have a legal obligation to negotiate with First Nations in good faith", said Grand Chief Edward John, a member of the Summit's Executive.

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"The Snuneymuxw First Nation, in reaction to the governments' joint treaty proposal, have said nothing more than what the First Nations Summit and every other First Nation participating in the treaty negotiation process have said for some time. We are all frustrated over the lack of substantive progress in what has become increasingly lengthy and unproductive negotiations which are continually leading to low ball treaty settlement offers being tabled by government", added Chief John. Smith rejected the idea that his government is trying to make an example of Snuneymuxw First Nation for making the same comments being made by First Nations, and provincial

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## Gold River gears up for Great Walk

By Louise Amos  
Northern Region Reporter

In the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Northern Region, North America's toughest walk is hosted annually. The 63.5 km extends from Gold River to Tahsis. The Great Walk is sponsored by the Tahsis Lions Club and sponsorship or pledge sheets can be used to raise funds for the charity or organization of your choice. The 23rd annual walk is scheduled for June 3.

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Ehattesah Ha'wiaah, Georgina Amos has participated at check point one for 14 years. She would like to encourage youth and adults to become involved in a volunteer capacity.

Georgina stated there is a need for coffee, orange juice and fruit for the hundreds of people who do stop in at each of the 12 check-points. This experience would give the individual an opportunity to participate in a community and global event. People from many corners of the world come to participate in this one day challenge.

All walkers must be registered by May 22. This year there will be NO entries accepted after midnight on the deadline date posted. The entry limit of participants is limited to 1000, so if you want to participate, you better start planning for the Great Walk soon.

Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult. If a child is entered and unsupervised, the child will be transported to the next check point and officially withdrawn from the Great Walk.

The start time is 4:00 am on June 3rd, and there will be NO late starters. All those who have entered to participate must be in line by 3:00 a.m.

All participants must show their

official entrant's tag at each and every check point.

There will be refreshments, first aid supplies and hygiene supplies available at the checkpoints and from officially identified road monitor vehicles.

All walker support vehicles are also required to officially enter and register at the start line. They can only drive in the direction of the walk to prevent unnecessary traffic for the walkers.

The Gold River - Tahsis road will be officially closed to all regular traffic from 4:00 am to 4:00pm on June 3rd.

Participants who accept any mechanical rides from anyone will be receive notice that they will be withdrawn from the walk. It is permissible to rest in a stationary vehicle. Your feet are the only transportation that is acceptable to successfully complete the Great Walk.

There are numerous types of "Awards" for the participants and all walkers who complete the course are entitled to a t-shirt (validated at check point #6), qualification for the prized "BURNING BOOT" trophy and certificate. The official starting line is located at the "T" intersection of the roads connecting Gold River - Tahsis - Port Hardy, approximately 4 km from the town centre. The official finish line is located at the Captain Mearns School Gymnasium. Any walkers not in by 8:00 p.m. can be picked up and transported to the finish line by any of the officials.

A full package will be forwarded to the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council Port Alberni office for posting of all the information. For more complete information contact Georgina Amos at: tel - 1 250 923 8245 or fax - 1 250 923 4456 or the Tahsis Lions Club, Box 430, Tahsis, B.C. VOP 1X0 or ph/fax # is 1 250 934 6570 or check out their website at [www.greatwalk.com](http://www.greatwalk.com)

This is one gruelling and honest way to fundraise for the charity or organization of your choice. Mark this on your calendar of events for a particularly different kind of weekend. If you do not want to walk it, maybe you can volunteer your time.

**For Sale**

**"Indian Residential Schools: The Nuu-chah-nulth Experience" Book**

These books have been re-ordered and are once again available from our Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services Program Office.

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Books are \$20.00  
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2000 - 2004  
Proposed Forest Development Plan

FLA 19235 - Wallace Creek / Effingham River / Mooyah Bay / Stewardson / Handy Creek  
Chart F Administration Area A59276 Vernon Bay Planning Areas / TFL 54 Escalante/Lostshoe Planning Areas (Outside Clayoquot Sound)  
TL T0174 Mooyah Bay Planning Area

Salvage Operations TFL 54 (Outside Clayoquot Sound)  
Salvage Operations TL T0174, FLA 19235 and Chart F Administration Area A59276

Notice is hereby given that International Forest Products Limited (Interfor) will hold a public viewing of the 2000-2004 Proposed Forest Development Plan for Forest Licence A19235 - Wallace Creek / Effingham River / Mooyah Bay / Stewardson / Handy Creek / Planning areas; Chart F Administration Area A59276 Vernon Bay Planning Areas / TFL 54 Escalante/Lostshoe Planning Areas (Outside Clayoquot Sound); Timber Licence T0174 Mooyah Bay Planning Area and Salvage Operations TFL 54, FLA19235, Chart F Administration A59276 and TL T0174

The Forest Development Plan Amendment shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting, road development, maintenance, deactivation, basic silviculture and salvage as identified on accompanying prescriptions. This plan also has information on the protection of other resource values in the planning areas. It is made available for review and comment to all resource agencies, native bands and the public before the Ministry of Forests considers approval of the plan. All approved Operational Plans and any Higher Level Plans that encompass the Development Plan will be made available for viewing during the review and comment period upon request at the Interfor office. All completed assessments (Sections 13 to 17 of the OPR) are available upon request from Interfor during the review and comment period.

The Forest Development Plan will be available for review at International Forest Products Ltd., West Coast Operations, 1865 Peninsula Road, Ucluelet, B.C. and the Ministry of Forests, South Island District, 4227 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Port Alberni, B.C. from Wednesday, January 26, 2000 until Monday, March 27, 2000 during normal business hours (9am to 4pm Monday to Friday).

**THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THIS PLAN WILL BE FROM WEDNESDAY JANUARY 26 TO MONDAY MARCH 27, 2000**

A representative of International Forest Products Ltd. will be available at the West Coast Operations Office and the Open Houses to review and discuss the proposed plans. The proposed plan may be amended as a result of written comments received by March 27, 2000. Written comments regarding this proposed FDP are to be forwarded to Zoltan Schafer, R.P.F. at International Forest Products Ltd., West Coast Operations.

If interested parties are unable to review the plan during those times, arrangements can be made to review the plan at a time that is convenient for them. Please contact Zoltan Schafer, R.P.F., Area Engineer, International Forest Products Ltd., West Coast Operations, 1865 Peninsula Road, Box 789, Ucluelet, BC, VOR 3A0, Phone: 250-726-7748 Fax: 250-726-3647.

**OPEN HOUSES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:**

Port Alberni:	Alberni Mall	Monday February 7, 2000	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tofino:	Tin Wis Resort	Tuesday February 8, 2000	10:00 am to 8:00 p.m.
Ucluelet:	Village Courtroom	Wednesday February 9, 2000	10:00 am to 5:00 p.m.
Gold River:	Mowachaht/Muchalht First Nations Office	Thursday February 10, 2000	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Port Alberni:	Uchucklesaht/Tseshahat Hesquiaht First Nations Offices	Friday February 11, 2000	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Ucluelet:	Interfor Office	Saturday, February 12, 2000	10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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## Residential School Healing Project

**Nuu-Chah-Nulth Healing Project**

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There is a problem!  
A Kintha

What is the problem!  
We-ma'klaup-nish-qua

We can't be like this

Ta-ta-Paut-aulth-nish-his-seek-aulth-kin  
Let's talk about which way we can go

On-saum-nish  
This is what we need!  
Choo-hiskseek-aulth-nish

This is the way we will go!

