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Tla-o-qui-aht fights for Airport lands

"Lands we loaned to Canada for their war efforts has been unjustly alienated from us, and is now being shifted into fee-simple without any consultation," said Francis Frank

By Carla Moss,
For Ha-Shilth-Sa

Inflamed by Transport Canada's action and disregard for their interests Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations Chiefs and Members turned out Thursday, March 30 to protest the signing of the Tofino Airport transfer at the Regional District office in Port Alberni. Chief Wickaninnish (George Frank) announced the tribe's intention to blockade the airport lands and the golf course.

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"It is not our desire to exercise direct action," said Francis Frank, Tla-o-qui-aht Negotiator. "It is the positions and actions of the federal government that pushes us to consider direct action."

Several Tla-o-qui-aht Elder's have stated that the airport lands were a loan to the Department of National Defense for war purposes and were to be returned following the war.

This protest follows a special Tla-o-qui-aht land negotiations meeting set up to specifically deal with the Airport issue. Tla-o-qui-aht negotiators promised legal action will result from the signing of the transfer and announced their withdrawal from the treaty table for a four-month period while they evaluate whether treaty is the best way to protect their inter-

ests.

"The transfer of the airport calls into question if we're really dealing in good faith with the Federal Government in land selection," said Frank.

Tla-o-qui-aht instructed their lawyers to file for a caveat against the title of the Tofino Airport with the underlying interest being, as stated in the caveat form, "Aboriginal Title for the members of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations." The caveat will, "forbid the registration of any transfer or other instrument or subdivision plan or other changes in boundaries dealing with the land described."

Tla-o-qui-aht Chiefs, Council and Members formally addressed the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council on Friday, March 31 with their concerns about the transfer and their four-month withdrawal from treaty negotiations.

Spokesmen, Moses Martin and Francis Frank made it clear that Tla-o-qui-aht's actions, were not intended to lead to a breakdown of the Nuuchahnulth collective body at the treaty table.

The Federal Government has known these lands are of high priority to the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations at the treaty table since 1997. Further, the Regional District passed a resolution reflecting that they would not oppose any transfer reached through the treaty process.

The Federal Treaty Negotiators said that Tla-o-qui-aht should work with Transport Canada on the airport issue because they didn't have a mandate negotiate those lands. When TFN approached Transport Canada they made it abundantly clear they had no mandate to negotiate with First

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Gloria Frank and grandson Curtis Frank stand outside the fence at the Tofino Airport. Gloria, a traditional healer, is upset that she is unable to access particular plants and herbs that can only be found on these Tla-o-qui-aht lands now owned by the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District.

T.F.N. hosts N.T.C. Meeting at Tin Wis

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

After Barney Williams Sr. conducted the opening prayer and welcome to Tla-o-qui-aht Territories, Moses Martin added his welcome to Tla-o-qui-aht lands, and offering condolences to

Ahousaht, and all families mourning the loss of Peggy Little.

Archie Little then thanked all Nuuchahnulth for their support and condolences at the loss of his brother Joe.

George Watts thanked Tla-o-qui-aht for welcoming all Nuuchahnulth

into their territory, then told of NCN involvement at the late Joe Mathias' funeral. "We Nuuchahnulth were asked to sing, and we sang the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council song," said George. "We then agreed to put the song away for a year, so

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New Clayoquot Sound I.M.A. signed

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Port Alberni - The Central Region Chiefs met with provincial representative, Barbara Britton to sign the new IMEA on Tuesday, March 28. The last agreement expired in March 1999 and was temporarily extended three times during the year that it took the parties to negotiate a new agreement.

The IMEA is now known as the Clayoquot Sound Interim Measures Agreement, A Bridge to Treaty. The term for the new agreement is five years. The parties have agreed to meet on an annual basis to ensure that all parties are meeting the terms and conditions of the agreement.

The province has agreed to pay \$8 million dollars to the Central Region Chiefs for economic development purposes. Two million will be paid immediately and \$1.5 million is to be paid in April 2000. The remaining \$4.5 million will be paid out over the remaining four years of the agreement.

The Central Region Chiefs hired lawyer Jon Lampman to set up a Central Region Holding Society for the purpose of administering the economic development fund. Lampman has also assisted the Chiefs in terms of legal opinion about the



Nelson Keitlah adds his signature to the new I.M.A.

new agreement. The new society will be a tool of the Central Region Economic Working Group. It will be set up to receive funds, and to administer and enforce loans.

Most of the terms and conditions of the CSIMEA, A Bridge to Treaty, remain the same with some wording changes that allow for flexibility and equality. Other wording changes were designed to promote clarity or to bring outdated portions of the agreement up-to-date.

The CSIMEA was entered into in 1994, shortly after the Nuu-chah-nulth treaty negotiations began. Its purpose is to protect Central Region First Nations (Clayoquot Sound) interests in natural resources that may be affected during the negotiation of a modern-day treaty. The Agreement intends to conserve resources for future generations of First Nations.

The Central Region Chiefs and BC have established a joint resource management process through the establishment of the Central Region Board. The CRB allows for the Central Region



Ucluelet Chief Councillor Larry Baird adds his endorsement to the I.M.A.

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Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Planners pay tribute to late Joe Mathias

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - The March 16/17 session of Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Planning was held at Tinwis.

Cliff Atleo reported that a large NCN delegation had just returned from the funeral of Squamish leader, Chief Joe Mathias and that he was still feeling the after effects of the great loss of one of BC's most prominent Native leaders.

Atleo's sadness showed through in his quiet delivery of the TSC report. Amongst other things, he reported that BC negotiators want to hold a special information session on water ownership/rights/access.

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After a lengthy discussion it was decided that NCN would accept BC's offer of a water information session. Each First Nation was asked to provide the Lands, Air and Waters Mandate Working Group with precise water sources in their respective territories for which protection is required.

Delegates reviewed and accepted the contract, with amendments, for the consulting services of Ron Hamilton for residential school issues. Hamilton has agreed to the terms and has begun research for the Residential School Negotiation Group.

Robert Dennis, Huu-ay-aht, pointed out other impacts of residential schools that are not usually discussed. After considerable discussion, the Nuu-chah-nulth leadership gave direction that a legal opinion regarding the points raised was to be obtained. Ucluelet Chief Negotiator, Larry Baird, agreed: "We have documentation of what happened and we need to get the information out to the public. [We need to say] this is what you did to a race of people, the people of this land. We need to make sure that it never happens again."

Baird went on to urge people that suffered any sort of abuse (spiritual, physical, sexual, or emotional) at the residential school to take the first step and reach out for help. Without help, it only gets worse. "Healing is a long, tough road but it is worth it. For those that suffered, especially our leaders, take that first step. I did."

The next item to be dealt with was our policy with respect to our ratification of our final treaty agreement. After lengthy discussion about the various voting methods it was finally agreed that each Nation would hold a referendum, voting for or against the treaty. An individual Nation will have ratified the treaty if 60% of the cast votes are in favor of the final agreement. It was agreed that the policy needs modification and proposed wording has been prepared for our TSC members to present to BC and

Canada at the next negotiation session. The Culture and Heritage Negotiating Team presented proposed wording for draft clauses that would allow NCN access to NCN artifacts the Royal British Columbia Museum.

Our negotiators are seeking to include the right to access written documents such as stories, poems, deeds, wills, songs, etc. Further, they are seeking to include our right to access NCN audio and videotapes.

On Fisheries Negotiations, Cliff Atleo reported that the governments met recently for the first time since January. He reported that Canada has tabled a proposal for fish allocation and that they've hired someone to assess our fisheries needs.

He reported further that BC has presented their interests with respect to Steelhead. He requested that all Nations with Steelhead in their territories submit their interests in the resource so that negotiations may begin.

There was a short discussion about the federal governments 'Moderate Livelihood Model'. It is a model that would allow us to earn a modest living from fisheries resources, but says we cannot use the resource to 'get rich'.

Uchucklesaht Chief Negotiator, Charlie Coates, asked, "Why should we settle for a moderate livelihood when we were once healthy and wealthy because of the fishery resources? We were alienated through the licensing system. They (Canada) have a fiduciary responsibility to allow us access to the resource and they have failed."

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A request went out to the individual First Nations that they develop a listing of specific fisheries harvesting sites that they wish protected in the treaty. The lists are to be forwarded to the Fisheries Negotiating Group.

Willard Gallic provided a Treaty Update Report from Seattle. He said that American NCN do not have medical coverage. Because this is a high priority issue for NCN living across the border, they had requested that CHS Manager, Simon Read, attend their meeting to answer their health-related questions.

NCN Seattle spokesperson, Daniel Charlie, asked how NCN living outside of Canada would benefit from treaty. Said Charlie, "We want assurance that NCN are going to be looked after through our treaty no matter where we live. We feel that unless we receive these assurances the treaty is useless to us."

The Jurisdiction & Governance Mandate Working group was instructed to review the issue of services to NCN in the United States and will report to the Planning Table as soon as possible.

Treaty Planners examine process

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

People from throughout Nuu-chah-nulth-aht, as well as those from Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle, and Nanaimo, gathered at Branch 256 Royal Canadian Legion in Nanaimo to continue work towards a Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty.

A moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Tseshaht's Ethel Williams was observed before the Monday, April 3rd session began, where a hard look at the Treaty Process was the order of the day.

With Tla-o-qui-aht taking a break from the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Table over the alienation of their lands at the Tofino Airport site, negotiators joined together in closely examining the B.C. Treaty Process as it exists today.

"From time to time we've gone through these tough times, which I believe make you stronger as it takes a really close look at things," said George Watts, listing the number of Nations who have taken breaks from the table at one time or another. "I see this country moving to the political right as opposed to the left, and I see less accommodation of Indian people today than I did five years ago."

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In a letter from Tla-o-qui-aht to the NTC Treaty Table, TFN Manager Francis Frank wrote: "At the current pace of treaty negotiations, Tla-o-qui-aht feels there may be no lands left of significant value to negotiate. The recent efforts of the Ministry of Transport to transfer the Tofino Airport lands amplify the problems we need to assess."

"I have some very deep concerns about where we are today," said Toquaht Elder and Speaker Archie Thompson. "We all have very close connections to the lands of our Hawiith's Hahoulthee. There are many areas that we cannot and will not allow to be taken from us. As First Nations we carry important histories with us, and no outside government can take that away, or weaken our connection to our lands."

"There are some problems with the current system, but I don't want to go back to DIA control, and I don't want that for the future of my grandchildren either" said Edgar Charlie. Each Nation added their concerns to the table, which was freely and openly

discussed by all Nations in attendance. Most speakers recognized that developments towards a Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty is a positive process, but has some flaws that need to be addressed by all governments at the table.

Ehathesah negotiators approached the table to "clear the air" regarding their reasons for taking a break from the NTC Treaty Table.

Dawn Amos said a community review has been initiated to seek direction from their members regarding Ehathesah's concerns about the current treaty process. Results from the review have not been completed yet, but Dawn said the results would be summarized and shared with other Nations at an appropriate time.

Ditidaht Chief Councillor Jack Thompson also spoke at the meeting on their treaty process, and involvement with the First Nations Alliance.

It was decided that this discussion needed to continue, and needed to include all Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, so invitations will be sent to Hupacasath and Ehathesah Treaty Negotiators to attend this discussion at the May 18 & 19 Treaty Planning Meeting at Tsaxana.

After a break, various negotiating teams and Mandate Working Groups (MWG's) made progress reports. The second day of treaty planning began with a prayer offered by Harry Lucas.

Much of the morning was spent pouring over texts, ensuring the correct wording to reflect the Nuu-chah-nulth position on various issues. Amendments were made to the Political Accord between Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations Respecting Treaty Negotiations reflecting processes for Nations leaving, or taking a break from the treaty table.

Treaty Planners agreed to all motions developed over the past two-days, and left to prepare for the next days Tripartite Standing Committee session (April 5-6) at the Coast Bastion in Nanaimo.

The next Treaty Planning session is scheduled for April 18th & 19th at Somass Hall in Port Alberni.

