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Tough Treaty Issues tackled in Tsaxana

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

For the first time this year the treaty planning table met in a Northern Region Nuu-chah-nulth territory. Since the session in July 1999 at Tsaxana, there have been changes at the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty table.

Two First Nations have stepped back for a period of time to evaluate the treaty process. NTC First Nations, Ehattesaht, Tla-o-qui-aht and Hupacasath (who has left the Treaty table) joined the rest of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Negotiators at the May 18-19 treaty planning table to present their respective First Nations concerns and issues. Regular standing agenda items were also discussed.

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Nuu-Chah-Nulth Chiefs, Chief Negotiators, Elected Chiefs and Councils, elders and muschum from the respective delegations gathered at the Nuu-Chah-Nulth table in the Wameesh Gymnasium.

BC Treaty Commissioners Kathleen Keating and Peter Colenbrander were invited to be at this important session.

Chair, Archie Little called on Ahousaht Elder John Charlie to open the session with prayer.

John thanked Mowachaht/Muchalaht for allowing this important meeting to take place in their territory. He asked the Creator to guide the table. He said the fight is with the governments not amongst each other. He said it

was the ancestors who saved the lands for us today and it is our job to keep the lands secured for the future generations.

Mowachaht Chief Mike Maquinna welcomed everyone to the Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory.

The first order of business was the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation (TFN) concerns and issues. Francis Frank stated the TFN issue is with the Federal Government and not the functioning of the Nuu-Chah-Nulth treaty planning table. Francis clarified the TFN interest in the Tofino Airport Lands since the framework process in 1992-1994. The recent transfer of the airport to the Regional District of Alberni Clayoquot by Canada affects the land selection process and the TFN recourse to the Federal decision may be litigation. Given the litigation, TFN did not want to impact the treaty process. Frank said he is not afraid to say that the actions taken by Canada are indicative of "bad faith negotiations".

The transfer of lands while lands negotiations are in process is a problem. As far as the collective issues are concerned, Tla-o-qui-aht felt they are further ahead to be in the treaty negotiations process. The table then discussed the presentation at length.

BCTC commissioner, Kathleen Keating said the Tofino Airport transfer is high on their agenda. The BCTC wants to assure the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Table they are concerned about issues that affect the treaty process.

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After the morning break, Hupacasath Chief Councillor, Judy Sayers made a

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B.C. Premier Ujjal Dosanjh and N.T.C. Southern Region Co-chair Richard Watts join to celebrate "East Meets West" Cultural Festivities at Alberni District Secondary School.

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Central Region Chiefs Discuss UNESCO Biosphere

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - A large number of Central Region politicians filled the Tin Wis boardroom to discuss the aftermath of the TFN Biosphere protest.

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At the May 3 Central Regions Chief's meeting TFN announced their intention to withdraw their ancestral

lands from the Biosphere and hold a peaceful protest march on the morning of May 5.

"It was not our intention to blockade the children or anyone. It was intended to be a peaceful march. Hopefully we will find a better way to communicate with each other and be clear on these issues," said Martin.

They requested the backing of the other four Nations and asked that they too withdraw their ancestral lands. Most pledged their support but Ahousaht and Ucluelet said that they needed to bring the request back home to their Chiefs before making any formal commitment.

On the evening of May 4, the day before the protest, TFN received word that Ahousaht and Ucluelet would not withdraw their support and traditional territories from the Biosphere. The protest went ahead as planned and in the ensuing chaos hard feelings between some parties developed.

When the Chiefs met on May 16 they took the opportunity to identify what the real issues are and to clarify their respective

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DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for submissions for our next issue is 4:30 pm on Friday, June 9, 2000. After that date, material submitted & judged to be appropriate, cannot be guaranteed placement but, if still relevant, will be included in the following issue.

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Although we would like to be able to cover all stories and events we will only do so subject to:

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



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All opinions expressed in letters to the editor are purely those of the writer and will not necessarily coincide with the views or policies of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council or its member First Nations.



Feature Elder - Hilda Hanson

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

Hilda Hanson was born on December 5, 1921 to Frances Constant. Hilda had one sister, Lucy. When her mother remarried, she had more kids. Hilda grew up in Ahktis and she still misses living there. She has many fond memories of Ahktis and the abundant seafood they used to have all year round.

In 1928 she remembered going on the Maquinna to Christie School at the age of 9. She left Christie in 1930.

Hilda said she remembered how the police would come in and take the kids on the behalf of the Department of Indian Affairs. The oldtimers would take the kids and try to hide them when the police came. It was scary.

She said she learned lots at Christie and some of it was good. She learned how to knit, sew and cook. She regretted not being with her family and was lonely. She cried at bedtime because she missed her family so much. She recalled the separation of boys from the girls. There was not to be any talking between them and certainly no recreation together, was allowed.

When she was sixteen in 1936 she married Mike Hanson in a traditional wedding ceremony. In 1950 she got married in a private church ceremony to Mike. They had eight children, 26 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild due in July 2000.

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Hilda said the biggest change she has noticed is the way our kids are brought up today. The kids behaviour and the lack of self-respect and respect for others is a big change from the way things used to be. She said they used to have to stay on



their own property and not wander the way the kids do today. She noticed how much garbage people leave behind. She misses how proud the people used to be about being clean. In days gone by, the children were better behaved and they listened to the daily talks especially at meal time. They used to be sat down and talked to because it was told that one day, you will have to pass this on to your own children. She said we were born to work everyday with your hands.

Hilda's advice to the young people of today is to listen to your elders, help wherever you can, be respectful, work hard and know that Nass will give you what you work for. She said the community spirit is not as strong as it used to be and that can be changed if we work together. Hilda had shared a lot more and when you are in Kyuquot, stop in and share a cup of coffee or tea with this wonderful lady.

Public Notice

Notice to Barkley Sound Shellfish Harvesters P.S.P (Red Tide) Warning

Effective immediately, Barkley Sound (Sub-areas 23-4 to 23-11) is closed to the harvest of all bivalve shellfish. Sample results for these areas indicate unacceptably high levels of paralytic shellfish poison toxins. Alberni Canal (sub areas 23-1 to 23-3) remains closed to the harvest of butter clams.

If you have any questions about this closure please contact Fisheries and Oceans Canada office in Port Alberni at (250) 724-0195

Kleco! Kleco! David Wiwchar, Editor / Manager

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presentation of her First Nation's concerns about the current treaty planning process. She thanked the Mowachaht/ Muchalaht People for allowing them into their territory. She thanked the Ha'wiah, Hukum, Chiefs, Chief Negotiators, Elders and Muschum for the invitation to Hupacasath to come and sit at this treaty planning table. Sayers identified five issues of process and twelve specific issues for renegotiation if Hupacasath is to return to the NTC table.

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Delegates acknowledged there were common concerns about the centralization of the NTC, but noted that arrangements are already under way for this issue to be discussed at a meeting of the Tribal Council in July.

The size of the NTC is a concern, not the specific work of the staff.

Ehattesah Chief Council and Chief Negotiator, Dawn Amos made a full and comprehensive presentation about the Ehattesah internal review to date.

Kyuquot Elder, Robert Peter did a traditional chant prior to the Ehattesah presentation. Ehattesah Tyee Ha'w'ith, Nah-Sim-Yis, Mike Savey and Chinixihint Tyee Ha'w'ith, Anthony John stood behind Dawn Amos along with Ehattesah Ha'w'iah, Georgina Amos, Marvin Curley for Tom Curley and Lloyd Billy. The elected council, muschum and delegates also stood by Amos as she presented the report. Ehattesah identified five primary areas of concern as a result of the internal review. The issues are:

1. Certainty
 2. Ratification of the AIP and Final Agreement
 3. Fiscal Framework and Cash Settlement
 4. Nuu-Chah-Nulth Governance and Constitution
 5. Ehattesah Jurisdiction Outside of Treaty Settlement lands.
- The table then moved into Uchuklesah's Process Opinion and Recommendations to the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Treaty Planning Table. Uchuklesah's Charlie Cootes Jr. made the presentation on the behalf of his Nation. The report included concerns and recommendations to address the following:
- Current Operational Process at the Treaty Table - 5 concerns
 - Dispute Resolution Mechanisms - 2 concerns
 - A Reaffirmation of Commitment to the Treaty Process - 1 concern
 - The Cash Settlement and Interest Only Trust - 2 concerns
 - Collective and Separate Arrangements Outside Treaty - 1 concern



(l-r) Chief Ambrose Maquinna, Northern Region Co-chair Archie Little, and Central Region Co-chair Nelson Keitlah discuss the development of a Nuu-chah-nulth Constitution at a recent workshop at Somass Hall.

Land Selection Issues - 2 concerns
Both presentations were discussed and comprehensive further discussions of these important matters took place on day two. At the conclusion of these discussions, the Planning Table gave direction that some of the concerns put forward by Ehattesah, Hupacasath and Uchuklesah are to be further evaluated, and the Table put in place a process for this.
Anne Maxwell, Ph.D Candidate, Department of Anthropology, McGill University presented a research project proposal for Nuu-Chah-Nulth review. The table accepted it in principle and gave direction to the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council Executive on the proposal.
The table got into the decision making portion of the meeting, after having dealt with some other items of routine basis. This brought closure to the meeting. The next treaty planning session will be at the Somass Hall, Port Alberni on June 5-6 2000. The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Treaty Planning table will be back in Tsaxana on June 19-20 at the Wahmeesh Centre.

What's Happening in Our NOOTKA SOUND Back Yard? Nootka Coastal Resource Use Plan

The Nootka Resource Board is a community based land use advisory body for the Nootka Sound area. It and several provincial agencies seek additional regional information for, and your comments on, the initial framework for a plan intended to assist with the effective management and administration of coastal Crown lands in the region. A relatively narrow strip of water, and adjacent shoreline Crown lands will be considered by this initiative. Your input at this initial stage will help update regional information, and your comments regarding values and issues pertaining to coastal land use in the Nootka Sound area are being sought by the Nootka Resource Board as input to the planning process. Please come and comment on our present data at one or more of the following Open Houses in mid-June:

Wed., June 14	Gold River	4 - 8 p.m. Meeting Room 2, Anne Fiddick Aquatic Centre
Thurs., June 15	Tahsis	2 - 6 p.m. Gym, Tahsis Rec. Centre
Fri., June 16	Zeballos	4 - 8 p.m. Zeballos Community Ctr.

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Visit the Nootka Resource Board web site at <http://www.nootka.com>.

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

MEETING	DATE	TIME	PLACE
Treaty Planning TSC	June 5 - 6	9 a.m.	Somass Hall
Treaty Planning Main Table	June 7 - 8		Victoria
Negotiations	June 19 - 20	9 a.m.	Tsaxana
Treaty Planning TSC	June 27	9 a.m.	Tsaxana
Treaty Planning TSC	July 6 - 7	1 p.m.	Tsaxana
Treaty Planning TSC	July 12 - 13	9 a.m.	Tsaxana
Treaty Planning Negotiations	July 17 - 18	9 a.m.	Anacla
Treaty Planning Negotiations	July 20 - 21	9 a.m.	T.B.A.

The youth participated by painting the KIM-A-TEES (translated it means Rosa Harbour). Nuchatlaht Elder Alban Michael named the canoe to let the youth know of their culture and history.

The official launching was on the evening of May 14, 2000 and this is a wonderful way to build beautiful memories for the youth of today. Kleco, Kleco Chief Walter Michael.

The memory of last years Canoe Tribal Journey is imprinted and the Canoe is alive and well in this Nuu-Chah-Nulth Northern Region First Nation.

Charlie Mickey chose the log from Bligh Island and he said Western Forest Products provided two additional logs.

His time is busy building and carving canoes and assisting with paddle making.

He carved the 33' canoe over a three month period. Carl Martin made the bow and Charlie let him do what needed to be done. The youth participated by painting the KIM-A-TEES

Artist Profile: Hutch (Hugh) Sam

By Kelly Foxcroft
Editorial Assistant

As a child, Hutch Sam dreamed of being a fisherman when he grew up. After several different jobs doing everything from construction to fire fighting, he gave in to something that stayed a constant throughout his life. Hutch had always been surrounded by art, and creative, thoughtful people. His mother Katie Sam is a well-known drum maker, basket weaver and beader and Hutch's father Stanley is a powerful speaker and a very knowledgeable historian.

Hutch had always doodled and done artwork to just play around when he was a teenager, as he got older he started to make and paint drums, taking it upon himself to learn and develop his skills and style. Through the progression of his art Hutch began to take a deeper understanding of the rich cultural foundation that he had access to through the teachings of his mother and father.

"Art is a very sacred gift," Hutch says "a gift that comes from the creator and you never abuse it."

Developing his cultural knowledge and identity has always been the most important priority. Hutch has always felt that from a strong cultural connection artwork will flow very naturally and the power and beauty will emanate from that work as a result. "Art is a very sacred gift," Hutch says "a gift that comes from the creator and you

never abuse it."

This reverence for his cultural teachings and beliefs is the most important thing in shaping Hutch's artwork and in turn it reflects how he lives his life.

In a very introspective moment he admits that we are all 99% non-native in how we live from day to day "but the 1% that is my roots," he says "is the most powerful part of my existence. If I go to that 1% of me and all the wisdom, teaching and knowledge; the purpose of my life is right there.

That to me is why culture is so important, that's why it's so special." In the future Hutch hopes to pass all that he can possibly learn onto the youth and children of his community.