**Verna Paul & Julie Fontaine**  
Southern Region  
Phone: 724-3233 - - Fax: 724-6642

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and announce that we are very excited about the opportunities we have for the upcoming year in this area.

- We are available for the following types of information and workshops:
- Historical Background of Residential School
  - Intergenerational Effects
  - Family Meetings/Mediations
  - One to One sessions for survivors and their children
  - Elders meetings to discuss issues, traditions and culture

We will be hosting a regional conference in March which will be two days and the focus will be on **BEING YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND TAKING A STAND AND MOVING ON**. We welcome your input to share, communicate, respect and honor one another. Everyone Welcome

### NUU-CHAH-NULTH HEALING PROJECT INFORMATION SESSIONS / WORKSHOPS

WE WILL BE MEETING EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT THE HEALING PROJECT OFFICE 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
WOMEN'S GROUP STARTS JAN 20/00  
MEN'S GROUP STARTS JAN 27/00  
TO ALTERNATE EVERY SECOND WEEK  
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HUPACASATH MEMBERS  
WE WILL BE MEETING EVERY SECOND MONDAY EVENING AT THE HEALING PROJECT OFFICE 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
STARTING JANUARY 24/00  
EVERYONE WELCOME

HUU AY AHT MEMBERS  
WE WILL BE MEETING EVERY SECOND TUESDAY EVENING AT THE HEALTH CLINIC 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
STARTING FEB 8/00  
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## OUR CHILDREN - OUR FUTURE "BALANCING THE TEACHINGS"

Education Information Day for Parents  
February 25, 2000  
Echo Center Port Alberni  
8:30 a.m.

PARENTS: This day is for you! The proposed workshops are: The Working Elements of a School, The Impact of Residential Schools, Early Childhood Development, Learning Styles and Abilities, Understanding and Honoring your child through Puberty, Testing, Hearing and Speech, Drug and Alcohol Issues/ DARE Program, Career and Post Secondary Planning, and Counseling. REGISTRATION IS FREE. Forms are available at your band office or can be obtained from a Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker, from the Port Alberni Friendship Center or they can be picked up at the N.T.C. front desk. There will be FREE DRAWS held throughout the day. LUNCH will be provided. FREE POOL PASSES will be handed out to those wishing to swim during the noon hour. FOR MORE INFORMATION you can call Eileen Haggard - N.T.C. Office 724-5757. PARENTS THIS DAY IS FOR YOU, PLEASE COME OUT AND JOIN US.....

### NUU-CHAH-NULTH HEALING PROJECT

ATTENTION NUU-CHAH-NULTH PEOPLE LIVING IN VICTORIA  
A community meeting will be held in Victoria to discuss ways in which to support the survivors of Residential School and those suffering intergenerational consequences or those interested. The evening will begin with a potluck dinner.  
When: Thursday, February 03, 2000  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Where: Burnside Community Centre, 484 Cecelia Road, Victoria, B.C.  
Contact Person: Tracey Webster - 478-1841  
Or Vina Robinson - 250-731-6271

ATTENTION NUU-CHAH-NULTH PEOPLE LIVING IN NANAIMO  
A community sharing session will be held to support the survivors of Residential School and those suffering intergenerational consequences or those interested. They are planning to meet every week and to have a potluck dinner once a month. Sessions will include elders, workshops, guest speakers, traditional teachings, legal information, etc.  
When: Every Monday Evening  
Time: 7:00 p.m.  
Where: John Barsby Community School (First Nations Room)  
550 7th St. (Enter off 7th St.)  
Contact person: Mabel George - Work: 753-8211 - Home - 741-1551  
Or Vina Robinson - 250-731-6271

## Residential School Workshop

With Ray Seitcher Sr.

February 14, 2000-Mon.  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Port Alberni Friendship Center  
3555 - 4th Avenue

For more information, contact:  
Delavina-723-8281 &  
Ray Seitcher Sr.-724-3233

## Health

### Are you interested in becoming a Registered Nurse?

The entrance requirements for nursing school include the following courses: Biology 11, Chemistry 11, English 12, Math 11 (Algebra) plus one Grade 12 Science (Biology preferred). These are the courses that you must have completed before you can apply to be accepted into a nursing school. You can take these courses at most local community colleges in your area.

There are different levels of schooling to become a nurse. The first level is to become a Registered Nurse. It usually takes two years of nursing school to get your RN. The second level adds on a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. This usually takes 1.5 to 2 years of more courses after completing your RN. It is preferable to obtain your Bachelor of Science in Nursing. This is what you need to set as a goal.

There are three nursing schools on Vancouver Island:

1. Camosun College has courses to become a Registered Nurse only.
2. Malaspina College has courses to become a Registered Nurse and to obtain your Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
3. The University of Victoria has courses to obtain your Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Here are some of the steps you must take:

- (1) Go to your local community college and get your math and english assessments. You will have to pay for this assessment yourself, but save the receipts because when you do get into a post-secondary course, you may be able to get reimbursed through NTC.
- (2) If you need some upgrading courses, NTC may cover costs for 8 months of upgrading.
- (3) If your upgrading is at or below a grade 10 level, the tuition is paid for by the province and you need to see your band office for books and tuition.

**Remember, to achieve your goal of becoming a nurse means you have to take one step at a time.  
Take the first step today, get your assessment completed!**



## The Legacies we leave our Children

The 4th British Columbia Conference on Aboriginal Women and Wellness - January 9 - 11, 2000

By Wilma Doxtador, RN, CHN  
For Ha-Shilth-Sa

I had the special opportunity to start the New Year by attending an international aboriginal women's conference in Vancouver.

Women from many continents around the world came to speak and to share. It was wonderful to learn that we have so much in common, not only in the struggles we face, but also in the courageous and creative action taken by many of our women leaders.

The women represented countries from Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, the Philippines, Mexico, Finland, Yukon Territory, Kahnawake territory and many tribes from British Columbia. Several interested and well-known men were also in attendance.

Most notable was Mr. Thomas Berger, a man who has long supported the First Nations people in their fight for their land and self-sufficiency.

A large room was set up for a Health Fair where one could obtain information on different health concerns. Many First Nations people made themselves available to provide additional information and brochures.

A Healing Touch practitioner by the name of Arlene Mackinaw from Prince George, B.C. was available to work on anyone who came to her.

Having just arrived from a five hour plane trip from Ontario, I took advantage of her service and found it to be very beneficial.

Also present at the health fair was Enriqueta Contreras who not only made a presentation to the conference through an interpreter, she also brought herbal medicine for many ailments such as liver problems, nervousness

and pain. I am seriously interested in natural herbs for medicine, so I obtained a couple of things to try for myself.

Many different workshops were offered at the same time, making it difficult to decide.

I chose to attend Traditional Medicines, presented by Ruby VanBibber, from Whitehorse, Yukon where they have a spiritual healing room in their hospital. I was happy to learn that our basic belief in herbal medicine throughout our land is similar.

Everything can be a medicine: minerals, plants, animals, water, earth, fire and air. Traditional food is medicine for our bodies. We have to believe in it or it won't work. Every plant is a medicine. Only medicine people worked with the poisonous plants. There is medicine for every illness.

We were given instruction to use prayer and offerings when gathering the medicine and to know when it is the best time to gather, prepare and store the plants. She also gave us a list of five white foods to avoid: White flour, white sugar, salt, milk and lard. This important information was originally given by her elders. It is interesting that this is the combination of food that is used to make dessert and will eventually cause diabetes.

Another workshop that I attended was on Land Issues from the Indigenous Asian Women's Perspective, by Bernice See who travelled from the Philippines. Among the protest activities undertaken by the community from 1996 to 1997 were petition signing campaign, pickets, press conference, radio interviews, caravans, protest rallies and others. A human barricade was set up to prevent implementing a project.

