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Ahousaht Feasts on Drowned Whale

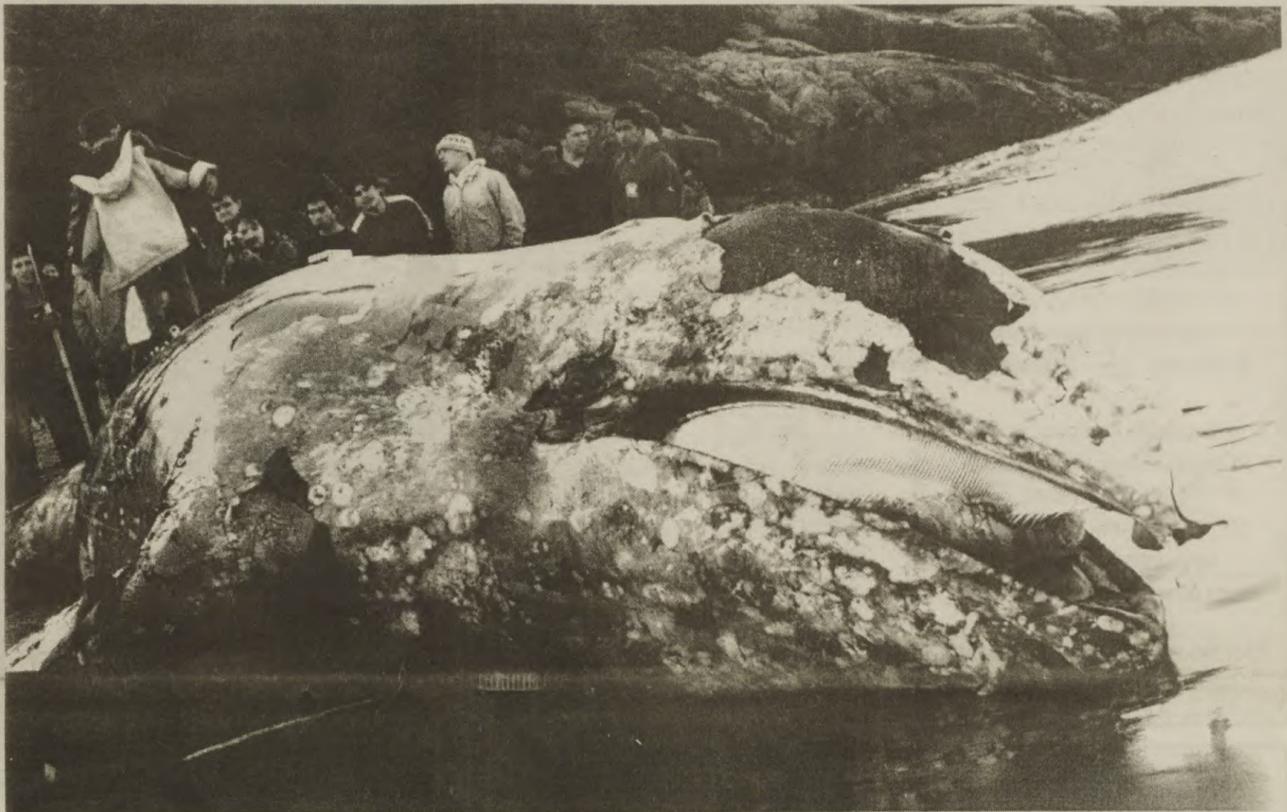
By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

A young grey whale that apparently drowned after becoming entangled in a net pond, was towed to Ahousaht on Thursday, March 9th from Sidney Inlet.

A traditional prayer chant was performed to honour the life of the whale. Seven Makah brothers and sisters were on hand to teach us how to butcher the whale.

Ahousaht Fisheries personnel found the approximately three-year-old whale entangled in the net of a roe-on-kelp pond.

The grey whale was the first to be taken ashore for consumption since 1963. Almost the entire community came to the beach to witness the butchering of the whale. Some were not interested in taking the whale meat; they came out to satisfy their curiosity and take part in an historic event. Others were



Almost the entire Ahousaht community came to the beach to see the first whale brought ashore since 1963.



Six-year old Jennifer Mack enjoys her first taste of raw whale blubber.

excited; young and old chewed thin slices of raw whale blubber as quickly as it was being cut up. Ahousaht Fisheries personnel found the approximately three-year-old whale entangled in the net of a roe-on-kelp pond. Marion Campbell, Ahousaht Fisheries Manager, said that some of staff went to the site in Sydney

Inlet early on the morning of Wednesday, March 8 and found nothing unusual. They returned to the site with two biologists shortly after noon when they discovered the destroyed pond and the entangled whale. Two guardians donning diving gear went down to cut it free, but by then, it was too late, the whale was dead.

The destroyed pond was one of two ponds that Ahousaht is using acquire herring roe on kelp. The herring and some of the kelp were released from the pond when the net was torn. The herring in the adjacent pond stopped spawning due to the commotion caused when the whale thrashed about trying to free itself.

Ahousaht Fisheries contacted DFO and were granted permission to repair and restock the herring ponds. Ahousaht would have lost more than half their roe-on-kelp had the nets left the water. DFO regulations state that the ponds must remain in place for about three

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Florence Wylie appointed N.T.C. Executive Director

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

With Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Executive Director Norman Taylor resigning to take a position with the Aboriginal Financial Officer's Association of B.C. in Vancouver, representatives from 14 Nuu-chah-nulth Nations gathered at Somass Hall to interview possible successors.

C&HS Senior Manager Florence Wylie was offered the Executive Director position, starting April 3rd. "These are exciting times for Nuu-chah-nulth, and I am honoured to be a part of the technical support to leadership and Nuu-chah-nulth staff," said Florence. "I hope to bring a new

energy to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, and I'm really looking forward to working with all Nuu-chah-nulth people in my new position."

A member of the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, Florence lost both her parents at a young age, and was raised by Uncle Robert and Rose Thomas of Tseshaht.

"As I was growing up in my family, amongst the Tseshaht People, I was able



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- Editorial space available in the paper
- Editorial deadlines being adhered to by contributors



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Art of the Drum celebrated at RBCM

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

The Royal B.C. Museum hosted The Art of the Drum this past weekend, inviting prominent Nuu-chah-nulth Drum-makers to show off their skills the the museum's lobby.

Uchucklesaht Drum-maker Steve Rush showed people how the drums are constructed, fit with hide, and tuned. Huu-ay-aht's George Nookemus painted drums with traditional designs, and Hesquiaht's Steven Lucas performed drumming songs, with occasional assistance from Museum Interpreter Hudson Webster Jr., who came downstairs on his breaks from hosting people in the HuupuKwanum - Tupaat exhibit, in order to add his voice to a few songs.

Steve Rush, who has been making drums for more than 15 years, said he made many mistakes initially, until he started learning from more and more Elders on how drums are properly made.

"The late Jim August was my first teacher, back in the early 1980's, and other drum makers helped me out too," said Steve.

"The late Willie Sport taught me when, and when not to make drums. He taught me that if I'm feeling any anger, sadness, or negative feelings, to put the drum away for awhile, or else those negative energies will go into the drum.

That was a very important lesson for me that led to a personal change, as I went from being a very angry person to being a peaceful, craft-loving person," he said.

More than 3000 people made their way



Drum-maker Steve Rush

through the Art of the Drum display, asking many questions of the Nuu-chah-nulth artisans there.

"People ask about how the frames are made, the materials, the significance, and different uses. Things I've talked about for years now," said Steve.

"I've had people around me all day, and some people stuck around for hours. We're here to show them that the Art of the Drum is still very much alive."

According to Steve, it takes at least two-weeks to build a drum, with one week being spent just preparing the hide, then comes the building, stretching and toning.

"Making my drums has brought me serenity, and taught me to have patience," said Steve. "And when I've finished a drum, it's so satisfying to play it, and know that the heartbeat of Mother Earth will continue to be heard."

Danielle Jules receives recognition as Outstanding Student

In a special ceremony at Nanaimo's Quarterway Elementary School, Danielle Jules (Mowachaht) received recognition and praise from her teachers for her outstanding contribution to her school.



Danielle, with mom Cheryl Jules (l) is congratulated by her teacher.

Danielle, who is in Grade Seven at Quarterway School, does the daily announcements, excels in art, reading, and many other scholastic areas, and is active on many sports teams as well.

"She's a real treasure to our school," said Principal Ms. Horvell. "She's just the greatest person to have around. We really love her."

Danielle was one of eight First Nations students receiving recognition at this year's Nanaimo School District #68 event.

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Representing 10% (1800 students) of the overall school district student population, the Nanaimo School Board is trying to make schools a more inviting environment for First Nations students.

"One of the things we're trying to do is close the gap between First Nations and non-First Nations students," said Jim Kellogg, Coordinator of First Nations Education Services for School District #68. "And this recognition ceremony is part of that," he said.

Hi-sin-kwas Hosts Treaty Planning Session

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Nuu-chah-nulth residents of Victoria and Vancouver hosted the March 6/7 session of NCN Treaty Planning with the usual warm hospitality that is so much a part of our culture.

The young Ahousaht men of Victoria demonstrated their commitment to our culture with their strong, proud singing during meals and breaks.

Hudson Webster offered the morning prayers before each session started. NCN Treaty Manager, Vic Pearson, reported that all of the treaty decisions and draft clauses for the Agreement-in-Principle up to November 1999 have been compiled into one document.



Hudson Webster stands behind daughter Tracey during her presentation

Each Nation will receive a copy of the latest compilation and was asked to destroy outdated copies.

The next item on the agenda was the review and discussion of the Political Accord between the NCN Nations. It was noted that Hupacasath, when they withdrew from the larger table, followed the accord to the letter.

Upon reviewing the accord, NCN delegates agreed that some of the wording could create confusion and directed Vic Pearson to change some wording in order to provide clarity.

Willard Gallic reported that nine of the twelve NCN Nations visited the Royal BC Museum during the first week of March to view artifacts belonging to the NCN Nations. Our Nations are negotiating with RBCM for the return of some of these artifacts to their rightful owners.

In order to facilitate negotiations, each Nation has committed to the preparation of a listing of its artifacts that it wants returned by June 30/00.

The Culture and Heritage Negotiation team is directed to prepare a listing of items that we want returned from the

'objects of unknown origin' category by the same deadline.

Gallic reported that a date for viewing the 'objects of unknown origin' would be scheduled in the near future. Negotiation for the return of the artifacts should begin by July 2000, provided that all Nations and the Culture & Heritage Group meet their deadlines.

Hudson Webster expressed his concern about museum policy with respect to access to museum archives and artifacts. He was upset to learn that he would have to pay money if he wanted to copy museum tapes that were made of his late parents, Peter and Jessie Webster.

Matthew Lucas, Hesquiaht negotiator is concerned that the Museum may somehow exploit the artifacts and/or archival materials. A motion was passed that the Culture & Heritage negotiation group is to negotiate matters concerning copyright and intellectual property and free access to materials belonging to our people.

Vic Pearson presented a document that contained suggested principles for our right to water. These principles were amended according to discussion of first draft that was reviewed by this table on February 17. The amended clauses clarify what our right to water means and what we may do with our water under those rights. The proposed amendments were discussed and adopted by motion.

With respect to Fish and Fisheries/ Offshore Areas and Ocean Management, Cliff Atleo reported that there was some discussion about allocation at a recent meeting. "The feds only want to explore options for allocation as they exist today. Current allocation formulae are all based on their inaccurate data," reported Atleo.

He went on to say that the negotiation group is seeking not only to have our current needs met, but also our future needs. "We still don't get our current needs met, especially in terms of quakmis...our needs are supposedly based only to conservation needs."

Frustration was expressed over DFO policy that allow for the commercial harvesting of severely depleted stocks such as herring.

Richard Watts pointed out that there are no more shallow-spawning herring and that most Nations must resort to the ponding method in order to secure quakmis for their people, at a huge financial burden to each Nation.

Other issues that the Fisheries Negotiation team are working on are: steelhead, guiding, the concept of earning a modest income from fisheries, shellfish and tenures. Dates for upcoming Fisheries negotiations are March 29, April 12, 13, 14 and 20.



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It was pointed out that this chapter is about the writing of our own laws. Many speakers made contributions and provided examples of little-known NCN laws.

"We are moving so fast that we are leaving behind our culture and traditions. It is not completely gone but it is fading. Ha'with and Hahoolthee are the most important thing we should be talking about at these meetings. It is very difficult for our younger generation to fully understand what we are trying to teach, especially with the Mamulthee language. We are not making new laws, but reviving the old ones," said Ahousaht elder, John Charlie.

After lengthy discussion the working group was asked to incorporate our cultural laws with respect to ownership, care and/or disposal regalia into their document. The working group requests that the elders develop a protocol for the seating of the Ha'with so that there are no misunderstandings.

The J&GMWG presented a draft document of child welfare guiding principles. The principles were pulled from an Usma report and edited to suit treaty purposes. The principles were adopted by motion. Delegates agreed that a request for proposals would be sent out to hire somebody to develop NCN legislation on Child Welfare, amongst other things.

The next Main Table session will be at Somass Hall in Port Alberni on the morning of April 26.