Hutch knows the pride and dignity he has gained through his strong bond to his culture and to be able to teach children the stories, songs and dances and really give them a strong sense of identity is the most important purpose in his life.

"If you know where you come from, you'll know where you are going." Hutch says. He always knew that everything that he had been given through his teachings he'd be giving back to young children, because that is the way of our ancestors.

"We lost a lot through Residential Schools," he said. "A few elders hung onto our teachings." Being able to learn those precious lessons from his father and from his grandfather, Hutch feels it's so important to make sure to pass the knowledge on, especially to the youth and children who will be our

future. Hutch's grandfather once told him "If you ever want to touch Naas, look into the eyes of a child." It is that belief in ancestral and spiritual connection, a joining of the strength of our past to propel our future that fuels Hutch's passion to constantly learn, teach and as a result create. Hutch has now been carving for 10 years now and was first taught to do so by Patrick Amos, who he still works with on various carving projects. He also was inspired by other artists such as Bill Reid, Robert Davidson and Roy Vickers. Their knowledge of their culture got him interested in exploring his own roots and culture through art.

Hutch has also had some commercial success selling his masks to various galleries and collectors.

When an individual purchases one of his masks Hutch hopes that his work conveys a sense of the respect and connection that he and the Nuu-chah-nulth people have for our land, sea, sky and our creator.

People are attracted to his unique style and use of color in the masks he makes, creating different effects with burning, and thin paint washes creating a unique look that sets his work apart from some others.

When working Hutch doesn't always have a plan for the various blocks of red and yellow cedar or alder that he carves. He instead lets them take a life of their own, always keeping in mind the words his grandfather once spoke to him, "the best things you will ever create is something you never knew when you even began."

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More important to Hutch than commercial success however is his connection to his culture and spirituality. Almost all of his masks are intended to be danced, their meanings derived from stories of his grandfather, ancestors who were whalers or shaman. Hutch tries to



Hutch proudly displaying his Cultural roots and spirituality

express himself mostly through his spirituality. When his masks are danced that is the biggest honour for Hutch, especially when children are taught the songs and dances.

"To see young children dancing traditional dances, that would mean more to me than any money I could make or mask that I have done," Hutch said. He further elaborated on the experience of seeing one of his masks danced by saying "part of its spirit comes to life, expressing itself, the ancestors themselves."

Currently Hutch is working on various masks, a totem pole project with Patrick Amos as well as attempting his first transformation mask for the Clayquot Wilderness Resort.

In spite of keeping fairly busy with his work in schools and art work he always takes time to spend time with his family, which you can see is very important to him by the pride and smiles he makes when speaking of his fathers stories and knowledge, his mothers dexterous fingers when making drums or his sisters beautiful and colorful beadwork.

Hutch is always dreaming and thinking about new ways to express himself and new ideas to present his masks or more importantly his culture to others and let them know the power and exquisite beauty of Nuu-chah-nulth, and Ahousat peoples.

Nuu-Chah-Nulth Graduation Celebration

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Graduation Celebration will be held in
Port Alberni – Maht Mahs Gym
On Friday June 23, 2000 – 5:00P.M.

As grad is quickly approaching please make sure to fax the following information to the N.T.C. office to the attention of Angie Miller.

- Name of student from your tribe that is graduating
- The school they are attending
- Their current telephone no. and address
- The name of their parent or guardian or contact person – address/tel. no.

For further information please call Eileen Haggard At 724-5757.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE NAMES OF YOUR GRADUATES IS JUNE 9, 2000.

Please remember to get your list to us as soon as possible so that we can make a necessary arrangements for the grad dinner.

Kleco! Kleco!

Jerry Jack - Healing Experience

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

Jerry Jack wants to let the Nuu-chah-nulth People know about his healing experience of the Indian Residential School.

He has recently gone through a workshop at Kakawis and is optimistic about the future. There was a glint in his eye and his manner seemed to say - I am free to be me, finally.

Jerry said he realizes the Christie Indian School experience has impacted him his whole life and is ready to let go of the negative aspects of that time.

Jerry said it was an emotional time for him and he realizes he has tears. He said Kakawis itself is a good place and it was Christie School experiences that made him feel so angry.

He said the language barrier was really tough on him. He remembered "Jeff" - Simon John and how he helped him to learn the rules and translated for him.

He clearly recalled January 1947 as his first year and time at Christie. His number was 303.

In an emotional moment, he went back in time and recalls the imaginary line that was drawn between the boys and girls - separating and creating real divisions. That imaginary line stayed with him, as did his number, until recently.

At the workshop, he participated in an exercise bringing the boys and girls together at the beach. They met half way and it was okay to be united and

together. The boys and girls reclaimed their lives as men and women at the Kakawis beach. He had a cultural brushing off ceremony of CIRS #303. He is regaining his own inner strength.

He reconnected with his best friend, Louie Joseph. He remembered Cosmos Johnson and Samson McClean. He recalled how both he and Samson were hungry and stole a turnip to fill an empty stomach. It was shortly after this Samson got sick and died. He is in an unmarked grave at Christie, but Jerry has never forgotten him.

Jerry said he does not know if he can ever forgive the priests and nuns. He continued, we can learn from these past experiences and get on with our lives. He did not mind the learning things in school, but it was the beatings for speaking the NCN Native Language that hurt him. When he went home, he got laughed at for speaking English.

He wants to go back one more time in the type of new clothes his parents would buy for him at the beginning of the school year and do a burning ceremony to release the child of CIRS for the final time. He said he has tended to be somewhat of a redneck himself and he traced it to his Christie experience. He knows this has not always been the best way to be, but he was a hurt little boy and now wants to be really and completely free for the first time in his 62 years.

Jerry said he would recommend that all Indian Residential School Survivors



attend the NCN Healing Workshops. He would also like to see the workshop be at least three days long. Jerry felt two days was not really long enough to work through some of the difficult issues. In his candid volunteered

interview, Jerry Jack radiated a sense of genuine self-awareness that he wanted other NCN to have the opportunity to experience for themselves. Kleco Jerry for sharing your personal IRS healing journey.

CAMPBELL FAMILY REUNION YEAR 2000

PLACE: GARTH HOMER CENTER, VICTORIA, BC
Postponed until October 7th, 2000, 4 p.m.

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

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust ... Your Trust



What is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve?

UNESCO is the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation. It has recently designated Clayoquot Sound as a Biosphere Reserve.

Biosphere Reserves are internationally recognised for promoting and demonstrating a balance between people and nature.

While Biosphere Reserves are not parks and most Reserves have no jurisdiction over land-management issues, they do serve to combine the three functions of conservation, sustainable development, and support for research, education and training.

All Reserves have legally-protected core areas (i.e. parks, ecological reserves, and marine protected areas), buffer zones, and zones of co-operation.

The UNESCO designation acknowledges aboriginal title and rights, and does not prejudice ongoing treaty negotiations.

For more information, please contact Tom Esakin, Executive Director of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, at either 250.726.4715 or at Box 67, Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0.

SHARE IN THE CELEBRATION!



Remembering our past,
honouring our heritage and
celebrating our future!

National Aboriginal Day

June 21, 2000

On June 21st, join in the celebrations to commemorate the unique accomplishments and contributions of Aboriginal peoples. Contact your local community organization to find out what's happening in your area, and get involved! For more information, visit the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development website: www.inac.gc.ca



Indian and Northern Affairs Canada / Affaires indiennes et du Nord Canada

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ANDREW CALLICUM of the Mowachaht tribe sings a song while brothers Benny and Jerry along with Bobby Joseph danced in the traditional way at the recent District Council meeting on June 5 and 6. Photo by Jessie Lucas.

Mowachaht / Muchalaht Mural Celebration

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter
and Marge Amos

Gold River Secondary School students demonstrated their commitment to acknowledge the Mowachaht/Muchalaht history, cultural, heritage and school pride. In late April the GRSS and community gathered to celebrate three murals that the students have laboured over. Mural themes

GRSS and community gathered to celebrate three murals that the students have laboured over.

include Yuquot, the sea and a leopard. GRSS student participants included: Harry Amos, Kerry-Anne Aubrey, Brandon Bellwood, August Brown,

Nancy Conley, Thornley Christiansen, Bruce Mark Jr., Mark Michael, Brandon Jack, Jacob Jacobson, Ashleigh James, Jordan James, Jaylene Johnson, Richelle Johnstone, Miranda Last, Alexander MacIntosh, Francois Paul, William Paul, Jason Savey, Matt Titian, Nicole Veerman and Heather Webster.

The Student Leadership Group (SLG) invited students to submit mural designs for the GRSS. Of these three selections one is completed, one is near completion and the last one will be an ongoing grade eight art project until the end of the school term. Principal, Mr. Pat Reynolds confirmed there are two additional murals initiated by the SLG and it is expected to be completed by June 2000. Mural themes include "Unity" and "The Desert". Reynolds

said the students are really getting involved with their school and looks forward to see the final murals at the end of the year.

They said the mural takes a great deal of perseverance, cooperation, planning, design and technical skills for a completed group project.

On April 20th, The GRSS students, staff and administration came together to celebrate the murals at their school. Elder, Vi Johnson (affectionately known as Nan Vi) opened with prayer. Elders Mary and Jack Johnson were present.

Chief Mike Maquinna spoke to the students, GRSS staff and guests. An SLG rep and Bruce Mark Jr. were the spokespeople for the students. Marge Amos, Jaylene Johnson, Diane Sibley, Margarita James, Mrs. Sair Killy assisted in various capacities throughout the project.

Mrs. Killy supervised the project and from her perspective she captured the essence of what the students have accomplished. She reflected upon a story she heard about a First Nation's craftsman showing a younger man how to make a flute. He said to the young man, "Inside every alder branch is a flute. your job is to find it".

The students found their inner strength, artist, painter and leader through trusting the process of "finding the flute" via the mural project.

The students thanked the SLG for their encouragement and they extended thanks to the maintenance and cleaning staff for their patient

and knowledgeable assistance. They said the mural takes a great deal of perseverance, cooperation, planning, design and technical skills for a completed group project. Congratulations was sent to all the helpers for their contribution to the school community.

The intent of the project is captured in a statement read by Richard Mark and is a partial excerpt from Chief Seattle's reply to the U.S. government regarding land sale and the Indian Reserve land system imposed upon his People:

"Every part of this earth is sacred...

every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy....

we are part of the earth and it is a part of us....

The air is precious, for all things have the same breath- the beast, the tree, the man - they all share the same breath.

Teach your children that the earth is our mother.

Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons of the earth.

This we know. The earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth, this we know.

Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."

Richard concluded, these murals honour the sea and its living beings, the creatures of the forest and the land and culture of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht People. They also express the commitment and creativity of the young people of the Gold River and Tsaxana communities.

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positions.

TFN Chief Councillor Moses Martin said that his Nation issued a letter of apology to Ahousaht on May 8.

Ahousaht school children were caught up in the blockade preventing them from attending their scheduled performance at the Biosphere celebration. "It was not our intention to blockade the children or anyone. It was intended to be a peaceful march. Hopefully we will find a better way to communicate with each other and be clear on these issues," said Martin.

Acting Ahousaht Chief Councillor, Roman Frank, accepted TFN's apology on behalf of Ahousaht and made an apology of his own. "We may have made a mistake in that we did not state clearly enough that we still support TFN's position. Please accept this as our commitment to support TFN even though we may not always agree on the methods."

TFN Treaty Negotiator, Francis Frank clearly described TFN's position in this statement: "We still oppose the Biosphere designation. We cannot support a designation that commits TFN lands. We stood up for our Chief's Ha-hoolth-ee and for our children's futures. We remain apologetic to the Ahousaht students but we don't apologize for standing up for our Chiefs. We tried to resolve these issues with Canada right up to the last minute and they only agreed to talk more 'without prejudice to treaty'. The Airport was made fee simple and given away...taken away from us forever. Canada gives us no reason to trust them."

We've given seven years of treaty negotiation to the federal government, the same amount of time that the Airport land was on the land selection table. How would you feel if your cherished land was taken away right under your noses during treaty negotiations? We can't give Canada the same opportunity (to alienate) Biosphere land as they did with the airport. We will not back off of Biosphere. We will stand up to protect what is ours.

We respect your decisions. All we're saying is that you can't include TFN territories in the Biosphere because we don't support it. We ask that you respect our decisions."

Frank thanked those that marched with TFN on May 5: Hesquiaht, Toquaht, Ditidaht and others.

Hesquiaht Treaty Negotiator Richard Lucas announced that his Nation would formally inform the United Nations that Hesquiaht traditional territories would not be part of the Biosphere Reserve.

Going a step further, Hesquiaht Treaty Negotiator Richard Lucas announced that his nation would formally inform the United Nations that Hesquiaht traditional territories would not be part of the Biosphere Reserve. Lucas complained that most of Hesquiaht's ancestral lands were taken up by parks, Tree Farm Licenses, fee simple (privately owned) and leases. "They told us those lands are not on the table for negotiation. All that is left is the mountain tops!" Lucas explained his Nation's reason for supporting TFN by saying, "We talk about respecting our Ha-wiith and their Ha-hoolth-ee. We

went to the protest to support the chiefs of another Nation because we need to stick together through thick and thin."

Discussions went on for the full day with many speakers proclaiming respect for the other Nations and expressing desire to stick together as a region.

While no strategies were developed to resolve the differing positions progress was made in that some issues were identified.

