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Leaders meet to discuss Treaty Negotiations

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Weeks of intense negotiations have followed the December 11th exchange of treaty offers, with Nuu-chah-nulth negotiators spending between three and five days a week meeting with negotiators from the federal and provincial governments.

As a result, treaty planning meetings will be happening on an as-needed basis, or when negotiating schedules allow.

Negotiations during the first week of January 2001 ended earlier than anticipated, allowing Nuu-chah-nulth leaders to call a treaty planning meeting for Friday, January 5th at the Shewish House of Learning.

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Ahousaht Elder John Charlie offered the opening prayer, thanking all the Nuu-chah-nulth negotiators for their hard work and dedication, and thanking the creator for giving them their courage and patience throughout their negotiations with the other two levels of government.

Robert Dennis opened the meeting with a presentation on Huu-ay-aht's negotiations to secure lands and timber supply in their hahoulthee.

"I spoke with our Tyee Ha'wilth Tliishin, and we're putting forward what our Ha'wiith will settle for," said Robert. "We're proposing a cultural management zone because, as Wahmiish said, why would we want to be next door neighbors to someone who has different forest practices from us."

Under the proposal, the Numukamis

(Sarita) and Carnation Creek watersheds would be transferred to Huu-ay-aht as treaty land, and would provide economic opportunities will an annual volume of timber which would be harvested and replanted under Huu-ay-aht forestry regulations which meet or exceed provincial forest practices legislation.

Central Region Co-chair Nelson Keitlah then opened a general discussion on the pace of negotiations saying, "there hasn't been much movement from Canada and the province on improving their offer in terms of land".

British Columbia has offered less than 2% of traditional Nuu-chah-nulth Territory, whereas Nuu-chah-nulth negotiators are offering the province more than 80% of their traditional territory, which leaves approximately 18% for treaty lands.

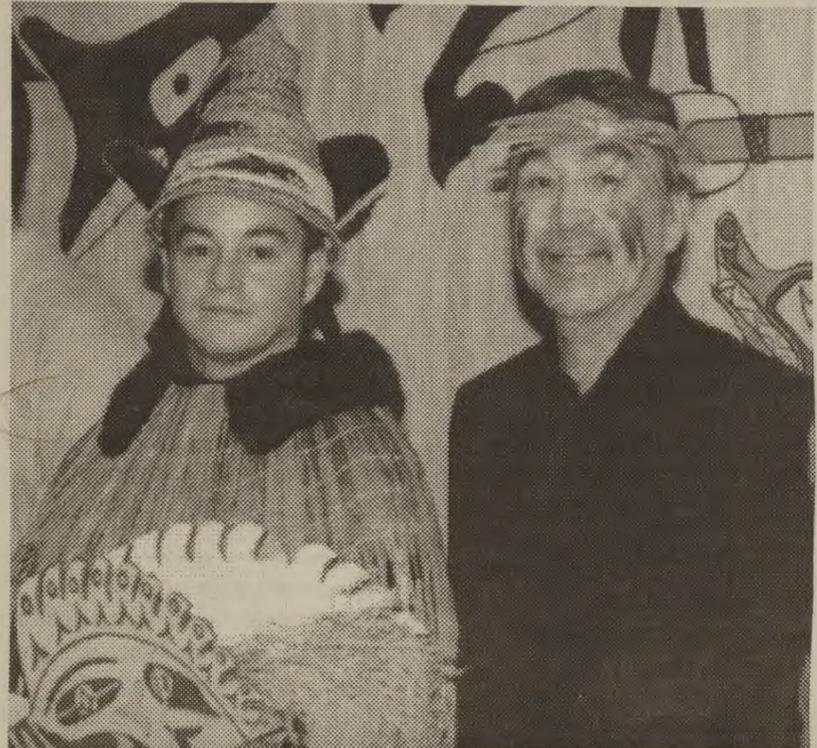
Recognizing that lands are the most important part of treaty negotiations, Tsessaht Chief Negotiator George Watts suggested that the Nuu-chah-nulth cash component be lowered, in order to impress upon the governments the importance of increased land settlements.