Hudson Webster Jr. leads fellow Nuu-chah-nulth youth in the singing of a dinner song.

in the event that the owner dies without a will, or when a will is contested. There was a lengthy discussion about various aspects of Hupaguinim and our laws as they pertain to the Chief's belongings.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
Upcoming Meeting:



Regular Meeting March 30 - April 1 9 a.m. TinWis

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

MEETING	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Negotiations	March 27 - 29		Tin Wis
Treaty Planning	April 3 - 4	9 a.m.	Nanaimo
	(Royal Canadian Legion Branch #256, East Wellington Rd.)		
TSC	April 5 - 6	9 a.m.	Nanaimo
Treaty Planning	April 18 - 19	9 a.m.	Somass Hall
Main Table	April 26 - 28		Somass Hall

Fisheries News

Ponding Experiment a Success

By Jim Lane
N.T.C. Southern Region Biologist

Herring have long been an important fisheries resource to the marine ecosystem of West Vancouver Island. Herring generally spawn in shallow water, depositing their eggs over marine vegetation and rock outcroppings.

Their habitat of spawning in the intertidal area, makes their eggs accessible and an important food source for birds, salmon and groundfish, mink, otters and many species of marine mammals including several species of whales.

Nuu-chah-nulth people harvest both whole herring and herring spawn-on-boughs, or siihmuu, or kwaqmis is the most preferred.

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Traditionally, siihmuu/kwaqmis is harvested by Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen by setting cedar and hemlock boughs in in-shore areas where herring school and spawn (usually February-April).

After the herring spawn, roe-laden boughs are removed from the water and the roe is eaten fresh or preserved for year-round food, social, and ceremonial use.

In recent years, Nuu-chah-nulth people in the Barkley Sound area have found it increasingly difficult to meet their siihmuu/kwaqmis needs due to declining herring stocks and conflicts with commercial herring fishing.

Additionally, herring in Barkley Sound have shifted from shallow water to deep water spawning.

Since 1997, the herring have increasingly been shifting to deep water spawning. This change in egg depth deposition has further restricted access to siihmuu/kwaqmis for Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen.

Facing chronic low herring abundance and behavioral changes in herring spawning patterns, the First Nations of Toquaht, Ucluelet, Tseshaht, Hupacasath, Uchucklesaht, Diti-daht and NTC Fisheries decided to investigate the feasibility of ponding herring to help meet their siihmuu/kwaqmis needs in 2000.

Herring would be placed in a single pond, in a manner similar to a commercial roe-on-kelp fishery, to spawn on kelp, cedar, and hemlock.

The boughs and kelp would then be harvested and distributed to the



Chuck McCarthy hauls in a Hemlock bough covered in siihmuu / kwaqmis.

participating First Nations.

The group held three organizational meetings prior to this year's herring season.

It was decided all participating First Nations would contribute equally with other cash, boats, fuel, labour and other equipment.

All siihmuu produced from the project were to be split evenly. NTC Fisheries was able to secure funding from the Capacity Initiative Secretariat and a small amount from DFO for this project.



Barkley Sound Herring Pond Operations Crew: L-R: Rob Cootes, Kirk McCarthy, Vince Bos, Chuck McCarthy, Charlie Cootes, Jim Lane, Al Fred, Phillip Edgar, Howard Dick, Mitch McFee. Missing: Jack Touchie

Barkley Sound Herring Pond prepares for harvest

By Brian Tate
Habitat Monitoring Program Coordinator

On Feb 27/2000 five Barkley Sound First Nations (Uchucklesaht, Toquaht, Ucluelet, Tseshaht, and Hupacasath) and Diti-daht began setting up their Herring Pond operation for Section 35(1) needs.

As the Project Coordinator Charlie Cootes Jr. of Uchucklesaht was selected, his task is to organize materials, coordinate all volunteer efforts from each Nation, and setting date/time/ & place of setting the pond up. The site that was chosen is behind Stopper Island across the village of Macoah in Toquaht territory.

Overall project supervision was provided by NTC Fisheries Southern Region Biologist, Jim Lane. To help ensure the project would run smoothly, the group recognized the need for a Coordinator. Charlie Cootes Jr. of Uchucklesaht was selected to coordinate the project.

Calvin Clarke of Toquaht listed the equipment required to create a herring pond. The group would need a net frame, 50x50x50 foot net, 2000 feet of anchor and beach lines, 600 feet of 3/8" rope for bough lines, 3000 feet of nylon twine for beackets, 500 feet of nylon flat twine to hang kelp, 2-1000 pound anchors, 12-60 pound anchors, a seine boat, fish totes, support boats, on-site accommodations, boughs, kelp, trucks to transport the siihmuu and of course

The setting of the pond operation took the better part of the morning until early afternoon. They started by scraping the mussels off the plastic floats under the frames of the pen, and releasing the ropes holding the pen in place. From there Vince Bos and Rob Cootes towed the pen out to the place where Chuck McCarthy had showed them. Upon reaching the spot, which was approximately 60ft deep, we started anchoring it in place with two 1000lb anchors and 2 land lines that also helped hold the pen in place. All that was left was to put the net in, gather Hemlock and Cedar trees/branches, and wait for the arrival of the HERRING.

dedicated workers to put the whole project together.

Chuck McCarthy of Ucluelet offered his commercial fish boat "Ocean Drifter" for on-site accommodations and communication center, his new speed boat for a support vessel and made the 1000 pound anchors. Ucluelet First Nation provided funding for operation and maintenance of Chuck's boats, in addition to food. Tseshaht provided the 60 pound anchors (thanks Al Fred) and provided three support vessels (Shewish Queen, "The Jet Boat that leaks" and Vinny Bos's small skiff). Tseshaht and Viny Bos supplied accommodations for

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Ha-Ho-Payuk teacher Lena Ross teaches pre-school students the word "kusmit" (herring) at Tseshaht smokehouse. It was suggested by Mich Hirano the Tseshaht Band Manager to show the students how the herrings are filleted and smoked. A good learning experience!



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ADSS Calendar

Feb 17-2000	Term 2 Report Cards Issued
March 6	ADSS Pro Day
March 8	PAC Meeting
March 9-11	ADSS Musical Production
March 14-16	Vancouver Island Jazz Festival
March 20-24	Spring Break
March 30-31	Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival
April 6-8	BC Provincials Badminton Championships
April 7	Term 3 ends
April 10-14	Work Experience Week
April 20	Term 3 Report Cards Issued
April 21	Good Friday Schools Closed
April 24	Easter Monday Schools Closed
April 25-27	ADSS Performing Arts Festival
April 28	District Pro-Day School Closed
May 4-6	B.C. High School Drama Festival - Victoria
May 10	PAC Meeting
May 16-21	Music Fest Canada Toronto
May 22	Victoria Day Schools Closed
May 23-26	Cultural Celebration / First Nations and East
June 2-3	B.C. High School Track and Field Championships
June 10	ADSS Graduation
June 14	PAC Meeting
June 20	Last Day of Classes / Awards Assembly
June 21-29	Provincial Exams
June 29	Report Cards Issued

Leon Gallic wrestles his way to the top



Congratulations to Leon Gallic on your accomplishments in wrestling. Leon has been very successful in the past few tournaments, Vancouver, Surrey, and Campbell River.

In Campbell River, Leon placed third in his weight category. This put Leon in the B.C. Wrestling Tournament in Vancouver February 24-25. At the B.C.'s tournament, Leon narrowly missed qualifying for the Nationals. Not bad for his first year in wrestling.

Leon would like to thank the people who supported him in attending all the tournaments, first, his biggest supporters being his parents Nancy Gallic and Cal McCarthy, also to the Tseshaht Nation, and the Good Samaritan Fund, also his coaches John McDonald and Daryl Clark. Leon is also involved with the Track and Field, and cross-country teams at ADSS. We wish you all the best Leon.

February 9th - Paul Richardson and I took 12 students to attend the Blue Print

for the Future Youth Career Fair at their Vancouver Convention Centre. Approximately 1000 Youth (First Nations) attended.

The Career Fair is a project of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, founded by John Kim Bell. This is an exciting conference to attend, there were numerous workshops offered in Business and Finance, Public Service & Human Resources, Health & Social Sciences, Arts &, Media, and Natural Resources/Tourism.

Plus a Trade Fair where there were over 90 booths offering information on colleges, Universities, Banking, Military etc, all catering to First Nations students. A couple of the highlights were Evan Adams and Ted Nolan, keynote speakers for the day. Both speakers delivered inspiring messages to the youth about education, responsibilities, and goals.

"You are responsible for the rest of your life" and "Never underestimate a dream," were a couple of important messages sent to the youth.

CAPP - Looking Forward

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

The Gold River Secondary School students, administration, teachers and support staff came together and hosted an informational careers session.

The CAPP student organizers deserve recognition for their hard work in bringing together 18 different resource people to the school.

The students participated in the scheduled blocks and put forward questions to the various individuals about the type of work they did. This initiative demonstrates youth who are looking forward to the future and preparing themselves for the days when they have to earn a living for themselves.

Thank you and a job well done to student organizers: Robin Wulffurst, Nancy Conley, Amanda Pye, Brandon Jack, Wayne Lavoie, David Unger, Parker Parungao and Marissa James. Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council education worker, Marge Amos and teacher Julie Fisher provided assistance when it was needed.

The staff support and teacher interest is a large part of this kind of success, according to Marge. She said the help of Mrs. Killy, Mrs. Sibley and Barb Amos is also appreciated.

Some of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth or Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council guests included:

Beautician - Ms. Jackie Alexander
Journalism - Louise Amos
Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council Fisheries Biologist- Roger Dunlop
RCMP Officer - George Frank
Auxiliary Constable - Mark Jack
Tourism - Margarita James
Economic Development - Wayne Lord
Artist - Tim Paul
Social Work - Roberta Savey and
Office Manager - Patricia McDougall.
Pharmacology, chef, computer / technical services, wildlife conservation officer, medicine and sports as career options were also presented to the students.

Ms. Linda Jay and Ms. Kelly Johnson - Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council Post Secondary advisor provided pamphlets and informational booklets on educational courses. It is clear the youth are aware and have varied interests in the work force and they will succeed in their endeavors.

Tim Paul said he was impressed with the intellectual calibre of the Gold River students and commended them of their foresight into the future.

He also spoke of the importance of family. He echoed the ancestors haa-ho-pa of family teachings. The hub or center of any community lies within family structure and how they relate to each other on a day to day basis.

Tim Paul spoke on the importance of family. He echoed the ancestors haa-ho-pa of family teachings. The hub or center of any community lies within family structure and how they relate to each other on a day to day basis.

He stressed how important it is for today's parents and relatives to be a part of the children's lives. Talk to your family members. Be with them. Spend time with them. Do things together. Get to know your family.

Tim spoke of practical living guides and we as a people really need to pay attention to what we are doing. He said any body can make a living if you work hard and commit yourself to what you truly believe in. Family life and earning a living has to be balanced. Tim elaborated on many points, but the message is clear - know the importance of family.

Wildlife conservation officer, Gord Gudbranson said there is a real need for more certified field officers. Gudbranson says this is field is one that will be needing recruits and sees the need for more personnel to meet the demands of various public interests.

The CAPP session was well organized and professional. Hats off to CAPP.

SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE FEES

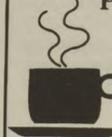
The NTC Education Department receives many questions about course and/or material fees being charged for high school courses. The NTC's understanding is that fees are not to be charged for regular courses offered by public schools. The families are already paying for these courses through the taxes that 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.



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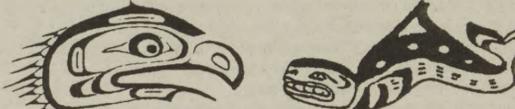
In response to a growing interest by the Nuu-chah-nulth people regarding their participation in Out of the Mist, the Royal British Columbia Museum Public Programs Department, in collaboration with our Nuu-chah-nulth Cultural Liaisons, have organized the following special cultural events:

Nuu-chah-nulth Youth Festival:
April 28-30, 2000

Final Weekend:
May 27-28, 2000

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First Nation Membership

From Marilyn Short, Re: Change of address, phone numbers, fax numbers, email address, newborn babies, etc.

In the past we have tried to keep up to you our membership by phoning around asking where you are living now.

We would appreciate it very much if you would forward your newest address to us immediately.

Any returned mail will result in the removal of your name from our mailing list unless you call and let us know your current address.

If you have received mail from us recently (January 2000), you may assume that we have your current address and you will continue to receive any newsletters, information sheets etc from this office.

Any newborn babies must be registered immediately. If you have recently given birth, please call this office and I will forward to you consent to register form for your child. If you have not registered any of your children, it's not too late to do so. Call me if you are not sure if your child is registered.

Keep in touch with this office, sometimes we need to keep in touch with you our membership with very important information that needs to be passed on to you.

Upcoming events:

- Elder's conference in Campbell River - July 2000
- General Band election - Date not set yet
- Treaty information update meetings

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OLD-AGE PENSIONERS, Mabel Yukum (centre front), enjoys her meal at the monthly Old Age Pensioners dinner. It's a "Come One, Come All" affair, to give the pensioners a chance to visit and talk over "old times." The dinner is held at Pease Hall and is free of charge. If you are interested in coming to the April 1st dinner, please contact Mena Fred at 723-8453 for further information.



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Information

Certificate of Indian Status card renewal deadline has been extended

In 1997 the department created a new Certificate of Indian Status card with an expiry date. We also advised you that all status cards without an expiry date would have to be renewed before December 31, 1999.

We are now writing to confirm that Ottawa has successfully negotiated an extension of the December 31, 1999 deadline with the various service providers that require applicants to present their status cards in order to receive services. To date, no official deadline has yet been set.

Although it is no longer necessary to renew all status cards before December 31, 1999, we would strongly encourage you to obtain a new status card whenever possible in the new year. It is in everyone's best interest that we ensure that all status cards without expiry dates are renewed as soon as conveniently possible.