It was agreed that there had been a communication problem between the Nations and that the real issue is the continued alienation of ancestral lands by the federal government during treaty

negotiations - bad faith negotiations. The chiefs committed to research Biosphere questions before their next meeting. Francis Frank asked specifically, "What are the implications of two Nations pulling their support of Biosphere?"

The Chiefs agreed to meet on June 1 & 2 to continue their discussions.

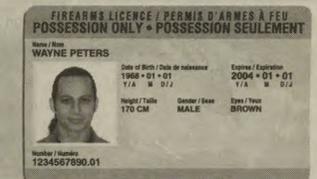


Toquaht Tye Ha'wiltz Bert Mack (right) speaks about the UNESCO Biosphere with Tla-o-qui-aht's Moses Martin (left) at a recent CRC Meeting in Port Alberni.

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Sports Page

Introducing Tlu-piich Games Staff 2000!

Dawn Foxcroft

My name is Dawn Foxcroft and I am from the Tsehaht band. I have spent the past year attending Camosun College where I studied Social Sciences. I plan to attend the University of Victoria in the fall where I will further concentrate my studies in Anthropology. This summer I have been given the position of Youth Coordinator for the Tlu-piich games. My duties include planning and organizing the youth retreat, the pageant, and the banquet along with other activities during the games. I have extensive experience in all of these areas, having been involved in numerous organizations, most of which were run by youth. As well as working with youth, my experience has branched out to the larger community in Port Alberni.

Yanny Barney

My name is Yanny Barney and my father, Leroy Barney, is of the Ucluellet Nation. I am 23 years old and attend Camosun College in Victoria. My career goal is to become a massage and physiotherapist to work with Aboriginal communities. For this reason, I am very excited and would like to thank the Tribal Council for this opportunity to work with the Nuu-chah-nulth community on the Tlu-piich Games staff. My position is as Promotions Coordinator and my responsibilities will include organizing the sponsorship drive, media coverage, souvenir program production, and other related promotions tasks. I'm looking forward to a great experience and a fun Summer Games!

Caroline Atleo

My name is Caroline Atleo and I am from the Ahousaht Band. I am married to Rodney Atleo and we have five children. I am currently working on my College Prep and will be going to Malaspina College. Next September I will be starting Business Administration with the option of Accounting. Second semester I will be doing my Accounting and the end goal is to obtain my Certified General Accounting. I am very excited about working on the Tlu-piich Games Staff

as the Volunteers Coordinator. I would like to thank the Nuu-chah-nulth for given me this chance to work on the Tlu-piich team. My job entails recruitment, registration, organize training, scheduling, organize meals for volunteers, tracking and supervising, recognition and prize program and other related duties.

Ruby Ambrose

My name is Ruby Ambrose. I was born in Prince Rupert, raised in Port Alberni and I am originally from Ahousaht. My parents are Donna and Wally Samuel. I am happily married to Lance Ambrose and we have three beautiful children, with one on the way in June. I just recently completed my first year university transfer courses at Malaspina University/College in Nanaimo. My short-term goal is to be accepted into the second year of Bachelor of Arts in Child and Youth Care at Malaspina. My long-term goal for now is to get my Degree in Child and Youth Care. I am now working as a summer student at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council as the Administrative Assistant for the Tlu-piich Games 2000. My duties are to organize office supplies, mail, faxes, files, and meetings. I also support the Games staff with office duties and take minutes at the Games Committee meetings. I look forward to communicating with you this summer. See you at the Games.

Herbie Cook

My name is Herbie Cook. On my father's side, I am Huu-ay-aht of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples. From my mother's side of the family, I belong to the Ganada Tribe (Frog-Raven) of the Nisga'a First Nations. As a member of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations, I received my native name, Chuu-ukwaachisht. I have just completed my first year at North Island College, and plan to attend either Malaspina University-College for which I am already accepted next school year, or the University of Victoria. Firstly, I would like to thank the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for hiring



Team Tlu-Piich 2000 L-R: Ruby Ambrose, Ed Samuel, Caroline Atleo, Yanny Barney, Dawn Foxcroft, Herbie Cook, Corie Miller

me as Fundraising Coordinator for the 2000 Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-piich Games. As Fundraising Coordinator, I have many tasks to perform. These tasks include the organization of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the awards donation drive, Culture night, the Youth dance, raffles, and other such duties.

Once again I would like to thank the N.T.C. for letting me contribute to this years Games. As a volunteer for the previous three years, and a participant in the events on numerous occasions, I have watched the Games grow to what it is today. I hope that my contribution will bring success to this years Games and I hope to see you all there!

Corie Miller

My name is Corie Miller and I belong to the Hupacasath First Nation. My parents are Angie and Roger Miller. My mother was born and raised in Port Alberni, BC. and my father was

born in Burlington Vermont, United States of America and then moved to Port Alberni, BC. I am currently enrolled in North Island College taking the Early Childhood & Care Education Program. My future goals are to complete the Early Childhood & Care Second Year Diploma Program in the year 2002 and then work in the field of Early Childhood Education.

I would like to thank the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for hiring me as the Operations Coordinator for the 2000 Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tlu-piich Games. As Operations Coordinator, I will be in charge of planning some of the events that will be taking place throughout the games. I am also in charge in scheduling events, dealing with awards, venues, and other related duties.

Once again, I would like to thank the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for hiring me for a summer employment position for the 2000 Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tlu-piich Games.

TO ALL CANOE CLUB NATIONS

Tribal Journeys 2000 "In the Spirit of Our Ancestors"

In the last few years Tribal Journeys has made an impact on our First Nations youth and participants. In 1994, the resurgence of canoe building has provided a forum for all of our First Nations communities to participate in ocean going canoe journeys.

The Coast Salish Welcome in the Inner Harbour, of Victoria, B.C., for the Commonwealth Games in 1994, was a profound cultural statement made by our First Nations.

Once again, through the courage and commitment by both the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, we look forward to share the water with other canoe nations. We hereby invite you to come and share "In the Spirit of our Ancestors", a Journey that will launch us into the New Millennium.

We have committed to a journey, departing from Port Hardy, B.C., at the northern part of Vancouver Island in Fort Rupert, B.C.

We want you to trailer your canoes to the area and share in the camaraderie established by canoe gatherings.

On July 14, 2000 this Canoe Journey will depart en route to a celebration in Victoria, B.C. on July 27, 2000, to share in cultural exchange until July 31, 2000.

The contact numbers for: Chief Robert Sam at 250-386-1043, Chief Andy Thomas at 250-381-7861, Frank Nelson at 250-995-1934.

Hy'ch-ka! Siem Seeya

Chief Robert Sam, Songhees Nation and Chief Andy Thomas, Esquimalt Nation

Historical Nuu-chah-nulth health

By Mexsis
For Ha-Shilth-Sa

For thousands of years our Nuu-chah-nulth ancestors and indeed our historical trading partners throughout British Columbia had sustained optimum health by consuming the health benefits found in sea mammals. At that time it was our Nuu-chah-nulth whaling and sealing families who were making a fundamental contribution to the health of the Nuu-chah-nulth people and others throughout BC. Unfortunately, as history indicates, due to the self-regulated industrial harvesting of the whales and seals, (and other influences - residential schools, fast foods, etc), one of the most important ingredients for sustained optimum health was removed from our diet. OMEGA 3 - Essential Fatty Acids, (EFA's).

As one of the traditional Nuu-chah-nulth whaling families it is our dream to once again provide the Nuu-chah-nulth people and indeed our historical trading partners with the sustained optimum health of our ancestors.

Today our health is a far cry from the health of our ancestors and many of us suffer from numerous chronic, debilitating and often life threatening illnesses such as: Diabetes; Heart conditions; High cholesterol; Atherosclerosis - (hardening of the arteries); and Arthritis. A shortage of Omega 3's reduces the ability of your body's cells to efficiently perform their functions which leads to nutrient starvation and contributes to these chronic and debilitating diseases.

Clinical trials in Canada and experience over the past thousand years indicate that the "Inuit diet" of seal oil reduces the risk of death from heart and other related diseases. Other clinical studies in the USA have found that consumption of seal oil five times a week is an effective method

of reducing glucose intolerance and diabetes. Many other studies also indicate that one of the components found within the Omega 3 family is essential to early childhood brain development and is therefore believed to be a crucial ingredient for good health and normal development of both fetus and new born.

Omega 3's help regulate many of the body's functions including the cardiovascular, digestive, and immune system. This is because sea mammal oils are more readily absorbed into the bloodstream than most fish oils due to their natural chemical structure. They are mammals and we are mammals. We are not fish.

Essential fatty acids are just that "essential" to our existence. Unfortunately, our bodies do not produce these essential fatty acids so they must be ingested.

As one of the traditional Nuu-chah-nulth whaling families it is our dream to once again provide the Nuu-chah-nulth people and indeed our historical trading partners with the sustained optimum health of our ancestors. At this time we can only offer this essential ingredient to improved long-term health by supplement. Maybe one day in the not too distant future we will once again be eating sea mammals as part of our everyday diet.

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Tlu-piich Games Mission Statement

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-piich Games is an annual gathering of First Nations, of all ages and abilities. In a spirit of friendship and unity, the games provide an opportunity of community social interaction and participation in sport & traditional events. Promoting a healthy balanced lifestyle through family-oriented activities, focusing on Youth, the Games will enhance the lives of all participants.

Summer is near! The 19th Annual Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-piich Games are just around the corner. Since 1982 generous contributions from the Port Alberni and West Coast region have fueled the success of these games. The Tlu-piich Games Sponsorship Program has 3 levels. An exciting change this year is to these three levels. We have replaced Gold, Silver and Bronze with Canoe, Drum and Paddle, respectively. This classification better reflects the honor and respect of our culture, community, games and sponsors.

CANOE

The Canoe represents unity, movement and progress, in fact and symbolically. Nations will travel to our games in canoe. All hold pride in their belonging and commitment to the canoe, and our games. Gather in our canoe.

DRUM

A sacred beat leads our spirit, song and dance. It is the beat of the drum. The drum represents the heartbeat and celebrations of our people. Drum with us.

PADDLE

The paddle is the instrument that propels. The paddle pulls, dances and verifies role and responsibility. Take up a paddle.

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' News

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' Band Manager, Bev Hanson said the youth are leaving for Ottawa on Wednesday. The two communities came together to have a meal and social gathering prior to the youth's departure. Bev said it was "awesome". The young men drummed and sang together as a unified group and the young ladies danced beautifully. She said the mumulthe girls were expert in the dances they performed. All the participants wore the garments they made for the Ottawa trip and Bev said she felt really proud of the youth. She is confident the group will represent Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' and Nuu-chah-nulth in a good way on this trip. Parents of the non-Native students thanked the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' for allowing their children to participate in this dance group. The parents and students are getting pretty excited as the day draws near for the departure and upcoming experience.

Bev said teacher Bruce Carlos is leaving after this school year and will be missed. He has seen many of the kids start in kindergarten and are now in grade seven. His wife, Cynthia Carlos will also be by his side in the next part of their journey. The couple will always be part of the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' community.

Bev stated the housing committee is being restructured and established. There will be a family representative from a family group and an alternate to sit on the committee. This formalized group will be responsible for the decision making on housing issues. In this way every one will have a say about the housing. Hanson is waiting for an RCMP letter of intent for building the residence for an officer. She added they will have a new RCMP Officer in July as Tahsis RCMP Constable Baker will no longer be in the community.

The Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' administration is seeking funding dollars for student summer employment. She mentioned there will be positions in fisheries, youth worker role in the Rediscovery program, office workers and outdoor maintenance workers. Bev is optimistic in securing funds from various sources for the youth.

Bev carried on and said the depuration dig will start in June and restart in September/October. This program is now in the hands of Len John, Fisheries Manager.

Lastly she mentioned, the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' elections are due soon. Nominations date is set for May 20th and the elections is scheduled for June 30. For more information, contact the band office.

2000 Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-piich Games



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

FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN PUBLIC VIEWING NOTICE

Your review and comments are welcome on the Ministry of Forests Campbell River Forest District's Small Business Forest Enterprise Program's 2000-2005 Forest Development Plan for the Kyuquot Timber Supply Block/SBFEP Appointment in TFL 19.

This plan uses maps, tables, and text to describe our proposed activities over the next five years in the Gold River and Kyuquot Areas. Forest Development plans indicate such activities as: five years of proposed areas to be harvested, roads to be upgraded or constructed, bridges to be built or replaced, and three years of planned road deactivation and one year of road maintenance. This plan is being made available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests' District Manager. The plan will be available for review at the Campbell River Forest District Office, 370 South Dogwood Street, Campbell River, BC, V9W 6Y7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 5-9, and June 12-16, 2000. A representative will be available to discuss the proposed plan and answer questions. If any interested parties are unable to view the plan on these dates, arrangements can be made by contacting the district office.

There is a 60-day review period commencing on May 23, 2000. Concerns or comments must be received, in writing, by July 24, 2000. They are to be sent to the attention of Dave Wark, R.P.F., Small Business Planning Forester, Ministry of Forests, 370 South Dogwood Street, Campbell River, BC, V9W 6Y7. For questions phone 250-286-9300 or fax 250-286-9420

Nuu-chah-nulth Youth Retreat

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Ditidaht Mill up and running

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

With initial start-up hurdles now a distant memory, Ditidaht Forest Products is cranking out 20,000 board feet of specialty-cut cedar every day, providing quality employment for 20 people.