In two instances in February and March 1997, villages stopped a technical survey for a dam in their community. The dams are projects of the state to tap the great hydropower potential of

the rivers of the Cordillera. The mines came with the American colonial government.

She described how the women organized to discourage the development of mines and dams. At one point, the women stood to defend their land against the men workers, informing them that if they did anything to destroy the land, it would be the same as raping and destroying Mother Earth.

The women said that before they would let that happen, the men would have to rape and destroy the females who stood naked before them, representing their own mothers, daughters and sisters. The men left the women and the land alone.

We ended the workshop by joining hands to send our strength and energy to each other around the circle. The next workshop that I attended was on Community Based Prevention Programs.

Leatrice Lewis described with picture slides, her Zuni Wellness Program that involves activities for all ages, from running activities for the youth, to regular indoor exercise programs for the elders and diabetics. They have many exercise machines as well as groups exercising regularly with music. It looks like a lot of fun!

Rhonda Kirby also described the Kahnawake Schools Project. She too, showed slides of the activities that the people are involved in. I obtained literature to learn about their diabetes education program. I'm excited to learn more about what they do in the classroom.

The last workshop that I attended was on Traditional Healing vs. Western Medicine. Dr. Elizabeth Whynot, a non-native, talked about healing by western (modern) medicine. Absent was Lea Bill from Alberta who was to speak about traditional healing. Two First Nations women, one from Vancouver and the other from the US, very competently stepped in to share their information.

The workshop was well attended. Everyone in the room had an opportunity to speak. The talking circle grew so large that it lasted for more than three hours. We shared many heartwarming, personal experiences that strengthened us and our belief that we know what we need to do to be healthy.

The conference ended with a luncheon with four hundred people attending.

### Central Region Residential School Project Charlie Thompson and Agnes Tom Phone - 725-3367

We now have regular sharing circles each week scheduled for each community and they are as follows:  
Mondays @ 7:00 p.m. in Ucluelet East  
Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Opitsaht  
Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Hot Springs Cove  
Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Ahousat  
Fridays - we leave for office work or else take accumulated time off.

Also we have available for people who want one on one counselling during the day when we are in communities in the comfort of your home, as well we are available to do family sessions. For people living in Ucluelet and Tofino areas you are more than welcome to come to any of the sessions near your communities.

### HOW TO MANAGE STRESS WORKSHOP

With Dorothy Wilson, January 31, 2000 (Monday), 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Port Alberni Friendship Center, 3555 4th Avenue  
Contact Delavina if you need more info @ 723-8281  
Free Workshop! Everyone welcome!



Nuu-Chah-Nulth Community & Human Services  
Fighting HIV/AIDS

FOR INFORMATION ON HIV/AIDS:  
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HIV EDUCATOR BERNARD CHARLESON at 724-3332  
or NTC OUTREACH NURSE at 724-1281

# Happy Birthday!



Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my son Oral Jacob Williams on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. From Dad Lyle, Nen Effie, Auntie Laverne and cuz Lillian.

Happy Belated 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Kelly Malon. Don't party too hard! From your bud Darrell.

Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday Sandra Billy on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> and congratulations on making the honor and effort role. Love Mom.

Happy 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my son Dusty (Ross) on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Love you always...Dad.

Happy 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wesley Robinson on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Love Mom.

Happy Birthday to Uncle Leo Jack Sr! on Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. Love from your niece Verna Jules.

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Angela Jules on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. From Auntie Verna.

Happy Birthday to my sister Alice George on Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Love from your sister Anne Barker and family!

Happy Birthday to Uncle Dennis Martin on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your day! Love your niece Barb and your nephew Dennis and Trevor Blackbird.

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to our niece and cousin Savannah Martin on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Love Auntie Carol, Uncle Daryle, cousins Barb, Dennis and Trevor Blackbird.

Happy Birthday Dad on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Love your kids Barb, Dennis and Trevor Blackbird.

I would like to wish my Gran a Happy Birthday. Happy Birthday Gran Ilene. Hope you enjoy your day. Love your grandchildren Ilene, Violet, Wayne, Crystal, Jameson, Calvin, Warren, Chelsea and Baby Earl. With love from all your grandchildren. That's on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Also to Felix Thomas Sr. on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>. Hope you enjoy your day to Felix. Many more years to come. Love from Ilene, Violet, Wayne, Crystal, Jameson, Calvin, Warren, Chelsea and baby Earl.



Happy Birthday Peggy (little bunny foot), Mom. From your loving kids and husband.

I'd like to wish my mom, Phyllis, a very Happy belated Birthday for Jan. 1st. Also a Happy Birthday to my dad, John, on Feb. 5. Love you both lots. And a Happy Happy Sweet 16 Birthday to my cousin Lesley for Jan. 29th. And One more...A Very Happy Birthday to my friend Kim Gus on her 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday, wow. Well I miss you all and Have tons of fun on your Birthdays... and yes... too much... just kidding... or am I? Love from Sabrina.

Happy Birthday wishes to Charlene Sport - Feb. 23, Ralph Sport - Feb. 27, Stefanie Sport - Mar. 3, Harold Sport - March 5, Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Ryan Sport - Dec. 31. I think of you often and I wish I could see you. From Rex Mawbey. Same wishes to you all from Auntie Wanda Wong and family.

We would like to wish my sister Cheryl Cootes a Happy Birthday for Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> and many more. Love ya always. Sharleen, Sid & kids.



I would like to wish my beautiful daughter Mercedesie Lynai Karyn a very Happy belated 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. You've grown so much, So fast. 10 years has certainly gone by too fast I love you with all my heart baby girl Lotsa Love Mom and little brother Dakota and Andy

We would like to wish our auntie's Rose Touchie and Colleen Watts a very special birthday for Feb. 7. Love ya both. Sharleen, Sid & kids.

We would like to wish Destiny a happy valentines birthday for Feb. 14. Love from Uncle Sid, Auntie Sharleen & kids.

We would like to wish Richard Dick Jr. (Sonnyboy) a happy 7<sup>th</sup> birthday for Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. Love from Uncle Sid, Auntie Sharleen & kids.

A belated Happy Birthday to my niece Holly Thomas on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> and Happy Birthday to Jennifer Gallic on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Happy Birthday to my sister Diane Gallic on Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>. From uncle/Bro Dave and family.

Birthday greetings to two of my closest friends! On Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - Happy Birthday to my Mom Agnes C. Tom! Happy Birthday Mom, low ya lots! Also, Happy Birthday to my pal Sherry-Ann Brown, all the best to you partner! Love R.E.M.

Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my husband Martin on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>. Lots of love from Rita-Ann, Jeannette, Terrance and Deion.

I want wish my brother Wesley Robinson a happy 20<sup>th</sup> birthday for the 27th of Jan. Love his sister Ellen Robinson.

Happy belated Birthday to Jolene Watts on Jan. 6. From Karen and Andrew.

Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday to our niece Brandi Threse Mack on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>. Love from Auntie Karen and Uncle Andrew.

Happy belated Birthday to my beautiful niece Brianna Tate in Victoria. Love from Auntie Karen, cousins Mercedesie and Dakota.

Happy belated Birthday to my cousin Glen Touchie and Uncle Randy Mack both on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. From Karen and Andrew.

Happy belated Birthday also to Mitch Barney on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. From Karen and Mercedesie.

Happy belated Birthday to Auntie Norma Sam on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> and many more. Love from Andy and Karen.

Happy 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my nephew David Tate III on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Lotsa love from Auntie Karen, cousins Mercedesie and Dakota.

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to a very good friend of ours Jay-Ray! on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. From Andy and Karen.