The purpose of issuing Certificates of Indian Status cards is to verify that the cardholder is a Registered Indian. Status cards are only useful if the photographs are current. It has come to our attention that some Registered Indians have been denied services because some service providers have questioned whether their status cards are still valid.

To remedy this situation, it was decided that all status cards issued to individuals under the age of eighteen will have an expiry date of two (2) years and all status cards issued to individuals over the age of eighteen will have an expiry date of five (5) years from the date of issue.

It should be noted that the five/two year expiry date does not mean that the cardholder ceases to be a Registered Indian at the end of the five/two year period. It only means that if the cardholder intends to use the status card to obtain certain services and benefits, it must be renewed every five years.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the renewal of status cards that do not have expiry dates, please contact Rosie Little at (250) 724-5757 or one of our I.N.A.C. representatives at, (604) 666-2059 who would be pleased to assist you. You can also visit our office in person at 120-1550 Alberni Street, Vancouver, BC. Our office hours are as follows: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Ehattlesaht and the Treaty Process

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

Ehattlesaht members gathered at the Zeballos community hall on February 29th, to discuss their internal treaty review.

Dawn Amos, EFN Chief-Elect and Dana Atleo, EFN Treaty Co-ordinator put together a kit for membership review and feedback.

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Dawn said she wanted to present the pros and cons of the treaty process to date. She wanted members to receive balanced and factual information, so the membership can make an informed decision about the EFN position in treaty related matters. The information was mailed out to all Ehattlesaht membership and upon receiving responses Dawn and Dana will compile the data and take the next step in the review process. EFN is committed to report back to the Nuu-Chah-Nulth treaty table about the internal review.

The women spoke to the importance of the new born babies, toddlers and little children. They said the family unit is what treaty is all about.

The leaders need to know the treaty is to secure lands and resources for the people of today and tomorrow. The family is seen as the most important factor to the process.

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Dawn reiterated the EFN's Council's commitment to the children and it is stated on the Ehattlesaht's letterhead. The council is doing its best to meet the current needs of the EFN children. Furthermore, treaty is seen as a vehicle for securing certainty for the Ehattlesaht First Nation People and to not settle for unacceptable offers made by any level of government.

Amos referred the members to previous work done by leadership of the day on the behalf of the People. She reminded the group of the Back to Basics booklets and to read them critically.

Elder, Moses Smith, the Old Buffalo did say there were some errors and some corrections were needed in the booklets.

EFN is willing to receive haa-ho-pa and it will help in the decision making process. The information is a considerable contribution by the previous workers and Dawn expressed her gratitude for the vision statement recorded in the booklets.

The kit included EFN's past treaty work, present treaty status and future treaty options.

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council treaty update information was also part of the info package.

Given there was a lot of paperwork in handouts and mounds of information to digest, Dawn suggested everyone take home the info and discuss it with family members who were unable to be at the meeting.

Dawn and Dana will be available to all EFN members to answer questions and are willing to do individual home visits if requested or required by the membership. If this is an avenue that will assist, members are asked to call the Ehattlesaht Band Office to secure a meeting time to discuss treaty issues with Dawn and Dana.

Dawn cautioned and advised the membership to be aware that the collective decision will of course have consequences.

The Ehattlesaht People have to reconcile themselves to the course and decision they make about treaty.

The matter needs to be clear to all members, given there will be a ratification process for an Agreement in Principle (AIP).

Nuu-Chah-Nulth are optimistic to reach an AIP by mid-year. She concluded the EFN has a unique connection to Naas and to the Nisma.

The onus of responsibility is on the collective membership to give direction and mandate to the treaty workers on their behalf.

The latest date for input is March 17th at the Zeballos community hall and a complete report to the Nuu-Chah-Nulth treaty planning table once the grassroots direction is given to the EFN treaty team.

Disability Access Committee News

The Disability Access Committee recently held regional information meetings in each of the Nuu-chah-nulth regions.

We've achieved most of the goals we had set for ourselves just over a year ago. We are grateful to the Leadership of Nuu-chah-nulth for giving us the support that we needed, to begin the process of identifying and resolving some of the issues that affect Nuu-chah-nulth members living with disabilities.

At the 1999 NTC Annual Assembly, the Disability Access Committee conducted a random survey to identify the most common disabilities of those who completed the survey form.

The information gathered was on a volunteer basis, and completion of the personal information data was optional (name, age, First Nation).

In total there were approximately 200 surveys distributed, with 53 completed surveys returned by the end of the Annual Assembly. We have now reviewed the information, and have used the information to guide us in planning for the upcoming Disability Health Information Gathering.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Disability Access Committee extends an open invitation to any member interested in learning more about various topics during the NTC Disability Health Information Gathering, on March 27, 29, & 29, 2000, to be held at the Maht Mahs in Port Alberni.

We will be having various presentations on health and disability topics, along with resource tables attended by knowledgeable individuals and C&HS Staff on-site to answer questions.

Members of the Disability Access share

some of their thoughts on why you should attend this gathering:

Helen Dick, Tseshaht - "Acknowledge the fact Nuu-chah-nulth people have and live with disabilities, and to develop along with knowledge and understanding, empathy, patience, caring and love people for who they are."

Ida Mills, Dididaht - "This committee is committed to seeking changes, which will enhance the lives of our disabled community members. These changes will encourage the disabled to be full participants within their community. Each Disability Access Committee representative requires support from their community. This can be provided by attending the DAC regional meetings."

Bernice John, Kyququot - "I feel that there are a lot of us out there living with a disability (both on and off reserve) that need more help at home and are asking the council for what is needed but aren't getting it. So if they came to these meetings and asked for redirection as to where to go, maybe a lot of us would stay home instead of moving to town when we don't really want to."

Mae Taylor, Ucluelet - "How else will we know your concerns or issues, or Chief and Council, or NTC staff, if members don't come forward and discuss this with the DAC members. We care and want to hear from you. I have been a DAC member for one year now. Our CHR, Bev, asked me if I'd like to join this committee and I gladly accepted."

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Hi-sin-kwas Nuu-chah-nulth

(This is for all Nuu-chah-nulth members living in the Victoria District)

Are looking for volunteers or support in numerous ways:

- * More committee members & Executive (experience an asset but not necessary)
- * Fund raising and coordinator (experience an asset but not necessary)
- * Phone tree callers and coordinator
- * youth activities
- * Art Donations or donations
- * cultural activities and coordinator
- * New Ideas
- * Newsletter?

In the near future we will:

- * set up as a Non-profit Society
- * set up an office location
- * Committee to become Board of Directors

Current committee members and Nations they represent are:

John (Hudson Sr.) Webster, Ahousaht Nation.....	committee(Exec)
Katie Fraser, Tla-o-qui-aht Nation.....	committee
Ed Shewish, Tseshaht Nation.....	committee
Bettina Thomas, Ahousaht Nation.....	committee
Tracey Webster, Hesquiaht Nation.....	committee (Exec)
Janet Webster, Ahousaht Nation.....	committee
Philip George, Tseshaht Nation.....	committee-interim
Pamela Webster, Ahousaht Nation.....	committee (Exec-interim)
Harley Wylie, Huu-ay-aht Nation.....	committee (Exec)
Barb Audet, Tla-o-qui-aht.....	committee (Exec)

Hi-sin-kwas Nuu-chah-nulth singers welcome you to join them at practices or drop by when your in town:

When: Mondays, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
Wednesdays, 5:00pm - 5:45pm

Place: Fernwood Community Centre

Address: 1240 Gladstone Ave.

If you are interested in helping or having input, you may reach the following by telephone: Contacts:

Hudson Sr./Janet.....	250 474-7061
Ed	250 381-3002
Guy Louie Jr. (Youth or Cultural Singers).....	250 381-4250 or 250 213-3184
Messages only.....	250 381-4250

Email us: TheWebs2000@Line.ca or pfwebster@telus.net

(Note: Jordan Lucas contact Guy Jr. or Pamela AS SOON AS POSSIBLE about returning the VICTORIA S.O.N.S. uniforms to us.)

Nuu-chah-nulth Language

Nuučaanuŋ letters M and M̄

Plain m sounds like the m in morning and moon.	Glottal M̄ has a sound of m plus uh.
Some Nuučaanuŋ words that start with the plain m.	Some Nuučaanuŋ words that start with the Glottal m̄.
Four - muu	Rock, gravel - miuksyi
Four fingers - muumuuyink	It's raining - miŋaʔaxma
Full moon - mitumf	Gravel bottom of a river- miuukuukʔis
Eclipse - meeʔiʔat hupaf	Trap - miacak
High tide (way in)- muufuk	Cherries - miuniukʔaqʔ
Bow (bow and arrow)- muustati	To bite - miacix
To knit - mamuuk	Oldest son - miamiqsu
To speak English- maamaamaʔniqa	Screen/curtain at
Handcuffs - mamaʔaasim	Potlatch - miuuyapifum
A fly - maackʔin	To close a door - miusʔitap
	Cold weather - miatuk

Submitted for haaʔiʔsa by Dave Watts, Čisaaʔath.

Florence Wylie

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to spend time with many Tseshaht Elders. These Elders always had patience, always had time to listen, were non-judgemental, always encouraged me, and had faith in me," said Florence. "These Elders gave me a sense of values that have given me guidance, and continue to help me today."

Florence has been employed as the C&HS Senior Manager since July 1998, has been instrumental in organising the First Tribal Council Disability Access Committee in Canada, and is the mother of three "fine young men".
Prior to coming to the N.T.C.,

Florence was Tseshaht's Acting Band Manager, P/T Band Manager for Huu-ay-ah, Coordinator for the B.C. Aboriginal Network on Disability Society, Assistant Manager of Finance and Administration for the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs, the Provincial Coordinator for the B.C. Association of Indian Friendship Centres.

Florence joins other N.T.C. staff in wishing Norman every success in his new position in Vancouver, saying he was a guiding role for all.

"Norman was very supportive and I really appreciate that," said Florence. "In many ways he prepared me for this role [as Executive Director], as I assisted him on various assignments." "I believe it's exciting for him as he goes into his new role, and I wish him every success," she said.

Congratulations Anna Atleo!

Congratulations to my beautiful daughter Anna Atleo for winning the Most Valuable Player at the All Native Basketball Tournament in Prince Rupert.

I want to say how proud I am of you and to say "how special you are to me."

Kleco! Kleco! First and foremost to the Hesquiaht Ladybirds and Port Alberni Renegades for allowing her to be a team member on your team during the last few years.

Kleco! Kleco! Kitimat for acknowledging my daughter and allowing her to play with your team.



Congratulations also to Ahousaht Masters for winning the Most Sportsmanlike Team.

Julia Landry

2000 Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-piich Games Port Alberni



Games Committee Meeting
Friday April 7, 9:30am. NTC office.

Tlu-piich Games Youth Retreat
Friday June 30 to Sunday July 2 and
Friday July 14 to Sunday July 16

Tlu-piich Games Youth Pageant
Saturday July 22

Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-piich Games
Thursday July 27 to Monday August 7

Note: Track and Field has been scheduled for the long weekend, August 4th to 7th.

For more information contact Ed Samuel at the NTC office, at 250-724-5757.

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Ahousaht feasts on Whale

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Wihayaqa?cik (James Swan) examines the whale on Ahousaht beach.

weeks after the spawn in order to allow the eggs to hatch.

DFO was made aware that the whale carcass would be towed to Ahousaht for consumption. The whale reached the shore just before noon on Thursday, March 9. It would not be dissected until 4:00pm when the tide went out.

It took considerable effort to turn the carcass over onto its belly. A heavy-duty truck and towrope succeeded where manpower and ropes proved to be a dismal failure. Our Makah relatives quickly got to work after the prayer ceremonies.

It took just over two hours to remove most of the blubber from the 31'8" whale. During the evening and throughout the night community members trekked between the beach and their homes toting their share of the whale meat and blubber.

The Makah asked that their names not be publicised because of the threats and attacks that they have endured since their whale hunt almost a year ago. Suffice it to say that Ahousaht has great respect for our relatives, the Makah, and that their kindness and generosity is truly appreciated.

The first part that was removed was the 'saddle' portion of blubber. In keeping with tradition, this most coveted portion was given to Wihayaqa?cik (James Swan) in whose traditional territory the whale was discovered. James says for now, the

blubber is being stored in his deep freezer.

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12-year old Leon Titian dresses his first whale.

and their homes toting their share of the whale meat and blubber. The work continued until at least 9:00 the next morning.

James Swan said that the non-consumable portions of the whale were buried on the beach.

Ahousaht will host a whale feast and have tentatively set April 1 as the date for the feast.

Barkley Sound Herring Pond Success ... continued from page 4.

workers at Viny's family cabin in Canoe Pass and the Tseshaht cabin at Nettle Island. Uchucklesaht provided Charlie Cootes Sr.'s skiff the "Un-touchable" for a working platform for the duration of the project.

The skiff was also invaluable for transporting heavy equipment and siihmuu. Ditidaht provided the beach lines for the pen and a herring skiff for pen set-up, bough collection and equipment and siihmuu transport.

The project took place in Toquaht Territory of Tyee Ha-Wilth, Bert Mack. After consultation with Chief Bert Mack, a commercial salmon farm net pen frame supplied by Toquaht was anchored between the Stopper Islands on February 26. A net for the pen obtained from "Creative Salmon" fish



Tseshaht's Howard Dick and Alfred load siihmuu into totes for distribution in the communities.

farms to create the herring pond was installed a week later. Labour for these tasks was provided by Sam Edgar and Mitch McPhee (Ditidaht), Alfred Fred, Vinny Bos and Howard Dick (Tseshaht), Charlie Cootes Jr., Rob Cootes and Jane Cootes (Uchucklesaht), Chuck McCarthy and Kirk McCarthy (Ucluelet) and Jim Lane from NTC Fisheries and the NTC.