Contracted by Weyerhaeuser to supply custom-cut Western Red Cedar to the lucrative value-added market, Ditidaht Forest Products is also negotiating with other forest companies to secure fibre for the mill's future.

With initial start-up hurdles now a distant memory, Ditidaht Forest Products is cranking out 20,000 board feet of specialty-cut cedar every day, providing quality employment for 20 people.

Purchased and shipped up from Portland Oregon, the mill was rebuilt at its new site four kilometres north of the Ditidaht community at a cost of \$3 Million. Currently, the mill is installing a de-barker to complete the mill, and prepare to enter the white-wood market once prices rebound to viable levels.

According to Ditidaht Chief Councillor Jack Thompson, the mill is attracting attention from the major forest companies because it makes good business sense.

"The companies are realizing that we're one of the only mills working in the area, and with our location between Port Alberni and Cowichan Lake, it means less distance that they have to haul the logs which saves them money," said Jack.

With cedar prices holding strong, Jack says the mill could easily pay itself off in less than 10 years - an amazing feat in the turbulent forest industry. And according to Mill Manager Bruce Kennedy, the picture grows brighter every day as employees grow more experienced, and more fibre is secured for the future.

"Right now we're custom cutting low grade logs and producing 20,000 board feet per day. Once we start getting higher grade logs, we have the capacity to produce more than 45,000 board feet per day," said Kennedy. "Once the de-barker is cemented in and wired up, we'll have the capacity to handle any type of wood, and produce many types of products."

Once a load of logs comes in, they are piled, graded and cut to size before entering into the mill. Once on the conveyor, Ditidaht sawyer James Sankey determines the best way to cut the log to yield the maximum amount of lumber.

Adopted out at the age of 18 months, James found his Ditidaht family only 5 months ago, and jumped at the chance to connect with his family and his heritage.

"It means a lot to me to have found my roots and to come home," said James. "It's the best thing that has ever happened to me in my life."

Having lived in Prince George for 25 years, and worked at the Clear Lake Sawmill for the past 10 years, the fact that there was work available made James' homecoming even better.



Edgerman/Supervisor
George Williams

"This mill is for the people, providing work opportunities, knowledge, and a better life for everyone," said James, who plans to learn his language, learn



(l-r) Mill Manager Bruce Kennedy and
Ditidaht Chief Councillor Jack Thompson

to carve, and "help out wherever I can". With the log sliced into planks, the outer edges are fed into the chipper which produces a semi-truck trailer load of chips per day, and is transported to Port Alberni to become paper products.

The usable planks continue down the conveyor to Edgerman / Supervisor George Williams who uses laser guides to cut the planks into their pre-determined sizes.

His first job in a mill, George's dedicated work ethic helped him rise to his current position - one that he takes great pride in.

"For me, this mill means that I can have the economic stability to stay in

my home community and support my family," said George. "Too many of our people have had to leave to find work, now, people finally have the option of living and working in Ditidaht."

Trimming the lumber into its final dimensions before stacking and loading the wood to be sent to market is a team of 12 Ditidaht First Nation members who have had lots of work over the past few months.

And with more fibre being secured on a regular basis, Ditidaht members are welcoming the prospects of increased economic opportunities at home - something that hasn't been widely available for a long time.

New Era in Ditidaht Forests

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Papers are flying in the Ditidaht Lands and Resources Office as deals are signed, documents drafted and meetings arranged.

Opened only 5 months ago, the Lands and Resource Office is a hub of activity as Manager Paul Sieber goes over the many maps mounted on office walls, and describes the specific projects they are related to.

One map shows the "Red Zones" - areas of cultural and social significance Ditidaht Nation wants protected from logging and other resource extractions. To help protect these valuable areas, the Ditidaht Forests Working Group was established so representatives from

Weyerhaeuser, TimberWest, B.C. Ministry of Forests, and Ditidaht could sit together and discuss areas of concern.

"Weyerhaeuser held plans for these cutblocks, so we set up the Forests Working Group to make sure our interests were protected," said Sieber. "Before any logging plans are finalized, a CMT (Culturally Modified Trees) survey crew goes in with forestry engineers before the road engineers and logging crews go in. If any CMT's are found, the forest companies make sure they are properly protected and preserved."

Through the Ditidaht Forests Working Group, a new model of cooperation has developed where forest companies work through proper protocols to consult with the Ditidaht First Nation

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Fisheries News

Fisheries Council meets at Somass Hall

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

The Fisheries Council met May 17th at Somass Hall to examine the draft fishing plans of all Nuu-chah-nulth Nations for salmon and all other marine species.

"This is a forum for First Nations to share information and see if a joint Nuu-chah-nulth plan is desired," said N.T.C. Fisheries Program Manager Dr. Don Hall. "At this time of the year, First Nations are requested to submit fishing plans to DFO which results in the issuing of a communal license. I don't think this satisfies your legal needs, so we need to discuss possible alternatives."

Many Nuu-chah-nulth Nations will have few sockeye salmon fishing opportunities this season as the Fraser River is facing another year of predicted poor returns.

Twelve First Nations presented their fishing plans through the morning session, including plans for all salmon, groundfish, and shellfish species as well as a few types of marine mammals.

In the afternoon, the Nations discussed how to make fishing plans a

reality given poor returns in various areas leading to the negotiating of protocol agreements with other Nuu-chah-nulth Nations.

Many Nuu-chah-nulth Nations will have few sockeye salmon fishing opportunities this season as the Fraser River is facing another year of predicted poor returns.

Since Barkley Sound is predicted to be the hotspot for sockeye salmon this season, many Northern and Central Region Nations are looking to negotiate protocol agreements with Barkley Sound First Nations. With the sockeye already coming up the Somass River, Nation-to-Nation protocol meetings were planned for the coming weeks.

As the meeting closed, nominations and elections were held for Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen to participate in various fisheries organizations. Rod Sam of Ahousaht was selected to sit as the Nuu-chah-nulth representative on the B.C. Salmon Farming Committee, and Andy Amos of Hesquiaht was elected to represent Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen on the Canadian Council of Professional Fish Harvesters.

Many people spoke on the increased responsibility of the few remaining NCN Fishermen to play active roles in decision-making and advisory organizations in order to ensure the Nuu-chah-nulth voice is heard throughout the various sectors of the fishing industry.



(l-r) NTC Commercial Fishing Advisor Roy Alexander, and fishermen
Darrell Campbell and Calvin Clark discuss this year's fishing plans.



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Fish Farms on the Move

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Four West Coast Vancouver Island (WCVI) fish farms are on the move in the first wave of relocations, said Joe Truscott, Senior Coastal Planning Officer for the B.C. Ministry of Fisheries.

The fish farms have been identified as candidates for immediate relocation because of environmental, social, and economic factors.

Under B.C.'s new aquaculture guidelines, the Salmon Aquaculture Industry Advisory Committee (SAIAC) approved the relocation of 11 fish farms around Vancouver Island, including Heritage Aquaculture's San Mateo Bay and Penny Creek operations, Creative Salmon's Fortune Channel fish farm, and Prime Pacific's Sooke Basin operation, which has applied to move to Clayoquot Sound.

The Aquaculture companies now have to find alternative sites, and go through the B.C. Lands and Assets Corporation (BCALC) process for new tenures.

This process includes the drafting of management plans, conducting environmental impact studies, and consulting with First Nations.

According to Truscott, meetings will be scheduled in various west coast communities to consult with First Nations on the proposed relocations sometime in the late Summer or early Fall.

"We have to take a step-by-step approach in relocating aquaculture operations", said Truscott. "There has already been cases in the past where a farm has been relocated because of First Nations concerns, so we plan to work with First Nations Councils if necessary."

According to N.T.C. Central Region Biologist Josie Osborne, part of SAIAC's mandate is to "ensure the opportunity for public participation in salmon farm siting and management decisions by establishing local advisory committees."

"Accordingly, the backgrounder to the Province's October 18th, 1999 salmon aquaculture policy announcement states 'Coastal communities and First Nations will be engaged in a comprehensive consultation process to make sure relocated farms have community support", said Osborne. "However, I have yet not seen any evidence of such a process for Clayoquot Sound, or other Nuu-chah-nulth areas, and it is not clear who has the responsibility to initiate it."



Heritage Aquaculture's Hatchery at
San Mateo Bay will soon be moving.

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"The involvement of First Nations and coastal communities in re-siting of salmon farms is critical to avoid the misunderstandings and conflicts seen in the past - this is probably the first opportunity ever for the salmon farm industry, government, First Nations, and local communities to build effective working relationships. I would hate to see this opportunity wasted because a comprehensive community advisory process is not started soon enough," she said.

"It's not going to do anyone any favours if local residents learn about salmon farm re-siting in their area by reading the newspaper instead of by an invitation to participate in the decision-making process right from the very start."

Nuu-chah-nulth Language Nuučaan'uŕ letters q and q^w

The plain q sounds like the letter k made deep in the throat
Some Nuučaan'uŕ words that start with the plain q

Person, Indian- quu'as
The spirit of a person- qu'acaqstim
Fork- qač'ak
Potatoes- qaawac
Berries- qaawi
School- qicuwit
A long time- qii
Write- qiiqica
Pen- qicyak
Raven- qu'išin

The Rounded q^w sounds like plain q plus w pronounced at the back of throat
Some Nuučaan'uŕ words that start with the rounded q^w

Seagull- q^winii
So- q^waa
To pretend, to imitate- q^wat'ifa
Considering alternatives- q^wiscuwusi
To encourage someone- q^waq'aay'up
To dare someone to do something- q^wis'ii
To have a habit- q^wisnaq
Hemlock- q^wixmapt
Wolf- q^wayac'iik
Relative by marriage- q^wi'iqisu

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Tseshaht Community Access Program (CAP) Site

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

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- Internet: Netscape, MCS Internet Explorer, E-mail, Surfing
- Accounting: Excel
- Hardware: Scanning, Web cam, Digital cameras

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

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

Youth Embrace Cultural Diversity and Tolerance

By Kelly Foxcroft & Celeste Jacko
Editorial Assistants

Cultural week is intended as a forum to enable minority groups in the high school setting to learn from and about each other in a fun and educational manner.

This year cultural week took place from May 23rd to 26th and ended with a visit from B.C. Premier Ujjal Dosanjh, a prominent member of the Sikh community - people who are vital contributors to the history of BC and of the Alberni Valley.

Cultural week is intended as a forum to enable minority groups in the high school setting to learn from and about each other in a fun and educational manner. This year cultural week took place from May 23rd to 26th and ended with a visit from B.C. Premier Ujjal Dosanjh.

The Sikh people's strong but often overlooked history combined with the rich historical roots of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples made for a rich and fascinating cultural mix at the East Meets West Cultural Week.

The events at the high school were primarily coordinated by April Titian, the First Nations Student Advisor at ADSS, and Mr. Hooper, a long time teacher at the school.

They also had support from various staff members of both the school district and the NTC, as well as various student volunteers to ensure all of the presenters and visitors were well taken care of.

More than 25 speakers attended throughout the week, who made about 38 different presentations.

Students learnt everything from East Indian treats and cuisine, to Northwest coast Cedar technology. Mrs. Sall, an important member of the Sikh community did several presentations explaining the meaning of the Sikh names, geographic origins and the history of the early Sikh settlers in BC, from unfair labor practices and discrimination with

well known incidences such as the "Komogata Maru", until 1947 when Sikhs got their rights to be Canadian citizen and therefore vote. That is around the same time First Nations in Canada got their citizenship and voting rights as well.

Today the Sikh community has overcome their difficult struggles of the past and created strong and proud communities centered around their strong belief systems and their sense of family and community through their temples. This pride and strength that came through adversity is only one of the many things the Sikh and First Nations communities have in common with our own Nuu-chah-nulth people as I would soon learn, after attending several different presentations throughout the week.

Julia Lucas and her son Linus spoke about traditional marriages and the place of value that Nuu-chah-nulth women hold for their families.



They discussed traditional Tupaati and the many different feats of strength that must be performed to win your bride.

The students were both fascinated and amused by the stories candidly shared by Linus about their own experiences with his sister's marriage, and the great pleasure he took in harassing and making fun to discourage his sisters suitor as is his role as her brother.

Shane Kullar then talked about arranged marriages in the Sikh tradition and the

Dowry. The Nuu-chah-nulth also share that tradition (which is still occasionally practiced today) of arranged marriages, also sending the girls with a dowry.

For both Nuu-chah-nulth and Sikh women, their families would begin saving things of value, and for their household from the day they are born, in order to show other families and potential suitors just how valuable their daughters are to their families.

Nuu-chah-nulth women were sent to their new husbands with all of the supplies they would need to start a new household as well as very valuable masks, songs and stories to be passed onto their children.



The entire week concluded with a very special guest attending the final lunch for cultural week.

Ujjal Dosanjh, the Premier of British Columbia, took a day out of his busy schedule to represent the Sikh Community as well as the province of BC.

Representatives from Tsheshaht and Hupacasath also welcomed everyone into their traditional territories. Students and a few staff members and volunteers joined in the traditional Welcome song and also the Supper song to commence the lunch as well.

Florence Wylie, Eileen Haggard and Richard Watts stood as representatives of the NTC and presented Mr. Dosanjh with a framed print with an engraved inscription thanking him for taking part in this cultural celebration.