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

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

MEETING	DATE	TIME	PLACE
TSC	April 5 - 6	9 a.m.	Nanaimo
Treaty Update	April 12-13	9:00 a.m.	Victoria
Rosie Little will be available in Victoria - for Status Card Renewal on April 12 & 13 only			
Treaty Planning	April 18 - 19	9 a.m.	Somass Hall
Main Table	April 26 - 28		Somass Hall
Treaty Planning	May 8 - 9	9 a.m.	Campbell River
			Thunderbird Hall

Fisheries News

RAMS in Zeballos

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

RAMS and the recent body that makes up the Nootka - Kyuquot Sound Shellfish Aquaculture Steering Committee (NSKSSASC) met without a quorum.

Roger Dunlop, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Fisheries Biologist chaired the meeting. The consensus was to continue and move forward with the agenda for discussion purposes.

Those present will make recommendations to the rest of the Committee at the scheduled meeting for April 12th at Tsaxana.

In recent months RAMS has made its presence in the Nuu-chah-nulth Northern Region and the North West Coast of Vancouver Island.

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The NKSSASC minutes from March 2 were reviewed, discussed and amended.

This will be recommended for acceptance at the next session. Some of the action items have been completed. For example, Barron Carswell, BC Ministry of Fisheries did provide documents from BCLAC on shellfish development plans, a guide to complete shellfish farm operations.

This packet is user friendly and clear suggestions in the "how to" fill out the application successfully. He also gave a bit of information on biophysical capability analysis, which formed the basis of the economic potential described on established oyster and clam species only.

The first major step in that analysis was to estimate capable lands for

shellfish development.

Current trends in productivity were determined, and production estimates were developed based on capable lands and likely production yield per hectare.

Intertidal and deepwater shellfish culture capabilities were looked at regionally and the group will recommend a number for the rate of growth in the Northern Region area at the April 12th meeting.

This tied with an updated map of social suitability mapping from Barron and Roger's ongoing field work since March 2, 2000.

The communities and members have the opportunity to have their input to the potential aquaculture growth sites at this time.

The members also discussed the amended terms of reference and once more will recommend acceptance to the Committee at the next meeting. Community criteria has a major role in the tenure application process.

So, if you are interested, get in touch with your First Nation's offices or the RAMS office in Port Alberni.

Ken Fong has been helpful and consistent in trying to get the information flow happening in the North.

BC Fisheries Renewal has approved RAMS funding proposal of \$15,000 and RAMS will administer the NKSSASC funds.

The group reviewed Community Criteria papers from Barkley Sound, Clayoquot Sound and Powell River.

Committee members were tasked to draft a compilation of the three documents based on the lengthy discussions and have it ready for first reading at the April 12th meeting in Tsaxana.

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Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project

-Southern Region Conference
March 14th and 15th, 2000 at Somass Hall



Verna Paul and Julie Fontaine

We were truly honored as a group to have Elders at the Southern Region Conference on March 14th and 15th. We acknowledged the 1st, 2nd and foster children for their willingness to be a part of reclaiming our identity.

Our Elders shared their stories, beliefs and values to guide us to a healthier life style. The teachings were and are about praying each day and believing in self. The theme for the conference was "Moving On" and our group chose to move on with acceptance.

Our Conference highlight was when the Hahopayuk School children shared through a play, songs and dances by George Clutesi.

This 2-day conference was unique because the connections of Elders, youth and adults made to recognize the barriers in life of communication, parenting. Each of us have the ability to overcome obstacles in life when we accept who we are as individuals.

We shared with the group the significance of the cedar tree. It is strength to our people. The cedar can be a canoe and paddles to where one can go in their life. Each participant was given a rough piece of wood to carve into a paddle. The story is to reach out for support when needed, one may need to help them with the carving, but that is what life is about "Reaching Out".

We encouraged them to return to the main conference, in June, and share their paddle with others. Our thanks go to Hilda, Ben Nookemis, Sylvia and Simon Dennis the caterers for the two days.

Our daycare worker Kathleen Sam. We continually received support from the group and encouragement from young person who acknowledged us all by saying to us, "I honor you because you are all HEROS, you have survived and you are here today."

Thank you for being there with us for teachings, guidance and the will to move on.

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RECOGNIZE: That our history is what it is. It has been there all our lives. We are living with it today and have survived - as our parents and grandparents did before us.

ACCEPTANCE: That being in this place today we can make decisions and choices to make our lives better in whatever way feels best. We can trust ourselves to know how we can heal from the past. If I face the reality of my past and accept that it has led me to this moment (today), then I AM FREE TO CHOOSE WHERE TO GO FROM HERE RIGHT NOW.

MOVING ON: What strengths, hopes, dreams do I have that I can work toward and set goals for a better life? What do I want to see change for my children and grandchildren and myself? From this day



Teach Misuqin: All the teaching of our First Nation Culture on how we carry our life in a good way.

Iihsaah Tak: Preciousness of Life and all areas, mother/father, conception, childhood, growing up stages HaaHuupach ak: Stories and visual signs. Our teaching tools, self discipline

The way to be. Haa cuk mis; Nuss - ask for strength to carry yourself. To live to the best of your ability in a good way. Iisaak mis: Respect for self, others, everything the connection we have to all that is. Connected

Quu ? as sa: Whole person on a good journey. When you have the ability to know, learn and you are than willing to be open to learn new things. You will notice that you walk with supporting people around you.

THANK YOU DINNER FOR THE LATE

FRANCIS (FRENCHIE) CHARLESON Parents, Pat, Mamie Charleson, daughter, Alisha and grandson, Jordan, and family invite you to share a meal with them, at the Port Alberni Athletic Hall on June 17th, 2000 at 5:30 pm. The Charleson family wants to acknowledge and thank all those people who supported them during the passing of their son, father, grandfather and brother on April 14th, 1995.



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Education

Ha-Ho Payuk Students visit Gold River

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

Students from the Ha-Ho Payuk School in Port Alberni visited Tsaxana, Ray Watkins Elementary School and Gold River Senior Secondary School.

They came to perform Dr. George Clutesi's 60-year-old play; *We Are A Happy - Dancing People*. All three audiences received excellent performances by the visiting Nuu-chah-nulth students, their teacher and adult helpers.

The children's age range is from 8 - 11 years.

The Ha-Ho Payuk children demonstrated excellent cultural teachings and instructions. For example, the disciplined performance and the manner the students supported each other was seen on and off stage.

Kleco to Ha-Ho Payuk students:

Patricia Antoine, Anthony Ambrose, Derrick Barney, Zachary Barney, Justin Charlie, Natatia Charleson, Adam Felsman, Kamrin Gallie, Iris Kivell, Letitia Rampenen, Kenneth Sam, Vanessa Thomas, Terrence Watts, Tyson Watts, Desi Webber and Rebecca Williams.

Kleco to teachers, guides, mentors and parents: Jake Gallie, Trevor Little, Lena Ross, Linda Williams and Jessie Stephens.

Jessie Stephens and helper Hector Little had a recent family loss and the children offered prayers for them and the family. The students behaved in respectful ways and yet exuded the childlike happiness of a free spirit. Given the loss, the Gold River residents and Nuu-chah-nulth received a particularly special gift from the Ha-Ho Payuk School by their presence and performances.

Jessie explained to each audience the Nuu-chah-nulth values, morals and principles the children were being taught. She said the students were experiencing difficulty in school and needed help with self-discipline.

George Clutesi's play is an opportune and multifaceted teaching tool. In two months of practice and preparation for the Gold River performance, the students learned about respect, discipline and humility. The children responded to Ha-Ho Payuk's Nuu-chah-nulth teacher's care and love. The people in Gold River did indeed see a happy, dancing and proud youth group.

Jessie gave an overview of the Nuu-chah-nulth experiences with government policies, legislation, Indian Residential Schools. She talked briefly about the negative impacts and the exclusion of a

proud People from the larger Canadian society. She mentioned racism, name calling, negative media portrayal or stereotyping and insisted *our culture is not lost*. In spite of the disparity and injustices to the Nuu-chah-nulth Peoples - the Nuu-chah-nulth survived. Since contact, the People have remained Nuu-chah-nulth-ah and know who they are. The children show that in their interpretation of Clutesi's play.

At the Gold River Senior Secondary School, Jessie offered the guests an opportunity to be respectful in their manners to the performers.

She reminded the school of the importance of respectful behaviours. Part of learning is to sit still, be quiet and listen to what is being shared. Laughing, giggling, pointing and being disruptive during a performance is opposite of what the plays teachings were about.

During a lunch break, the Ha-ho-Payuk students said it is easier to perform for a younger audience such as the Ray Watkin's Elementary students compared to a high school audience.

They also said Jessie told them to pay attention to their performance and not on distracted audience members. This helped them to remain focused and connected to the spiritual essence of what they were doing.

GRSS Principal, Pat Reynolds said he has worked hard with Marge Amos to bring forward First Nations culture and heritage in a variety of ways. He spoke of the Ha-Ho Payuk students, the recent carving class and the mural currently being painted at the school.

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Enhancement of the Nuu-chah-nulth students' pride in their cultural ways is encouraged and supported by the Gold River Secondary School staff and administration. He commended Marge for the hard work she does for the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation's students.

The Ha-ho Payuk students were eager to get home and were already talking about coming back to Gold River or on to the next place, if they were selected.

They declared they were the "Gold River" Ha-ho Payuk kids and they are an example of positive Nuu-chah-nulth ways of teaching and learning. Kleco.

Kailee Horbatch wins Student Award

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter



Kailee Horbatch, a grade 12 student at Alberni District Senior Secondary, has been awarded a Royal Bank Native Student Award for her outstanding academic, athletic, and volunteer work. The 18-year old Ahsousht member is the daughter of Lee Frank and Peter Horbatch, and has spent most of her life in Port Alberni.

A straight-A student, Kailee plays plenty of sports including: soccer, ice hockey, field hockey, and basketball. She also spends a lot of her spare time doing volunteer work with various community organizations, spending her summers working as a camp leader for special needs youth.

The Royal Bank Native Student Award goes to five students annually, and comes with a \$4000 scholarship. When not doing homework, or participating in school sports or volunteer activities, Kailee likes to

hangout with her friends. "I really enjoy biology and physics, and P.E. of course," said Kailee. "I'm hoping to go to U.B.C. to take medical and bio-medical research courses, but I'm not really sure what I'm going to specialize in. I hope to find that out while studying there."

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Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Graduation Ceremonies 2000

Friday, June 23, 2000 is the date set for the NTC graduation ceremonies. We are looking for a nation to host this occasion. Please reply by April 20, 2000 to Eileen Haggard or for more information NTC office (250) 724-5757.

Attention!

Grade 12 students are you graduating this year? If you are, please let us know at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office as soon as possible. For planning purposes we need your name, tribe, phone number, and alternate contact person with phone number, and school attending. Leave information with Angie Miller at NTC (250) 724-5757 or E.J. Dunn (250) 723-1593.

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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Sea Otter Workshop

Friday, April 7, 2000

Maht Mahs Gymnasium
5000 Mission Road
Port Alberni
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



All Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations and other interested parties are invited to attend this workshop. Representatives from the Alaska Sea Otter Commission will present information on the co-management agreement they have in Southeast Alaska with the US Federal government. Opportunity will be provided for Nuu-chah-nulth and Canadian representatives to discuss sea otter management alternatives for Nuu-chah-nulth territory.

For further information please contact
Jack Little at (250) 731-6107
or NTC Fisheries (250) 724-5757

Transfer of Tofino Airport Lands forces Tla-o-qui-aht to withdraw from the Treaty process

Today's signing ceremony between the Federal Department of Transport and the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District forces the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations to withdraw from the treaty-making process.

Tla-o-qui-aht served formal notice to the Federal and Provincial government yesterday of our decision to withdraw for a four-month period. The purpose of withdrawing is for Tla-o-qui-aht to assess whether treaty making is still the most effective means of protecting our interests.

The transfer of the airport lands sends the wrong message to Tla-o-qui-aht about the effectiveness of treaty making. This transfer, in fact, forces Tla-o-qui-aht to pursue other means to protect our interests outside of treaty. Those other means include legal action and direct action such as this demonstration today.

Tla-o-qui-aht plans to assess the legal and direct actions during our four-month withdrawal from the treaty making process. Tla-o-qui-aht is prepared to with-

draw from the Nuu-chah-nulth treaty table. We intend to address this formally with the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations on Friday.

Tla-o-qui-aht can not continue to sit in negotiating rooms while there is continued alienation of lands within our traditional territory. If we continue down the path we have through treaty making and alienation continues, there will be no land of any significant value left to negotiate.