Once the pond was in place, the real work of collecting and stringing boughs and kelp and getting herring into the pen began.

Chuck McCarthy was named on-site manager, and his primary task was to get herring into the pond and organize the boughs and kelp.

Chuck McCarthy and Jim Lane met with DFO and the test boat skipper John Reid of the Ocean Horizon. By March 7, a plan was in place. John Reid and his crew would catch the herring and tow them to the pond.

The herring would be transferred from the seine net to the pond. Herring need to be within a mile of the pond for towing purposes. The pond was ready but the herring disappeared for a few days.

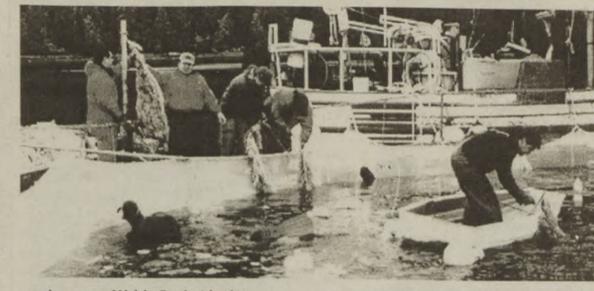
In the interim, boughs and kelp were prepared and placed in the pond. A garden of cedar boughs and kelp were strung across the pond.

On Sunday March 12, a small school of herring showed up northwest of Macoah. The Ocean Horizon set on the fish and six hours later the herring were in the pond. The herring started spawning Sunday night and continued on and off until Wednesday morning. Harvesting started on March 15 and

about 7,500 pounds of siihmuu were harvested and delivered to the First Nations by the next afternoon.

Between the time herring were placed in the pond and siihmuu harvested, the crew had to deal with over 200 hungry sea lions. People worked in shifts throughout the nights, to limit the number of sea lions entering the pond. Usually, 2 to 3 animals were in the pond at any one time. If left alone, up to 15 sea lions would be in the pond. The sea lions that did get in made short work of the kelp strings. The boughs suffered no apparent damage.

The pond crew should be congratulated for their efforts, without which this project would not have been a success. Tseshaht supported three full time and 3 part time people for the duration of the project. Vinny Bos, Alfred Fred, Allan Ross, Pete Wilson, Howard "Moby" Dick and Ben ????. The "Big G" Gerald Fred, volunteered his time and boat for the project. Thank You Maahk. Ucluelet also provided funding for Chuck's nephew, Kirk McCarthy to help in the



pond set-up. Kirk's Dad, Al, also volunteered his time and his boat for the boat set-up. Ditidaht supplied four people to collect boughs and help in the harvest and transport. Carl Edgar Jr, Philp Edgar, Mitch McPhee and Sam Edgar. NTC Fisheries committed the time of Jim Lane for the duration of the project. Tseshaht, Ditidaht, Uchucklesaht, Ucluelet and Hupacasath supplied totes, trucks and labour to transport the siihmuu from Barkley Sound to the First Nations. Thanks to John Reid and the crew of the Ocean Horizon for catching the herring for the pond.

Special thanks Toquaht Tyee Ha-Wilth, Bert Mack for letting us use his territory.

All and all this project was a success. Although the siihmuu produced was not enough to meet the needs of all the First Nations involved, it proved it can be used to supplement the wild harvest of siihmuu. The objective of this project was to investigate the feasibility of ponding herring for siihmuu collection. The knowledge gained from the project can be used by First Nations to decide if this method would be appropriate for their use.

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Why man made things
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When it messes up lives
And some men beat
wives
Although they didn't
even lie
Did he put me here to
teach me a lesson
To stay away from the
smokin circle called a
session
Although it felt good but
wasn't always so
pleasant
Is this the way the
world was meant to be
everyone so cruel and
mean?
Killin over money that's
green
Fighting over guys
The one's that fill your
heart with lies
The when there done the
love your cries
Is this to win all respect
Where the people who
are nice you gotta reject
Or is this just a stupid
test?

Tanya Titian

This pain made me stronger
I know I can't say "there will be pain no
longer"
Where ever I go, whatever I come to be
And who ever I meet, it will always be with me
It will always be there, even if you do or do not
are
If you don't then I know I don't need you
No matter what you try to say or do
All I can say is you go your way, I'll go mine
And let's leave all our differences behind
Cause I've made it this far
And what I don't need from you is another
scar
But if you really do want to be my friend
And Stand by me and understand
Then let our love and friendship blend
If one bad decision brings our friendship to an
end
Get out of my face, cause the fake mask is a
disgrace
And for you to try to hurt me more, it's not
your place
I've got enough pain, I've been hit by lightening
in the thunder rain, I've been shoved down
the drain
I've been left to hang, I've been left out to
claim
Then I've been put to blame, left to shame
And I don't need to go through this again
Cause I've made it this far already
And I don't need you to rock the boat when I
just got it steady
You're wasting my time, so leave and let me
have the time that's mine.

Tanya Titian

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L-R Back row: Richard George - Manager - Aboriginal Banking BC Division, Robert Thomas - Consulting Elder of Tseshaht 1st Nation, Eric Donald - Vice President Vancouver Island, Ron Arcos - Commercial Relationship Manager, Graeme Weaver - Community Banking Manager, Maggie Gus - Customer Service Representative, Barb Sheare - Commercial Services Officer, Sharon Traverse - Customer Service Representative and Deb Melvin - Customer Service Representative.

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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. Ina Dick-Thomas & Margaret Dick: Port Alberni, BC. Guy Louie, Ahousat: 250-670-9664. John Brown Campbell: Ahousat, BC. Please pass this on to all our relatives!! We will make it the whole long weekend, with a picnic on Sunday, May 21st. Place to be determined. To update our family roots we need names and birthrates, and to confirm you and your families attending. Mail to: Campbell Family Reunion, Box 147, Ahousat, BC V0R 1A0

Upcoming Clayoquot Sound Central Region Board Meeting

April 11 - 13, 2000 Clayoquot Sound Central Region Board - Tin-Wis

Port Alberni Parents battle for their Childrens' Safety

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Parents, Grandparents and Guardians are warning others that a group of young men in Port Alberni are luring young girls into their downtown apartments.

The warning comes after a few parents and guardians have located their 13 to 15-year old daughters in a pair of seedy apartments above Barlows Home Entertainment Centre on 3rd Avenue, after looking for them for up to three or four days.

Parents, Grandparents and Guardians are warning others that a group of young men in Port Alberni are luring young girls into their downtown apartments.

For parent Sam Haiyupis, the troubles began on February 15th, when his daughter started running away for three days at a time. Over the next month, his daughter ran away three times, each time being tracked to the apartments above Barlows.

"I've gotten to know quite a few of these runaway kids through looking for my daughter," said Sam. "I don't know for sure what is attracting these young girls to these guys, but considering the men make the girls call them things like 'Daddy' and 'Big Daddy', I'm pretty sure they're using drugs and money to lure these girls into their places. These guys claim to feed them, but they don't. I'm pretty sure these guys are manipulating them with money and drugs."

According to Port Alberni R.C.M.P. Staff Sergeant Pat Edwards, the accusa-

tions being made by Haiyupis and other parents are unfounded at this point, and the investigation has come to a standstill until they have a solid reason to investigate.

"At this point we've got nothing to go on, and no solid evidence to warrant an investigation," said Edwards.

Walking upstairs into the apartment area above Barlows, it's easy to spot the two offending apartments.

On the doors of Apartment #1 and #4 are signs saying that no one under the age of 18 will be admitted because of pressure being put on the tenants by angry parents.

The sign on the door to apartment #4 confirms Sam's suspicions of drug activity as it reads: "If you want to smoke up, smoke in the bedrooms only! Okay? (With the windows open) Unless you're hot-knifing."

"It's an adult environment in here," said Ron, the tenant of apartment #1, and the man identified by parents as the worst offender.

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The 24-year old man denies he "lures" young girls into his apartment, but admits that many young girls frequent his place.

"They just come here and don't bother going home," he said nervously, standing in the doorway to his apartment with the door closed as much as possible so as



Parents, Grandparents and Guardians protest outside an apartment building they allege underage girls are being "lured into" by older men.

not to allow me to see behind him. "We don't give drugs to anyone underage 'cause we know what happens," said Ron, who admitted previous run-ins with the police, resulting in a probationary period, but refused to say what he had been charged with. "If they bring it [drugs] over here, it's their own problem."

Feeling the heat of parental pressure, Ron admitted that he is leaving town, but it was later discovered that he was leaving because he had been served with an eviction notice.

Ron, who is on welfare, denied giving the girls money, but said that he often gave the girls some of his food. When asked how he can afford to feed others on what he receives from welfare he contradicted himself saying: "I can't afford to even feed myself and my [female] room-mate. So how can I feed all these people who come into my place?"

As of press-time, things had settled down for the Haiyupis household as Sam's daughter has since returned home. But Sam is still concerned about the situation.

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Ministry of Attorney General - Backgrounder

Warning Signs For Parents

WHAT SHOULD parents look for as warning signs that their son or daughter might be involved in the sex trade? Certain behaviour patterns are red flags that something is happening in a child's life, and that the child may need attention or help. While these signs do not necessarily mean a child or youth is being sexually exploited, it is important that the reason for the disruptive or changed behaviour be found quickly. Look for sudden or extreme changes in behaviour, routine, language and appearance such as the following:

- Withdrawing from home life.
- Becoming secretive and uncommunicative
- Skipping school and dropping grades.
- Missing curfew or running away.
- Acquiring an older friend or boyfriend.
- Having unexplained money, new clothes or gifts.
- Exhibiting extreme mood swings, abusive behaviour and language.
- Lying about where they are and what they are doing.
- Dropping old friends for a new group or being extremely protective of a new friend or boyfriend.
- Possessing drug paraphernalia.

Remember: The average age of entry into the sex trade is between 14 and 15 years old. Children and youth from all social, economic and cultural backgrounds can be targeted and recruited.

Both boys and girls are vulnerable to sexual exploitation, but their involvement may differ. For example, boys are not usually pimped and tend to work more independently.

Regardless of how children and youth get involved in the sex trade, keep in mind that they are being manipulated by adults who either want sex from them or want to profit from it. These children are being victimized and need your help and assistance.

If you are worried that your child is being sexually exploited or you would like more information about this issue, you can call the Provincial Prostitution Unit at (604) 660-3747 in Vancouver. The government formed the unit in September 1996 to help communities prevent the recruitment and sexual exploitation of children and youth. Working with police, youth and communities, the unit uses a co-ordinated approach to find ways of addressing the sexual exploitation of children and youth, and other problems related to the sex trade.



Sam Haiyupis and his supporters talk to reporters, while the young men living in the upstairs apartments hurl insults and abuse at the protesters.

Feature Artist: Tsa-Qwa-Supp (Art Thompson)

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Sitting in his home studio, surrounded by his prints and paintings, carvings and painted drums, Tsa-qwa-supp (Art Thompson) seems contented, having survived so much pain to rise above oppression to become an internationally recognized artist.

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Born at Whyac in 1948 to Webster Thompson (Ditidaht) and Ida Modeste (Cowichan), Art was sent to what would become the first of many institutions at the tender age of 2 years old. Diagnosed with Tuberculosis, Art was sent to the TB Hospital in Nanaimo, where he remained for the next 2 1/2 years before being taken to Alberni Indian Residential School.

Over the next eight years, Art would be sodomized, beaten, and tortured by AIRS staff members Arthur Henry Plint and Thomas Dick, in one of the most horrific stories of terror and abuse to come out of the infamous Alberni Residential School.

As with most students, Art lived for the brief summer months that would allow him to return home to his family. "I refused to be acculturated," said Art. "The incredible strength of our people was still there. I saw it for two months every summer and I hung onto it."

After leaving AIRS at the age of 13, Art soon found that being away from his abusers did not mean he was free from the memory of their terrible acts. Art took a job as a logger until a back injury forced him to leave the forest industry at the age of 21.

He then moved to Victoria, taking Adult Basic Education courses at the Institute of Adult Studies (now Camosun College).

For the next seven years, Art spent his life on Vancouver's skid road, addicted to alcohol and every type of drug available, as he tried desperately to wash away the memories of his abuses.

Until one day, while washing himself in the Capilano River, he looked at his frail 110 lb. skeletal frame, and decided to pull himself out of the world his tormentors had created for him.

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Tsa-Qwa-Supp (Art Thompson) completes a pole for Stanford University. Photo by David Meltzer.

to let them beat me." Art admitted himself into Vancouver's Riverview Treatment Centre, where he would again undergo harsh treatment within a sterile institutional environment. "All they did was strap you down and throw you into a padded room," said Art, who spent the next seven months in methadone treatment, trying to shake the effects of seven years on cocaine and heroin.

After checking himself out of Riverview, Art returned home, where his family and community welcomed him with open arms.

"For a long time, I knew there was something missing in my life, and education was it," said Art, describing his decision to enrol in Camosun College's Adult Basic Education program, where he earned his Grade 12 Diploma before enrolling in the Commercial Art Program.

"Once I got out it was great," said Art. "My family still cared about me [while suffering on the mean streets of Vancouver], I just didn't recognize it." Faced with few job prospects, Art thought long and hard about his next step.

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est lights of the First Nations art world, and a strong supporter of Native, Educational, and Community projects.

Developing the idea, then carving one third of the Queen's Baton as well as the silver medal for the 1994 Commonwealth Games in Victoria, Art's talents took a spot on the world's stage, and he hasn't looked back since.