Mr. Dass and Mrs. Sall also presented Mr. Dosanjh with a gift of a framed print of the Valley's own "M.V Lady Rose" on behalf of the Sikh community.

A huge feast of traditional seafood's were prepared, along with traditional Indian Samosas and Pakoras, all of which was presented in a room decorated with cedar boughs, maps of Nuu-chah-nulth and Sikh territories and various Nuu-chah-nulth traditional designs.



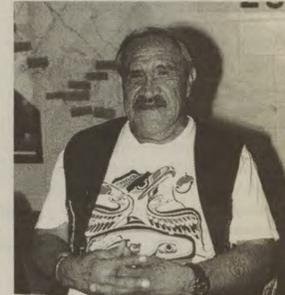
Everyone was welcomed to the banquet by MC's Reg Sam and Lisa Dick, who kept things going smoothly throughout the hectic afternoon. ADSS Principal Mr. Smythe spoke on the importance of days like this for cultural understanding, but also that these activities would not be possible without the participation and enthusiasm of the schools students.

Mr. Dosanjh also took a few minutes to speak about the importance that tolerance and racial equality plays in British Columbia, and that no matter what race you are, it is all of our responsibility to

discourage bigotry.

He also addressed the issue of First Nations land claims in BC, saying that as British Columbians it is a priority for all of us to encourage fair negotiations, and settlement, because until there are treaties for the First Nations people, BC is not truly equal.

The entire celebration ended with a group of Sikh girls performing a few fun dances for the guests, moving gracefully in their gorgeous flowing saris, especially elaborate in honor of their special guest.



Following their lively performance the First Nations students along with Richard Watts and Tat Tatoosh sang a fun song and dance for everyone to join in on, even the Premier circled the room dancing with everyone.

Although many things were learned and discovered about both cultures that seem so many worlds away, it was the areas that these two cultures overlap that created such an enriching experience for everyone who attended.

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For youth at a High School level to be embracing such important lessons with such maturity and enthusiasm, when we often see the negative stereotypes of youth and teenagers, gives us all and chance to realize a more tolerant society. Perhaps they could teach the rest of us a thing or two.



as "East Meets West" at ADSS

Of the various workshops that were happening at the ADSS cultural Week, Ron Hamilton was one of the many facilitators.

Ron began his morning by informing Mr. Lavery's grade ten students about Native author Lee Maracle who wrote the book "Ravensong".

He then explained that a few of the essential ingredients in First Nations writing was our history, as well as defining and solving problems that have occurred.

As Ron read passages from the book to the class, he continued to analyze and explain a few of the important aspects of the book.

For instance the symbols, the portrayal of truth, opposition and changes, were a few of the things that Ron identified within the story.

With his own knowledge, Ron was able to give the students a clear perspective of the story with a First Nation's point of view.

He also gave a presentation to the grade 12 students later on that week. For many of the grade 12 students at ADSS, the effects of the Residential schools, especially here in Port Alberni may have not been that clear to them.

This is why Ron came in and was able to give them a clear over view of the purpose of the schools.

Proper education is important; it helps create more opportunities. With Ron's precise description of the effects of the residential schools, especially on families, the students continued to raise their hands, asking important questions.

A few of the results of the residential school, were the family breakdowns, loss of Native language and culture, as well as low self-esteem.

However, First Nation's people are more aware of the current issues today, especially with the growth in education for First Nation's students.

Proper education is important; it helps create more opportunities. With Ron's precise description of the effects of the residential schools' especially on families, the students continued to raise their hands, asking important questions. Education and awareness of the past are important for the future, which is why Ron was excited after his presentation because of the enthusiasm the classes showed to such difficult topics being expressed. He was also pleased with the sensitivity and thoughtfulness the students showed in the challenging questions they posed following his talk. It is opportunities to share and learn, especially with difficult and politically charged history such as Residential Schools that make way for a future of greater understanding, especially if it can be understood so fully by youth.

Another current and challenging political topic that was presented to the youth at ADSS was the issue of Treaty Process and negotiations. With a strong background on the treaty making process for the Nuu-chah-nulth people, Judy Sayers and Tawney Lem gave an excellent presentation to some of the students at ADSS.

Judy began the workshop by outlining the framework and timeline of the treaty process.

She also explained the reasons why the Nuu-chah-nulth people decided to go

into the treaty process. In addition, Tawney continued by illustrating the difference between the processes of negotiation and litigation.

After both Judy and Tawney finished explaining the process and importance of the treaty negotiations, they divided the class into two and assisted them in negotiations of their own.

After the students were finished their own negotiations, maybe they realize the actual process of negotiating and how difficult and time consuming it really is.



The traditional lifestyle of the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples was also an important part of the week and there were many different presentations sharing knowledge of the past and how it is relevant and important to our people today.

Ray Sietcher gave a talk to a class on the traditions of the Chieftanship; how it is passed down, how it is received and the ceremony and protocol one must follow as a chief.

Ray talked candidly about his own experience which was often challenging and difficult, also raising that a lot of how things were conducted was interrupted and lost through Residential School.

Ray explained the history of different chieftanship families and how the balance of power was played out a long time ago, and how the traditions are used today, as well as the responsibilities that are carried on.



Another aspect of Nuu-chah-nulth culture is our food; it shapes our culture and our lifestyle as we traditionally moved where the food resources were available seasonally.

Calvin and Nancy Gallic shared their knowledge of traditional food gathering and how it is still effectively used today. They described the various types of vegetables they grow, as well as the different fish, seafood and wild game that they catch almost year round.

However, they also explained that they do not only catch food for themselves. Many times, after the salmon or deer is caught, it is distributed between the family and community members. More importantly, when a salmon is caught, none of it is ever wasted or thrown away, even the head of the salmon. For instance, pieces of salmon could be smoked, dried, or canned. The salmon could also be cooked in various ways as well.

Calvin and Nancy also brought in a half-smoked salmon to share with the class. They showed how to cut the salmon, and then they baked half of the salmon and boiled the other half.

Before the workshop was finished, the class was able to sample one of the delicacies of the Nuu-chah-nulth people. Just as foods were important to the

lifestyle and beliefs of Nuu-chah-nulth people, students from a few different classes got to experience the wonderful delicacies of Indian cuisine. There were a few workshops with Foods Teacher Mr. Bellas on the preparation of Samosa and traditional treats.

Mrs. Kullar and her friend Mrs. Chand gave the students in the class some hands on experience in making these tasty Samosas. Even better at the end of the class everyone got to eat the food they prepared.

85 students from different classes also attended the Sikh temple, to get a more hands on experience of the central sense of community that the temple provides. The students were met by Mrs. Sall and a few other members of the Sikh community who explained the traditions

behind the removal of shoes and covering of your head.

She also escorted them throughout the temple explaining the significance of its layout and the history of their Gurus.

Mrs. Sall also gave the students an explanation of their holy book, which is placed in a separate room, and is treated as if it were a living Guru.

This tradition of feeding people brings to mind the tradition of Nuu-chah-nulth potlatch where we feed visitors and family, in order to share our wealth and celebrate.

Sharing what you have as a sign that you are wealthy both materially and of spirit is important in both cultures. This sense of generosity and kindness is common to both the Indo-Canadian culture as well as our own Nuu-chah-nulth beliefs.



The final stop in the temple tour was into the kitchen and eating area, which are essential to every Sikh temple.

Sharing what you have is a sign of cultural wealth.

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In the kitchen were volunteers who had prepared food for all of the students to



eat. The kids feasted on wonderful foods while sitting on the beautiful carpets provided throughout the eating area floor. The kids even got an opportunity to make their own Rotis in the kitchen with the assistance of Mrs. Sall and the volunteers.



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Photos and stories by Celeste Jacko and Kelly Foxcroft

Participants prepare to Journey Home to Huu-ay-aht

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

There's no greater power than when a community comes together.

Last May, we witnessed this awesome power when the Makah Nation hosted the celebration of a successful whale hunt. Last summer, we also saw this wonderful pride shine in Ahoasht for the canoe festival. And this summer, another community-powered celebration is planned for the Journey Home to Huu-ay-aht.

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As the finishing work on the new House of Huu-ay-aht nears completion, the final fundraising push has been launched. On Wednesday, June 14th at 9 a.m., Huu-ay-aht First Nation Ha'wiih, staff members, and a number of dedicated people will leave the lawns of the provincial legislature in Victoria for the Journey Home to Huu-ay-aht.

The 301 kilometer walk, run and bike will go through Victoria, Duncan, Nanaimo, and Port Alberni before taking the 100 km dusty road to Anacla for the June 21st National Aboriginal Day celebrations at the Pachena Bay Campground. The walk is to raise funds for the completion of the House of Huu-ay-aht, as participants are seeking pledges for the week-long journey.

According to Huu-ay-aht Fundraising Coordinator Molly Clappis, organizers are hoping to raise \$50,000 over the next month through bake sales, garage sales, auctions, bottle drives, and the epic Journey Home to Huu-ay-aht. So far, more than 25 people are signed up to walk the entire distance including 2-year old Ayanna Clappis along with mom Crystal. Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert Dennis and his family are also planning to go the distance.

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Budget Rentals is helping to sponsor the Journey Home to Huu-ay-aht by donating a van to be used as a support vehicle, and RCMP Constable Ron Stenger will escort the participants.

"But you don't have to do the whole thing if you aren't able," said Molly. "If you want to come out even for a day, that's fine too. Everyone is welcome to participate."

For pledge forms, call Molly at 728-3414, or toll-free at 1-888-644-4555 between 8 am and 4 pm.



House of Huu-ay-aht nears completion

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

A professional carpenter for the past 15 years, Herb Nelson looks at the House of Huu-ay-aht as one of his crowning achievements.

Combining traditional architecture with modern building codes, Herb built the massive superstructure of the first bighouse constructed in Huu-ay-aht territory in more than 100 years. Sculpting and carving the support poles, Herb has undergone his own journey home to Huu-ay-aht.

"The top four logs each weigh around 30 tons so everything has to fit just right to hold the 108- and 118-foot long Spruce logs up there."

Adopted out as an infant, Herb only recently discovered his Huu-ay-aht ancestry and has returned to Anacla to work on the huge mountain-top structure that will serve as bighouse, gymnasium and community centre for Huu-ay-aht.

"It involved a lot of mathematical theory to put the poles in the right places," said Herb. "The top four logs each weigh around 30 tons so everything has to fit just right to hold the 108- and 118-foot long Spruce logs up there."

With everything on schedule for the official opening on Saturday, July 15th, Herb, along with four other Huu-ay-aht members, and a crew from Knappett Construction are working feverishly to have everything in place for the celebration.

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"I've learned a lot from working on this one, and I think everyone else has too," said Herb. "Hopefully the next one can be all Huu-ay-aht built."

(left) The Huu-ay-aht canoe enters the Alberni harbour, to invite Hupacasath and Tseshaht Nations to the official opening of the house of Huu-ay-aht (below) Herb Nelson works on the outdoor lightposts that will surround the House of Huu-ay-aht parking lot.



(below) Huu-ay-aht fundraising coordinator Molly Clappis stands in front of the nearly-completed House of Huu-ay-aht, scheduled to officially open on July 15th, 2000.



Introducing the Nuuchah-nulth Healing Project Summer Students

Respected elders, Hawiuh, and Nuuchah-nulth people. Hello, my name is Carol Anne Hilton. I am from the Hesquiat First Nation. My grandparents were the late Billy Ambrose and Louisa Lucas.

I have just started work at the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council for the Healing Project as a Community Resource Worker for the summer. I am glad to be coming home to work, and I feel it is an honor to be working with Nuuchah-nulth people. I have just completed my Bachelors Degree in First Nations Studies at Malaspina University College in Nanaimo and I am looking forward to starting this job.

My work at the Healing Project throughout the summer will be to research the traditional and contemporary healing resources available to the Nuuchah-nulth peoples and to develop a working resource manual. The healing resources include the traditional tools that gave our people inner strength as well as the modern counselling resources.

These things that give us strength are our teaching tools and what will help us heal as a people. I look forward to seeing you this summer. Choo.

Hi, there! My name is Jara Demetrio. I am attending Malaspina University College completing my Psychology degree with a Criminology Diploma. I am happy to be on board the NTC Healing Project team as Legal Liaison and Referral Worker.

Now having discovered the issues of residential school abuse in my family's background, I am looking forward to working in this area and offering legal information regarding the possible legal procedures following residential school abuse disclosure.

As well, assistance and referral can be provided to those who are re-entering the community following incarceration or other involvement with the criminal justice system.

I hope to assist with this often discouraging transition by creating a community understanding of individuals involved in the legal system in relation to the intergenerational effects of residential school abuse. I will also assist my co-workers with various workshops of relevant nature such as self-esteem, self-awareness, trust building, communication, anger management, and grief and loss.

I am also pleased to be communicating and maintaining contact with Nuuchah-



nulth Elders for their input and to assist with traditional healing practices and developing pride in First Nations culture. I will also create a referral and resource network for our Nuuchah-nulth First Nations. Have a great summer!

Hi! My name is Jennifer du Bourg. I am the daughter of Mary Saxie from Kyuquot, and the granddaughter of Clothilda Gus.

I was adopted out when I was 8 years old and have recently returned to the Island to reconnect with my family and culture.

I have been studying both First Nations studies and Child and Youth Care at Malaspina University-College in Nanaimo.

For the summer I have been hired to work with the Nuuchah-nulth Healing Project as a Child and Youth Support Worker.