Today's signing and transferring of the airport lands reflects the continued alienation of lands of interest to the Tla-o-qui-aht while we try negotiate a modern-day treaty with BC and Canada. We can not continue to tolerate this. Canada's actions today forces Tla-o-qui-aht to pursue other means to protect our interests to lands within our traditional territory because treaty-making has proven to be slow and non-productive to date as it relates to lands within our territory.



(l-r) Leo Manson, Hawiik Wickaninnish (George Frank), Hawiik Mochink (Bruce Frank), Noreen Amos, Alice George, Anne Barker, and Karen Webster protest outside the ACRD Office in Port Alberni.

Nuchatlaht Thanks Financial Controller

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

Nuchatlaht Band Manager Caroline Michael would like to express thank you to Sharon Styan for coming to Oclucje for a pre-budget meeting for the Northern Region Nuu-chah-nulth Tribes. She said the meeting was more personalized and it is appreciated. The opportunity to ask questions and clarification of the budget made them more aware and prepared for the upcoming meeting in Tin-Wis.

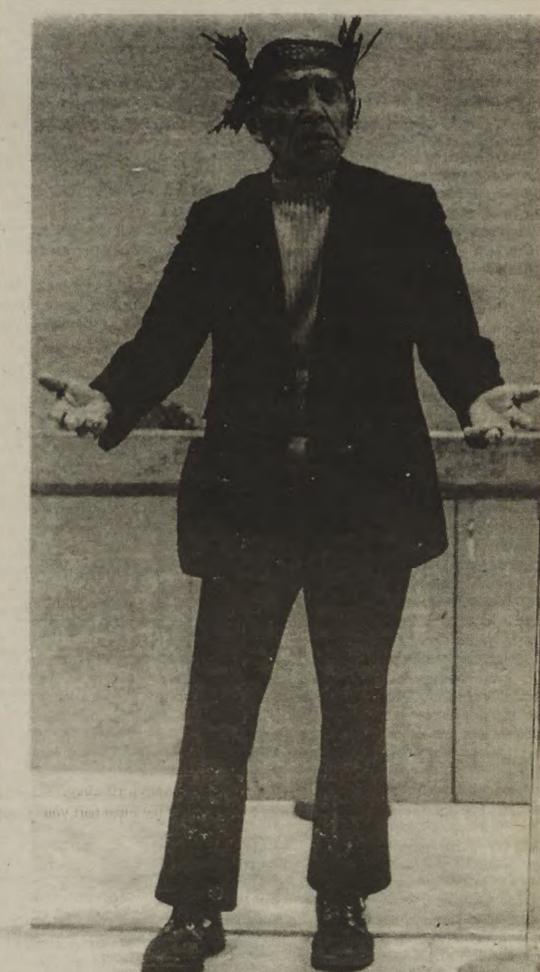
Sharon took the time to answer specific questions put to her and the two hour overview is helpful information for the

People. Caroline said at times, at the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council budget meetings, it is some what intimidating to ask questions. The chance to speak with Sharon helps the smaller tribes to get answers to the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council budget. Caroline expressed her hope to see Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council employees more in "our Northern Region Communities". Northern Region Co-chair Archie Little was also in Oclucje. His absence in the Northern Region is noticed and his presence is welcome as the political representative for the Nuu-Chah-Nulth First Nations.

25 Years Ago in Ha-Shilth-Sa

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March 29, 1974



ABEL JOHN
(Moachat Band)

(As translated by Willard Gallic) — "My ancestors and my fathers before me have gathered in meetings just like this. This last year was the first year we talked about land claims. So far we have taken only two steps...

"People from all the tribes on the West Coast — all these people — that's what we call Indians... We knew how to live before the white man came. We told him then that

this was our land." Referring to archaeologists unearthing evidence of past life in this area, he said, "When we first started digging we told the white man anything within 16 feet belongs to us, while they only claimed six inches!

"What we're talking about today is not for us old people. It's for all the small kids that are growing up now."

the song won't be sung again until this time next year."

The three-day N.T.C. Budget Meeting then got underway, with Fisheries issues taking the first day's agenda as usual. Roy Alexander, James Haggarty, and Kevin Neary reported on the fisheries research program they have been involved with for more than a year.

After a short break, N.T.C. Southern Region Biologist Jim Lane spoke on the recent herring ponding experiment in Barkley Sound, where 7,500 lbs. of spawn-on-bough was harvested for distribution throughout participating Nations. Although crowds of Sea Lions made short work of the kelp strings strung in the net pond, the experimental siihmuu harvest was deemed a success.

Chuck McCarthy spoke briefly on his role in the entire project, staying out at the site aboard his troller, and organizing the delivery of herring into the pond. Toquaht, Ucluelet, Uchucklesaht, Tseshah, Hupacasath and Ditidaht cooperated in the project located in Toquaht Territory in the Stopper Islands. Simon Lucas reported that Hesquiaht were unable to collect sufficient kwaqmis for their community's needs as the herring failed to show up. Simon added that the overabundance of sea otters, sea lions and whales in Hesquiaht

Harbour probably had something to do with the herring's unprecedented disappearance.

N.T.C. Fisheries Program Manager Dr. Don Hall spoke on pre- and in-season management actions. Early reports from DFO indicate that herring seemed to return in greater abundance to Esperanza/Nuchahtlaht this year, with a poor showing in Clayoquot Sound/Hesquiaht. Some near sub-tidal spawn was observed in Barkley Sound, but only a small amount that lasted for little more than one day.

Northern Region Biologist Roger Dunlop presented a forecast of this year's salmon season, saying it does not look like a good year.

"It looks like there won't be any fishing for Fraser River Sockeye again this year, but there will be a small sockeye fishery in Barkley Sound for approximately 128,000 fish at the forecast run size," said Roger, adding that continuing concerns over Thompson River coho will continue to guide DFO's salmon management decisions.

Barkley Sound chinook numbers have hit a historical low, and we should expect strict measures being taken to protect the few returning

chinook salmon. This low return could also cause the cancellation of the Port Alberni Salmon Derby.

Andy Amos reported that rockfish fishermen recently lost their battle over licensing. Richard Watts also offered a less-than-encouraging report on developments towards a Regional Aquatic Management Board.

"It's beyond grim," said N.T.C. Southern Region Co-chair Richard Watts. "When you see the impact of their decisions on our communities, then listen to DFO say that we're exaggerating the impacts, it's really upsetting and insulting."

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Roger Dunlop then returned to the table to speak on issues facing clam diggers and the West Coast Vancouver Island Clam Management Board, which was followed by Central Region Biologist Josie Osborne's update on the Shellfish Aquaculture Initiative.

Day 2 - March 31st

After Francis Amos offered the opening prayer, a delegation of Tla-o-qui-aht Ha'wiih and leaders approached the table.

Francis Frank announced that Tla-o-qui-aht would be pulling away from the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Table for the next 4 months in order to explore options and determine their place in the treaty making process.

"While we sit at the table, our lands continue to be alienated from us," said Francis Frank. "We are looking at legal actions, and direct actions to fight the transfer of the Tofino Airport lands to

Agenda Notes:

■ Tla-o-qui-aht announced they will be pulling away from the N.T.C. Treaty Table while they pursue legal action over the Tofino Airport lands.

■ This year's siihmuu / kwaqmis harvest was discussed, with 7500 lbs. of spawn-on-bough coming out of the Barkley Sound Ponding Experiment, and little product harvested in areas around Hesquiaht and Clayoquot Sound.

■ The upcoming salmon season will see a small sockeye fishery, but severe restrictions placed on dwindling chinook stocks.

■ Outgoing Executive Director Norman Taylor was saluted for his 12 years of work at the NTC.

■ Due to a budget shortfall, the N.T.C. Budget will remain at last year's levels with cutbacks going into effect, until such time as monies coming from DIAND are received.

the Regional District."

Francis also mentioned that TFN is considering re-launching the Meares Island case, which was adjourned three years ago.

TFN's decided to step away from the N.T.C. Treaty Table because the federal and provincial governments have always said they would not negotiate treaties with any Nations

continued on page 8.

Congratulations to

Tsa-qwa-supp (Art Thompson)

I would like to extend my heart-felt congratulations to my brother Art for receiving a National Aboriginal Achievement Award on March 10, 2000. Art, you have done so much for so many people and for the most part you never ask for anything in return. You truly are deserving of this prestigious award.

Despite all you have been through in your life, you have survived, and accomplished enormous goals. You have shared the most intimate and horrible details of your life in the Alberni Indian Residential School. This amazes, not only me, but many others, who I have shared your story with. These are only some of the reasons you deserve this recognition.

I want you to know that I am so very proud of you, especially the way you handle yourself, with humility. That is a characteristic we all strive for and you show us how to be. I thank you for being a good role model to many people. I know personally how you unselfishly put, not only Ditidaht, but all of Nuu-chah-nulth, before yourself, wherever you speak in the world. Many times your people come first, this must be recognized by all of us.

You have worked hard for all that you strive for and you deserve to be recognized by the National Aboriginal Achievement Award... I love you with all my heart and soul.

Bukwila, aka Charlie Thompson

Nuu-chah-nulth Language

Nuučaanuŕ letters N and Ñ

The Plain n sounds like the n in nose

Some Nuučaanuŕ words that start with the plain n

Giving birth - na'yaqnakšix
Mallard duck - naht'ac
Rib - načaqati
Pot - niis'yaq
Singing - nunuuk
Train - ninoot
To drink - naqšix
Grandparent - naniiqsu
To listen - na'aatah
Intelligent - nana'a

The glottal ñ sounds like n plus "uh"

Some Nuučaanuŕ words that start with the glottal ñ

Day - ñaas
Looking at - ñaacsaa
Egg - ñučak
Father - ñuwiiqsu
Saturday - ñupučif
One dollar - ñupqimf
Potlach - ñušix
Oar - ñiž'yaq
Stirring spoon - ñiixxaayak
Transparent - ñañačswi

Submitted for hašifsa by Dave Watts, Čišaa'ath.



CULTURAL EVENTS PROGRAM

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

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

Final Weekend: May 27-28, 2000

For further information please contact: Janet MacDonald, Program Producer, Royal B.C. Museum, (250) 387-2016
Patti Burrige, Coordinator, Nuu-chah-nulth Cultural Events, (250) 387-5576

Yah-ii - Mountain Spirit

One who brings wealth, knowledge and wisdom to those who Osy-myh (Which is a spiritual cleansing in our sacred pools) Yah-ii is a mountain spirit who is sent by our ancestors to those who are prepared to know their purpose in life. Whether its to become a shaman, a great whaler, fisherman or artist, whatever you seek. Our ancestors know when you are ready. Yah-ii has never seen a human before, that is why his expression on his face, with his hands on his cheeks, it is like "WOW! What is that." Yah-ii will only see a human once. The reason is, when you are ready, Yah-ii becomes you. This is the spirit that we seek to guide in this great experience we call "LIFE." Chu, (til we meet again), Hutch Sam, Ahousaht, B.C.



My parents Tony and Evelyn Marshall and family would like to congratulate Margaret Eaton. Their daughter, our sister completed a program at Round Lake Treatment Center. I would also like to thank my spiritual elder, Ta-tooch-ic-utuk-qwiss Hutch Sam for sharing his knowledge and stories. Hutch was very generous and gave me a mask titled "Yah-ii" Mountain Spirit. My daughter Alisha Blue cut hair for her Auntie Margaret. Hutch put Alisha's hair on this

mask. My sister did Family Violence and Sexual Abuse training last year at Tillicum Haus. Margaret you gave Alisha a voice, and in return we wanted to give you something. Thank you from Alisha's heart and mine.
Mrs. Josephine Johnston, Ahousaht

N.T.C. Meeting at TinWis (cont. from pg. 7)

involved in legal actions against the crown.
 "It's time for us to get mad," said Tseshaht Acting Chief George Watts. "It's time for us to stand up against these governments who have spent the past years trying to push us around. If they want to go to war over this then we'll go to war with them."

"While we sit at the table, our lands continue to be alienated from us," said Francis Frank. "We are looking at legal actions, and direct actions to fight the transfer of the Tofino Airport lands to the Regional District."

At a recent meeting between federal government negotiators and Tla-o-qui-ah regarding the transfer of the Tofino Airport lands, TFN Negotiators asked why a barbed-wire fence had been put up around the Airport. According to George, the negotiator responded that it was to keep "animals and other things out".