In 1995, he was commissioned to carve a pole for Stanford University in Palo Alto, California, in recognition of the 25th anniversary of their first Native American graduate. He has also donated his art to help raise funds for Native Studies programs and scholarships at Camosun and Malaspina Colleges, as well as for the Victoria Art Gallery and Victoria Symphony.

Recognized by the Victoria City Council for his support of various events and programs throughout the city, Art continued to offer his support to educational institutions whenever possible.

"I had a horrific education as a child," said Art. "And I never want to see any more kids have to suffer like that. It's one of the things I continue to fight for; good education for our kids."

Working in his studio in his Victoria home, Art continues to paint and carve, looking towards another return to school to further refine his jewelry carving skills.

Passing on his high regard for education to his family, Art proudly talks about how his wife Charlene is finishing her master's degree at the University of Victoria, and the accomplishments of his 10 children, aged from 12 to 32.

Recognized as one of the premiere Nuuchah-nulth, and indeed Northwest Coast artists, Tsa-qwa-supp's road to success was a difficult one.

Few have survived similar paths. And to rise from such abuses to international success is truly awe-inspiring.

Proof of the positive power of family and culture, Tsa-qwa-supp serves as a role model to all, showing that oppression can be overcome through hard work, and the culture and traditions passed down through generations.

Today, 40 years after leaving the torturous environment of AIRS, Tsa-qwa-supp has shed the chains and shackles of abuse, becoming one of the bright-

Congratulations Tsa-Qwa-Supp

(Art Thompson)

For your strength and determination in your life as well as in your art. And for being the first Nuuchah-nulth Person to receive the National Aboriginal Achievement Award.



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Tsa-Qwa-Supp, First Nuuchah-nulth to receive National Aboriginal Achievement Award

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Vancouver - A sold-out crowd of more than 2000 people jammed Queen Elizabeth Theatre to witness the highest honour that the Canadian Aboriginal Community pays to its most noted members.

The National Aboriginal Achievement Award is awarded annually to recognize the outstanding achievements made by Aboriginal Canadians in a number of different areas, and over the past 15 years has become the largest Aboriginal cultural project in Canada.

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Awarded the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in the category of Arts and Culture, Tsa-qwa-supp is recognized across Canada as a Master artist. His carvings, paintings, jewellery, and prints, all derived from his Nuuchah-nulth and Cowichan ancestry, are sought after internationally by embassies, art galleries, collectors and museums alike. When he began work as an artist, he focused on two-dimensional design and sculptures. Then, in the 1970's, when he began engraving silver and gold, he was considered to be the foremost Nuuchah-nulth jeweler at that time.

In the late 1970's, Art began working on a monumental scale, carving numerous totem poles and panels for commissions in Canada, the United States, and

his Nuuchah-nulth homeland. He designed both the medals awarded at the 1994 Commonwealth Games as well as the Queen's Baton. He lectures internationally on First Nations culture and art.

As a philanthropist, he has raised thousands of dollars for a variety of civic causes, including the Victoria Symphony and Camosun College, and many First Nations causes related to education. His contributions as an artist and civic leader earned him a special Citizen Award from the City of Victoria in 1995.

Of the 49 people nominated in the Arts and Culture category, the 16-member National Aboriginal Achievement Award jury selected Tsa-qwa-supp over such noted artists as Tim Paul, Roy Vickers, Richard Hunt, actors Evan Adams, Adam Beach, and Tina Keeper, playwrights Tomson Highway,



(l-r) B.C. Premier Ujjal Dosanjh and Dr. David Suzuki present Miles Richardson with the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for his environmental activism.

Drew Hayden Taylor and Lee, Maracle, and writers Jeanette Armstrong, Jordan Wheeler, and Monique Mojica.

"As soon as I found out about receiving the award, I went into 'victim mode'," said Art. "Sure I think there are others more deserving of the recognition than me, but I've accomplished a lot in my life, and I'm proud of that."

14-members of Thompson's family came from Ditidaht, Victoria, Cowichan, and Neah Bay to witness his receiving the award.

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Nisga'a President Dr. Joe Gosnell received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation for his tireless efforts in completing B.C.'s first modern-day treaty.

ents were: Dr. Joseph Arthur Gosnell (Lifetime Achievement Award), Hon. Judge Steven Point (Law and Justice), Miles G. Richardson (Environment), Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald (Education), and Chief Simon Baker (Heritage and Spirituality).

Youth role model Cole Sayers, who was recently named a BC Hydro Youth Role Model, was also introduced at the lavish ceremony, which will be televised on CBC Television on Tuesday, April 11th at 9 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS winners OF THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Congratulations on winning the first National Aboriginal Achievement Awards of a brand new millennium! These awards represent the highest honour Canada's Aboriginal community can bestow upon its achievers. They are also a reminder to all proud Canadians of the enormous fulfillment that comes from recognition at this level.

Each of you has earned the attention and respect of your peers by virtue of your ability to inspire others with your hard work and devotion to cause. While such individual accomplishments are personally rewarding, they also reflect greater collective improvements in Aboriginal communities across the country, where strength and independence of spirit continue to be the hallmarks of achievement.

I would like to offer my praise to the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation for establishing the tradition of bringing such contributions by First Nations, Métis and Inuit people in Canada into the national spotlight. By acknowledging these impressive talents often, we cannot help but foster both creative and intellectual development in the younger generations to follow.

Again, congratulations!

Robert D. Nault

The Honourable
Robert D. Nault, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development



- Dr. Jo-Ann Archibald,**
Education
A pioneer in the advancement of First Nations education.
- Chief Simon Baker (Khat-La-Cha),**
OC Heritage and Spirituality
Ambassador for the Squamish people and a national and international performer.
- John Charles Bernard,**
Business and Commerce
He turned a passion for computers into a multi-million-dollar enterprise.
- Paul J. Birckel (Nashii),**
Community Development
Spearheaded one of the first land claims settlements in the Yukon, created a template for future agreements in Canada.
- Dr. Joseph Arthur Gosnell (Sim-oogit HLEEK)**
Lifetime Achievement
President of the Nisga'a Nation and Chief Negotiator for the Nisga'a people.
- Fjola Hart-Wasekesikaw, R.N. M.N.,**
Health and Medicine
President of the Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada.
- Wansek Horn-Miller,**
Youth Award
This champion swimmer will lead Canada into the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.
- Leetia Ineak,**
Media and Communications
A writer, director, and producer of children's television.
- Edith Josie, CM, OC,**
Heritage and Spirituality
This historian and Justice of the Peace writes for the Whitehorse Star's Here Are the News.
- The Honourable Judge Steven Point,**
Law and Justice
Appointed to the bench to serve British Columbians.
- Miles G. Richardson (KILSLI KAJI STING)**
Environment
This B.C. Treaty Commissioner designated Gwaii Hanas as Canada's first national park reserve.
- Konrad Haskan Sioui,**
Public Service
He invited the Innu to join the Quebec Assembly of First Nations.
- Chief Roy Albert Whitney (Onespot),**
Business and Commerce
Leader of the Tsau-Tina Nation, Chairman, Treaty 7 Tribal Council, and Chair, National Aboriginal Economic Development Board.
- Tsa-qwa-supp (Art Thompson),**
Arts and Culture
Master artist designed 1994 Commonwealth Games medals, carved totem poles for commissions in Canada and the U.S.



Tsa-Qwa-Supp (Art Thompson) receives his National Aboriginal Achievement Award from (l-r) Dorothy Betz (NAAA Juror), Don Barraclough (NAAF), and Rae Hull (CBC).

Residential School Healing Project



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NUU-CHAH-NULTH HEALING PROJECT INFORMATION SESSIONS / WORKSHOPS

Central Region Conference - to be held at Kakawis - April 15th & 16th. Boats will be running on April 14th at 5pm, 7pm & 9pm.

NCN Healing Conference - Set for June 1, 2, & 3, at Maht Mahs, Port Alberni. Theme: Celebration of self and strength of the people.

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Southern Region Office - 724-3233

NUU-CHAH-NULTH HEALING PROJECT

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

Central Region Residential School Project

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.

Gathering

The Nu-uh-nulth Tribal Council Disability Access has scheduled the following:

Health Disability Information Gathering

- Date:** March 28th and March 29th, 2000
- Place:** Maht Mahs, Port Alberni
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day
- For:** This is an "Open Gathering" for all Nu-uh-nulth members
- Day #1** will include Guest Speakers on Health Topics
- Day #2** will include a Special Guest, Dr. Robin LaDue, who will speak

on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effects (FAS/E)

For further information, please contact your Regional Representative

- ✓ Southern Region - Ida Mills or Helen Dick
- ✓ Northern Region - Bernice John or Wilfred Andrew
- ✓ Central Region - Mae Taylor or Ruth Charleson
- or Florence Wylie, Nu-uh-nulth Community and Human Services Sr. Program Manager, at (250) 724-3232, fax (250) 724-6642.

News from the North

By Louise Amos, Northern Region Reporter

Counsellor and Health

Ehatesaht has contracted a husband and wife team to bring counselling services to the Ehatesaht members living at Ehattis and Queen's Cove. The youth and families in need of those services is met twice a month for two days at a time on a contract basis. The couple is based out of Courtenay and EFN council wanted Lynne Primrose interviewed for the general population to know who and what she does for the EFN clientele. She worked in the Campbell River / Courtenay area for 10-12 years. She has previous experience in working for First Nations People. Lynne had attended and assisted Lynda Halliday Sumner in her sexual abuse workshop in Zeballos last year.

Ehatesaht has contracted a husband and wife team to bring counselling services to the Ehattis and Queen's Cove.

Her particular area of expertise counsel is trauma. Child sexual abuse issues and familiarity with the legal system is one of her strengths. Primrose received her Master's Degree in Counselling from Chicago and her Bachelor's in Australia.

Primrose said she prefers the team-work approach in family counselling. She does individual counselling and is aware of community feedback. She said she has received verbal acknowledgements of gratitude for the services they bring to the EFN. Recurring themes she has noticed is the desire of EFN members to become more community oriented. They would like this within Ehattis, Queen's Cove and the Village of Zeballos, EFN wants to continue an actual combined effort between all people who live within the Nu-uh-nulth lands in the area. They would also like to provide more positive opportunities for the women and children. Creating a safe environment is also identified as concern for the EFN.

Lynne and Bruce have decided to use music as a medium for community building exercises. She views music as a type of universal language and it can be a fun way to learn lessons. Singing workshops is a way they will try to reach the communities. She noticed the EFN have an inherent ability to have fun, laugh and play. She sees this as a strength and will try it out for a bit to see how it goes over with the people. The singing workshops will be open to the public every second week from 7-8:30 pm @ the Zeballos School. She expressed the intention of meeting with Chief-Elect and Council to keep the lines of communication opened. Generalities and work in progress overviews will help both sides know the effectiveness of the delivery of counselling services to the EFN members. Lynne said there is no money issue and that the EFN is current with payment of services.

Lynne ended with the notion of revisiting parenting courses availability. She has offered her support to the children, parents and support of the Aboriginal Head Start Program.

Taiaiake Speaks to the People

The Ehatesaht Chief and Council have invited Taiaiake (Gerald Alfred Mowhawk) to come and speak to First Nations Peoples.

Taiaiake received his PH.D from Cornell University and specializes in traditional leadership, nationalism, political thought and Native politics.

He is the Associate Professor and Program Director at the University of Victoria and is involved with the Indigenous Governance Program.

He received his PH.D from Cornell University and specializes in traditional leadership, nationalism, political thought and Native politics. The purpose is to pass along First Nations information and an exchange of ideas about indigenous governance issues. The BCTC is negotiating treaty with many First Nations and Taikaia's lecture will be another avenue to explore self government issues.

EFN Council Ernie Smith is finalizing the details with the Campbell River First Nation's protocol and is optimistic to host the session at the Campbell River Big House. To help defray the costs the entry will be by donation.

Watch this paper for a detailed meeting announcement scheduled for April 8-9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. For further info contact the EFN Office at 761-4155.

Infant Update

Just a little bit of an update on the Infant Development Program in the Central Region area. Although I have not been too visible, I am still in the training position for the Infant Development worker in this area.

To date, Wendy and I have been to all the communities. We have met staff members of different departments, council members, community members and many families involved with the program at each community. Other tasks that I do and keep me away from regular routine and is part of my job/training are meetings, workshops, and courses, either in the area or away in town. As far as the office procedures goes for this program, I have a clear understanding of them. Overall, I am familiar with all the responsibilities that come with the job.

It has been great going around with Wendy. She has made good connection with many of you as I will too. Recently, I have been off work for the last couple of weeks, but I will return fairly soon. As you may have seen, Wendy still continues to visit the communities if I am off elsewhere. It has been good to see everyone again, and I have enjoyed this opportunity of working at home.

Pamela Webster & Wendy Amrhein
Central Region, Infant Development Workers.



Home & Community Care

The NTC Community & Human Services Program has received funding to begin the development of a Home and Community Care program.

Lynne West, Community Health Nurse for NTC Northern Region will be placed on special assignment to begin the development of this program. Danny Watts will be overseeing the preliminary Home and Community Care Capital Plan.

Home and Community Care are services to people that are provided mainly in the home.

These services are provided to people based on needs that are identified through a client assessment.

The belief of care is to help people keep their independence in their own home and

allow them to be close to their loved ones as long as possible.

Home and Community Care will support and improve the care provided by the family and community but should not replace it.

Lynne West and Danny Watts will be at the Maht Mahs on March 27th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to hear your community needs in terms of home and community care.