I will be building on inner strengths with Nuuchah-nulth children and youth. Offering individual and group programs directed towards children and youth. Thank you for this opportunity! Choo.

Greetings Nuuchah-nulth Hawiuh, Elders, and muscum. My name is Irene Robinson. I am from the Tseshaht First Nation. I am the second

daughter of Kathy and Doug Robinson. I have been hired by the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council as a summer student. I will be working as a Nuuchah-nulth Healing Project Historical Awareness Worker.

This job requires me to look at Nuuchah-nulth history from a Nuuchah-nulth perspective. I will look at how the imposed western way of thinking of Nuuchah-nulth people has affected how Nuuchah-nulth feel about themselves and how they know and value their own history.

I am attending Malaspina University-College and will graduate in June of 2001 with a Bachelor of Arts in First Nations Studies and a minor in Women's Studies. I will then pursue my Masters degree with my sister, Erma who is completing her B.A. in Anthropology and English at Simon Fraser University.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family for their support during my past four years of study. I could not have accomplished what I have without their help.

I would also like to thank the Tseshaht Band and the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council for their support and their monetary commitment to both my education and my summer employment. Cuu'uushii'aa q'aa shilth aa ?itsuu.

Nuuchah-nulth Healing Project 1st Annual Conference "Celebration of Self and Strength of the People" June 1, 2, 3 at Maht Mahs - Port Alberni

The Nuuchah-nulth Healing project's extends an invitation to the first annual "Celebration of Self and Strength of the People conference" taking place at Maht Mahs Gym in Port Alberni, on June 1,2,3, 2000. The conferences' theme centres on building the strengths of the Nuuchah-nulth people and coming together to celebrate these strengths.

Nuuchah-nulth people from all fourteen tribes as well as from the urban areas of Campbell River, Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver and Seattle will be gathering at the conference. Free of charge, the conference is for all the people that have been affected by residential school. This includes those that have gone to residential school and their descendants; children and grandchildren, as well as those that have been in foster care or adopted out, and all those who work with these people. Lunch and dinner is provided on Thursday and Friday, and lunch is provided on Saturday.

Over the three days, workshops will be offered on a variety of topics such as self-empowerment, self-esteem, self-care, mind-spirit connection and traditional medicine by several Nuuchah-nulth people. A youth workshop will also be offered. One of the conferences highlights is the renowned comedian Don Burnstick performing his play 'I Am Alcohol' as well as an anticipated comedy routine. A cultural night and banquet sets the tone for the celebration.

This conference brings Nuuchah-nulth people together and is based on the traditional cultural teachings of our people. It is the teachings of our people that give us strength.

Participants are reminded to bring a paddle, drums and shawls, as they will be used at the conference.

The agenda is still being finalized and will be available at the Healing Project office.

Childminding is available to parents with children from 2-12 years old.

Travel and accommodation for two representatives for each tribe will be made available to attend. Tribes must notify the Healing Project office.

For more information, contact the Nuuchah-nulth Healing Project at (250) 724-3233 or fax (250) 724-6642.

Journey Home to Huu-ay-aht

Walk, Jog, Run - Victoria to Pachena Bay

Journey Home to Huu-ay-aht
June 14-21, 2000
Victoria to Pachena Bay
Walk Run Wheel

On June 14 there will be a journey starting in Victoria. This is a fundraising event for the Huu-ay-aht First Nation Hall. Huu-ay-aht Village is located 100km from Port Alberni. The participants will walk a total of 301 kilometers. The participants are seeking pledges. 100% of funds will go towards furniture and utilities for the hall.

House of Huu-ay-aht is in the process of construction, and will be finished July 2000, with opening ceremonies to follow. The hall will be a place for cultural, recreation and administration.

Tentative Schedule

Wed June 14 Victoria to Goldstream park
Thurs June 15 Goldstream to Duncan
Fri June 16 Duncan to Nanaimo
Sat June 17 Nanaimo to Cameron Lake
Sun June 18 Cameron Lake to Port Alberni
Mon June 19 Port Alberni to Bamfield Road (as far as possible)
Tues June 20 to
Wed June 21 Home Home Home Aboriginal Day

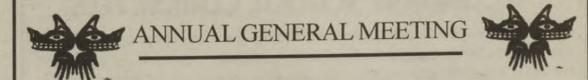
To date there are many participants but there's room for many more. If you have any questions or would like to donate / pledge please contact me at 728-3414, or toll-free at 1-800-644-4555.



Molly Clappis
Fundraiser Coordinator
Huu-ay-aht First Nation
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TSOW-TUN LE LUM SOCIETY



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Tsow-tun Le Lum Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, June 24th, 2000 at 12:00 Noon at the Tsow-Tun Le Lum Treatment Centre beginning with lunch, at 699 Capilano Road, Lantzville. All are invited to attend.

For more information please call (250) 390-3123

Kyuquot Students Visit Ottawa

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

The Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' Peoples and their immediate neighbors at Walter's Cove live in relative isolation. This coastal community hosts many people from the various corners of the globe.

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Bruce Carlos, Special Education Teacher initiated the cultural and educational trip for the KESS students. Bruce is a forward and progressive advocate for promoting First Nation's pride in their Nuu-Chah-Nulth culture and heritage. He has worked countless hours for the KESS, students, parents, caregivers and community members in a variety of ways. Teaching is his gift and at times he says the work seems overwhelming. However, he continues and beams with pride when he sees his male students pick up the drum, sing and the young women dance. The hard work on this project is soon to come to fruition.

The KESS students are representative of the two communities and participants include: Irene Hanson, Adrienne Jack, Priscilla Jack, Michelle Langlet, Michelle Norberge, Janice Osenenko, Melanie Pottage, Charlene Short, Patricia Short, Arlene Smith, Tyler Desjardine,

Joseph Jack, Eugene John, Ralph John Jr., Clifford Johnson, Craig Jules, Kevin Jules and Evans Smith. The chaperones include: Bruce Carlos, Jennifer Hanson, Verna Hanson, Janice John, Phillis Scott, Tessie Smith, Gina Sutherland and Dirk Zand.

The young ladies made dance shawls with their own designs and efforts. The young men also designed and made their own vests.

The young ladies made dance shawls with their own designs and efforts. The young men also designed and made their own vests. Many nights and hours of bead work are reflected in the beautiful work the students completed. The adults of the community assisted when requested by the youth group. The students received permission to sing specific family songs and protocol remains in tact with the youth. Eugene John, son of Kelly John is the lead singer and words are hard to express the pride one feels in witnessing the youth echo the ancestors. The sounds of the drum and the traditional heartbeat of the community can be heard throughout the village.

The hours of practise will be shared in the Canadian Tulip Festival, the "International Stage" within Major's Hill Park and Turtle Island which is a summer village of the Odawa. The KESS have eight scheduled performances and both the English and Nuu-chah-nulth Kyuquot dialect will be used in all the presentations. Irene Hanson is the designated spokesperson for the group.

The Turtle Island Tourism Company (TITC) is a private enterprise. In partnership with the Odawa Native Friendship Centre, they provide cultural experiences for festivals, school groups and tourists in order to facilitate greater cross cultural awareness.

The Kyuquot NCN and non-natives are the first Vancouver Island West Coast group to perform at the Canadian Tulip Festival.

Trina Mather, TITC President reported this event attracts 900,000 people to the city. So, the KESS representatives exposure at this event will indeed be memorable. Watch for an update upon their return. This ten day experience and opportunity for the youth and the chaperones speaks volumes for the KESS and the Kyuquot community as a whole.

LUPUS is a chronic inflammatory connective tissue disorder of unknown cause that can involve joints, kidneys, serous surfaces and vessel walls and that occurs mainly in young woman, but also in children.

If you have lupus and would like more information, or would like to be part of a support group, please contact you Community Health Nurse, or Jeanette Watts at 724-3232.

The Gathering of Resources for Our Children: t'aatnee'is Daycare

By Celeste Jacko
Editorial Assistant

On the sunny afternoon of May 12th, the t'aatnee'is Daycare hosted a luncheon and invited various members from the Port Alberni community.

The whole purpose of the luncheon was to gather many of the resources that are available in the Port Alberni area. After a wonderful and well-prepared lunch, the brainstorming began.

The phrase, "Pulling together and gathering resources within the community for our children" was mentioned many times during the luncheon.

It was the staff's hope that a wealth of information, resources and ideas would be generated after the luncheon was over.

With this information, the staff was then going to incorporate the information into the daycare, as well as pass it on to any interested parents.

Debbie Foxcroft began the session by outlining the process that had to be taken to get the daycare open.

She also illustrated the importance of having our own First Nations daycare, within our own territories.

As the session carried on, women from different areas and fields within the health and education areas spoke about what they had to offer.

For instance, of the many people that were interested in creating and building partnerships and working together, there was a child care consultant, a CHS Nurse, and an infant development worker, as well as the staff of the daycare.

Each of the representatives shared ideas and offered their services whenever needed.

Of the many concerns regarding the children, the importance of Nuu-chah-nulth culture, proper nutrition, health, hygiene and dental health were among them.

The promotion of inviting and encouraging the parent's involvement was also stressed.

The parents are vital roles within a child's life, thus the daycare would like to create a support and information network for the parents, as well as encourage their roles within the daycare.

One of the happy results of the luncheon was drawing upon the skills and expertise of professionals, as well as linking them all together to build a stronger foundation for the children.

The t'aatnee'is Daycare opened its doors for the first time to its little customers on Monday May 29th.

However, the GRAND OPENING is on Thursday June 29th. If there are any parents interested in the daycare, call (250) 724-3631



Nuu-chah-nulth Nursing Program

Tla-o-qui-aht Girls in the New Millenium

By Christine Curley
C.H.N. Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations

I recently had the pleasure of co-facilitating with Wendy Amrhein, an early adolescent program for girls, which was based on the very successful "Just for Girls" program by Sandra Friedman.

This program seeks to explore the very real pressures that adolescent girls often encounter in our present day society.

As a result of these pressures (such as the influence of the media, television and fashion magazines, peer-pressure, pressure from the dominant society etc.) a young girl may tend to feel that she no longer is able to speak out or voice her opinion.

As this true sense of self is negatively affected, it appears that some girls begin to look outward for definition, defining themselves more by looks or image, instead of uniqueness of character.

This results in reduced self-esteem, an inability to form and trust their own perceptions, and an increased focus on body image. To negate these very powerful and pervasive pressures, a group was formed to allow an exploration of how these pressures affect us as women of all ages.

Beginning in January, a group of approximately seven girls (age 13-15 years) from Opitsaht and Esowista, met each week after school, to "talk" about some of these issues that can batter away at our self-esteem.

We met at the Esowista Clinic, and began each session with a hearty snack.

The girls chose the topics for each week's session along with the group agreements. Some of the topics included:

- * Totally Me-What Makes You Tick?
- * Me, Myself and I-Figuring Out Your Feelings.
- * Friends Forever
- * Boys
- * Families—What's Great...What's Not.
- * Peer Pressure- How To Stay True To You.
- * "Smoking, Drugs and Rock & Roll".
- * Body Image, Dieting and Food.
- * Hey, That's Not Fair!-Staying strong in a world that isn't always girl friendly.
- * How to talk so my friends and parents LISTEN!!!!
- * Making Dreams Come True for Real

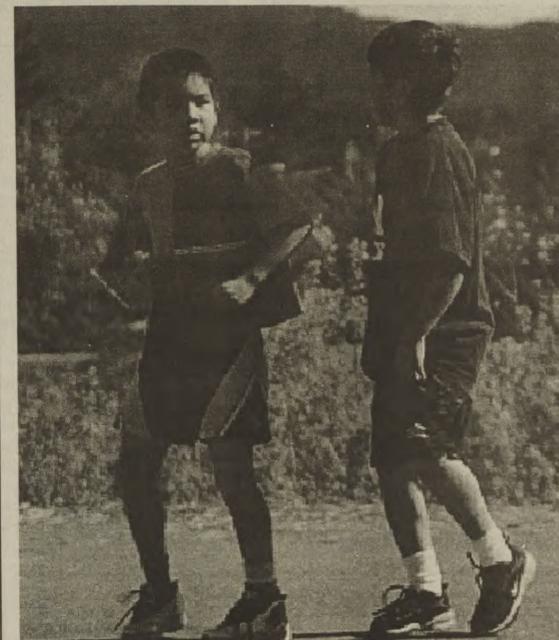
We focused on self-esteem and positive body image, peer pressure and media influences, relationships and communication, and problem solving. Role-playing, creative visualizations and use of art helped us to tune us in to our deeper feelings. Some of the girls also participated in a self-defense course, organized by the R.C.M.P. which emphasized how NOT to become a victim. We concluded our sessions with a bowling outing, which was lots of fun.

I learned a lot from the girls, and realized that the pressures that girls face today are different from the ones I faced as an adolescent.

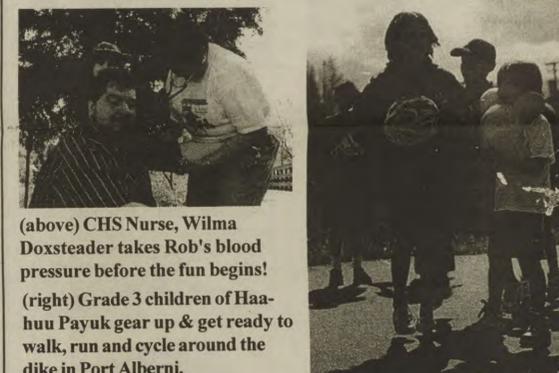
All of the girls were very open, and shared a lot about how they were feeling.