"I just about hit the guy," said George. "It was clear to me and everyone there that he was calling the Tla-o-qui-ah people animals."

With Ehatesaht, Hupacasath, and now Tla-o-qui-ah pulling away from the N.T.C. Treaty Table, both Simon Lucas and Larry Baird suggested an emergency discussion on the future of the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Process.

"The government's actions on the Tofino Airport lands has called the entire treaty process into question," said Simon. "It's time we gather our Chiefs and councils and discuss where things are going with treaty," echoed Joe Campbell. "While we've been sitting at the negotiating table, we've lost hundreds of thousands of hectares to parks," said Richard Lucas. "We recommend that we suspend negotiations until things start going our way."

All Nations rose to offer their support to Tla-o-qui-ah in all their upcoming endeavors. After a short break, Nuu-chah-nulth representatives got down to addressing budgetary matters, with George Watts recommending cutbacks equaling more than \$115,000 to the overall N.T.C. budget.

George also recommended the N.T.C. Executive Director, Financial Controller, and N.T.C. Managers meet to discuss how the cuts will occur, and bring those decisions to the next Tribal Council Meeting in June for further discussion. After much discussion,

this motion was accepted. After lunch, Executive Director Norman Taylor was thanked for his 12 years of dedicated service to the Tribal Council, and was presented with a trip to Hawaii for he and his wife. Tseshaht also rose to salute Norman, giving him \$300 in spending money for the trip. Ueluelet and Huu-ay-ah also thanked and congratulated Norman, for all his work helping individual Nuu-chah-nulth Nations. Norman thanked the many people that have helped him over the years at the Tribal Council, as well as his mother and father.

He offered his best wishes to the new N.T.C. Executive Director Florence Wylie, and best wishes to the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations before saying, "Aloha".

Ehatesaht then offered an update on their break from the treaty table, saying they continue to monitor the issues facing the N.T.C. Treaty Table and have not come to a community consensus as of yet.

Day 3 - April 1st

After Simon Lucas offered the opening prayer, questions were raised regarding budgetary decisions made the previous day. After numerous comments and questions were presented, delegates agreed to sit down at the next NTC meeting and examine the current role of their Tribal Council.

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"While we've been sitting at the negotiating table, we've lost hundreds of thousands of hectares to parks," echoed Richard Lucas.

Helen Dick presented the Community and Human Services Board Report on Social Development, which, as George Watts and Richard Watts noted, has involved a lot of work over the past few years, and is a big step forward for Nuu-chah-nulth communities.

The meeting concluded going in-camera to discuss personnel issues with consultant Les Hart.

The next N.T.C. Meeting is scheduled for July, which is when budget items will again come before the table.

N.T.C. Human Resources Manager Rory Rickwood



The growing workload faced by past Executive Director Norman Taylor, resulted in an NTC decision to create a new position of Human Resource Manager.

Rory Rickwood, a certified Personnel Professional, was hired. Reporting to the Executive Director, Rory is responsible for all Tribal Council aspects of human resource management. His duties include: implement decisions of the Personnel Committee and Executive Director; oversee the hiring process; employee evaluations; develop job descriptions; and provide leadership in team building.

"I feel privileged to be in a position where I can gain a greater understanding of First Nations traditions, customs, and protocols," said Rory. "I'm excited that my mission includes the recruitment, retention, and advancement of Nuu-chah-nulth-ah in various positions with the NTC".

Rory's interest in First Nation's issues grew when hired by the First Nations Student Office at Malaspina University-College, while studying Human Resource Management. Rory also has a varied background. He has gained knowledge and experience while serving as a school Trustee, Economic Development

Commissioner, Chair of the Vancouver Island Regional Library Board, and as Chair of a Health Communities Task Force in Sooke.

In the past, Rory has worked as a consultant to the provincial government and many not-for-profit societies, such as Together Against Poverty Society. Rory's last job was with Opportunities Career Service in Courtenay, as a Facilitator / Career Counsellor for the Early Intervention Program.

Regional District offers a vote

By David Wiwchar
 Southern Region Reporter

The Alberni - Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) has extended an invitation for Nuu-chah-nulth representation on the board.

Regional District directors voted to send a letter to the N.T.C. asking for the appointment of a Nuu-chah-nulth Director to sit on the elected board. "We extended an invitation several years ago, and now we're re-extending it," said ACRD Chair Gary Swann. Less than a year ago, Ucluelet Chief Councillor Larry Baird sat on the ACRD, but after learning that he wouldn't have a vote, he left the position.

"What's the point of having someone just sit there listening to the decisions being made at the committee levels," said Larry. "It was pointless."

Given the reason's for Larry's departure from the ACRD, Swann said the board would be looking into giving a vote to the Nuu-chah-nulth representative appointed to the Board.

"It would be a question that we would put before the board, and I would expect a favourable vote from the members," said Swann. "I don't think a per diem is part of the offer at this point, but again, that's something that could be looked at."

"We're not leaving, they're not leaving, so how do we learn to share power, given the fact that the powerbase has shifted to First Nations, and we're having a real political impact right across the country," said Baird.

"They're starting to accept the new reality," said Baird, noting the political power of First Nations organizations in Nuu-chah-nulth Territory and across B.C.

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- Peer Helpers
- April Frank: 670-2363
- Lisa George: 670-2309
- Andrea Titian: VHF channel 68, call Rafael Point

Feature Artist Connie Watts and *Hetux* take flight at Vancouver International Airport

By David Wiwchar
 Southern Region Reporter

Recognized as one of the top young female First Nations artists in B.C., Connie Watts is taking Native art into a whole new contemporary realm. Her works have appeared the U.B.C. Museum of Anthropology, the Spirit Wrestler Gallery, Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design, and most recently the new wing of the Vancouver International Airport.

Recognized as one of the top young female First Nations artists in B.C., Connie Watts is taking Native art into a whole new contemporary realm.

After receiving a Bachelor of Interior Design degree from the University of Manitoba, Connie went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Intermedia from the prestigious Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. Last year, Connie and her creations were featured in a series of Telus Phone Company advertisements. "It was funny to see myself at every turn," said Connie, whose picture was featured on television, newspaper, magazine, bus shelter, and bus-side ads. "That's the only way I can describe it because I laugh every time I see it."

Connie said the photo shoot was "quick and fun", as it was shot at the Papermill Dam at Tsehaheh, and was completed within a week.



Connie Watts stands below *Hetux* at the Vancouver International Airport

"I've been really lucky," said Connie. "My strength stems from my family, and my family is really strong." Connie's proud mother Jane Watts-Jones is Tseshaht and Mamalilikla, and her father was Gitksan. In 1997, Connie received one of the first Vancouver Foundation's Visual Artist's Development Awards for the completion of a computer animation storyboard. Later in 1997, she was honoured by the McMichael Canadian Art Collection Museum to participate in an artist's residence in Kleinburg, Ontario. In 1999, she received her first Canada Arts Council grant to complete the computer animation "Witness". Specializing in a form of sculpture

that blends contemporary with traditional designs, Connie also works in computer animation, and silk fabrics. In 1995, her work "Bear Chair" and "Wolf Table" was exhibited at Emily Carr. The magnificent "Vereingung" was first exhibited at Emily Carr before being featured at the U.B.C. Museum of Anthropology. Connie's "Carnival Series" has three sculptured works, "Baroque Bear", "Whimsical Wolf", and "Radiant Raven", and is being shown at the Museum of Anthropology as part of the Raven's Reprise Exhibit until January 2001. "It was a great experience," said Godding, a computer animation specialist who became friends with Connie while they were both studying at the Emily Carr Institute of Art and Design. "I've been blessed to see Connie's works evolve over the past few years. She takes risks and breaks boundaries in First Nations art, and this piece marks a new direction for her."

Commissioned by the Vancouver Airport to construct a large, high

Hetux centrepiece of new Airport wing

The Vancouver International Airport spared no expense in creating an unrivaled passageway for international travelers.

Pacific Passage features coastal landscapes and impressive west coast art set in a forest landscape. With the natural beauty of the coastal mountain range as a backdrop, Tim Paul's canoe sits atop river rocks lining a serene pool.

And hanging above all, is Connie Watt's magnificent creation - *Hetux*. A multilayered Thunderbird constructed of Baltic Birch and powder coated aluminum, *Hetux* involved many different contractors to bring Connie's stunning vision to life within the new Airport wing.

"*Hetux* is my grandmother Louise Watts, who always used to tell me to never stop dreaming," said Connie. "It is a Thunderbird, which signifies strength, and has a wolf for protection on either side, moons and humans on the wings for emotion and creativity, a double salmon on the stomach for prosperity, a sun on the tail which means strong, logical strength, and a wren on the neck which gives it magical qualities."

The project took six months to complete, employing Jason Godding as production assistant, as well as Greg Simpson, Chris George and Jeff Williams.

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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. E-mail: ntcgames@nuuchahnulth.org

Pacific Passages: Connie Watt's *Hetux* flies over a magnificent forest scene, guarding Tim Paul's canoe.

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"haa c̄ata pīxin" Lets All Stand Together Nuu-chah-nulth Youth Conference 2000 - March 21, 22, 23

By Reg Sam, Nuu-chah-nulth Youth Council Coordinator
For Ha-Shilth-Sa

The purpose of this gathering was to bring our Nuu chah nulth youth together and prove that we can all join together, instead of grow apart as a territory. We strongly believe that, we are the future of Nuu chah nulth First Nations People, unity is of the utmost importance in keeping our culture strong.

Our workshops consisted of the following topics:

- Residential Schools - "Healing Program"
 - "Violence is a last Resort"
 - "WOW" -
 - "Generational Trauma from Residential Schools"
 - "Crisis Response"
 - "The Power of Play"
 - "Nuu chah nulth design/art"
 - "Post Secondary"
 - "Gang'ing Behavior"
 - "Relationship Violence"
 - "The Fire of Revenge"
 - "Nuu chah nulth Traditions and Spirituality"
 - "Moving Toward Self Empowerment"
 - "Empowerment"
 - "Spirituality and Self Empowerment"
- As well as the inspiring workshops, our conference consisted of evening activities for all to participate in, such as; basketball, youth dance, and a fashion show of First Nations designed clothing.
- At this time, we would like to send our



"Building a human pyramid"



Martha Johnson, Reg Sam and Sarah Johnson "Lets all Stand Together"

most sincere gratitude to all the facilitators: Joe Tom, Ray Seitcher, Molly Bono, Ina Seitcher, Alisha Charleson, Shannon Courtemanch, Gina Watts, Rachel Watts, Pat Amos, Wilma Keitlah, Nene VanVolsen, Keith Hunter, Art Thompson, and Linda Watts.

A special *kekoo* to Florence Wylie and all the CHS staff who contributed to our gathering. Also to Sarah and Martha Johnson, Anne Robinson, for all the time and hard work in making this gathering a great success.

We would like to thank the following Merchants and Business for their contributions:

- Chiefs Health Committee - donations of t-shirts and sweatshirts
- Bob Soderlund for making our conference t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags, jackets
- Barlows home entertainment center for their discount on electronic systems purchased
- Margaret Robinson - for all the catering services
- Tsehahat First Nation & Haa Huu Payuk Society for the use of the "Shewish House Of Learning"

· Eileen Haggard for all your hard work and contributions to our conference

· Nuu chah nulth Tribal Council for use of their facility and equipment.

Some of the comments on the workshop, by our youth were as follows;

that I enjoyed Best About the Workshops: "everything"

"as learning about what kind of crisis there is"

Susan Aglukark performs in Port Alberni



By Annie Watts
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

On March 30th after much anticipation and the much talked about change of venue, the famous Susan Aglukark played at the Capital Theatre in Port Alberni. She gave a memorable performance in the packed theatre, showing her fans why she's made the pop charts with her heart-rending singing voice and talent. Aglukark's lyrics and music demonstrates that she is very proud of her heritage. "In 1995 'This Child' album went triple platinum and her newest is called "Unsung Heroes" is a message of personal strength, love for community and optimism for the future and also explores the often-sor-

rowful history of Canada's Inuit people". After a brief telephone interview with Ha-Shilth-Sa's Annie Watts, the obviously down to earth Susan says she is not involved in anything political. The 33-year-old singer lives in Toronto with her husband and 3 1/2 year old son. She has 4 sisters and 2 brothers. She was very quick to say that her role models are her parents and producer Chad Irschick. Aglukark says she never thought as a young child that she would be famous, she just started out, and then her career took off. She writes or co-writes all her own songs. When asked if she had any recommendations for those wanting to start out, she simply replied "be very honest and very true to yourself".