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According to Cliff, the provincial negotiators will be asking cabinet for an increased mandate to negotiate lands. Hesquiaht's Richard Lucas said the government is reluctant to negotiate lands in areas where First Nations do

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Ahousaht Celebrates Newest Chief Umeeek Passes Maquinna Hat to his Son

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Maaqtusiis - Hundreds of people gathered in Ahousaht on December 29/30 to witness an historic and culturally significant event, the seating of a new Hawilth, Shawn Atleo.

Umeeek, also known as Dr. Richard Atleo chose this time to pass his chieftainship on to his eldest son. The two-day event also included Coming-of-Age ceremonies for four young ladies from the Atleo family.

Cultural activities commenced on Friday evening with guests being invited to the Thunder Bird Hall for soup. The people were asked to wait outdoors while the hall was being prepared for the most sacred ceremony, the Tlukwana.

Adhering to strict protocol, guests were invited to enter the hall one by one. After having black lines applied to the face, the people were instructed to take a seat, men to the left of the hall and ladies to the right.

The room was darkened in preparation for the coming of the wolves -and

come, they did. The atmosphere was almost electric. Hundreds sat in pitch-blackness listening to the mourning sounds of wolf whistles circling the building outside. Tension filled the air as the walls shook under the almost constant pounding of planks against the exterior walls. All the while an elder chanted and prayed in the darkness of the room.

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The wolves eventually entered the hall under cover of darkness. Their shadowy figures barely visible as they

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Umeek passes Maquinna Hat to his son

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circled the floor on all floors. They whistled and circled the room several times before finally leaving the room. Their reason for entering the building became apparent when the lights were turned back on. Seven people were missing from the hall.

It was explained that the wolves had taken them and that the people should gather at the beach early in the morning to try to get the missing people back. Missing were Shawn Atleo, Taras Atleo, Tyson Atleo, Tara Atleo, Alanda Atleo, Courtenay Louie and Trudy-Lynn Paul.

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Early the next morning another ceremony was carried out on the beach. In this ceremony the wolves brought the seven people back but they were not going to hand them over without a challenge.

Seven blankets were brought to the wolves. Then seven men went to battle with the wolves to get the blankets back. Some men were lured into the water by one wolf while others circled, looking for an opportunity to take the man. In the end, seven wet, sandy blankets were brought back by seven exhausted men.

Nearing the end of the ceremony, the people slowly approached the wolves and their captives. A few men with ropes approached a captive, ensnared them in rope and led them back. All the while the wolves made futile attempts to stop the men.

After all seven people were retrieved from the wolves they were led back to the T-Bird Hall. It was explained by Cliff Atleo that Umeek, Dr. Atleo, has started the process of transferring his seat to Shawn and that the conclusion of the transfer will take place in the evening. An elder explained that the young ladies that were taken are going through the Coming-of-Age part of their lives and that they received important teachings during their time

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away. The young men also reached an important point in their lives: Shawn is about to become a chief; Taras, brother to the chief will have new responsibilities; and Tyson, the Chief's son, will someday wear his father's Maquinna hat.

People were asked to attend dinner at 5:00 p.m. They were also asked not to sing or dance until that time out of respect for a grieving family. Sadly, a burial took place in Ahousaht on the same day.

Following dinner the guests were introduced to the Atleo family curtain. Cliff Atleo explained that Umeek's ancestors have a great whaling history. "Keesta was Shawn's great grandfather and he got three whales. He was one of the last Chiefs to harpoon a whale and that was June 1907 at Bartlett Island. He only gave up whaling because of the commercial whaling industry."

The curtain is adorned with a whaling canoe, twelve whales and twelve wolves.