Hearing this "voice", gave me a strong sense of hope, that they will continue on with their dreams, feeling strong, confident, and able to stay true to their unique sense of self.

Fundraising, Fitness and Fun at Haahuupayuk School



After learning about the importance of good health & exercise, for these two boys the race is on!



(above) CHS Nurse, Wilma Doxstader takes Rob's blood pressure before the fun begins!
(right) Grade 3 children of Haahuupayuk gear up & get ready to walk, run and cycle around the dike in Port Alberni.

Our heartfelt thanks to the following individuals, groups and businesses for their support of the Cross-Cultural Community Development Project and the Understanding and Celebrating Racial Diversity Conference.

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First Nation Membership

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Upcoming events:

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

1-888-817-8716

NTC POST SECONDARY STUDENTS

Please ensure that the NTC office has your current mailing address. If you have moved since you sent in your 2000/20001 P/S application and you have not notified the NTC Education Department, please do so immediately.

We must look at possible budget reductions. If letters mailed to NTC P/S applicants are returned to us, the funding for your studies this year may be removed from the P/S budget.

Please fax any address changes to Victoria Watts, NTC P/S Advisor at (250) 723-0463 or email the address changes to Victoria at vwatts@island.net.

Thank you;
Blair Thompson, Manager, NTC Education Programmes

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.

Happy Birthdays & Congratulations

Happy belated B-Day to my cuz, Alice on May 1st. Also a belated B-Day to my handsome son, Richard on May 5th. Luv your cuz and mom, Dottie.

Happy 2nd Birthday to the most beautiful granddaughter, Billie-Alexis Mary John on May 20th. Love, love and more love, xoxoxo Nanna and Pappa. Happy Birthday Cinda Thomas on May 22. From Mitch, Gerrelyn and Pete



I would like to congratulate my daughter Amber on receiving her Community Human Services Certificate and on having a grade average of a B plus or higher. Way to go girl! We are so proud of you. Keep up the excellent work. Love Mom and Dad.

Happy 11th Birthday to Our cuz/my auntie STEPHANIE "BUFFY" Love from: Jaylene, Janelle, Jack, Tom, Candace, Alicia, Brandon, Nina, Wilson, Jay, and your niece Heather! Happy 11th Birthday to our granddaughter STEPHANIE Love from: Grandpa-DAD & Grandma-MOM.

Happy 11th Birthday to our little Neighbour/niece Stephanie Wilson. Love from: Uncle JIGGS, Auntie SUSIE, Uncle ED, BOBBIE-SUE, SABRINA, JOHNNY, NICOLE, BLAKE & JAYNEN.

Happy 11th Birthday to our cousin "BUFFY" Love from: MICHELLE & CHUCK Happy 11th Birthday to our little "BUD!" May 17th

Love JONI, LEE & HEATHER ZACH May 7, 1988



Happy Birthday love Mom, Sky and Evangeline

Happy Belated Birthday to Kelthmah't's Frances Alana Jack Luv Mom. Congratulations to my cousin, Glenda Frank and Brian Tate on their new born baby boy. He was born at West Coast General Hospital on May 11th Thursday morning. He weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz.

From your cousin, Mrs. Carol R. John-Mattersdorfer and family. Happy Birthday to my uncle Arnie Thomas on May 11th also. I

know you had a good one too. From your niece Carol John-Mattersdorfer and family.

Happy Birthday to Lacey Adams 10 years old, on May 15, 2000. Many more to come Lacey. From uncle Don, Carol and Family.

Happy Birthday on May 19th, to my cousin Bernice Sabbas, she will be 42 years old. She has 3 grandchildren and a happy go lucky lady my cousin is, have a better day and have fun okay. Love your cousin Carol R. John-Mattersdorfer and family.

Happy Birthday to my Auntie Carol Thomas of Ahousaht, B.C. "How old are you Auntie?" Love from your niece, Mrs. Carol R. John-



This is Allen Wilkie, grandson of Wayne Dick, great grandson of Allan and Agnes Dick. I would like to congratulate him and his teammates for their two championships in football and basketball.

Love Mom, Dad, Christopher and Wendal



Happy Birthday to my sister Molina Dick on June 12th. Have an awesome day Roadrunner! From Ina Dick.

Happy Birthday Denise Michelle Sam, wish you all the best Cuz. Love from Ina Dick

Happy Birthday to my sister in law Margaret Anne Dick on June 21st, Have a beautiful Day.

Happy Birthday to Sheila Dick on June 14th, hope you have a wonderful day.

Happy Mother's Day...

A Mother is a special kind of person, definitely one of a kind.

There may be those who try to compete...but a true 'MOM' is hard to find. A mom will always be there, through thick & thin. A mom will always love you whether you lose, or whether you win. A mom is the one who will never judge you for anything that you do. A mom will always be there to lend you a hand & pull you through. A mom will always listen to whatever you have to say, and will always give advice-when you ask. A mom will always be honest she will never tell you lies. A mom will always have her child the apple of her eyes. A mom is both teacher & student She is the friend, never a foe. I am happy to say, There are mom's like this that I KNOW... This is a poem made just for them. To my mom Veronic, my sisters Eva, Laverne, Colleen & my nieces Michelle, Joni, Nadine & Justine. Love from: Barb Dick, Dale Wilson, Stephanie, Raven & Darian



INTRODUCING MELYLA HEAVEN-LEE RAIN PLASWAY

Proud parents Carol-Anne Atleo and Lee Plasway, and a little sister for Bradley and Brittany. Melyla was born on Feb 19, 2000 at the Nanaimo Hospital, 7 lbs. 15 oz. Melyla comes from the Nanaimo First Nation. Her father is Lee Plasway and grandparents are Jeff and Stephanie Thomas, also from the Nanaimo First Nation. Her great-grandma is Nina Sam (Point) of Musqueam. Nina comes from Kildonan.

Thank you everybody for all the gifts when she was born and from the Baby shower! I want to say Thank You to my honey Lee for being ever so caring, patient and loving through the pregnancy. I know I wasn't the Happiest person to live with while I was pregnant. I'm sorry for biting your head off all the time. And my son Bradley, I love you and I'm sorry to you too.

While I'm at it, I am so very sorry to my family for being a happy/crab. I'll Stitch your heads back on. Love You guys. Thanks for understanding, Carol-Anne Atleo.

Happy 12th Birthday to Lee-Anne Billy on June 5th Love Always Mom, Sandra, Sarah & Bruce Jr. Happy 14th Birthday to our niece Alice Atleo on June 7th Love Auntie Pearl & Uncle Dave Jacobson.

A very Happy 19th Birthday to my son Thomas Jacobson on June 16th Love your Dad Dave.

Happy 3rd Birthday Evangeline



Love

Mom, Zachary and Sky

Birthdays & Congratulations Continued...



HAPPY "SWEET 16th" BIRTHDAY TO (WISHA) ALISHA K. ROBINSON, FOR JUNE 05. WE LOVE YOU, HOPE YOUR DAY IS FILLED WITH LOADS OF FUN!

LOVE; XOXO DEAN, MOLLY & CHRISTOPHER

Happy Fathers Day to my dad Richard Mundy Sr. Love Always your youngest daughter Pearl and your four grandchildren.

Happy Fathers Day to a very special dad Mr. Ray Samuel Sr. Love your son, Dave Jacobson.

We would like to say Happy Birthday to our sister/auntie Patsy George on June 16th, 2000. Hope you enjoy your day. Love Always your Bro Wayne, sis Daisy & your niece Ilene & nephews Wayne, Jameson, & Earl. Happy Birthday to our nephew/cousin Shawn Jack on June 17th, 2000. Enjoy your day. Love Uncle Wayne, Auntie Daisy and Kids.

We would like to say Happy Birthday to our mom. Happy Birthday Mom, enjoy your day. On June 18, 2000. Love your children, Ilene, Wayne Jr., Jameson & your baby Earl.

And we would like to wish our dad (Wayne) a Happy Father's Day Which is also on June 18, 2000. Enjoy your day dad!

Love Always Ilene, Wayne, Jim and Earl.

And Happy Birthday to Auntie/ Gramma Grace on June 19th 2000.

Enjoy your day. Love your niece Daisy, Wayne Sr., Ilene, Wayne, Jameson and Earl.

Haa Huu Payuk Students Honoured with Their Own Seafood Feast

In celebration of the successful completion of their *Sea Life Studies*, Haahuupayuk students invited Elders, families and friends to enjoy a seafood feast with them at their school.



A bounty of fresh seafood beautifully displayed.



Paul & Michelle enjoy an afternoon of feasting on fresh crabs



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My So Cool Dad

You were so cool When you use to Comb your jet black Hair back.

You were so cool When I played my Crazy music, you Came out of the Bedroom just dancing. You were so cool You use to drive here, And there just to see us, You were so cool Just the way you used to Clown around and make People laugh.

You were so cool That you were close to Your grandkids and family You were so cool You probably have everyone Dancing and laughing In heaven Dad you're just so cool See you at the Golden Gates

Love your So cool grandkids, Robert Jr., Ricky, Desiree & Chantelle, Daughter Char & Son Rob Sr.



Happy Father's Day! Robert and for my later Dad William Love always Char.

Happy Father's Day Dad!

I wish I could make time stand still So that I could See the smile On your face, I wish I could make time stand still So that I could Hear your jokes And you laugh

I wish I could make time stand still So that I could Tell you your grandkids Are in mischief again and You say Gee! I wish I could make time stand still So I could have one More dinner with you.

I wish I could make time stand still So that we could Have one long hug, Like I was your Little girl again, I wish I could make time stand still And we will be happy Forever and do All these things Together again.

Miss You Always Dad Love your eldest daughter Char Knighton

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Announcements

Attention Ahousaht Band Members

If you have any events that happen in your life such as marriage, divorce, birth, death, name change and especially "transfers" please notify the Ahousaht Band. When you submit your documents to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office it is just as important to submit these documents to the Ahousaht Band. My office hours are Tuesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00: noon. You can contact Robert Atleo at the Ahousaht Band Office. Phone (250) 670-9531 or fax (250) 670-9696.



AHOUSAHT TREATY ACCESS NUMBER:

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

Important Notice To All People of DITIDAHT (NITINAHT) Ancestry

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

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

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

ATTENTION HUU-AY-AHT BAND MEMBERS

We need your address. Please call the HUU-ay-aht Band Office at **1-888-644-4555** or HUU-ay-aht Treaty Office at (250) 723-0100

HESQUIAHT TREATY

Attention All HESQUIAHT Band Membership

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

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



ATTENTION

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

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

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

We need to update our mailing list. Please forward your most recent address to our Administration address @ Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations P.O. Box 18 Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0 Attention: Hazel Curley

ATTENTION

Toquaht Band Membership

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL COVERAGE NOT AUTOMATIC

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

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

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

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

Robert Cluett, CD - NTC NIHB Program Supervisor

Ehattesah Membership

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



ATTENTION ALL MOWACHAHT/ MUCHALAHT FIRST NATION BAND MEMBERS

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

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

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

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

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

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Career Opportunities



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

TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

The Tsay Keh Dene Band will be hiring a teacher for 2000/2001 school term. The position is for a combined grades one, two and three class. The position will appeal to those who enjoy a challenge, are interested in working with Native students, are adventurous and enthusiastic, team players and committed to individualized education. The applicant should be flexible and creative in planning, have a wide range of abilities and interests, be goal oriented and must either possess or be eligible for BC certification.

Tsay Keh Dene village is located at the Northern tip of Williston Lake in British Columbia's beautiful Rocky Mountains. Not only is it very scenic, but also offers great fishing and hiking. The community is accessible by logging road and by air, so it is somewhat isolated. The Band offers good pay, accommodation, a great school and classroom assistants.

Position is open to all applicants, including NEWLY GRADUATED STUDENTS. If you feel you are able to live in semi-isolation, please fax a full resume, references and covering letter describing your personal education philosophy to:

Band Manager
Tsay Keh Dene Band
Fax: (250) 562-8899
No telephone calls please.
Closing Date is June 9, 2000



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Paul Smith - Gold River (250) 283-2503	Savanna Simpson (250) 724-6244

Or N.T.C. Fisheries at:

Southern Region - Val Gallic or Jim Lane - NTC Main Office - (250) 724-5757
Central Region Josie Osborne (250) 726-3440
Northern Region Roger Dunlop (250) 283-2012

DIRECTOR OF SECRETARIAT

Tofino, Vancouver Island

The Clayoquot Sound Central Region Board was established jointly by the Nuu-chah-nulth Central Region Tribes and the Province of British Columbia in 1994.

The Board addresses resource management and land use planning in Clayoquot Sound, prior to the conclusion of a treaty, in a manner that: provides opportunities for First Nations • conserves resources and promotes resource use that supports sustainability, economic diversification and ecological integrity • encourages dialogue within and between communities. The Board is also responsible for reviewing land and resource use plans, decisions and policies generated by provincial ministries. A significant amount of the Board's current efforts are focused on the implementation of the recommendations of the Scientific Panel for Sustainable Forest Practices in Clayoquot Sound, released in 1995, regarding new forest planning and management regimes in which traditional ecological knowledge and western science are fully integrated.