"made me feel like a better human being".
"getting the candy was the best"
"I am a fearless leader"
"better understanding of music lyrics"
"building the human pyramids"
With all that we did receive in evaluations, we feel very confident that our conference was successful in pulling our

youth together, by giving them informative sessions to build a stronger togetherness and clearer understanding of a non-violent nature.
Once again, *kekoo* to all who helped us out, if we missed you in our acknowledgement, it was not intentional, and we appreciate the teachings, *cuu*.

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SD# 84 Trustees in Tahsis

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

School District # 84 Trustees, Superintendent Fremenis and approximately 30 public members attended at the Captain Meares School gymnasium for the regular Board session. The Tahsis public were pleased to have a meeting and no Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations People were present. There are only three Nuu-chah-nulth families with students at this particular school compared to all other schools in SD#84. Of the eight Nuu-chah-nulth students, six have Ehattesaht roots.

The evening session went from 7:00 - 10:30 p.m. with a full agenda. A standing agenda item is Aboriginal and Special Education and Superintendent Fremenis said the message is to be proactive to the needs of the kids. Do not put onto automatic and there should be a constant review by the trustees. He recommended a monthly review of pamphlet regarding Aboriginal Education. He recommended each Principal to get involved aggressively with needs of Aboriginal kids and their families due to decreased enrollment of students overall in SD#84. The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council have signed a five year Local Education Agreement (LEA). Aboriginal Education Facilitator, Diane Sibley is making herself known in the First Nations Communities. She is making a difference in raising the level of confidence and communication between schools and parents. The most recent activities of bridging the two cultural worlds was the February presentation of the Ha-Ho-Payuk students interpretation of Dr. George Clutesi's play. Another cross-cultural activity is the mural being painted at the Gold River Secondary School. Local Mowachah/Muchalahaht students are using their rich history as a guide for the mural. Diane Sibley works closely with Marge Amos, GRSS N.T.C. education worker and staff. Mr. Ron Brandt, Principal of Captain Meares School gave a full report of the school's 1999/2000 activities. Given the school will be receiving accreditation this year, he addressed the growth plans for the Tahsis School. There was particular emphasis placed on literacy goals and the energy being poured into technology.

He said there are two full operational computer labs. One is for the high school and the other elementary grades. However, there are growing pain problems in keeping the machinery running. The isolation factor and local technical expertise in computers puts a strain on the school. Principal Brandt acknowledged Grade 12 student Tim McNeil's technical computer skills in keeping the equipment in operational order. He has been an asset to the school and will be missed when he graduates. Replacement of McNeil's help will be a task and it is one Captain Meares School will have to secure to have continued success with their computer labs. Students, administration, staff, support workers and parental involvement makes the school a success.

One Nuu-chah-nulth mother said her four children are doing very well in school. Alice John said her kids get to stay at school for extra time with the teacher to get homework done. She feels this helps her children to be successful with their learning and skill development. She added the teachers are very helpful and her kids are out the door by 8:15 am to get to school. They look forward to school. Her son, Kenny grade 4 student received

4A's, 2B's and 2C's on his last report card. Carl, grade 5 has improved in all areas where he experienced prior difficulties. Kimberley, grade 2 is in advanced reading skill levels and likes school. So does Phillip grade 1 student. The kids made friends and social life is in general a good one. The infrastructure of the Tahsis community has made the learning environment a good experience for the whole family. Overall, Alice John had positive things to say about the Captain Meares School, Tahsis and the education her children are receiving.

Principal Brandt said the parents want to be notified if a student is transgressing or doing anything untoward while at school. Alice supported this completely. She said the school does call if there is any problem with her kids and she is able to have support from the system. Mr. Amrik Prihar has been a teacher for 22 years. He has a background in history, law and social studies. He has developed education programs and been involved with assessments and reviews. Mr. Prihar gave an enthusiastic and detailed report of his 1999 Teacher's Institute in Ottawa. 70 teachers attended an intensive week with a whirlwind of political bodies and academia.

Amrik Prihar received a beautiful certificate to acknowledge the field of teacher excellence award and was signed by Gildas Molgat, Speaker of senate and Gilbert Parent, Speaker of the House of Commons. His obvious happiness for the award is a record of his contribution to the Teacher's Institute. He played a role in the development of a Teacher's Institute document and his name is penned as one of the authors. His honour and pride exuded throughout the gymnasium. He did say he made efforts to explain where on the Canadian map, Tahsis is. Political awareness is an obvious value Mr. Amrik Prihar holds in high regard.

High school teacher, Mr. Dave Wills reported on the Millennium Book project he has spearheaded. He gave an overview of 16 teachers and their class involvement with the overall plan. His is quick to use email and his perseverance has the cooperation of the Captain Meares Secondary School, Ray Watkins Elementary School, Gold River Secondary School, Kyuquot Elementary/Secondary School, and the Zeballos Elementary/Secondary School. This type of SD#84 communal participation is sure to bring success to the Millennium Project. As of March 27, 2000 it has been calculated the project is scheduled to be completed in 2 months, 18 days and 19 hours. How is that for calculating a time frame?

The Trustees addressed other issues and as an interesting side note, SD#84 received a request for input on the proposed Fair Harbor development proposal. Superintendent Fremenis said this was unusual. It is a first of its kind. A request from the Comox/Strathcona Regional District for input to land development plans. However, Fremenis did say the teachers are scheduled for construction at Kyuquot is on hold. It seems road maintenance between Kyuquot and Chamiss is nil. Tahsis residents participated in the discussions and expressed their gratitude to the Board for coming into their community. They expressed they sometimes feel quite isolated from the rest of SD#84 and appreciated the meeting being hosted in their community. The next meeting is scheduled for April 10th at the SD#84 Office - 500 Trumpeter, Gold River.

Nootka Resource Board in Tahsis

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

The Nootka Resource Board meeting hosted in Tahsis community on March 8th, saw the room at full capacity. Brenda Bauer, Regional Aquatic Management Society (RAMS) executive director made a detailed presentation of its activities on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The Lands Use Coordination Office (LUCO) rep from Victoria presented the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan (VILUP) and discussions were lively. Local lands and resources issues raised saw lively and animated discussions.

Brenda Bauer's presentation included a background and present status of RAMS. RAMS is primarily a cross section of representatives trying to get regional and community involvement in aquatic resource decision making. The reps have included First Nations, economic development, environmental groups, fishers, industry, processors and regional governments. The group of individuals representing various sectors and interests have agreed to encourage and support community initiatives.

RAMS focus is in four broad areas:

1. Fisheries management - including the development of new or under utilized species, aquaculture and allocation management
2. Stewardship
3. Data collection / communication
4. Economic Opportunity

Brenda gave a detailed account of the four areas as it relates to capacity building.

There are current negotiations in process between RAMS and the provincial and federal governments to establish the development of the RAMS Board.

RAMS is a result of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council initiative to establish a Fisheries Interim Measures Agreement with governments. However, after ten years of unsuccessful bids to reach an interim measures, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council included local, community and regional people in the aquatic management discussions.

The community based approach includes natives and non-natives alike. Local accountability and cooperation is more likely to be successful in the aquatic management versus the long distance and bureaucratic governmental compartmentalized approach. Lindsey Jones ex-officio NRB government rep from LUCO presented a copy of the Vancouver Island Summary Land Use Plan released on February 16, 2000. May 10th is the last day for responses and submissions to the document. The purpose of the Summary Plan was prepared to integrate the 1994 Vancouver Island Land Use Plan, subsequent decisions and work related to completing the 1994 plan.

The plan now includes key non-forest uses and incorporates changes to the Forest Practices Code and other relevant policy and legislation. It also includes the results of recent work on resource management objectives and strategies for special management, general and enhanced forestry zones.

It then relates these objectives and strategies to provisions of the Forest Practices Code.

- The Summary Plan contents includes:
1. Description of the Plan area, land use pattern and socio economic profile of Vancouver Island
 2. Description of the Planning Process
 3. Strategic Direction
 4. Land Use Designations and Regimes
 5. Socio-Economic and Environmental Considerations
 6. Plan Implementation.

The Nootka Resource Board is identified along with the Mt. Waddington Community Resource Board in the key role of implementation of the Plan.

They will also be represented on the Plan Monitoring Committee. This seems to be a shift from the previous identified role as advisors to the government on land and resource issues. Given this new and evolving role of the NRB, Northern Region Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations should be aware of the process as it relates to lands and resources in a treaty context.

First Nations were advised to put their respective interests in the lands and resources in writing to the ministry offices. This record will be useful information for both the FN and government in the decision making processes. BCALC will review all referrals and Northern Region Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations are invited to submit their applications like all other interested parties.

The outstanding issue of illegal float homes and trespass raised the ire of the general public. No clear resolution is immediately forthcoming from BCALC and public frustration is at a high. The Comox / Strathcona Regional District Planning Branch will be making their recommendations to BCALC on the issue of trespass and illegal float homes in the Nootka Sound Area. NRB Board member Tom Pater will keep the members updated on the issue.

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The bottom line response was no one in government is sure how to proceed with the issue. Nervous tension in the air was trying to be diffused with humour and it some how got lost in the delivery. BCALC is looking to come forward with a process to deal with all illegal float homes on Vancouver Island.

Miriam Trevis, NRB secretary is vacating the position and it will be posted in the local newspapers and municipal offices in the tri-communities. Her services will be missed and the successful candidate will have Miriam's assistance in the transitional phase. The NRB thanked her for the dedicated services she provided to the Board. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12th, 2000 @ Tsaxana.

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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We now have regular sharing circles each week scheduled for each community and they are as follows:

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Tuesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Opihsat

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Hot Springs Cove

Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Ahusat

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News from the North

By Louise Amos, Northern Region Reporter

TB Clinic - Community Success

The Ehattesaht and Nuchatlaht First Nation combined their efforts to host a TB Clinic for their children.

Community Health Representative, Arlene John from Ehattesaht and Audrey Smith from Nuchatlaht worked with Nurse, Lynne West to bring together this important health program. 32 children from the age 6-16 participated in the testing and the results were 100% negative. Nuchatlaht Band Manager, Caroline Michael said both tribes received a letter of congratulations from Pat Norris for being the first Nu-chah-nulth to complete the TB Clinic.

Dr. Henderson said there may be future training or a refresher for the previous 10 trainees to facilitate the TB clinics and perhaps one for the adults. He added he will be making a full report of the TB Clinics held in the Nu-chah-nulth communities upon First Nation's completion of the project. The Community Health Representatives needed to coordinate the clinic with the community health nurse for testing and reading the results.

On March 2nd, the Zeballos Elementary School appeared to be more like Christmas than TB readings. Lynne said the kids were very supportive of each other. The older ones saw that the

younger kids were reassured of the testing and verbal encouragement, plus their physical presence made the testing a success. She thanked Arlene and Audrey for the program and was pleased with the results. Planning and cooperation made this program work towards realizing a healthy community building exercise.

Arlene and Audrey presented each child with an age appropriate gift to express gratitude for participation in the TB Clinic. Laughter, giggles and children's voices bounced off the small gymnasium walls. The kids were excited and the air was electric.

ZESS Janitor, Carl Munro assisted by bringing in extra tables to the gym for the meal. Funds were allocated to provide for a community meal and as usual, mamut bags were needed.

Individuals from both Nations saw that everyone was well fed and that no one was to leave school hungry. The \$400.00 left over from the project was donated to assist the students museum field trip to Victoria. The kids have been fund raising to offset the costs to see the Nu-chah-nulth Exhibit - OUT OF THE MIST. Both Native and non-Native students are looking forward to the trip.

In Pursuit of Excellence

Ehattesaht Councillor Lyle Billy extends congratulations to Joshua Billy Sr. and Simon John upon the recent completion of the Pursuit of Excellence program. As the council member with the forestry portfolio, he said he is proud of the two young mens accomplishment.

Ehattesaht's goal is to promote and produce an excellent group of workers. To date, there are ten successful candidates in the training process. A few more candidates will be selected by

the Hecate Logging hiring committee and the information can be acquired through the Ehattesaht Band Office and directed to Lyle. The demanding work requires the workers to be alert and in good form for maximum production.