Elder, Stanley Sam, stood before the curtain flanked by Umeek and Shawn. Umeek removed his cedar bark cape, shawl and Maquinna hat and, with a tear in his eye, handed the items to his son. Shawn received a new name then was hoisted onto the shoulders of the men and paraded around the floor to the drumming of a party song.

The rest of the evening and morning was filled with singing, dancing, presentations and praise for the new chief. Shawn himself participated in many of the dances. Some highlights of the potlatch include the presentation of painted whalebones to Shawn, the naming of several members of the Atleo family and the washing of the feet of the four young ladies.

In a ceremony not seen in decades, four highest-ranking Ahousaht Chiefs publicly washed the feet of the four young ladies that are coming of age. It was explained that these ladies were



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highly treasured members of the family and as such, would be treated with the utmost respect and would receive the protection of their chiefs.

The foot-washing ceremony was a demonstration of the respect that the chiefs have for their young women. It was almost 7:00 a.m. when Shawn and his family did their hinkets. A large number of people somehow found the energy to remain at the party to the very end. The money and gifts were given away and the new Chief and his family were finally allowed to rest.

Shawn received praise from some very prominent people. Chief Corbett George thanked Umeek for being a good chief for Ahousaht. He continued, "I am proud to stand with Shawn, he works on treaty for our people and often takes the lead. I really want to encourage you, you will make a good Chief."



Weyerhaeuser Welcomes Progress on Treaty Negotiations

Weyerhaeuser welcomed the exchange of offers between governments and the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) First Nations as a positive step in the treaty-making process.

Although Weyerhaeuser has not yet had the opportunity to review all the offers or the potential impact on the company's operations, Bill Gaynor, President of Weyerhaeuser Company Limited, said that Weyerhaeuser supports the treaty process. Gaynor said settlements will help create more certainty for the forest industry and therefore contribute to improved community and economic stability in the province.

"Weyerhaeuser is committed to building constructive relationships with First Nations and supports long overdue efforts to resolve outstanding claims," said Gaynor.

"We believe there is a way for interested parties to find creative

solutions that address the needs of all British Columbians."

"As the treaty process moves forward, we will need to have a better understanding about how any negotiated agreement will effect our Tree Farm Licence in terms of employment, fibre supply, and access," said West Island Timberlands General Manager Ted Kimoto. "We want to work with the governments and First Nations to find ways of mitigating the impacts, ensuring fair compensation and making a constructive transition to the Post-treaty work."

Kimoto says Weyerhaeuser's West Island Timberlands has worked hard to build mutually beneficial relationships with First Nations. These relationships include the lisaak joint venture with First Nations in Clayoquot Sound and a variety of contractual relationships with NTC bands on harvesting, silviculture and manufacturing.

Treaty Planners Strategize for Upcoming Accelerated Negotiations

Port Alberni - NCN Treaty Planners met at Port Alberni on December 13 after a hectic, activity-packed week of gatherings.

With only a day of rest after the federal apology to NCN for their suffering in residential schools and the exchange of proposed treaty settlement offers, delegates sat down to plan for the upcoming weeks of almost non-stop treaty negotiations.

Central Region Co-chair, Nelson Keitlath offered the opening prayer and thanked Tseshah for allowing the meeting in their territory.

The NCN, federal and provincial governments have agreed to a new, accelerated negotiating schedule that would see negotiators meeting Monday to Friday, five days per week until an Agreement-in-Principle is reached. The target date for completion of the AIP is late March 2001.

In his opening comments, he thanked NCN for going to Vancouver for the offer exchange, "it shows the strength that we have collectively and our respect for the authority of our chiefs. I'd like to thank Wameesh on behalf of our people for the leadership that you showed at the offer exchange."

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Negotiations under the new schedule will commence December 14, in Victoria.

Beginning December 14 there will be two negotiating tables. One table will be solely dedicated to fisheries issues. Negotiating on our behalf will be Richard Watts and Cliff Atleo with Dr. Don Hall assisting.