Please bring your "wish list" to this important meeting.

We are encouraging nurses, Community Health Representatives, Elders, Homemakers, Continuing Care Staff to attend this meeting.

Nuu-chah-nulth Disability Health Gathering

The Nu-uh-nulth Tribal Council Disability Access Committee Members invite you to join us at a Disability Health Information Gathering - Open to all Nu-uh-nulth Members.

Where: Maht Mahs
Time: Doors open 8:30 a.m.
Speakers commence 9:00 a.m.

March 27th - "Home and Community Care Consultation"
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - lunch provided

March 28th - "Health Information Fair"
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Healthy snacks provided

March 29th - "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effect"
Dr. Robin Ladue, Registered Psychologist
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - lunch provided

March 27th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - What to expect:

Open discussion on Home and Community Care issues and concerns.

March 28th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - What to expect:

Based on the many responses from Nu-uh-nulth members at the Nu-uh-nulth Tribal Council Annual General Meeting held in November 1999, we have invited guest on various topics, such as:

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| 1. Diabetes | 6. Mental Health |
| 2. Heart Disease | 7. FAS/E |
| 3. HIV/AIDS | 8. Workplace Injury |
| 4. Cancer | 9. Traditional Healing, Medicine and Foods |
| 5. Arthritis | 10. Special Needs Education |

We will have Health Information Tables with resource people available to answer questions.

March 29th, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - What to expect:

Special Presentation
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome / Effect
Dr. Robin LaDue, Registered Psychologist

Come prepared for a very interesting presentation on Fetal alcohol syndrome, and effect! Gain a better understanding of what FAS/E is and how it impacts First Nation Communities.

For further information, please contact your Disability Access Committee Regional Representative:

Northern Region Bernice John Wilfred Andrew	Central Region Mae Taylor Ruth Charleson	Southern Region Helen Dick Ida Mills
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Gail K. Gus and Robert Cluett stand in a room filled with supplies donated by the Canadian Red Cross and community members.

Walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, canes, and many other supplies are available through Gail's and Robert's work with the Red Cross.

Available on loan, or by donation, the equipment is available to any Nu-uh-nulth person suffering from a short- or long-term disability.

For more information on the Medical Equipment Loan Program, or to donate non-electrical medical equipment, call Gail K. Gus, Tsesaht Family Support Worker at (250) 724-1225.



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

FOR INFORMATION ON HIV/AIDS:
Referrals, Counselling, Workshops, Support, HIV/AIDS Related Information, Contact:
HIV EDUCATOR BERNARD CHARLESON at 724-3232 or NTC OUTREACH NURSE at 724-1281

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Happy Birthday!



We would like to wish Nicholas Ross a very happy 2nd birthday for March 20th. Lots of love Mommy, Daddy and Erin xxoo.

Belated Birthday wishes to Richard Thomas, Carla Webster, George Martin Jr., Hudson J. Webster Jr., Guy Louie Sr., Melodie Louie, Herbie Dick, Dawn Webster, J. Hudson Webster Sr., Happy Anniversary to our Parents, J. Hudson & Janet Webster. 38 years-Way to go! March Birthday Wishes to Tracy Campbell, Gina & Claudie Webster, Janice Mulvihill, Ina Campbell, Bertha & Kelsey Campbell.

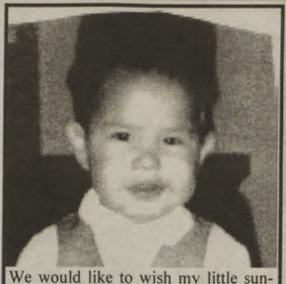
We would like to wish Iris Margaret Rose John a Happy 19th Birthday on March 25th. Love you very much, daughter. You are a very special girl! Have a good day on your 19th Birthday. Love, your Mom & Dad, brothers & sisters, neph Bryan, niece baby Selina Tom. Love you Auntie!

April 14, 2000 - I wish Peggy Little a happy birthday. She was recently profiled as: Feature Elder, I agree with her when she stated, "it takes a whole community to raise a child. Peggy partook in raising many children from her own community through fostering. I would like to like to take this opportunity to thank Peggy for her countless years of raising & teaching me to survive in this up & growing world of ours. Although I am not the natural daughter of Peggy's (her natural niece) she accepted me as one of her own. She taught me the traditional way of caring for another family member. Happy Birthday Mom & many more. Hope your day is as great & wonderful as you deserve. Love your Daughter in heart & soul, Leah Morgan.

Happy birthday in March & April to: March 3 to Kennedy Frank, happy 5th Birthday neph; to nephew George Frank in Courtney, happy 11th birthday neph. We hope you enjoyed your day. & in Courtney to Nona Marchand, happy 5th birthday on March 11th & to Stephanie Marchand in Courtney Happy 8th. Love auntie Lyse & cousins Jeffery & Karemarena Frank.



I'd like to wish my niece Leighsa Charleson-Tate a very Happy Birthday on March 17th. Lots of love from Aunt Karen and cousins Mercediese and Dakota.



We would like to wish my little sunshine Steven Patrick Dick a happy 7th birthday for March 9. Love you a whole bunch. Mom, Dad, Sid Jr., Sylvia, Sabrina, Sheldon.

A very special birthday greeting to a very special boy. Happy 6th birthday my son Jeffrey Frank on March 19th. Love always Mom & little sister Karemarena Frank. Enjoy your day son because you deserve it son. Love you lots!



• March 25th - Happy 2nd Birthday - Renneth George William Louie. I would like to wish my baby boy a very Happy Birthday. Love from your Mom, Sharon (Louie) Bond.
• Birthday greetings to a very special boy, Ren. Grandma's gift from God. I love you baby, you are very special to me. Lots of love, Grandma Lea Louie.

On March 19th Happy 32nd birthday to Lorena Frank from niece Lyse & grandkids Jeffrey & Karemarena Frank.

To grandson Jeffrey Frank happy 6th birthday on 19th of March. Love you lots! Love always grandpa Tommy (Axel).

To my soul mate Lorena Frank happy 32nd birthday. Love you lots! Love your soul mate Jeffrey Frank.

To nephew & cousin Dennis Frank. Happy 12th birthday son. Enjoy your day, love you lots love always Auntie Lyse & cousins Jeffrey & Karemarena Frank.

To little cousin & auntie Neleeta Frank happy 11th birthday on April 14th. Love always cousin Lyse & neph Jeff & niece Karemarena Frank.

To my nephew & our cousin Curtis Frank Happy 5th Birthday neph. Love always Auntie Lyse & cousins Jeffrey & Karemarena Frank.

To uncle & grandpa Wilfred Frank happy 32nd Birthday on April 19th. Love niece Lyse & grandkids Jeffrey & Karemarena Frank.

To a very special lady happy 44th birthday our mom & grandma Karen Frank on April 24th. Love always your 3 children Lyse, Ryan & Nelson (Jose) and 2 grandkids Jeffrey & Karemarena Frank.

To Waldo Happy 22nd birthday Greg Hayes on April 29th. Have a good one Waldo. From cousin Lyse & your neph Jeffrey & niece Karemarena Frank.

Happy 18th Birthday to my daughter Annie Michael on March 10. Love you lots. Mom.



Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. Felix Thomas and Ilene Sutherland (nee: George) of Ahousaht were married amongst family and friends at Port Alberni on February 26, 2000. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Happy 19th Birthday to nephew Clifford Johnson on March 17. Happy 41st Birthday to Rose Johnson on March 17. From Shirley.

Happy Birthday to my dear niece Kelli Mar & to my dear neph Andrew on March 12. We love you both! Love Auntie Claudine, cousins Jennalee, Brandonlee & baby Nathaniel.

Happy Birthday to Traci Swan on March 14th. Enjoy your day! Love Auntie Claudine, cousins Jennalee, Brandonlee & baby Nathaniel.

Happy Birthday to Flossie Webster on March 19th. Have a good one! From your cousin Claudine & family.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Sherri Ming Frank on March 26th. Have a good day! Love from coz Claudine & family.

Happy Birthday to our favorite auntie Eugenia Swan on March 28th. We love you so much Auntie. You're the greatest! Love from Love Jennalee, Brandonlee & baby Nathaniel.

We would like to wish Theresa Watts a happy 14th birthday for March 8; wishing Leisa Fred a happy 11th birthday for March 12th. Love from Uncle Sid, Auntie Sharleen & kids.

I would like to wish a friend Lena Ross a happy 36th birthday for March 12. Love from a friend always Sharleen Dick.

We would like to wish our cousin Joe Thompson a Happy Birthday for March 17. Love from Sid, Sharleen & kids.

We would like to wish our niece Michelle Dick a Happy Birthday for March 23 & Jordan a happy 9th birthday for March 20. Love from Uncle Sid, Auntie Sharleen & kids.

Happy 20th Birthday to Nicholas Ross on March 20th. From Dave, Annie Watts & family.

Happy Birthday to the prettiest girl in the world Jeanette Watts on March 31st. Hope you have a good one pretty girl. Miss you lots. Love auntie Nancy, Ambrose Jr. & Richard.

On March 31st Happy Birthday to my big brother George. Hope that this day is special for you. Wish I was there to help you & Jeanette celebrate. Oh well, we send all our love all the way from Alert Bay. Your little sister Nancy, Ambrose Jr. & Richard.

Happy Birthday to Lily Isaac of Alert Bay on March 15. Love your son Richard, Nancy, Ambrose Isaac.

Happy 2nd Birthday to great grandson Nicholas Ross on March 20th. From Great-grand-parents Allan & Rose Ross & the Ross family.

To my nephew/Godson Jeffrey Frank - happy 6th birthday, have a good one neph on March 19th. Love auntie KJ, Mar & your cousins Dennis, Glenn, Bundy & Curtis Frank.

Also on March 19th a happy 32nd birthday to Auntie/Grandma Lorena J. Frank. Love K.J., Marv & your cousins Dennis, Glenn, Bundy & Curtis Frank.

April 2 - Happy 12th Birthday to our son/ big brother Dennis Frank. Enjoy your day

son. You deserve it. Love always Mom, Marv & your little bro Glenn, Bundy & Curtis Frank.

On April 15th a happy 5th birthday goes out to our baby! Curtis Frank. Love you lots. Love always Mom, Marv and your 3 older brothers Dennis, Glenn & Bundy (John) Frank.



To our baby girl Elissa (Ganao) Happy 1st Birthday! For March 14th. We love you lots sweetie. Mommy and Daddy.

To my Auntie/Grandma Karen Frank in Port Alberni. Happy 43rd birthday Auntie/Grandma Karen. We're thinking of you. Love you lots! Love always your niece KJ., Marv, and your grandsons Dennis, Glenn, Bundy (John) & Curtis Frank.

I'd like to wish my sister-in-law Melissa Fred a Happy Birthday on April 7th. From Karen.

Happy belated Birthday to nephew Denny Watts on March 7th, Uncles Cody Gus on March 16th & Bill Gus on March 18th, niece Michelle Dick on March 23rd, Happy Birthday to cuz Joy Dick on March 27th, sister Wendy Watts on March 31st. From Dave & Annie Watts & family.



I'd like to wish my niece Natasha Charles a very Happy 7th Birthday on March 22nd. Lots of love from Aunt Karen and cousins Mercediese and Dakota.

poet's nook



What is love?

At 24 I haven't a clue, can you tell me please, some-day some-time love will be standing right in front of me and I wouldn't even know it. I thought I knew the meaning of LOVE but I guess it was just a lie but life goes on with only a memory of the past, with the future ahead I put a cast around my heart for now ... Some-day I'll be at the right place at the right time until then my heart beats without a cry.

Intuitions

I take, heed, to my intuitions... My, ancestors, are whispering precious words. I bend towards the wind... To bring back the faith of my loved ones. I draw, them, into myself... Until strength and wisdom flows. I take heed to my intuitions And recognize my own existence. By Della Patrick

Happy Birthday to my dear sister Eugenia Swan on March 28th

SISTERS
Sister, you are the greatest sister Anyone can ask for
Sister, you've always been there for me.
Sister, you have a very special place in my heart.
Sister, I love you for who you are And especially for being half of me
Sister
Love always your twin Claudine A. Webster

To Our Dad

What did I ever do to deserve this pain?
Do you have pain too?
Don't you miss us?
Or do we just miss you?
Many a night we cry ourselves to sleep Do you ever weep?
What can I do to be friends with you?
What can we do to pass all this hurt?
Dads are to be Dads all their lives Grandfathers are to be strong and true So where are you?
With all my heart and soul I pray That God will take care of you always. Your Lost Little Girl. Name withheld by request



One of Patricia's niece's, Charlotte Anderson, played the guitar and shared a song which she composed:

FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE
We join together as man and wife
May our rings signify a promise kept
Chorus: In faith, hope, and love
The kind only dreamed of
Love is patient, love is kind
Tested and true through the winds of time
May our future hold fast
May our promise burn like a mighty flame
Chorus: In faith, hope, and love
The kind only dreamed of
Love wipes all tears away
And lessens every fear
Love does not scorn, love never fails
As fair as the moon, as bright as the sun, so is faithfulness, hope in today, and love
Ohh, live in
Chorus: In faith, hope, and love
The kind only dreamed of
(c) Charlotte (Salla) Anderson (December 29/95)
-Niece to Patricia.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Charlie (Chaz) Watts, Jr., Tse-shaht First Nation, and Patricia Blampied, Oweekeno Nation, Rivers Inlet, announced their plans to marry at a luncheon, February 12, 2000 which was held at the Tse-shaht Cultural Centre. The wedding will take place at a Memorial Potlatch for Patricia's Family in Fort Rupert (Port Hardy) on June 16 - 17, 2000. Family and friends gathered together to support Chaz and Patricia and help begin to make plans for the wedding.