Lyle Billy would like the young men to keep up the good work and said it is an opportunity to make good provision for their families. Congratulations to Joshua Billy Sr. and Simon John, EFN members.

Aboriginal Head Start Needs Funds

The Ehattesaht and Nuchatlaht First Nations are in a joint partnership for their children. Ehattesaht has the numbers and Nuchatlaht has the facilities for the Aboriginal Head Start (AHS) program. The neighboring Northern Region Nu-chah-nulth communities met in early March to discuss the funding for the program. An injection of funds will help to keep this initiative afloat.

Nuchatlaht and Ehattesaht councils, administration, employees, parents, Nu-chah-nulth Tribal Council workers and Chief Walter Michael held a meeting to discuss the AHS. The comments from the participants reflected support for the program. People said there have been noticeable differences in the children's behaviour since attendance at AHS. Parents and community members stated the children get upset when they cannot go to "school" in Oclucje. The AHS is a highlight in the day for the 3-5 year olds.

Chief Walter praised the results he has seen and is satisfied with the work Florence and Jen are doing. Nu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Infant Development Worker, Marc Lalonde reiterated his written report - saying the work

Florence is doing far exceeds his expectations. Even though the staff is not certified in Early Childhood Education (ECE), the quality of the AHS program is impressive. The consensus was a job well done to the AHS workers. Both Florence and Jen are registered in a long distance ECE program and will work towards certification.

Both Nations have utilized Victoria Wells as a resource person and EFN had contracted her to develop an AHS proposal for funding purposes. Victoria Wells, Caroline Michael and Phil Fenn have worked collaboratively on the AHS program funding.

All participants are certain the AHS should continue and are committed to work to make it happen. They agreed volunteer hours are needed to make this joint effort workable and some tasks were assigned to community members.

Ehattesaht and Nuchatlaht are looking at this project in the long term and short-term views. The two Nu-chah-nulth Nations would like to provide for the children's educational needs today and are doing what they can to make it a reality.



Breakthrough Pill for Type 2 Diabetes Approved by Health Canada ~

Avandia is the first treatment in Canada to target insulin resistance; provides benefits beyond blood sugar control~

(March 30, 2000, Vancouver, BC) — Health Canada has approved Avandia (rosiglitazone maleate), a breakthrough treatment for type 2 diabetes. Avandia, developed by SmithKline Beecham, is the first drug available in Canada to directly treat insulin resistance, a major underlying factor in type 2 diabetes. The approval brings the promise of a better quality of life to 1.5 million Canadians diagnosed with diabetes, and 750,000 people currently undiagnosed.

Avandia works in a significantly different fashion than currently available diabetes medications," said Dr. Lawrence Leiter, Professor of Medicine and Nutritional Sciences, University of Toronto and Director, Lipid Clinic, St. Michael's Hospital. "By directly decreasing insulin resistance, and allowing the body's own insulin to work more effectively, not only will Avandia help lower blood sugar levels, but it may also lower blood pressure and improve lipid (blood fat) levels, all of which should decrease the risk of heart disease," he added.

Insulin Resistance and Avandia - The Power to Control Diabetes

"Diabetes is an incredibly complex disease. As this complexity is unraveled and knowledge is gained, new options, including drugs like Avandia, become increasingly important as they can more effectively align treatments," said Donna Lillie, Director, Research and Professional Education, Canadian Diabetes Association. "The Canadian Diabetes Association recommends that Canadians with diabetes discuss any new treatment option with their physician to determine if it is appropriate," she added.

Insulin Resistance and Avandia - The Power to Control Diabetes
Insulin resistance is the body's failure to respond properly to its own insulin. It is associated with a number of risk factors, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol and high blood sugar which are known to affect progression to complications such as kidney failure, nerve damage and heart disease.

Avandia, taken once a day, has been shown to be effective as both monotherapy and in combination with metformin, one of the most commonly used anti-diabetic agents. *Avandia Clinical Study Data*
Health Canada approved Avandia based on a priority review of data from clinical studies involving more than 4,500 patients with type 2 diabetes. These stud-

ies have shown that Avandia effectively lowered blood sugar levels of patients by an average of up to 4.2 mmol/L compared to placebo, and maintained blood sugar control for up to 12 months. Ongoing observations show that Avandia continues to control blood sugar for at least 18 months. Avandia also showed beneficial improvements in reducing other risk factors associated with the development of diabetes-related complications. Recently released data from the United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS) study, a 20-year study and the largest clinical study to date on diabetes, showed that improved blood sugar control can prevent diabetes-related complications like kidney disease. UKPDS data also demonstrated that currently available diabetes medications do not adequately sustain blood sugar control.

"We've been involved in a number of clinical trials with Avandia and our experience to date has been excellent. Many of our patients have had very dramatic reductions in their blood sugar levels, and this should translate into a significant reduction in long-term complications," said Dr. Leiter. "Treating insulin resistance early in the disease, before irreversible damage occurs, is an important goal of type 2 diabetes management and Avandia provides the Canadian medical community with an effective alternative to currently available diabetes medications," he added.

Avandia Clinical Study Data
"No other medication has controlled my blood sugar levels sufficiently like Avandia," said Neil Mosher, a patient with type 2 diabetes. "Today, my levels have come down significantly, and are now within normal range. I have more energy, I am less irritable and less worried about potential complications. Avandia has been a godsend," he added.

Worldwide Approval of Avandia
In addition to Canada's approval of the drug, Avandia has received marketing approval in 26 countries, including the United States where more than two million prescriptions have been written.

"We are delighted about the approval of Avandia. It represents a significant breakthrough for patients who have been calling for new and different ways to tackle their condition," said Eddie Gray, president of SmithKline Beecham Pharma. "What's important now is that all patients with type 2 diabetes have access to Avandia," he added.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY "SWEETIE" MELISSA ROSS ON APRIL 7TH. FROM AUNTIE ANNIE, DAVE & COUSINS AND THE ROSS, WATTS & LIVINGSTONE FAMILIES.

I would like to wish our mom a happy birthday on March 29th. Love Wesley, Ellen & James.

I'd like to wish my cousin/sister Crystal Mack a Happy 19th Birthday for April 12th. From your cousin Tara & your sisters Hailey & Brittany.

I would like to wish my nephew Josephus Thomas a Happy Birthday on April 5, have a great day & a good year. Love Auntie Aggie, Cousins Charlie & Chrissie.

Happy Birthday to my niece Rhonda John on April 26. From Auntie Aggie & Kids.

To my sister Alice John, Happy Birthday on May 1st. I hope you have a good day. From sis Agatha John.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Peter Billy on May 1st. Hope you enjoy your day. From Aggie.

Happy Anniversary to Georgina & Harold A. Amos on March 29th. Even though we laid the Old Buffalo to rest on your wedding date a year ago - we will celebrate your lives together today. Thank you for being the best brother & sister one can ever dream to have. Your example of family & married life is a good one. May your year hold surprises, mystery & successes for a deserving couple. Happy third anniversary & many more. I love you both - Tsequama.

A belated birthday wish to Georgina Amos on March 17th. May you have a good & prosperous year. One of the best! - Love, Tsequama.

A note of encouragement to my son, H, Jason Amos. There is a whole life out there just waiting for you to participate & enjoy. Life is so short my son, we may as well get a bit of joy while we are here. I love you & I miss you. Momma Bear.



HAPPY 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TO LAURA AND JOHNNY MCCARTHY ON APRIL 14TH. FROM BRO. VINCE AND FAMILY.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO DAVE WATTS, A.K.A. "HUMMER" ON APRIL 17TH. HOPE YOU A REAL HUMDINGER OF A BIRTHDAY! LOVE ALWAYS YOUR WIFE ANNIE, DAVE JR., NATE, JEN & THE ROSS & LIVINGSTONE FAMILIES.

Birthday wishes go to our son Louis D. Frank who celebrates his 21st birthday on April 14. We hope married life is treating you just grand! Have a great day Son. Love Mom Lisa, Dad Louie, brothers Jeff & Jason.

Happy Birthday to a special person Our Mom, Eva Frank on April 17. Thinking of you on your birthday, Mom. Have a wonderful day & always remember that you're the Best! Doll, Chips, & Boys.



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Another person who celebrates his special day is Picadillon Amos (you know who you are) know that we're thinking of you on your birthday on April 17 & have a great one! From your friends in the Cove who didn't forget!

Happy anniversary wishes to my husband, Louie on April 11th. It's been a slice for the last 17 years! Love your wife, Elephant.

Happy Birthday Katie Bear on April 6th, Happy Birthday to Mom on April 7th, Happy Birthday to Melissa Ross on April 7th, Happy Birthday to Wilson on April 8th. Love Pearl, Marvin & Kids.

Happy Anniversary to husband Marvin on April 30th. Love Pearl.

Happy Birthday Crystal Campbell on April 12. Love Calvin, Warren, Auntie Bonnie & Mike.

We would like to wish our cousins Cissy Boucha and Lisa Tomren a Happy Birthday for April 5. Love from Sid, Sharleen and family.

We would like to wish our niece Larrisa a Happy Birthday for April 11.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MY BEAUTIFUL WIFE KIM ROSS ON APRIL 12TH. LOVE YOUR HUSBAND JOHN, & CHILDREN ERIN & NICHOLAS ROSS. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE NEW "MRS. ROSS" IN THE FAMILY. FROM THE ROSS, WATTS & LIVINGSTONE FAMILIES.

Love from Uncle Sid, Auntie Sharleen and family.

We would like to wish our nephew Alec Cootes Jr. a Happy Birthday for April 16. Love Always Uncle Sid, Auntie Sharleen & family.

Happy Birthday to my wife Charlotte Carpenter on April 17th. Love your husband and family.

We would like to wish our



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR NEPHEW ED ROSS ON APRIL 19TH. FROM YOUR AUNTIE ANNIE, UNCLE DAVE & COUSINS AND THE ROSS, WATTS & LIVINGSTONE FAMILIES.

Congratulations to the Ahousaht Ravens & Wolfpack on your success at the Jr. All Native Tourney held in New Aiyansh! The Girls came in second and won the trophy for the Most Sportsman-Like team. The Boys placed third! Way to go Girls and Guys on jobs well done! Special congrats to my little sister Amy on a job well done in Aiyansh! Sorry we weren't there but we thought of you and cheered in our hearts each and every day you were there! Congrats to my cousin Ivey Campbell & Heather Charleson who both received trophies at the All - Native. From Maya & Marla



HAPPY 8TH BIRTHDAY SON DEAN MCKAY ON APRIL 30. FROM GRANNY & GRANDPA. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIG BRO DEAN MCKAY. FROM YOUR LITTLE BRO EDISON AND BABY SIS JUSTICE.

cousin Iris Touchie a Happy Birthday for April 20. Love from Sid, Sharleen & family.

We would like to wish Nephew Richard (Critch) Dick a Happy Birthday for April 29. Love Always, Uncle Sid, Auntie Sharleen & family.

Happy Birthday to grandson & nephew, Dennis Frank on April 2. Happy Birthday niece & cousin, Neleeta Frank on April 14. Happy Birthday to grandson & nephew, Curtis Frank on April 15.

Happy Birthday to a very special brother/uncle Willie Frank on April 19. Happy Birthday to Karen I. Frank on April 24. Hope you all have a great day - you always remember how we love you all. Love from Noreen, Sonny, Joe & Kyle Frank.

Happy 5th Birthday to our little sister Ashley Kochan on April 9. Love Sandra, Lee Anne, Sarah & your one & only brother Bruce.



31 Years Together (WOW)

Tim and Monica Paul have a celebration of 31 years together this year. I would like to acknowledge the couple on their commitment, trust, communication, love and honor for one another. This is what made it happen of togetherness. Tim and Monica raised thirteen children, and continue the bonding and communication. Tim has followed the footsteps of our grandmother Ester Smith of Ehatis. Ester would take children from the residential school when they were unable to go to their own home. Each was treated with love, respect and honor. Tim carries the teachings today. Tim and Monica treat people with utmost respect and honor, therefore draw people to them for guidance. I am honored and wish to CONGRATULATE them on their 31 years together and many more.

ALL MY LOVE: Verna Rose.

poet's nook

For the Elderly

When you smile, you light up the room.

What I would give to see that smile forever.

In time of need, you are there to help.