The second table will be for the

negotiation of collective issues that are identified in the list of substantive issues. The first substantive issue will be Governance. Our negotiators will be fighting for management (both joint and exclusive) of certain lands and other land-use issues as well as taxation issues.

Starting Monday, December 18, the land selection table will commence with Ahousaht taking the lead.

Given the hectic pace of the new schedule, delegates decided that there was a need to strategize and focus attention on both differences and similarities of each of the three offers. Discussion quickly focussed on land value and how the federal and provincial governments go about placing specific dollar amounts on specific parcels of land.

It was pointed out that our method of land valuation is much different than that of the mamulthnee. It was agreed that our negotiators would approach the other two governments to seek clear details of the methodology for land valuation.

Several other strategic ideas around land valuation were heard and adopted. Treaty Manager, Vic Pearson, reviewed the upcoming schedule of events with respect to treaty.

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He urged each First Nation to come to the table prepared to negotiate their land selection when the time comes. "The agenda," he said, "is set up to be a rolling agenda, and as such, there is a need for flexibility. There will be changes."

First Nations are urged to inform Pearson as soon as possible if they need to reschedule anything.

Final AIRS Arguments heard

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

After three years, thousands of tears, and immeasurable pain, final arguments wrapped up last month in Vancouver for the seven remaining plaintiffs suing the Federal Government and United Church of Canada for abuses suffered at the Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS). B.C. Supreme Court Justice Donald Brenner has already determined that the defendants were vicariously liable for what happened at AIRS, but has yet to rule on the more important issues of direct liability and damages.

"We did final arguments right up to December 20th and I think it went really well, so all we can do now is wait for Brenner's judgement," said lawyer Allan Early. "He hasn't given a judgement on direct liability yet either, so I expect they will come together, and we expect it to come sometime in the early spring, but he might surprise us."

The trial, which started in Nanaimo with 31 plaintiffs, is being closely watched across the country as it will set the legal precedent for all future cases.

The only other Residential School cases heard in Canada were in Saskatchewan,

which according to Early were short trials in a province that is known to provide the lowest awards of any jurisdiction in Canada. British Columbia, and more specifically Justice Donald Brenner, has a history of offering some of the highest damage awards in sexual assault cases in Canada.

Many of the original plaintiffs in the AIRS case have settled out-of-court for well over \$500,000 each, as the Federal Government and United Church of Canada have shown an eagerness to negotiate rather than litigate future damage awards.

"We're also doing the final arguments in the St. George's Residential School case before Justice Williamson in Vancouver this month," said Early, whose law firm Hutchins, Soroka and Grant are involved in Residential School cases across western Canada.

"One of those two cases will be the first judgements in British Columbia and in Canada that has been argued so vigorously," he said. "Thousands of cases have been launched, so there are a lot of people and a lot of lawyers waiting on this judgement."

Plint refused parole

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Convicted pedophile Arthur Henry Plint has been refused parole for the second time.

The former Alberni Indian Residential School dormitory supervisor who was called a "sexual terrorist" by B.C. Supreme Court Justice Hogarth, has now served more than two-thirds of his 11 year sentence for more than 30 counts of physical and sexual abuse. The 82-year old Plint has been eligible for parole for the past two years, and is considered by prison officials to be of minimum security risk.

After his first parole hearing in November 1999, the Parole Board noted that Plint had refused to participate in sexual offender rehabilitation programs, repeatedly denied that he had done anything wrong, and in their final report wrote that: "the only change that had occurred was you advancing age."

Plint re-applied in November of last year for day parole to go to a half-way house, but after meeting with the unrepentant pedophile, parole board members Ronald Boucher and R.J. Stewart denied the application.

"You have a narrow, restricted personality that is power oriented. This coupled with your racist valued were all well-suited to the residential school system,"

wrote Boucher and Stewart in their final report. "You do not accept responsibility for your offending. You remain an untreated sex offender and have no desire to participate in programming."