Happy Birthday Auntie Barb Tate on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. I won't give out your age. Love your nieces Peggy, Karen & family.



Feb. 11th - I would like to wish a very special man in my life, Jason Watts, a very Happy 26th Birthday. All my love Rita. Also wish you a Happy 26th. From Starla & Tamara.

Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday to my niece, our cousin, Miss Kathleen Stephanie McEwan daughter for my sister Mrs. Beverly McEwan and Mr. Craig McEwan of Victoria. Dear niece I know that you had a terrific day because you have the best mom ever! Many more birthday's to come. Love from Auntie Carol, uncle Don and cousins Samantha, Nick, Fred and Jessica M.

Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my nephew on Jan. 22, my gosh big 13 now. Cecil I hope you have a good one and have a safe ski trip. I love you Cecil George Creighton. Love always and forever your auntie Carol, Don and family Mattersdorfer.

Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Birthday to a friend Mrs. Roberta (Blanch) Samuel of Ahouasat. She will celebrate on Jan. 23. Have fun my friend. From a friend Mrs. Carol R. John-Mattersdorfer.

Congratulations to my relatives Bonita Williams and Christopher Williams who had a double wedding on Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> with Lisa Sabbas's daughter Monica and her son. My blessings are with you all and enjoy your married life. From your relatives Mrs. Carol John-Mattersdorfer.

Happy 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my baby brother George C. John Jr. on Feb. 9. I love you brother too much and I sure hope you have a good one my baby bro. Love from your sister Carol John-Mattersdorfer, Don and family.

Happy 30 something Birthday to my 1<sup>st</sup> cousin Ms. Philomena Rose Webster-Duncan of Ahouasat, Also on Feb. 9. Love your cousin always Mrs. Carol John-Mattersdorfer and family.



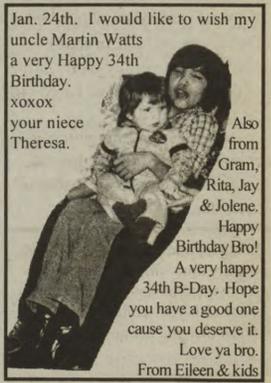
Happy Birthday to George Williams on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. From Uncle Lyle, Nen Effie, Auntie Laverne and cuz Lillian.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Mrs. Ruth Sam, my auntie Lorriane John and auntie Eileen Sutherland on Feb. 7. I wish you so much happiness and joy on this day because you all so special and I love you all. From your relative Mrs. Carol John-Mattersdorfer and family.

Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday to Aaron Hamilton on Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. From little Carito.



Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to my loving supportive husband Earl Tatoosh Jr. From your wife Peggy May Tatoosh. I'd marry you all over again honey!



Jan. 24th. I would like to wish my uncle Martin Watts a very Happy 34th Birthday. xoxox your niece Theresa. Also from Gram, Rita, Jay & Jolene. Happy Birthday Bro! A very happy 34th B-Day. Hope you have a good one cause you deserve it. Love ya bro. From Eileen & kids

## poet's nook

### Respect and Reputation

Respect and Reputation. Having values, taking pride in all you do. Recognize your roots and get to know your culture. Listening to my Elders, always a must. Young people are saying, we don't get told who we are related to. Where is the responsibility? Who's responsible? Young adults are having kids. What will they tell their kids? They will not know unless adults take the time to let them know who their relatives are. SPEAK up elders. Right around me, I hear Elders saying kids don't listen to what they are told. This may be so. Show them you really mean what you say and really say what you mean. Youth start showing some respect. When you are being told something, it does not mean it is a scolding. Hear the Elder right to the end. Don't answer back in a negative way. Life becomes easier when we all try to understand each other. Ask questions, even if you think it seems silly. You will be glad that you asked the question. I am grateful for my upbringing. Thanks to my late parents and other Elders who have taught me about respect, values and pride. After all, we are taught and the teachings will be reflected in how you carry yourself. We also learn from our mistakes. We are not perfect. Strive to do the best you can. Set some goals. Recognize your strength and your weaknesses. Think about the long term effects of issues. Good values does not mean life will be easy, but the choices you make is what makes a difference. Life skills start at home. Thank you for taking time to read this.

Nahs-whas-tis

### Are you the Role Model your Child can be Proud Of?

Do you give your child unconditional love and affection while providing them with support for healthy development and learning?

Giving and expressing love for your child will help them grow into a happy, healthy young adult. Being a parent doesn't mean waking them up in the morning, buying food/making meals, giving them a roof over their head, providing clothing and giving them money.

Being a good parent means to communicate. Talk to your child every day. Ask them what they did when they where in school. Get to know how they feel, what they like, who they are. Listen to what they have to say. Remember everything you say becomes a part of their identity. You are the number one influence in their life.

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Being a good parent means spending quality time with your family. Most of your free time should happily be spent with your children. This does not mean that you are not entitled to or



that your should not take quality time for yourself or spend time alone with your spouse. It means putting your children first and meetings, bingo, bars, casinos, etc. last. The choices you make will influence the way they make choices and how they set priorities.

Being a good parent means being a part of your child's life. Do things together. Play in the snow, read a book, bake, go out visiting together, sing/dance together, hunt, etc. It does not have to be costly; there are many healthy activities that are free. Being with your child is what is important.

Take care of yourself. Be balanced in life. Take care of mind, body and soul so that you can take care of others.

The development of your child; the beliefs, values, attitude, spirituality, sense of responsibility and happiness is mainly impacted by their significant others. Be a positive role model. Help your child to be happy, healthy and ready to meet the challenges that they will face on life's journey.

## In Memoriam

Let me take you To A Land Of My Grandmother's Love

Let me take you to the land of love My grandmother and I would visit there often We would start our flight with a hug And through our journey, we would share our Thoughts and feeling While flying we would spend valuable time together Just talking and laughing Our time in this land, was priceless We would end each of our flights with the words "I Love You" and then we would seal it with A Kiss

Grandma I miss you and I love you! Brandon Lucas - January 13, 2000



### Family Gathering on December 24, 1999

#### The Christmas Dinner with the Ahouasht Community

First of all, I would like to thank my dad, Mr. George C. John and Ms. Grace Sutherland for bringing us on this wonderful journey. Even from Tofino, my dad brought us home in his boat. The wonderful feeling of spending time with my dad, that was their best time ever.

The supper was on time; my Uncle Mr. Murray John Sr. had arranged the party with his immediate family. The best part of it was there was so much to feast on; they made 23 turkeys, some roast, and various kinds of dishes. My auntie Greta and Rosie Swan baked up a storm of homemade bread.

It was an honor to be at home and see all my relatives. The smiles and knots, the hugs from the people I had not seen for so long.

The hall was decorated very nice including a Christmas tree. It brought happiness and joy to every one. I believe that everyone walked out full and content.

They had some dances afterwards and people were really participating including my dad, my sister Beverly was so excited to see the joy in our day.

Our cousin Luke Swan had pulled her on the floor, she had tears rolling down her eyes, those were tears of happiness. All of them were Indian Dancing (except Auntie Winnie) but it was the thought that counted and the food that made the difference.

It was an honor to be at home and see all my relatives. The smiles and knots, the hugs from the people I had not seen for so long.

My Uncle Murray had explained why they were doing it. He was talking about his dad and mom how their tradition, was especially with the community, always willing to give.