What I would give to have you around forever,

But you always say, "I won't be around forever".

Each new day is precious to you And you live it to the fullest.

You wonder how you can help today And never worry about tomorrow.

I have seen a worried look in your eyes.

Are you worried about me? You have taught me to love, to Share, to be Kind, to lend a Hand, to be Forgiving and to Smile.

Please, do not worry, I will be just fine

And when I see the sun or the stars I'll know that you are smiling.

Donna Samuel

T.F.N. Withdraws from Treaty

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Nations. The Minister of Transportation, David Collette, has been unreachable for the past three weeks for comment. Minister Robert Nault, of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs (DIAND), is simply "unavailable" according to press secretary, Kelly Acton.

Several Tla-o-qui-ah Elder's have stated that the airport lands were a loan to the Department of National Defense for war purposes and were to be returned following the war. One Elder, Barney Williams Sr., present during the meeting in 1942 when Chief Jimmy Jim (speaking on behalf of the Tyee Hawilth) agreed to loan the airport lands to the government stated, "That's what Jimmy Jim said. We let it go, as long as the war is on and then we get it back. We get all the land back, including the reserve here. That's the way I understood. Jimmy Jim was the Uncle of the Chief, Chief Joseph, so he was the spokesman for the Chief."

Contrary to the Framework Agreement reached at the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Table, Darrel McLeod, a Senior Federal Treaty Negotiator and Bill Stevens, Senior Advisor for Crown Lands with (DIAND), denied that the airport lands were a treaty issue. The Framework Agreement states any party can bring any issue to the table at any time, and it was acknowledged by Denny Grisdale, land negotiations chairperson, that the airport lands have been a topic at the land negotiations since 1997.

"We did not expect the government to change their position," said Tla-o-qui-ah Negotiator, Moses Martin, "and have become frustrated meeting with junior members of the government who have no mandate to negotiate. This is the third time those lands have been alienated from our people, first when the airport was created, second when they told our people those lands had been sold after the war and now, on March 31, 2000."

In here I can't be free
I wish I could be me
What I mean is emotionally
But I know it's my fault for being mean

I let something control me, alcohol
I'm regretting it cause I did something wrong, I know it's my fault
And it's the work of Karma that got me caught

Now I stay to face the consequence
Sometimes the whole thing makes no sense

I know my heart and God would forbid

If I just say sorry and that's it
I would not let myself be forgiven

Because I'm not that kind of person
I could never let that get by

If it did I'd ask God "why"
After I hurt and made her cry

This is not how I am if I'm under the influence
I'm crazy if they told me to shoot her

I'd do it
I feel God put me here to see the other road

And show me I was digging up a hellhole
And it's hurting my family

And to destroy the cruel side of me
Cause this is not the way to be

Now I'm taken far, far away
Just to find a better way

And to see the actual light of day
And to live life straight

And hopefully live happily ever after
And run down the golden road faster

And to know the meaning of laughter.
Tanya Titian

Transport Canada officials, claimed to have consulted with Tla-o-qui-ah over the transfer, yet Cliff Rhodes, Regional Manager, Property and Divestiture, Transport Canada, concurred with Hawilth Moo-chink's (Bruce Frank), statement, "We can count how many times we've met with you on one hand."

And those consultations according to Negotiator Moses Martin, consisted of "Brenda Janzen and Robert Prud"homme came in to tell us it was going to be transferred, when, how and to who." McLeod and Stevens, said that only lands deemed 'surplus' by the Crown are available for consideration at the treaty table. This policy was created without any negotiation or consultation with First Nations years into the treaty process. "This reeks of how the Federal Government established Indian Reserves," said Frank. He reflected on the minutes of government established Indian Reserves. Those minutes clearly indicate that the government turned lands over to the Indians that the government deemed economically useless. Frank wondered aloud of how governments today declare surplus lands. "The process of today places all other governments agencies and third parties' interests before First Nations," said Frank. The transfer of the airport clearly follows this process.

Over the past seven years, Tla-o-qui-ah First Nations, have consistently expressed they, should they obtain title to the lands, to continue the operation of the airport and were prepared to negotiate a joint business arrangement with the Regional District to this end. Tla-o-qui-ah's underlying concern has been the ownership of the land.

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In Memoriam

**Memorial: (Moses Smith) -
The OLD BUFFALO
December 24 1909 - March 26 1999**

The Old Buffalo is roaming the Great Beyond
His echo is sometimes heard... However, brief.

A voice in the wilderness on both sides of the veil is the Old Buffalo.

Do you remember his words or what he said from his actual life experiences?

The Old Buffalo was in essence a family man.

Some listened to the Old boy and some could not hear and that was ok with him. I wish I had listened sooner.

His passing is still a void that cannot ever be filled. He was my father,

mentor, teacher, guide, mirror, grandfather, political guide, historian,

philosopher and at times a walking contradiction. He was a spiritual being with very human experiences.

The loss of the Old Buffalo is still deep and sorrowful. He said not to weep for him for too long. I have cried only a little - because I am busy. Busy with day to day life business. I need to cry and let him go. Keeping a lid on emotions can be habit forming and a balance needs to be struck. Please help me Grampa. I need your guidance and I need to know how to look at life with two eyes and to know what my hands are doing. Oh, grandfather, I wish you were here. My tears are going to wash my soul and the ache is almost unbearable.

Thank you Grandfather for everything you have given to me and so many others. It will be one year since you died and I am still lonesome for you.

Kleco Nass for giving me the Old Buffalo and for me to be with the Old Buffalo. Grampa Moe. We will celebrate your life and the many gifts you left with your family members. I love you Grampa - Tsequama

**In Loving Memory of
Christina John
December 31 1942 - April 23 1991**

Mom it has been a long time since you left us.

But the memory of you is right up front & clear.

I could never forget the day you made the omelet without cheese.

I could never forget the day you let me cry in your lap.

I could never forget the care packages you sent me.

I could never forget how you had smoke in your mouth while you knit.

I could never forget the days you were trying to teach me to knit & crochet.

I could never forget the names you asked me to name my children.

I could never forget how happy you were on Mother's Day in Tin Wis.

I could never forget your last birthday with us at home.

I could never forget how you called me Babe.

I could never forget how much you liked doing fish.

I could never forget how you looked after your grandchildren.

I could never forget the day I went to bingo with you and how I missed winning.

I could never forget the times we watched wrestling or any sports.

I could never forget how much you enjoyed game shows.

I could never forget how much you liked doing your puzzles.

I could never forget how special you made us feel on our birthday.

I could never forget how friendly you were.

I could never forget how loving you were.

Mom I'll always remember you because you are in my heart.

Mom I'll always love you. I miss you.
Your daughter Agatha.

**In Memory of Gregory Vincent Billy
Born on April 5, 1951 but left us to
be with the Creator**

Many times I think of what a nice man you were and

I always remember that

You had time to play cards with us

You were always willing to help out family.

Uncle, you were such a giving & caring man.

You did everything from cook and baby-sit to working on wood.

You made such nice fans and I seen you give them away.

Uncle you were such a giving and caring man.

You also had time to teach friends & relatives to make these fans.

You gave so much of yourself to others especially those you cared for.

Uncle you were such a giving & caring man.

You had such a groovy laugh and such a nice smile.

You always had chumas to give to the kids, even gum.

Uncle, you were such a giving and caring man.

We miss you a lot Uncle Jigger
Lots of Love from Agatha John



Life goes on

Life goes on without the heart-ache and the pain,

flying high looking down at the past with only a sigh,

soar like an eagle knowing you have a future to look forward to.

Just for now you just take it easy.

Not knowing what love is what makes it easier on the soul,

children are the future of happiness and joy

love for my children is a different kind of love,

watching them grow and learn their tradition.

Take life slowly and you will gradually live the life you want.

All my relations: B.L.M.

7th Generation hosts HaahuPayuk students at Grizzlies game

VANCOUVER - The Seventh Generation Club, supported by BC Hydro, welcomed 59 First Nations students, and 22 parents and teachers from Bella Bella, Lytton, Port Alberni and Port Hardy for a two-day fun and educational experience in Vancouver April 4-5. Highlights of the trip will be a personal autograph session with Vancouver Grizzlies' co-captain Cherokee Parks, a Grizzlies game, and visits to Science World and the Vancouver Aquarium. "BC Hydro is proud to be a part of a program that empowers Aboriginal youth to make healthy lifestyle choices so they can become strong and capable members of their communities," said BC Hydro's Aboriginal Relations manager Kevin Dove. "The Seventh Generation Club encourages students to strive to achieve their personal best, enjoy life and have fun. This club is a positive and active step in recognizing First Nations students' success."

The Seventh Generation Club, launched in 1997 by BC Hydro, Health Canada, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Orca Bay Sports & Entertainment, and the First Nations Schools Association, encourages First Nations students to participate in sports, stay in school and be active in their community. The club offers rewards each year for outstanding scholastic and attendance records. The First Nations Chiefs' Health Committee has recently partnered with the club.

The schools participating in this year's trip to Vancouver are Bella Bella Community School from Bella Bella, Stein Valley Nakapamux School from Lytton, HaahuPayuk School from Port Alberni and Gwa'sala-Nakwaxda'xw School from Port Hardy.

The meaning behind the club's name is well known within First Nations communities and is derived from advice given by elders who say that a decision made today must positively affect the next seven generations to come.

Taylor says Aloha to N.T.C.



Former N.T.C. Executive Director Norman Taylor is presented with a trip for he and his family to Hawaii. Financial Controller Sharon Styan made the presentation on behalf of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.



Vancouver Grizzlies' forward and Seventh Generation Club co-captain Cherokee Parks welcomed students from HaahuPayuk School to GM Place to witness the Grizzlies' April 4th game against the Houston Rockets.

the presentation on behalf of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.

Ha-Shilth-Sa Calendar Notice

If you did not receive a copy of the N.T.C. / Ha-Shilth-Sa Year 2000 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 HESQUIAHT FIRST NATION MEMBERSHIP



A reminder to keep the Membership Office updated on anything such as births, marriages, transfers, etc. so that our records can be kept updated. Call toll free 1-877-232-1100. If you have recently had a child, please call me with your address so that I can forward to you the necessary forms required to register your child. REMEMBER that Medical Services will only cover your child's medical costs for a period of three (3) months and parents/guardians will be responsible for any expenses incurred between this time and registration of child. If you have any questions, please call me so that I can assist you in every way possible. ** A reminder to make application for a new medical card and coverage before your 19th birthday to keep your coverage in place.

A reminder that you must have a Certificate of Indian Status Card that has an expiry date on it. If you do not, please contact me at the Hesquiah administration office and I will add your name to a list and make arrangements as to when I will be in your area to do Status cards. We are always updating our address/ phone list, so feel free to call me at 1-877-232-1100 for any address updates and membership issues.

Ka:yu:k't'h' / Chek:tles7et'h' 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

1-888-817-8716

Career Opportunities

JOB POSTING: ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR / RESEARCH TEAM LEADER (one position six months)



Tseshah Treaty Office are looking for a Tseshah Researcher to assist a team of qualified Archaeologists and other disciplines in Archival Research, records management, GIS, linguists to compile a baseline inventory of Tseshah traditional use sites and knowledge through a collaboration with the Tseshah First Nations. An additional purpose of this seven month study is to aid operational land-use planning and to build capacity within the Tseshah community.

This project arises from an Tseshah community need for a database of information to assist with land-use planning, natural and cultural resource management, and Treaty negotiation.

A primary purpose of the TUS project is to train and build experience in collecting and managing Traditional Use Site data. Team members will be involved in all facets of the project, including planning, initiating, conducting, report writing, and managing a TUS project within Tseshah traditional territory.

Duties: includes basic bookkeeping, payroll, project file management, budget tracking, project staff supervision, project management, liaising with Steering Committee and community members, liaising with consultants, archival and data collection, interview transcribing and translating, directing research team members, entering information into Microsoft Access database.

Skills and Interests:

- Knowledge and/or interest in First Nations culture and history
- Typing skills
- Computer skills (Microsoft preferable; some experience with a database an advantage)
- Basic financial accounting
- Business letter writing
- Leadership
- Library and archival research skills
- Data collection skills (interviewing)
- Writing skills

Training Opportunities:

- project administration and management
- managing finances of a large project
- working with elders, community members, and consultants
- leadership
- supervisory experience
- directing research
- writing reports
- library and archival research
- collecting and managing information
- computer use (database, word processing)
- interviewing skills
- increased knowledge of First Nations culture and history.