A seasoned and well-motivated team player is sought to serve as Director of the Board's Secretariat. As the key staff member, you will: provide the Board with sound administrative support • assist in strategic and annual operational planning and budget preparation • ensure the Board has relevant and sufficient information upon which to base decisions • assist the Board in incorporating the worldviews of First Nations and non-aboriginal communities in deliberations • maintain positive relationships with First Nations, local communities, and government agencies • oversee all operations of the Board's Secretariat.

Your credentials should include: • a sound administrative background and considerable management experience including budget administration and staff supervision • knowledge of land and resource planning and management • an understanding of, or willingness to learn about, First Nations' perspectives and local issues in Clayoquot Sound • experience working with or for First Nations, boards of directors and government • good judgement and tact • sound analytical and superior written/oral communication skills • proficiency in computer skills • experience conducting public meetings and workshops, as well as developing communications materials for a wide range of audiences.

This is a contract position for one year, renewable on an annual basis for up to three years. Salary will be commensurate with knowledge and experience. Please submit letters of applications and resumes with professional references by noon, Friday, June 9, 2000 to: Co-Chairs, Clayoquot Sound Central Region Board, P.O. Box 376, 1119 Pacific Rim Highway, Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0. For additional information, call 250-725-2009 or fax 250-725-3179

CLAYOQUOT SOUND CENTRAL REGION BOARD SECRETARIAT

STORE MANAGER OPPORTUNITY

The Tsay Keh Dene Band is looking to hire a General Store Manager. The position will be available starting August 15, 2000.

Tsay Keh Dene is located at the tip of Williston Lake in British Columbia's beautiful Rocky Mountains. Not only is it very scenic, but also offers great fishing and hiking. The community is accessible by logging road and by air, so it is somewhat isolated.

The applicant should have a minimum of 3 years experience. The applicant should also be flexible, dedicated and have good "people skills." The Band offers good pay, along with accommodations (shared with teacher).

If you feel you are interested and feel you could live in semi-isolation, please fax a resume with references and covering letter to:

Band Manager
Tsay Keh Dene Band

Fax: (250) 562-8899
Closing date is June 30, 2000

Wanted: Class 1 Driver

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Kleco's

I would like to express my pride and great admiration for my daughter Patricia Burrige (nee Little.) Patti was born the year of '65 to proud parents, the late Pat Little and Vera from the Ahousaht Nations.

Patti is going for her Masters degree; she completed one year at University of Victoria. She graduated from Malaspina College in partnership with University of Victoria with her bachelor degree in Anthropology and History.

In spite of many obstacles when starting her education, upgrading, getting her grade 12 diploma and Post Secondary many things happened.

As she was going to school she was literally a single mom. Her husband Rob Sr. was in the military and served a year in the Desert Storm War in Kuwait. And as she continued her journey on in Education her father Pat got gravely ill with a terminal illness, which he succumbed, to March of '92.

Prior to his death her father insisted she continue with her schooling and she never knew if at any time someone might come to her school and relay some sad news.

Now Patti is reaping her rewards; she works in the Museum of Victoria doing the work she loves.

She was very instrumental in the "Out of the Mist" project, she did part of the research for R.B.C.M working closely with Martha Black and Alan Hoover.

After the exhibits opened she went on to research the Children's Interactive with Janet McDonald and organized and coordinated all of the cultural events for the Youth Festival. Proudly applauding the youths of Nuu-chah-nulth.

So now you know why I am bursting with pride and joy. So are her two sons Rob Jr., Ryan, and her husband Rob, her sister Liz McDonald and Nephew Timothy. Keep it up Patti we know you can do it. We're in your corner rooting and cheering you on.

Your proud Mom,
Vera Little

Kleco Kleco

I would like to say a very heart filled thank you to all the countless people who provided our family with their generous support of prayers, food, donations and their time when we lost our mother Julia Rosalia Ambrose. For all that was given in our time of sorrow, we will be forever grateful. From the Ambrose, Rasanen and Sam family.

Live only in the moment,

You can have your own mind running all over the past and future, but that does no good.

You sit right in the present when something comes up then you react. It is more shameful to distrust one's friends. Than to be deceived by them.

Small mistakes lead to bigger ones. Ours is a lifetime appointment, and all you have is your reputation, once its gone it never comes back.

I would like to thank all of our friends and family for helping us move, and welcoming our family with your generosity & kindness.

Peter William & Family
And to our family and friends that we left behind in Port, we shall see you all sometime.

Thank You Dinner

For the late Francis (Frenchie) and Eileen Charleson

Pat and Mamie Charleson, and family invite you to share a meal with them, at the Port Alberni Athletic Hall on June 17th, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. The Charleson family wants to acknowledge and thank all those people who supported them during the passing of their son on April 14th, 1995 and their daughter on April 30th, 1999.

THE WEBSTER FAMILY OPEN INVITATION

We the Webster family request the honor of your presence in celebration of the graduation of Mary Jane Dick - University, and Lorne Sam - Grade 12.

Date: June 10, 2000
Place: Esquimalt Centre & Swimming Pool - Jubilee Hall
Time: 4:30 p.m.

Please feel free to contact Renee Dick at (250) 381-1993 or email reneedick1@hotmail.com if you have any questions or to let us know if you are interested in joining us in our celebration. Kleco, Kleco. Renee Dick



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September 29	October 5

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In Memoriam

DIANNA MARIE TYLEE
Oct 5, 1972 - June 24, 1994
21 Years of Age



You never said you were leaving, You never said goodbye, You were gone before we knew it, And only God knows why. A million times we've needed you, A million times we've cried, If love could have saved you, You never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, And in death we loved you still, In our hearts you have a place, No one will ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, But you didn't go alone. For a part of us went with you, The day God called you home.

LOVE & MISS YOU VERY MUCH MOM - EUPHRASIA STEP DAD - ALFRED BROTHERS - DENNIS, PIERRE MIKE & JOHNATHAN

KINQUASHTAKAMULTHAHT INVITATION

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

Memorial Potlatch for the late Norma Shirley Smith-Caxton. May 20th, 2000 1:00 p.m. Zeballos at the Community 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 Memorial Potlatch will be held at the Alberni Athletic Hall starting at noon. For information please contact Dora Frank at (250) 725-2663 or Ivey Martin at (250) 725-2299.

In Loving Memory of My Only Best Friend; Tla-o-qui-aht-O-qui-aht Daniel Levi Martin Jr. (passed away end of August 1999)

Mother Addie Rush (passed away Early September 1999)

Written by Iona Grace Jack, Kelthmaht.

Cry of Kelthmaht's prayer song... sound of our young ones drums... Our beginning is a story of Mother Bear losing her Cubs to forest animals told by Martin Paddle Carver... Mother Bear cried for her cubs... Mother Bear gave birth to second set of cubs... Mohawk and Kelthmaht. Mother Bear never let anyone near her new cubs... prayer song...

I hold my eagle feather high We are granddaughter's of Kelthmaht's Queen's, Two Eagles. Edith (Charlie), David, Amanda (Frank) Charlie, daughters, sisters, mothers... prayer song...

Two Eagles rides the Ocean Waves of Estowista. Daniel learned of passing of Two Eagles brother end of August 1998, Protector Wolf.

Lavina, Cecilia, daughter's, sister's, mother's... prayer song Our Young making new drums, listen to our young beat their drums... Year 2000...

Daniel dances Deer Dance, Pat Williams dances for our Creator.

Two Eagles "I'll die for you." Christ was put on the Cross! Christ says, "Forgive them for they know not, what they are doing!"

A single tear falls as Two Eagles watches. Listen to Our Elder, waiting... watching out his window... Alone... no one listens to warning of Creator...

Two Eagles, Daniel long heart to heart for three years, talked to Our Creator, forever prayer song. Dan's love for Triangle Relationships? daughters, sisters, mothers... prayer song...

Warren sits with a beer in each hand, Rene tries to smile, Jen changed hair colour, Sherrie's mother, Tanya, Margaret, Mandy, Child Mothers... prayer song...

A single tear falls as Two Eagles watches. Listen to Our Elder, waiting... Watching out his window... Alone... No one listens to warning of Creator...

Our young making new Drums, listen to Our Young beat their drums... Year 2000. Only best friend Two Eagles, Mother Bear, Mother Earth... forever Prayer song... Two Eagles came Full Circle, high in the sky... Frances, Two Eagles power Hummitsa, The Humming Bird, Hummu. Michelle's Drum, Two Eagles strength of Elk. Michael Peter's Drum, Two Eagles only son, Protector Wolf. Aleta dreamed, Two Eagles sees Burrowing out came the Snowy White Owl Eyes. Pat appeared walking in the light... forever prayer song... Addie holding Dan's hand walking Two Eagles stone wall of Odgen Point, Dallas Road Victoria ocean waves.

Two Eagles, Daniel Two Tears in a Bucket... God Bless Dwayne, Levi, Levina, Evans, George... Our young ones making new Drums, Listen to Our Young Beat their Drums... Prayer song... Kelthmaht, Iona Grace Jack.

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* Advertisers using the classified please call Ha-Shilth-Sa @ 724-5757 when you want your ad removed.

* Nuu-chah-nulth members attending Urban Update meetings: it is important that you fill in your complete mailing address, including postal code, phone number and the first name. This is to ensure you can be added to the mailing list.

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N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



CAPACITY BUILDING for N.T.C. Chiefs & Councillors

Congratulations to the participants of the three-day NEDC sponsored Capacity Building workshop.

In all there were 22 participants from 12 of the Nuuchahnulth tribes, who finished this intense two-part training program.

The purpose of the program was to increase the understanding and knowledge of community decision-makers in the areas of financial management and communication.

The first two days were devoted to financial management. That is, developing a practical approach to:

- managing cash flow (whether for the tribe or a tribally owned business),
- improving earnings on existing businesses,

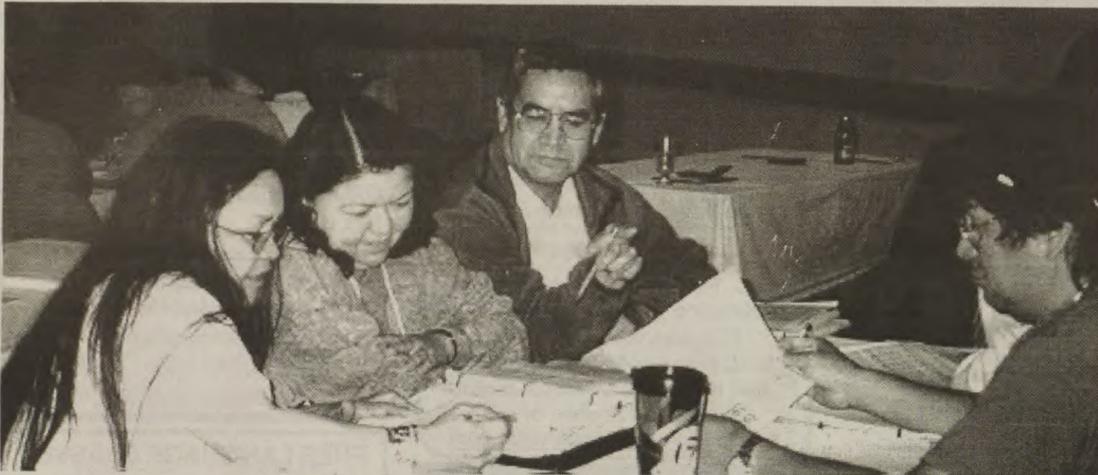
- analyzing potential ventures and joint-ventures,
- planning successful long-term growth.

They learned how to use financial documents to analyze the health and efficiency of a business. They learned that most (90%) business failure can be attributed to poor financial management and that the seven financial killers are, failure to:

- plan BEFORE start-up
- monitor financial position
- understand the relationship between price, volume and costs
- manage the cash flow
- manage growth
- borrow properly
- plan for transition



John Cioffi (centre), the facilitator for the financial portion did an excellent job of leading the participants through the information and successfully clarifying the basics of financial management. Buddy Hamilton, a councillor from the Hupacasath First Nation says, 'excellent! Two thumbs up!'



The third and final day of the workshop was on communication. In this portion the participants learned that effective communication includes an understanding of yourself and your values. They also learned how perspective influences your ability to communicate and receive information.

This was a lively informal day with lots of interaction and it left the participant with a deeper understanding of the communication process.

The communication session was facilitated by Sandy Verley, a woman from the Mohawk Nation who uses tools from her culture to assist her in training.

N.E.D.C. CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

BUSINESS PLANNING - a workshop for persons with a disability

JUNE 10, 2000, Ittattoo Community Hall, Ucluelet, BC, 10 am - 4 pm

This workshop will include discussion on the hows & whys of business planning as well as focus on the nuts and bolts of a business plan.

Speakers will include 1st Nation community business people, who will share their experiences - both positive and negative - in the business world and NEDC staff with program and financial information.

Lunch and coffee will be provided. To register please call Ida Mills at (250)755-4048

Workshops projected for the fall & winter 2000 & 2001

TAXATION: an interactive workshop, that brings to the community experts in the field of corporate and business taxation, including new rulings and their impacts on 1st Nation businesses. This one-day session is tentatively scheduled for October or November 2000.

YOUTH: the NEDC second annual youth conference will be held in February 2001. Proposals are being accepted from communities willing to host this event.

FISHERIES: NEDC is looking at February or March 2001 to host the Fisher's Forum III. Recommendations for topics or speakers welcome.

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

Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation

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

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