### In Loving Memory of Dion Elsa Louise Fred August 20, 1978 - February 4, 1996

Four years have gone by My pain is so strong Why is there no answers What happened? What's wrong? The unanswered questions The pain that I feel The unspoken mentions The guilt I still feel Why is it so hard When it comes to this day I just fall apart What can I say My pain is like a ton of bricks Falling from above I don't know how to control it But to give you my love The memories of your laughter Is so hard on my heart The memories of your tears Tear me apart I wish you were here my girl I miss you so much I wish things were different I miss your gentle touch The memories of yesterday Will always be a treasure Your laughter; your smiles; your happiness Were always a pleasure Loving you; missing you My daughter You're in my heart forever

Love Mom

He had told the community who was the oldest, Greta M. Charlie (nee) John, Rosie Swan (nee) John, Johnny John, Murray John, Lorriane John, George C. John, and the baby of the family is Mr. Francis John (Roye).

He thanked the community for the things that they done for each individual that had accidents are things that went wrong, but are okay now. The due lasted until well after 9 p.m. I helped clean up the hall a bit. This is just a bit of what I have to share. It was a wonderful Christmas due especially with everyone willing to help in any way. Thanks to all that were helping the John Family. Written from my heart and my mind that can remember some of it. Mrs. Carol John-Mattersdorfer.

## Announcements

To All Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations Members, Band Managers, CHR's, Health Clerks and Band Membership Clerks:

### MEDICAL COVERAGE NOT AUTOMATIC

**Reference:** Recently, many bills were received at the NTC (Non-Insured Health Benefits Section) (NIHB) from parents requesting payment under this plan. If a child is not registered with Indian Affairs and the province there is no medical coverage. Therefore, **FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF MEDICAL VISITS, X-RAYS, ETC. WILL FALL ON THE PARENTS!** Indian Affairs cannot and **WILL NOT PAY** any bills without full coverage. Remember, unless a child is **REGISTERED** with both Indian Affairs (Status Card) and the provincial medical plan (MSP Card) two *very important* medical factors apply:

- The child is covered under the parent medically, for only three months; and
- Once the child reaches 1 year of age then they are no longer covered under the NIHB program for: equipment; supplies; drugs; dental; and optical.

Normally, a child reaching 19 years of age requires (her or his) own medical care card. A child can maintain medical coverage up to age 25 when in **full-time attendance** at a post secondary institution, that is approved by the provincial medical commission.

It takes **6 - 8 weeks to obtain these coverage cards!** Start the process immediately! Do not assume it is done! Follow up with this until you have both cards! Questions to be directed to the Band Membership Clerks, or the NTC Registry Office 724-5757.

Robert Cluett, CD - NTC NIHB Program Supervisor

## Ehattesah Membership

For Treaty Ratification purposes, we need to update our membership list. Would the parents of children who are going to turn 16 years of age at this time and in the next year or so, please submit their names to the Ehattesah Band Office as soon as possible. We need a running list of membership in order to contact the membership for ratification purposes that need to be done for treaty. It is imperative that we keep this list current and up to date, to allow each member that is 16 years of age and older to have their vote. Also, if there has been a change of addresses we also need to know the current address of each member, to keep you informed of the latest news on the Treaty Process. Phone 1-888-761-4155 and ask for Margaret Miller, or leave the information with our membership clerk, Lorraine John. Cuu, Kleco!



### ATTENTION ALL MOWACHAHT/ MUCHALAHT FIRST NATION BAND MEMBERS

We are always updating our mailing list and we are looking for your address! If you have moved or have not updated your address in the last few years, we would like to hear from you!

Please give the band a call at (250) 283-2015 to leave your address or, write it in to Box 459, Gold River, B.C., V0P 1G0 or Fax (250)283-2335. Attention: Tracy. Please pass this message on to other band members who may not get an opportunity to read this, so we can mail you information on Treaty.

We need updated mailing addresses of all our members for Medical, membership and new moms. Please contact Roberta Savey to register your baby.

### MAILING HA-SHILTH-SA TO NUU-CHAH-NULTH MEMBERS

*Ha-Shilth-Sa* is looking for addresses of Nuu-chah-nulth members who are NOT receiving the paper. *Ha-Shilth-Sa* is free for all Nuu-chah-nulth membership. If you want to receive *Ha-Shilth-Sa* please send name (including your middle name or initials) to Annie Watts at:

Ha-Shilth-Sa  
P.O. Box 1383  
Port Alberni, B.C.  
V9Y 7M2



First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Nation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

New (You must enter your First Nation to be on our list)  
 Change of address (Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_)

### Attention Ahousah Band Members

If you have any events that happen in your life such as marriage, divorce, birth, death, name change and especially "transfers" please notify the Ahousah Band.

When you submit your documents to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office it is just as important to submit these documents to the Ahousah Band.

My office hours are Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00: noon. You can contact Robert Atleo at the Ahousah Band Office. Phone (250) 670-9531 or fax (250) 670-9696.



AHOUSAHT TREATY ACCESS NUMBER:  
1-877-246-8728 (1-877-AHOUSAT)

TOLL FREE FOR AHOUSAHT TREATY INFORMATION.  
This number can also be used for faxing or call 670-9566.

### Important Notice To All People of DITIDAHT (NITINAHT) Ancestry

The *Ditidaht (Nitinaht) Nation* is in the process of negotiating a Treaty. It is important that all persons of Ditidaht Ancestry identify themselves in order to participate and benefit from the Treaty.

Anyone who is not already a Registered Member of Ditidaht should immediately contact Shelley Edgar, Ditidaht Membership Clerk/IRA at this toll free number **1-888-745-3366**.

*\*Also, if you need a new STATUS CARD or need to renew your card please call the Ditidaht Band office at the above number. We will compile a list and select a date to go your area to issue status cards.*

### ATTENTION HUU-AY-AHT BAND MEMBERS

We need your address.

Please call the HUU-ay-aht Band Office at **1-888-644-4555**

or

HUU-ay-aht Treaty Office at **(250) 723-0100**

### HESQUIAT TREATY

#### Attention All Hesquiat Band Membership

We are always updating our mailing list and Hesquiat Treaty is looking for your address. If you have recently moved or have not updated your address in the last few years, we would appreciate hearing from you. Please pass this information onto other Hesquiat Band members so we can mail information on Treaty. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

HESQUIAT TREATY OFFICE, RR#3, Site 300, C-32, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 7L7. Phone (250) 723-0075 Fax (250) 723-0071. For Hesquiat Membership call Toll Free 1-888-723-0075



### ATTENTION

**Tseshah Membership** residing off reserve; you must apply for Band Membership. If you are showing on the D.I.A. list it does not mean that you are on Tseshah's Registry Band List, and you must apply for Band Membership. Newborns

as always still need Large Birth Certificates, a form here at the Band Office to be filled out. Deletions, transfers, deaths, marriages, change of name still must be recorded as an event that has happened so that I may change the Band list accordingly. Tseshah Membership Administrator and contact person is Lisa Robinson at **1-888-724-1225 toll free number** or fax 250-724-4385.

### To all Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations Membership

We need to update our mailing list.

Please forward your most recent address to our Administration address @ Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations

P.O. Box 18  
Tofino, B.C.  
V0R 2Z0

Attention: Hazel Curley

### ATTENTION

#### Toquaht Band Membership

I am requesting Toquaht Band membership contact me with current address and telephone numbers. This is necessary to keep everyone updated on any band business, meetings being held and to receive a monthly newsletter with a medical theme.

Also, please come in to register your newborn babies as soon as possible. I will require your child's large birth certificate showing both parents names and a signed consent form requesting your child be registered in the Toquaht Band.

Please contact Band Membership Clerk: Pat North, Monday to Friday 9 to 4:30.

## Kleco's

To *Ha-Shilth-Sa* Staff

My name is Jennifer Hanson, I am from the Kyuquot First Nation. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you for the calendar. Specifically November. Roy Haiyupis is my great-grandfather. My mom's dad's father. George Ignace is my great-grandfather. My mom's mom's father.