Deadline April 15, 2000. Submit Application to Tseshah Band Office: Attention Personnel Committee, PO Box 1218 Port Alberni, V9Y 7M1, FAX 724-4385, Questions Contact Darrell Ross Treaty Manager @ 724-4229 email: tsesah@cedar.alberni.net

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

Journey Home to Huu-ay-aht Walk, Run, Jog June 19, 2000 Victoria to Huu-ay-aht

Sunday June 18, 2000 Huu-ay-aht members and friends will gather in Victoria to prepare for their journey home to Huu-ay-aht. The walk will start Monday morning. The journey is to raise money for House of Huu-ay-aht utilities and opening ceremonies. House of Huu-ay-aht is in the process of construction, we hope to have the opening ceremonies July 2000. For more information please contact Molly Clappis at work (250) 728-3414 or at home (250) 728-3078.

West Coast First Nations Counsellor



One permanent, full-time West Coast First Nations Counsellor required, as soon as possible, to provide cultural and clinical counselling to students (and families of) attending schools in Ucluelet and Tofino.

Qualifications:

- A strong desire to work with First Nations students from grades K-12
- A strong understanding and knowledge of Nuu-chah-nulth culture
- A degree in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work or other related Human Services field
- Experience in counselling families and children

Salary, as per N.T.C. salary scale, will depend on Education and Experience. For further information contact Louise Tatoosh, at (250) 724-3232.

Send applications, with supporting documents, to:

N.T.C. Community and Human Services, P.O. Box 1280
 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2 or Fax: (250) 724-6642
 Attention: Mental Health Supervisor

Deadline for applications is April 7, 2000.



Community Development Manager Huu-ay-aht First Nation Health Clinic - Anacla

This position requires strong organizational, communication, and proposal writing skills. The Community Development Manager is responsible for establishing the eligibility of applicants/clients for Social Assistance, authorizing payments, and promoting client employment. Also, the Community Development Manager assists the USMA worker with family and childcare issues of the community. Some basic counseling, support and referrals to other agencies will be required. Must supervise and direct ongoing community programs funded under family and child services, Social Development and other outside agencies to ensure they follow regulations and stay within the approved budget. The Community Development Manager is responsible for submitting proposals to appropriate agencies for funding that will benefit the Huu-ay-aht First Nation Community. Must possess a high degree of interpersonal skills and organizational ability in order to manage caseloads.

Qualifications: Must have education (minimum- diploma in Social Service Work) and work experience in Social Service Work and Family Care work. A Criminal Records Check will be required prior to hiring.

Please contact the Huu-ay-aht First Nation Administration Office @ 1-250-728-3414 for Applications/job descriptions or send your resume with a letter of intent to:

Attention: Crystal Clappis or by fax: 1-250-728-1222
 Huu-ay-aht First Nation
 P.O. Box 70
 Bamfield, B.C. V0R 1B0

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

Only successful applicants will be notified.

Klecko's

I am Margaret Eaton from Ditidaht Nation; also my blood runs through Kelsmit, Ahousat and Lillooet. My parents are Evelyn & Tony Marshall. I would like to share my experience I had at Round Lake Treatment Center and in hopes it would encourage others. Also, say my appreciation to my parents who took care of my two daughters while I was in treatment. Plus, to my nephew Willard Marshall for being there for my girls. I couldn't have made it through without their help. I am grateful to have such a family. What I learned there was something I didn't realize I carried inside my heart. I have worked on grief for my girls and I thought for myself. There are different stages of grief. One is anger. Which I didn't realize I had. I have loved my youngest daughter's father who died. I carried anger that he left, so I understand why I attracted an angry man. It's true what you are is what you attract.

There was also some work I did about my childhood, how it was connected to me today. I have done a lot of work on myself because, I am worth a lot. The treatment center is a safe place to be able to go back and go through some

pain and be free from it. I also have gone to Choices, which it helped me to be able to walk away and truly allow myself to be happy. I also fast to find my answers and my spiritual self. I cleanse in the ocean and river because it is there for my anytime I need it. These are some of my tools that help me on my healing journey. So I will be able to do my purpose in life in the best way I can. I encourage anyone who is thinking of going to any treatment center, because you are worth the six weeks out of your life. What I do, I know it will effect my children, my nephews and nieces. I treasure all children who are gifts from our Creator. I also am thinking of my future grandchildren and great grandchildren.

All my relation
Margaret

MARSHALL FAMILY REUNION UPDATE

The fund raising bingo that was going to be held in Ahousat on April 8, 2000 has been cancelled due to a family wedding being held at the same time. We will be having the bingo on April 26 2000 at 7:30 pm in Ahousat. 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.

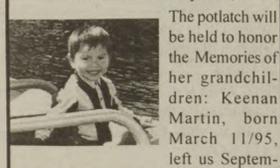
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Memorial Potlatch for the late Norma Shirley Smith-Caxton. May 20th, 2000 1:00 p.m. Zeballos at the Community Hall.

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

Dora Frank will host a Memorial Potlatch Sept. 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.

T.F.N Withdraws from Treaty

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Tofino Mayor, Barbara Bryant, in favor of an extension of the transfer deadline said, "I had suggested to the West Coast Committee that we put forward a request for a six month extension. We can try to resolve things, costs and things we just talked about... The response was, the Federal Government had mandated Transport Canada to, in a sense, 'dump' or get rid of smaller airports or transfer them by March 31, 2000."

Transport Canada further threatened her and the Regional District with losing the airport altogether if they refused to sign on the deadline March 31, 2000, imposed by the Federal Government. Bryant said, "Bob Harper explained that Transport Canada was offering the Airport to the Regional District March 31, 2000. If the Regional District did not assume the transfer of the lands they would fall back into the Federal Government's hands and become a part of Parks."

When Rhodes was asked who was responsible for imposing the deadline of March 31, 2000 on the transfer, he responded, "I don't want to sit here and debate with you, I'm not hiding behind policy."

Tla-o-qui-ah's ability to access to the airport lands has further been eroded by the building of a barbed wire fence, decorated with large "No Trespassing" signs placed at consistent and frequent intervals. The fence has all but stopped many normal activities such as berry picking, hunting, nature walks, swimming and most importantly medicine gathering. Tla-o-qui-ah Medicine Person, Gloria Frank said, "I can honestly say I have been prevented from getting medicine to treat certain diseases."

When asked about the fence, Robert Prud'homme initially said the fence was "to keep animals and others out." Half an hour later, when asked why Transport Canada had not consulted with First Nations before building the fence, as required under Delgamuuk', Prud'homme responded, "The purpose of the fence was to impede access to everybody."

"If we continue down the path we have through treaty making and alienation continues, there will be no land of any significant value left to negotiate," Frank said. "What recourse does this leave us to deal with the housing issue, with over 100 people waiting for homes on reserve?"

Maybe we should just go and build a house for family members - soon we may not have any alternative."

"Today's signing and transferring of the airport lands reflects the continued alienation of lands of interest to the Tla-o-qui-ah while we try to negotiate a modern day treaty with BC and Canada. We can not continue to tolerate this. Canada's actions today forces Tla-o-qui-ah to pursue other means to protect our interests to lands within our traditional territory because treaty-making has proven to be slow and non-productive to date as it relates to lands within our territory."

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Transport Canada's violation of First Nation's rights on the Airport Lands has been ongoing. At one point a commitment given to TFN that members would always have access to the lands for traditional and spiritual purposes. During the spring of 1999 a fence was put around the airport with large "NO Trespassing" signs. At first Robert Prud'homme agreed the purpose of the fence was to impede access, and yes, First Nation's access.

The Federal Government has known these lands are of high priority to the Tla-o-qui-ah First Nations at the treaty table since 1997. Further, the Regional District passed a resolution reflecting that they would not oppose any transfer reached through the treaty process. Francis Frank wondered aloud, "If this is not a demonstration of bad faith, what is?"

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contrast piece for their new showcase wing. The new wing, rivals any other airport in the world, and showcases the vitality of B.C. First Nations to everyone who comes to the coast by way of an international flight.

The new wing also features a Transformation Mask by Stan Wamiss (Kwakwaka'wak'w), an Eagle Totem Pole by Garner Moody (Haida), a contemporary dress by Pamela Baker (Squamish), and a metal and glass Sun by Lyle Wilson (Haisla).



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

Automotive

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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.

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N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



CATCHING THE DREAM

Self sufficiency through economic independence

On March 23, 24 & 25 NEDC hosted an economic development conference for young, First Nation adults. The speaker list included some of the most dynamic young Nuu-chah-nulth entrepreneurs today, for example:

- Nene Van Volsen mc'ed the event,
- Connie Watts spoke from an artists perspective,
- Celeste (Howard) Jacko and husband Rick as entrepreneurs in the fast passed new technology sector,
- Denise Williams set-up a booth and directed a fashion show of her finely crafted, beautifully designed garments. The young adults met to discuss their challenges, strengths, options and opportunities. Here are some of their comments:

'full of information and opportunity, good experience with lots of information to pass on'

'awesome! Great food and friendly faces.'

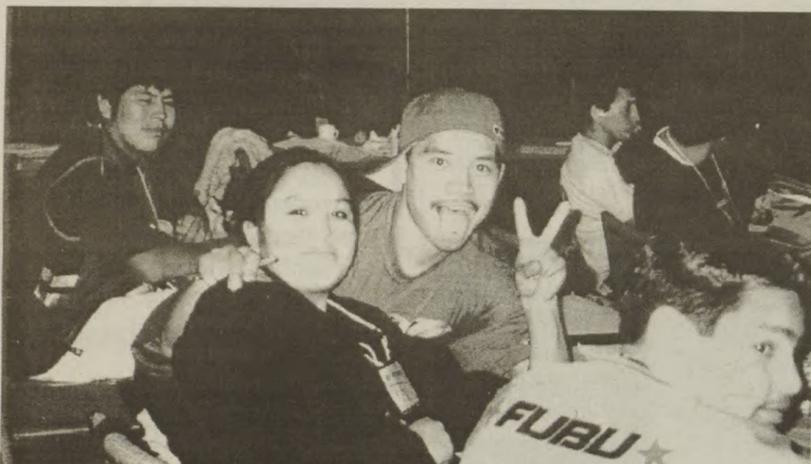
'it was very informative and pointed me in the direction I'd like to go. Showed me how to get there. It could have been longer.'

'the speakers gave a good overview of the business environment. I enjoyed it and am thankful for the opportunity.'

'this is my first NEDC conference and I found it to be interesting and knowledgeable, I'm having fun.'

'everything was put together well, kept on track, kept interesting, great variety of speakers. Thank-you.'

Be watching for the next young adults conference in February 2001.



Sal James takes a break

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

APRIL 13, 2000 - E - BUSINESS

- Are you interested in learning more about the internet and web site development?
- Do you want to explore new markets through electronic commerce (e-com), but don't know where or how to start?

Join us at the Tseshaht Treat office (up-stairs) at 9 am on April 13 for a full day of information and question and answer.

This workshop is open to all First Nation people living within the Nuu-chah-nulth region.

Registration is \$45/person payable to NEDC, seating is limited to the first forty participants and includes workbook and lunch.

MAY 04, 2000 - TOURISM ROUNDTABLE

- Open to all Vancouver Island, First Nation tourism operators or those interested in the tourism industry
- A networking session – find out whose in the industry, share stories, challenges, solutions and maybe begin a process of working together
- The afternoon will highlight marketing – the key requirements, tools and options

Join us at the Cowichan Native Village, Duncan BC on May 04 at 10 am. Registration is \$10/person to cover lunch.

MAY 16, 17 & 18 - CAPACITY BUILDING

This is a pilot project NEDC is hosting this year. If it is successful it may be presented regionally in 2000/01.

As a pilot project it is open to Chief and Council members only.

This intensive, three-day session will focus on financial management and communication.

It is tentatively set for Tin Wis on May 16, 17 & 18, 2000.

For more information on any of the conferences, workshops, etc. please contact Katherine Robinson at the NEDC office (250) 724-3131.

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 Nuu-chah-nulth 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 Nuu-chah-nulth borrowers a forgivable loan component
9. **Fisherles 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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7563 Pacific Rim Highway, (next door to Tseshaht Market)

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