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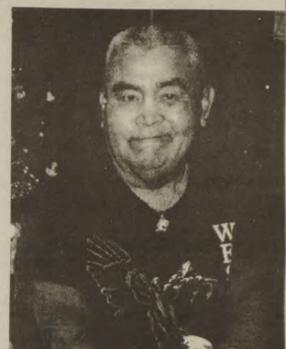
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In Memoriam

In Loving memory of our Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather Martin Charlie Jr.
November 19, 1933 - April 4, 1999



As I sit here alone thinking about you, I start remembering all those wonderful memories I have of you, I start feeling warm inside my heart: But I can not help but feeling the heart ache knowing I can not hold your hand or look into your kind and loving eyes, nor tell you how much you mean to me, and how much I love you. After all you taught me everything I know, as well you taught me how to be the strong person that I am today. You gave me the strength to carry on day by day. I admit when you left to go to a better place I felt as if my strength was taken away, but I know it wasn't because I still feel you in my heart and soul. Yes I know you are in a better place where you are no longer in pain. I understand there will be one day

where the heartache will come to an end, and our path will cross again and on that beautiful day we will be reunited. Always missed and forever loved by your family.

Allan Lloyd

Oh God why did you take him away? I prayed he would be here to forever stay
I despise the feeling of change
Cause within a second, everything is so strange
Now he's gonna be gone really long
And all I got are he's words to keep me strong
But I know they will last forever
For me to forget him, never
I wish I could get by this feeling of being sad
But the pain is really bad
I really want him to be here
So could wipe this internal tear
He sure had a strong choice of words
Now he's forever flying with the birds
I still look into the sky
Wondering if God can hear my silent cry
I'm so sorry for leaving
It's just my heart was cut and bleeding
He's gone, now we're left grieving
But his works will keep us stronger
And one day we'll be in pain no longer

In Loving Memory of Linda Miller (nee David)

April 10th 1932 - April 1, 1986
Mother it has been 14 years since you left us.
That day you had to leave us and that day so much pain
To know that we would never see you or talk to you again
We could cry until we had no more tears to cry.
But our tears will never bring you back to us.
Mother you were always bigger than life
You were a grandmother and a loving mother
To us you were so special
You were always thoughtful, loving and kind.
The times we shared, the love we had
They will hold a million memories
And a thousand silent tears.
That we will never forget.
You will always be with us
And always in our hearts.

Tanya N. Titan
Disability Access
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As most people who are living with a disability are aware, there is a need for others to become more informed and gain a better understanding of the difficulties that one must endure as a person living with a disability, and in many cases, multiple disabilities. It is not only the individual that is affected, but in most cases, the family and community as well. We are hoping to create an atmosphere whereby participants can meet others, share and support one another, to learn new information, and to assist our committee with the work that we are involved with. We will be having a Home Care Consultation discussion on the first day, and we are looking for your input on some of the issues and solutions on

this much needed support service. This portion will be co-facilitated by Jeanette Watts, Nursing Supervisor, Lynne West, Nurse NR, and Danny Watts, Special Assignment Contractor. On the second day, the format will be open with Guest Speakers on different topics throughout the day. The setting will be casual to allow everyone listen in to the speakers that they choose, and to allow people to mingle and visit the resource information area. We will also have an area set up for Reflexology Sessions, and Blood Pressure Testing. On the final day, there is a very informative, interesting session on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Effect. Facilitating this session is Dr. Robin LaDue, Clinical Psychologist, from Washington. The

In Memoriam

Joseph (Joe) Alec Little

November 9, 1940 - March 7, 2000.

Joseph Little beloved father and grandfather, brother, uncle, and nephew passed away on March 7, 2000. He will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by his daughter Barb Little, Fort St. John; sons Wes (Brandi) Little, Lillooet, and Joseph (Beth) Little, Quesnel. Five grandchildren; Joel, Josh, Wesley Jr., Michael, and Cheyenne. Brothers: John, Archie, William, Luke, Guy and Paul, sister Maxine. Also survived by many aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, and many good friends. Joe (Dad) will be fondly remembered for his many acts of kindness. He was always willing to "help out" where he could and "money was no object". His sense of humour and warm laughter will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held at Notre Dame Church in Port Alberni on March 10. Officiating was Father Frank Salmon. Interment at St. Peters Cemetery. Lunch was served at Maht Mahs Hall.

A Letter of Thanks

On March 7, 2000, our father and grandfather Joseph (Joe) Alec Little passed away. Prior, during, and after his passing there were many, many, phone calls, cards, flowers, and donations. Your "comforting words" and kind deeds we will always be grateful for.

We would like to thank: John & Nancy Little, Errol Sam & Rosalie Little, Hannah White & Family, Archie & Maureen Little, Father Frank Salmon, William Little & Family, Luke Little & Cheryl-Lee, Paul Little, Guy Little, Maxine Little & Family, Eva & Louis Frank, Dave & Pearl Jacobsen, Elsie Robinson, Sam & Rhoda Mack, Harold Little Sr., Brian Mack, Bev Jack & B.J. Frank, Nuchatlaht Band, Ahousat Band, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Nanaimo Band/Members, Gideon Smith, Cindy Dennis, Max Little, Andrea Little & family, John John and the many others who took time from work to sit with us at the hospital.

Thank you to all those who brought food and those who prepared and served at the luncheon. The kindness was so great and the support was so numerous that we shall stop now in fear of forgetting someone. For no matter how small a deed it was greatly appreciated!! We shall never forget the kindness you all shared with us. Kleco!

The Children and the Families of the Late Joseph Little

May you always walk in the sunshine and God's love around you flow,

For the happiness you gave us, no one will ever know,
It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone,
A part of us went with you the day God called you home,
A million times we've needed you, a million times we've cried,
If love could only have saved you, you never would have died.

In Loving Memory of My Dad (Joe Little)

I lost my dad, my hero, my prince
The Lord took him from me my dad, my friend
Hours go by and the days seem hard
Never to hear "I love you Barbie" or get a Christmas card
People say that "The pain will leave" but it hasn't left yet
All the things that I should have said everything I regret
Nightmares come often and tears just flow down my face
I don't understand why God left me in such a place
I prayed to God to keep him safe
I guess God thought this was the only way
One day it will come and these knives that stab my heart will stop
I will see my dad again and these tears will no longer drop
So until then I will look to the sky blow a kiss and smile
And understand that I was left here to make
MY DAD, MY HERO, MY PRINCE; PROUD!!!!

I Love and miss you Dad... Barbie

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(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



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 only if a Large Self Addressed Stamped Envelope is provided (\$1.50) (while supplies last).

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:
Roy Alexander
ph: (250) 248-4171,
Fax: (250) 248-9404
Barbara Lane
ph/fax: (250) 477-4952



Career Opportunities

Full Time Primary Teacher

Start Date: Immediately

Job Description: This position is full time at Boquilla Elementary School, an Independent Band Operated School at Nitinaht Lake, teaching thirteen Kindergarten and Grade 1 students. This position starts immediately for this school year and may be extended and expand to include Grade 2 students in the following school year. Expect near entry level salary.

Qualifications:

- A familiarity and appreciation of traditional First Nations values, customs and family life;
- Recent, successful teaching experience in primary;
- Strong demonstrated ability to teach in primary;
- Computer literate and knowledge of Windows based computer programs and software;
- Ability to work collaboratively with students and staff;
- Proven ability to work in a team setting;
- Flexible and adaptable;
- Strong interest in contributing to the professional undertakings;
- Recognized Elementary degree;
- Must be eligible for a BC College of Teachers Certificate; and
- Possess a desire to reside in a remote area.

If you have any questions please call Judi Lamb-Thomas, Administrator at (250) 745-3333

Please submit your resume to:

Titidaht Administration Office

Attn: Boquilla Primary Teacher Posting

PO Box 340, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M8

or by fax (250) 745-3332

Deadline: Noon on Friday, March 31, 2000

HEALING CIRCLE AND A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

May 03, 04, 05, 06th, 2000
At TSAXANA

To: Family, Relatives and Friends

Sometimes we need to look inside wounded hearts will take place at Tsaxana for four (4) days.

Please accept this public invitation as a personal request for your attendance and participation in a three day healing circle with a fourth day dedicated to a Celebration of life.

Our families, relatives, and friends sincerely look forward to seeing you there. We have confidence that this approach can lead to an easier way to manage our way of life.

For the fourth-day celebrations, a feast will be provided. For the sake of food preparations for that day, your response to attend and support this Healing Circle and a Celebration of Life is greatly appreciated.

Please contact: Marie Rush at her home number: (250) 283-7407 ... her work number: 283-2012.

Bill and Beulah Howard at 283-9272

of Life will take place with the family, relatives, and friends of late Selena Howard.

This move towards a process of our wounded hearts will take place at Tsaxana for four (4) days.

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NTC Community and Human Services Non-Insured Health Benefits Program

(Basic Optical Policy and Benefits)

Eye Glasses

Provision of Initial Eye Glasses

- a. Initial eyeglasses will be approved for payment with a refractive error of at least 0.50 (diopter)- power required to correct vision in either eye.
- b. High index lenses (thinner lenses) will be approved, but with a limited payment cap, for a refractive error of 7.00 diopters or more.

Replacement Glasses

- a. For individuals age 18 years and over
 - (1) where at least 24 months have elapsed since the last lenses or frames have been authorized; or
 - (2) where there is a change in refractive error of at least 0.50 diopter change (either eye); or
 - (3) where there are other changes in lens requirement, which may not be associated with change in refractive error subject to prior approval.
- b. For individuals under age 18:
 - (1) where at least 12 months have elapsed since the last eye glasses have been authorized; or
 - (2) where there are changes in frame requirements relating to medical need or physiological change (i.e. growth of a child) that has been substantiated by a medical doctor, ophthalmologist or optometrist.

Contact Lens

a. Initial Contact Lenses

Hard or soft regular wear or piggyback contact lenses will be approved for payment when:

Prescribed by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist for the following medical conditions:

- aphakia (post cataract surgery)
- corneal irregularities
- astigmatism, which is inadequately corrected by glasses.

Vision Care Benefits

Current Entitlements

- Glass or Plastic Lenses
- Scratch resistant coating for plastic lenses (both sides)
- Frames (Basic)
- Repairs to frames
- Thermal or chemical hardening of glass lenses
- Oversize lenses (only if standard issue frames are impossible to fit to conform to the face of the client)
- Case
- High Index lenses (thinner lenses)
- Monocular clients, sports frames with polycarbonate lenses or other safety lenses

Current non-entitlements

- Progressive (graduated) lenses
- Trifocals
- Prescription sunglasses
- Faceting (custom cut lenses)
- Grooving for nylon wire (or replacement of nylon wire)
- Sports frames with polycarbonate lenses (except as specified above)
- Tinted lenses for cosmetic purposes
- Safety glasses for occupational purposes
- Two pairs of glasses instead of bifocals unless an unsuccessful trial of bifocals has been attempted or is otherwise indicated for facial or ocular motility reasons
- Ultraviolet coating
- Oversized frames or lenses for cosmetic purposes only

Questions or concerns with this information may be addressed to the NIHB Program Staff at 1-888-407-4888 or locally at 724-3232, Brenda Tom, Tricia Little or Robert Cluett

NOTE: Queries on Cataract Surgery or CNIB issues/ concerns call the Program Coordinator - Robert Cluett at above numbers.



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.



The Spiritual Assembly of The Bahá'is of Port Alberni
P.O Box 246 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7

O God, refresh and gladden my spirit. Purify my heart. Illumine my powers. I lay all my affairs in thy hand. Thou art my Guide and my Refuge. I will no longer be sorrowful and grieved; I will be a happy and joyful being. O God! I will no longer be full of anxiety, nor will I let trouble harass me. I will not dwell on the unpleasant things of life.

O God, Thou art more friend to me than I am to myself. I dedicate myself to Thee. O Lord.

Abdul-Bahá, The Bahá'í Faith

Announcements

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



AHOUSAHT TREATY ACCESS NUMBER:
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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

HESQUIAHT TREATY

Attention All HESQUIAHT Band Membership

We are always updating our mailing list and HESQUIAHT 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 HESQUIAHT Band members so we can mail information on Treaty. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

HESQUIAHT TREATY OFFICE, RR#3, Site 300, C-32, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 7L7. Phone (250) 723-0075 Fax (250) 723-0071. For HESQUIAHT 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.

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

Ehatesaht 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 Ehatesaht 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 Savoy 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 Nuu-chah-nulth members. If you want to receive Ha-Shilth-Sa please send name (including your middle name or initials) to:

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: _____)

Career Opportunities

GUIDE DRIVERS WANTED

Ma-Mook Development Corporation is a business development corporation, which was created by the five Central Region First Nations of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council:
Ahousaht - Hesquiaht - Tla-o-qui-aht - Toquaht - Ucluelet

Ma-Mook Development Corporation has created ISLANDLINK, a transportation company to transport people and goods between Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Ucluelet and Tofino, BC.

ISLANDLINK

Is looking for 12 Guide/Drivers who have the following desirable qualifications:

- An unrestricted Class IV license or a Class V license
- a good driving history
- Basic First Aide
- Defensive Driver Course
- Knowledge of the area
- Good hospitality and people skills

- Work will be permanent seasonal and temporary part-time
- Route will include selected destinations between Nanaimo and the West Coast of the Island.