It made the calendar all the more special, to have both my great-grandfathers on the same page. Again thank you.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Hanson

January 17, 2000 - Archie Little made a quote he said "you've come a long way, I remember when you sung your first song, you guys were shy." I didn't have the chance to thank him for that quote, which made me feel really good that he could stand up in front of everybody present and let us know how well we improved. Archie, on behalf of my singing group here in Victoria City, we thank you. Hudson Webster Jr.

Dear Brothers and sisters:

I'm from the Makah-Nuu-chah-nulth Nations. I'm searching for songs and dances from my Vancouver Island ancestors. I'm studying to be a historian like my late ancestors. Please send me any tapes, videos or anything you may have.

**Kleco Kleco.**  
**Richard L. Markishtum**  
Q'iddiic'atx  
Makah/Nuu-chah-nulth Nations  
Mail to:  
**1000 Queen Anne N. #202**  
**Seattle, Washington 98109**  
**#206-284-2774**

## FAMILY CARE HOMES - WANTED

The Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services Program is looking for Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations Family Care Homes for children in care. The home would be expected to:

- provide a physically and emotionally safe, nurturing family environment to encourage and support the child's relationship with the natural family work with the child's Social Worker and other care plan team members
- provide clear, reasonable and behavioral expectations unique to child's needs
- and to be willing to participate in training in family care.

The applicants will be requested to complete a Police Records Check and provide references.

If you are interested contact Charlotte Rampanen at (250) 724-3232.



### Tseshah Community Access Program (CAP) Site

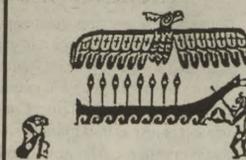
The Tseshah CAP site is looking for volunteers for teaching Tseshah members computer basics in the following areas:

- Word Processing: Word 97 & Word Perfect
- Internet: Netscape, MCS Internet Explorer, E-mail, Surfing
- Accounting: Excel
- Hardware: Scanning, Web cam, Digital cameras

Tseshah CAP site is also looking for interested band members to sign up for these computer basics courses.

"A time to teach, share, learn for the next millennium." If you are interested in either teaching or learning computer basics, please call Bonnie at the Tseshah Treaty Office @ 250-724-4229.

## Career Opportunities



### BOOKKEEPER 3/5 POSITION

**KAKAWIS FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE** is searching for a highly skilled, highly motivated individual with the ability to work in a one person office. Preference will be given to candidates with the following qualifications:

- Proficiency in ACCPAC, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel and Simply Accounting
- Several years of bookkeeping knowledge and experience
- Excellent organizational skills
- Ability to work without immediate supervision

All staff are required to be abstinent from alcohol and drugs. Please submit your letter of application and resume by Monday, January 31, 2000 to:

Executive Director  
Kakawis Family Development Centre  
P.O. Box 17  
Tofino, British Columbia  
V0R 2Z0  
Or fax to: (250) 725-4285

*The successful candidate will be required to complete a criminal record check.*

## BC Hydro Aboriginal Relations

BC Hydro is seeking a dynamic and energetic person to join our forward-thinking Aboriginal Relations Department.

### Communications Specialist

You will develop communications strategies and products to support BC Hydro's Aboriginal Relations initiatives. This includes creating and implementing comprehensive communication plans; writing and editing; working with media; and coordinating special events.

You have a university degree in journalism or communication or equivalent experience in a relevant field, a minimum of five years work experience, two of which are at a senior level, and hands-on experience in First Nations communities, issues and organizations. You are a strong team player, comfortable in both strategic and hands-on roles; innovative; have excellent interpersonal and communications skills and thrive in a fast paced and dynamic environment.

To apply, send your resume and a cover letter by February 29, 2000 to: BC Hydro, Employment Centre, 333 Dunscombe Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6B 5R3. E-mail: hrservices@bchydro.bc.ca

BC Hydro is building a diverse workforce and a welcoming work environment. We are committed to employment equity and invite applications from all qualified candidates.



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### The Hesquiaht Rediscovery Society Presents

### GUIDE/YOUTH WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM MAY 5 TO 18, 2000 AT IUSUK, HESQUIAT HARBOUR

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SAFE, HEALTHY AND MEANINGFUL OUTDOOR RECREATION AND CULTURAL EDUCATION.

This intensive training includes: Red Cross Wilderness First Aid, Lifesaving, Canoe/Kayaking, Program Development/Organization and Cultural Programs.

For further information and registration forms contact:

Karen Charleson, Hesquiaht Rediscovery Society,  
PO Box 2000, Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0  
Phone/Fax: (250) 670-1120

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR

**Ucluelet First Nations has a position open for a certified E.C.E. Responsible for developing and implementing a program for children 3-5 years old, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily. Opportunity for developing into full day care, with a Head Start component. Send resumes with letter of application to:**

Ucluelet First Nation  
Attention Personnel Committee  
P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet, B.C., V0R 3A0

## ATTENTION

The Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services is seeking a Nuu-chah-nulth family from the West Coast which would like to adopt or provide long term foster care for a single child and a group of three children. Interested persons should contact social worker John Mayba at 724-3232

## Chief Hanuquii Thanks Treaty Staff

We the urban society of Victoria better known as Hisin-quas, all living closely in the same general area.

We the Victoria local sincerely take this liberty to extend our gratitude for the update services provided to our NCN treaty teams.

We the Hisin-quas are fully committed to improve communication and services to our urban society.

We are very grateful for your time and efforts. Despite the horrendous weather you endured. We are too glad that you made it a safe trip for you all.

We look forward to have more participation from all or most of the NCN that reside here in Victoria.

We encourage other treaty team members to attend from other respected tribes.

We propose to have a potluck supper again during those days and already the Ohiat Treaty has generously donated some seafood i.e. crab, fish and hopefully the famous Bill Frank clam chowder.

It would be nice to see a lot of our people come and hear how the treaty is going to benefit the people who live away from home.

It would also be nice to see other locals i.e. Vancouver, Nanaimo, Seattle, etc., sharing differences, interacting and socializing.

We the Hisin-quas will share some traditional singing and song. Our young boys have now become dynamic. They are an awesome group. Having said this we will attempt to offer a traditional welcome to all of you that will make our next meeting.

We need to hear all levels of perspectives, our Elders, Chiefs, speakers and other extended services.

I could never say enough of my appreciation, the perspectives of our people here in Victoria.

We hope we will have other special guests to share also.

I envision a great time of sharing during our next meeting.

We the Hisin-quas respectfully thank all of your efforts and with that, we extend a special invitation to all that may be interested to attend.

Chooch. See you all here in Victoria. For more information regarding the place, time and date, you can be informed by Vic Pearson the NCN Treaty Manager. Also, inform Vic if you can show some indication that your nation will be there and represented.

A special thanks to the Ohiat for their great gesture of generosity, seafood, etc. Thanks guys.

## Blue Rodeo to play for KUU-US



Canadian Recording Artists Blue Rodeo will perform at the ADSS Auditorium on Saturday, February 5th at 7:30 pm, with proceeds benefiting the KUU-US Crisis Line and Variety Club. Tickets are \$40, and available only at Port Alberni Canadian Tire.

As the community is well aware, the KUU-US Crisis Line Society is continually fundraising in order to keep their 24-hour service operating. It is wonderful to see a business coming forth to initiate funds coming to our non-profit society.

The Crisis Line is very excited to be a part of the Blue Rodeo Concert being held in Port Alberni on February 5th. Marquis Entertainment has chosen our society as well as the Variety Club to be partial recipients of the proceeds from this event.

With countless awards won, and well over 26 Million albums sold, Blue Rodeo is back and better than ever with

their their trademark Canadian sound and fantastic live stage show. Blue Rodeo will be performing at the Alberni District Senior Secondary School auditorium on Saturday, February 5th.

Tickets are available only at Canadian Tire. Tickets are \$40. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm. It is expected that this concert will sell out FAST!

A concession will be open during the show's intermission. Come out and enjoy one of Canada's top bands, with proceeds helping to support KUU-US Crisis Line Society and Variety Club. For more information call 723-2323.

### DO WE KNOW YOUR PRESENT ADDRESS?

Every two weeks after the Ha-Shilth-Sa is published, we receive many papers back from the post office marked "MOVED, LEFT NO FORWARDING ADDRESS". These papers are removed from the mailing list. We are grateful to those who take the time to send us their new address. However, if you do not send in your new address, you will STOP receiving the paper.

So, if the paper isn't getting to you, please send us your NAME, MIDDLE NAME, ADDRESS, POSTAL CODE, FIRST NATION & PHONE NUMBER. To those who receive misguided papers, kindly return to sender a.s.a.p. and we'll remove it from the mailing list. Thank you. Ha-Shilth-Sa P.O. Box 1383, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2 Phone: (250) 724-5757 Fax: (250) 723-0463 E-mail: hashilth@island.net

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For more information on deadline / printing dates, and advertising rates, call David Wiwchar, Ha-Shilth-Sa Editor / Manager, at (250) 724-5757.

## "Bad Faith"

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First Nations organization. "I think what's occurred here is that Snuneymuxw has made an accusation of bad-faith negotiations specifically with regard to those negotiations, and made it to the Federal Minister of Indian Affairs," said Smith.

"We also need to address the general issue of the Summit suggesting that we're bargaining in bad faith, but that's different than a specific charge of bargaining in bad faith coming from a specific treaty table."

"We need to address that. There are legal implications that result from one party in the treaty process accusing another party in the treaty process of negotiating in bad faith. And we also need to address the general issue of the Summit suggesting that we're bargaining in bad faith, but that's different than a specific charge of bargaining in bad faith coming from a specific treaty table. There needs to be some discussion amongst the parties with regard to the issues associated with that issue."

### KINQUASHTAKAMULTHAHT INVITATION

All of our friends and relatives are Cordially invited to attend the Seating of Raymond Remi Charleson 12:00 noon October 7, 2000 Alberni Athletic Hall

### FIRST NATIONS WELLNESS DROP-IN

Every Monday 1 pm - 4 pm

Port Alberni Friendship Center 3555 4th Avenue

- Blood Pressure Screening
- Diabetes Screening
- HIV/AIDS Screening
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases Screening
- Pap Testing
- Holistic Health Information

For more information please call Penny Cowan @ 724-1281 or Delavina Lawrence @ 723-8281

### MEMORIAL FOR JULIA SMITH

(NEE, JOHN/JACK) HIS CHUU-AH March 25, 2000

Wameesh Cultural Centre Tsaxana - Gold River, BC Breakfast: 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. Ceremonies to begin right after the meal.

The immediate family is requested to keep close contact and forward current phone numbers and addresses, especially as the memorial gets closer.

For more information, contact: Velina @ (250) 332 - 5305 or Janice @ (250) 332 - 5227

### MARSHALL FAMILY REUNION

The year 2000 is here, and we would like to enter into the new millennium by having a MARSHALL family reunion. For this 'Reunion' we would like to get together with the children and descendants of the late Tommy, Julia and Susan Marshall. Tommy and Julia had a daughter Nina "Josephine" who married Joseph Titian. Tommy and Susan had six children - Margaret who married Ian Seitcher; Irene who married Fred Thomas; Henry who married Bessie Joseph; Walter Marshall who married Eleanor Smith; Effie who married Marshall Saunders; and Anthony "Tony" who married Evelyn Robinson. Please submit names, birthdays, marriages, and name of tribe. We have collected four hundred and seventy three Marshall descendant's names.

For further details please contact Pearl Dorward at (250) 723-2014 or Glenda Frank at (250) 724-0888

## CLASSIFIEDS

### Automotive



1982 Mazda RX7, 5 spd. Excellent condition, was \$3,500 ... Now \$2,500.00. New rear brakes and tires, low km's, lady driven. Call (250) 954-9404 after 6 p.m. and on weekends.

Classic Motorcycle For Sale 1978 Yamaha 650 Special Professionally maintained, mint cond., runs excellent, low miles. Must sell. \$950.00 firm. 723-4454

D&M Autoclean "We'll do your dirty work" Automobile cleaning and renewal CARS - TRUCKS - RV'S - BOATS 7429 Pacific Rim Highway Phone 720-2211

### Employment Wanted

T.S.G. TRUCKING SERVICE Moving and Hauling, Reasonable Rates. Tom Gus, 5231 Hector Road, Port Alberni, B.C. Phone: (250) 724-3975

I am seeking employment as a Heavy Duty Equipment operator with several years of experience. Please phone David Andrew at (250) 923-3207.

### Employment

Employment Outreach at the PORT ALBERNI FRIENDSHIP CENTER SERVICES WE OFFER:

- \* Individual Employment and Education Counselling
- \* Help in developing an effective resume and covering letter
- \* Provide information regarding employment, training funding, and general EI inquiries
- \* Teaching effective job search techniques
- \* Job and Training board with current information
- \* Photocopy and fax service
- \* Telephone for local job search

Call 723-8281 and ask for Jeff, Employment Counsellor

Employers wishing to post Job Vacancies are invited to call or visit Port Alberni Friendship Center.

### Lost & Found

Found at the N.T.C. Annual General Assembly

A black leather key chain from Roots with GM-type car keys. If they belong to you, or know who they may belong to, please contact the N.T.C. Office at (250) 724-5757

### Marine

#### "A1" LICENSE FOR SALE

CFV 29665 36.75FT

If anyone would like to purchase this "A1" salmon license, please mail or fax your written offer to:

Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation P.O. Box 1384, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2

#### BOAT FOR SALE

MV Ropo - no license. 40' fiberglass. Ex-freezer troller. Fully equipped. Freezer system only 2 years old. Harold Little (250) 670-2311.

#### FOR SALE

40' Ex-troller. Call Robert Sr. (250) 724-4799

4 Horse Mercury Outboard Motor. Real good condition. Used only in fresh water. Asking \$400.00. Call Tom @ 283 - 2483

#### Canoe Building

Will build canoe, or teach how to build canoe for anyone interested. From Beach Canoe to 40 footer. Call Harry Lucas 724-5807

#### BOAT FOR SALE

M/V Ocean Rae 44ft length shrimp troller. Lots of equipment included. For more information phone 1-250-758-5564 Larry Maxwell, Nanaimo, BC

#### FOR SALE

Ocean Brave, 41.5 foot troller by 12.5 foot wide. For more information call Nelson Keitlah Jr. (250) 723-3694

### Boat For Sale

This is a complete boat, but I would like to sell parts of it. It would be \$1100.00 for the boat. It does not leak. With 4 bunk beds. The diesel engine \$800.00. The radar 16 mile range \$700.00 is working. The sounder (video) for \$300.00. Gurdies for \$250.00. Hydraulic pump for \$375.00. Hydraulic steering for \$250.00. Automatic pilot for \$150.00. Aluminum poles for \$350.00. Anchor winch with rope, anchors, and chain for \$300.00. Antenna for \$40.00. Gillnet drum for \$300.00 (it is for cash). If interested please call Stanley M. Sam Sr. (250) 670-2318, leave a message with my daughter (250) 720-2253 or Hutch at (250) 723-5015.