The Driver will meet & greet visitors, assist with handling luggage, provide information on the surrounding area

- Training may be available for eligible personnel.

CALL NOW!

Send Resume to:

ISLANDLINK

c/o Ma-Mook Development Corporation
PO Box 1119, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7L9

Fax # (250) 724-5345 or Phone # (250) 724-5344 or Phone # (250) 670-2319

Nuu-chah-nulth
Community & Health Services
requires a

Full-time Secretary

for the Port Alberni office.

This position will be under the direction and supervision of the C&HS Office Manager.



Qualifications:

- Typing - 55 w.p.m.
- Mature individual with experience in a busy work environment
- Good communication skills (oral and written)
- Grade 12 graduation, plus experience in office practices
- Minimum 1 year office experience
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Two recent references and a criminal record check
- Valid drivers license and access to reliable transportation

Salary, as per Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Salary grid, will depend on Education and Experience.

Send resume, with supporting documents, to:

Office Manager

Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services
P.O. Box 1280
Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2 or Fax: (250) 724-6642

Closing Date: March 27, 2000

CATERING OPPORTUNITY

CORE GRAD 2000

On Saturday, June 3, 2000, Core Training Class of 2000 will graduate at the Italian Hall, Port Alberni.

We are now accepting bids to cater 300 people. For more information or send your bids to: Molly Clappis. Phone (250) 728-3078. Fax (250) 728-1205. E-mail: mollyclappis@telus.net

Deadline: Friday, May 19, at noon

Nootka Resource Board Employment Opportunity Board Secretariat

Are you a cheerful, positive thinker with excellent organizational and communication skills, and a knowledge of basic bookkeeping? If so, then the Nootka Resource Board needs YOU!

Your qualifications include:

- Familiarity with the Nootka Resource Board area
- Ability to work with all levels of government, public groups and residents
- Organizational, bookkeeping, secretarial and computer skills
- Experience working with volunteer boards or committees
- Willing to travel within the Nootka area - some air travel included
- Able to work without supervision

This position is part time, approximately 20 hours per week. Office location is flexible within the Nootka area, according to the successful applicant's preference.

For more information, please call the NRB office at

283-2347

or fax resumes, together with references, to 283-7358

or mail to Nootka Resource Board,
Box 760, Gold River, B.C. V0P 1G0

All applications must be received by 4 p.m. 3rd April 2000



KAKAWIS

FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

ECE DAYCARE WORKER

Qualifications:

- Early Childhood Education Diploma / Certificate
- Know Developmental stages of infancy and childhood
- Know mental, spiritual, emotional and physical needs of infants and children
- Understanding of FAS / E in infants and children an asset
- Understanding of family systems and family dynamics an asset
- Concepts of drug use and abuse and dependency an asset
- Knowledge of First Nations traditions and culture an asset

Your academic background will be supported by your experience in working with children.

All staff are required to be abstinent from drugs and alcohol.

Please submit your letter of application and resume by noon on March 31, 2000 to:

The Personnel Committee, Kakawis Family Development Centre
P.O. Box 17, Tofino, B.C., V0R 2Z0

Or fax to: (250) 725-4285, Email: kakawis@tofino-bc.com

We thank everyone for their interest in this position, however only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted. All candidates who have been short-listed will be required to have a mandatory Criminal Record Check.

RESIDENTIAL CARE WORKER

KAKAWIS FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE is seeking a Residential Care Worker. This is a regularly scheduled position, working as a member of a staff team. The Residential Care Worker is scheduled to live at Kakawis from Monday a.m. to Friday a.m. and would be responsible for providing any necessary (emergency and scheduled) boat trips, (preference will be given to those familiar with local waters); plumbing, carpentry, electrical and general maintenance duties as required and the ability to relate well with people.

All staff are required to be abstinent from drugs and alcohol

Please submit your letter of application and resume by noon on March 24, 2000 to:

Executive Director, Kakawis Family Development Centre
P.O. Box 17, Tofino, B.C., V0R 2Z0

Or fax to: (250) 725-4285, Email: kakawis@tofino-bc.com

We thank everyone for their interest in this position, however only those individuals selected for an interview will be contacted. All candidates who have been short-listed will be required to have a mandatory Criminal Record Check.

Klecko's

I would like to thank the loving people of the Uchucklesaht tribe for sponsoring me at the Choices workshop.

Before I went to Choices I would look in the mirror and see no one, I had no reflection. Now I have my reflection back and can look my self in the eyes and say "I'm a strong and powerful man!!"

With much love and affection
Jack Flitton
Klecko-Klecko

Attention Parents:

I needed to express my concern. I have a three and a half-year-old son, Bryan who had attempted to try go fishing by himself here in Hot Springs Cove. And he had fallen in between two boats his friend Celina Charleson had been there to hold onto Bryan until a grown up could pull him out of there. This scared me very much and I don't want anything to happen to my son or any other children, we do tell Bryan every day to stay away from the dock and check on him while he's out. I almost forgot how unpredictable children can be.

Please look out for your kids and make sure they clearly understand the dangers of being down the docks alone. Again thank you Celina and Pat Charleson for being there for Bryan, we will never forget what you two did for Bryan and Len and I thank you again. Sincerely,
Len, Bryan, Selena Tom & Clotilda Manson

Disability Access

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presentation will include an overview on what FAS/E is, how it impacts our communities, with slide presentation, and question and answer period.

Overall, we are looking forward to a very unique gathering that is very important to many Nuu-chah-nulth members who are affected by disabilities, and we look forward to meeting you there!

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 are the ones that get deleted from the mailing list.

• Thanks to those that 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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July 21	July 27

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

NCN Student Exchange Update - Denmark

By Sabrina Halvorsen, Uchucklesaht F.N.
For Ha-Shilth-Sa

Well Hi you all. Well on Saturday Feb. 12th I went to Jylland with my host parents, like I said on the last letter. And it was fun. It was on our winter holidays. We got to go to Randers to see this rain forest and we got to see snakes like anacondas, cobra's, rattlesnakes, and allot more. We also got to see deer, butterflies, birds, monkeys, alligators, and piranhas, it was neat. And we also got to go to one of their biggest mountains. Well in Canada it would be considered a hill, but anyway, it was 137 meters. And we went to another mountain that was called Himmelbjerg. Another one of their biggest mountains but I can't remember how big it was. I'm sure that it was a little bigger than the first one. I wanted to go to that one cause my grandpa Art has went there and I wanted to see it too. And I can understand why he had a hard time finding it. Then we also went to Arhus to see this place called Gammel By. It was a olden day's place. It was interesting to see. And they don't celebrate Valentines over here. But me and my friend Michelle celebrated it ourselves. Well my sister Carla and friend Kim Gus will be coming to see me soon. I can't wait to see them. They will be in Denmark the 23rd of March and staying with me for a few days. And this week was

also fun. I went to Odense for a get together with the other exchange students from my camp (including the exchange students that came here in January) and it was our last get-together. We went bowling and even went to this TV station. We got to look around and be on TV2. I can't wait to see that. Well it was a fun week and good to see all of my friends from camp. Well I think that's all for now so I'll have to say vi ses for now ... Sabrina



ATTENTION HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATION MEMBERS

The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 25, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

(March 26, 2000 if necessary) at Bamfield, B.C. If necessary, transportation will be provided. Please contact Arlene at the Huu-ay-aht Administration Office 250-728-3414 or Toll Free 1-888-644-4555 before March 17, 2000

Dora Frank will host a Memorial Potlatch September 23, 2000.



The potlatch will be held to honor the memories of her grandchildren: Keenan Martin, born March 11/95, left us September 23/97; Jada Martin, born December 8/98, left us December 8/98. The family is working on location and other details. For information please contact Dora Frank at (250) 725-2663 or Ivey Martin at (250) 725-2299.

MEMORIAL FOR JULIA SMITH

(NEE, JOHN/JACK) HIS CHULI-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 UPDATE

The fund raising bingo that was going to be held in Ahousaht on April 8, 2000 has been cancelled due to a family wedding been held at the same time. We will be having the bingo on April 26 2000 at 7:30 pm in Ahousaht. Come out and have a bingo of a time!! There will be a Marshall family planning meeting on April 7, 2000 at Pearl Dorward's house at 700 pm. Remember that this meeting is for all family members interested, not just the planning committee. We hope to see you there and would appreciate your input. At the last meetings a lot of good ideas have come out. Remember the day of the Marshall Family Reunion is fast approaching. The day for the reunion is scheduled for July 22 2000 at the Maht-Mahs, starting at 1200 noon. choo, Ina Seitcher

ATTENTION

The Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services is seeking a Nuu-chah-nulth family from the West Coast who 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

Gold River

Stream Keepers Course May 5 - 7 Funded By Regional Aquatic Management Society If you're interested in becoming a Stream Keeper and participate in a local stream keepers group please contact Paul Smith at 250-283-2500

Announcement The Mark Family Potlatch is postponed until further notice. Solomon Mark

WATERSHED COMMITTEE MEETING Gold River - Tsaxana Meeting Room 7:30 Pm Wednesday March 29/00 Everyone Welcome To Attend

Memorial Potlatch for the late Norma Shirley Smith- Caxton May 20th, 2000 1:00 p.m. Zeballos at the Community Hall.

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

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 - * Teaching effective job search techniques
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 - * 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.

COU-US CASH

Need Cash between paydays. We loan \$100, \$200, up to \$500 dollars. 100% owned and operated by First Nations. Phone (250) 390-9225. Or (250) 741-6070 cel. 401 Harvey Road, Nanoose Bay, B.C.

Notice of Sale of Motor Vehicle

Whereas Louie Joseph is indebted to the undersigned under the Repairers Lien Act for the sum of \$3,532.08 for repairs, seizure, and storage of a 1989 Chevrolet Van, Serial #2GAGG35K6K4119532 and that this debt has not been paid.

Notice is hereby given that this vehicle will be sold on:
Date: April 15th, 2000
Time: 12:00 pm
Place: Daly' Auto Centre, Youbou, B.C.

Dated the 6th day of March, 2000 Name of lien holder and address: Daly's Auto Centre Ltd. Box 61 Youbou, B.C. V0R 3E0 1-250-745-3433

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To book an appointment for an interview or for more information call the Crisis Line Business Office at 723-2323, Tuesday-Friday 9:00am - 5:00pm. Ask for Tanya Buxton.

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).

FOR RENT A non-profit organization has rooms to rent, by the day, week or month. Very reasonable rates for Room & Board. Also, there is a Boardroom available for rent. For more information phone 723-6511.

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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 want 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 A.C. 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.

WANTED TO BUY "Recumbent" Exercise Bike in good condition, reasonably priced. Port Alberni area 723-1367.

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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. EVERY-ONE IS WELCOME. cuu klecco. Edward Tatoosh, Certified Linguist

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

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

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



N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



Fisheries Diversification Workshops

From February 28th – March 03, 2000 NEDC sponsored fisheries diversification workshops in Campbell River & Ittasso. The two main topics for discussion were:

- mari-culture: sea farming in salt water
- development of underutilized species: developing a specie for harvest

On day-one West Coast shellfish growers and government departments came together to discuss the process of shellfish farming, from where to buy the seed to a step-by-step description of the tenure process and industry specific business plan. Growers and government alike shared experiences, predicted trends and answered questions.

For example did you know:

- clams return three times more than oysters?
- return on investment in most cases is three to five years?
- it is a very labour intensive business?
- a productive medium sized operation will provide an average annual income of \$60,000/year?
- diversification in your operation increases your chances for success and profit?
- there is minimal environmental impact?
- the fee for tenure is \$5,000?
- you will pay rental an annual rental fee – no matter the location?

Day-two focussed on the development of new species. One of the main concerns in this area is sustainability.

The challenge is to develop a product that the market wants without endangering the specie while still making a profit.

Potential new specie fisheries for the West Coast include: purple urchin, hook & long line skate, squid, and box crab
Dave Smith, Commercial Fisheries Development Officer from the Ministry of Fisheries described the principles for the development of new fisheries:

- conservation is the prime objective
- Aboriginal rights must be

respected and 1st Nations involvement in the process is encouraged

- sustainability is the goal
- the project must be economically viable
- the cost to investigate and manage new fisheries will be born by the beneficiaries

Day-two closed with Richard Buchanan discussing his processing business and how they had diversified their marketing strategy, to expand their markets and increase their revenue.

starts Thursday at NOON

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N.E.D.C. PROGRAMS & SERVICES

1. **Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC):** focus areas are tourism, technology, youth, and innovation for business loans
 2. **General Business Loan Fund:** open to all 1st Nations living within the Nuuchahnulth Territories this fund provides loans to all sectors and sizes of business
 3. **Western Economic Diversification (WD):** small to mid-sized business loans
 4. **Forest Industry Business Program:** forestry related business loans
 5. **Persons With a Disability Program:** small business loans for persons with a disability
 6. **First Citizen's Fund:** business loans including a 40% forgivable loan component
 7. **Youth Programs:** small business loans for youth - described as anyone between the ages of 19 & 29 inclusive – training, mentoring and business counselling
 8. **NTC:** offers Nuuchahnulth borrowers a forgivable loan component
 9. **Fisheries Fund:** fisheries related business loans
 10. **Feasibility Studies and Business Planning:** funds may be available to assist with large projects
 11. **Training:** limited funding available to assist the business training needs of NEDC clients
 12. **FirstHost:** a customer service training program for all front line service givers
 13. **Community Economic Development:** community planning, workshops, facilitation and capacity building
- All loans and programs are subject to eligibility criteria. For more specific information about a business loan or support program, please contact the NEDC main office at 250.724.3131

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