Free Estimate and 10% discount on your first job 24 hours Cell: 720-6518

**A.C. POWERWASHING**

Adam Cooles Owner/Operator Phone: 724-4419

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Hot & Cold Pressure Washing Environmentally Safe Products Commercial, Industrial, Residential. \$10. OFF WITH MIN. \$160. OR \$25. OFF WITH MIN. \$250.

### Arts

#### FOR SALE

For sale or made to order; rings, bracelets, pendants, brooches, earrings & bolo ties. Tim Taylor, 1034 Ecoole Place, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 7L7 Phone: 723-8170.

#### FOR SALE

Native designed jewellery on gold or silver; rings earrings, bracelets, pendants by Gideon Smith. Phone 923-3550.

#### FOR SALE

Native designed jewellery; silver, copper, gold engraving, stone setting. Contact Gordon Dick by phone 723-8611 or Cell 954-9404

#### FOR SALE

Carvings for sale. If you are interested in native carvings such as: coffee table tops, clocks, plaques, 6" totems, canoes, leave message for Charlie Mickey at 724-8609 or c/o Box 40, Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0

#### WANTED

Hide for school projects. Call Julia Landry @ 724-0512 (8-4pm weekdays).

**NOOTKA ART** Also Northwest Coast by Gideon Smith

- Bracelets • Earrings
- Pendants • Rings
- In Gold & Silver
- Ph: 716-1957
- Pgr: 716-4922

**Joe Martin TRADITIONAL DUGOUT CANOES**

- Canoes of any size
- Paddles
- Bentwood Boxes
- Logs for Longhouses
- Custom Alaskan MZing

Box 453, Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0 Telephone: (250) 725-2121 33' Dugout for sale

**Ben David** Nuu-cha-nulth Northwest Coast Native Artist

Masks • Headdresses • Rattles  
Bowls • Plaques ...and more!

4451 Beaufort Street, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 5R3 - (250) 724-6831

**Splash Hair Studio** by Elizabeth McCarthy 2 - 1636 Peninsula Ucluelet, BC

**Westcoast Transition House Emergency Shelter** For Abused Women and their Children on call 24 hours 726-2020

**BOARDROOMS FOR RENT** At the Tseshaht Administrative Buildings, Port Alberni. For more information call the Tseshaht First Nations Office at (250) 724-1225.

### Miscellaneous

**NUU-CHAH-NULTH NATIVE LANGUAGE** Transcribing in phonetics - for meetings, research projects, personal use. Hourly rates. Phone Harry Lucas at 724-5807.

#### WANTED

Ladies who went to Alberni Indian Residential School for support on sexual abuse issues between 1948 to 1962. Please write to Alice (James) Large; 4A Fraser Lane, Victoria B.C., V9A 7N2 or phone collect: 1-250-479-0434.

#### Mobile Home For Sale

1993 Princeton, Mobile home, 14 ft. X 70 ft. 1200 square feet total space. 2 Bedroom, kitchen, dining room, living room, 12'X18' addition family, bedroom or office, Built-in vacuum, dishwasher, 2 Ceiling fans, 2 skylights, Sundeck, storage shed. Heat pump with AC. Beach Lake Access. 1 hour to Ucluelet 1 hour 20 minutes to Tofino. \$190.00 month pad rent. Taxes: \$575.00 Asking: \$72,000.00 (Negotiable) By appointment only. NO AGENTS! Phone: 724-5290, #62-10325 Lakeshore Rd.

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Advisory for Histories, Governance, and Constitutions (forming governments). contact Harry Lucas 724-5807 or 724-5809 or lucas@cedar.alberni.net

**FREE LANGUAGE CLASSES** at Hupacasath Hall Language Instructor - Tat Tatoosh Monday and Wednesday Nights 7 pm to 9 pm (Bring your own pen & paper) Parenting Skills for Parents & Tots Fridays from 3 - 4 pm **EVERYONE IS WELCOME** cuu kleco Edward Tatoosh, Certified Linguist

**ALL OCCASIONS CALL: RENEE NEWMAN** (250) 723-2843 PORT ALBERNI, B.C.

**Tsawaayus (Rainbow Gardens)** Share your talents with your elders

Volunteers required for the following tasks:

- ✓ Give demonstrations
- ✓ and/or teach basket weaving, carving, painting, etc.
- ✓ We also need cultural entertainment

Contact Darlene Erickson telephone # 724-5655



# N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



## FISHERY DIVERSIFICATION mariculture & new fisheries development

NEDC is sponsoring two two-day workshops for:

- tribal fisheries officers
- chief & councilors
- other interested parties

These workshops focus on:

- the emerging mariculture industry including step by step development plans
- the stages of new fisheries development, innovative processing and diversification and eco-system considerations

The proposed time, date and place are:

- February 28 & 29 at the Discovery Inn in Campbell River – start time: 9 am
- March 02 & 03 at the Ucluelet Band Hall, Ittatsoo Reserve – start time: 9 am

Lunch will be provided.

For more information or to register please contact:

- Errol Sam ar (250) 670-9526
- Cynthia Carlos at (250) 332-5259
- Andy Amos at (250) 724-3131
- Katherine Robinson at (250) 724-3131

Early registration is advised as seating is limited

## Workshops being planned for Spring:

- disability working sessions:** being planned for the west coast and northern region. These are information sessions meant to identify business options and opportunities for those with a disability. If you are interested in participating in this workshop please contact Ida Mills of Chewhat Consulting at (250) 755-4048.
- tourism round table:** being planned as an information sharing tool, this session is meant to bring together both existing and potential tourism operators. One of the primary purposes of the session is to explore the opportunity of working together to improve the bottom line. If you have any suggestions or would like more information please contact Katherine Robinson at (250) 724-3131.

## WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

for more information please contact the main NEDC office at (250) 724-3131

**FIRSTHOST** - This is a one-day customer service training program developed specifically for the 1<sup>st</sup> Nation front line servers.

The program uses traditional teachings and examples to emphasize the importance of excellence in the business place. It also includes industry statistics, facts and resource and reference materials. The program costs \$50/person and requires a minimum 13 people per session.

For more information about FirstHost or to book a FirstHost workshop please contact Katherine Robinson at (250)724-3131

**CATCHING THE DREAM** - self sufficiency through economic independence. This NEDC youth conference will highlight career opportunities, planning processes, business development, networking and *fun*. The focus is on young entrepreneurs 19 – 29 years old.

There will be workshops on the film industry, tourism, technology, the arts, business planning, marketing, the law and much more – all facilitated by First Nation entrepreneurs. Plenary sessions will be facilitated by Matt Vickers, Marc Masso and a corporate panel. The MC for this three-day event is Nene Van Volsen. All meals will be provided on site with a gala dinner planned for the evening of March 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration for this event is \$20/person.

To register or for more information please contact a member of the NEDC Youth Action Committee (NYAC):

Molly Clappis, Bamfield (250) 728-3078  
 Marsha Maquinna, Gold River (250) 283-2015  
 Jocelyn Dick, Port Alberni (250) 724-1225  
 Addley Bruneau, Port Alberni (250) 724-0853  
 or contact Katherine Robinson at the NEDC office at (250) 724-3131.

The conference runs from **March 23, 24 25, 2000** at Maht Mahs Gym, Port Alberni.

## Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation

7563 Pacific Rim Highway, (next door to Tseshaht Market)

Office Hours: MON - FRI: 8 am to 12 pm, 1 pm to 4:30 pm, SAT, SUN, & HOLIDAYS: CLOSED