A psychological assessment done in 1995 concluded that Plint has "a significant personality dysfunction, with definite psychopathic traits in that you were completely self-centred, self-absorbed, callous and lacking empathy, and had a complete lack of interest in changing or improving your internal or interpersonal functioning".

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Under Canadian Law, Plint can reapply for parole on an annual basis, but the Parole Board is under no obligation to release Plint until his sentence is completed in 2006.

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Nuu-chah-nulth Leadership have now established a toll free number to assist membership with any question they may have regarding treaty related business.



Fisheries News

Siihmuu Project expands

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Representatives from six Nations along with the NTC Fisheries department attended a Siihmuu Project Meeting at the Tseshaht Treaty Boardroom last week, to review last year's ponding operation, and prepare for this spring's spawn on kelp and bough fishery.

Ditidaht, Uchucklesaht, Tseshaht, Huu-ay-aht, Ucluelet, and Hupacasath will be involved in the ponding operation which, last year, was located near the Stopper Islands in Toquaht territory.

Last year, more than 7500 lbs. of siihmuu was gathered from the 30 tonnes of herring placed into the single

pond. Organizers are hoping to double that amount this year by having two ponds side-by-side.

Participating Nations will contribute funds, boats and staff to the project which will have a paid staff of five people.

Ucluelet's Chuck McCarthy will continue as crew chief for the project, living out at the site aboard his boat Ocean Drifter.

NTC Southern Region Biologist Jim Lane reviewed a letter he's written to Laurie Gordon, DFO's area Herring coordinator, asking for continued support of the program in catching the herring aboard their test seiner, and depositing the herring into the ponds.

Work will begin setting up the two ponds in the next few weeks in preparation for herring season.

New scientific studies raise concern over toxicity of farmed fish feed

Startling new scientific evidence from Canada and Britain suggests that potentially dangerous levels of toxic chemicals are contained in the feed given to farmed salmon in Canada and Scotland, the David Suzuki Foundation announced today.

The research shows that the contaminants, known as persistent organic pollutants, are especially dangerous for children, nursing mothers and pregnant women or women considering pregnancy.

The studies were conducted in Canada by Dr. Michael Easton for the David Suzuki Foundation and in Britain by Dr. Miriam Jacobs in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. "We are calling on the Canadian government to immediately heed these findings and to fund the next stage of research needed to determine the safety of farmed salmon and salmon feed for people who consume fish regularly," said Jim Fulton, executive director of the David Suzuki Foundation.

"Our research, conducted by Dr. Easton, is a pilot study that examined a small sample size. But the results demonstrate reason for concern and the need for further study. We believe it is now the responsibility of the federal government to fund research that can shed more light on these findings," he added.

The research by Drs. Easton and Jacobs shows that farmed fish sampled contained much higher levels of pollutants, including 10 times more Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) than wild fish.

Their studies were conducted independently of each other.

"The results were very, very clear," Dr. Easton, a Vancouver-based geneticist and expert in ecotoxicology.

"Farmed fish and the feed that they were fed appeared to have a much higher level of contamination with respect to PCBs, organochlorine pesticides and polybrominated diphenyl ethers than did wild fish. In fact, it was extremely noticeable," he said. "It is a function of how the feed is

made, of their concentrating of these different materials to produce high-protein diets for the fish and ultimately the contaminants apparently get concentrated as well," Dr. Easton said, adding that these pollutants affect the nervous system, the immune system and can cause cancer.

"They're a neural toxin, which causes learning disabilities (especially in children) but they are also an immune toxic," he told the BBC. "They cause depression in the immune system that enables you to catch colds and flus and infections much more easily than normal, and they also aid the production of cancer."

Dr. Jacobs, a toxicologist in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Surrey (U.K.), told the BBC: "I am concerned about the dietary intake of small children and infants. Their dietary intake will be far greater than for an adult based on body weight."

While the contaminant levels discovered by Drs. Easton and Jacobs were below government-approved safety levels, both scientists said they are concerned for people who regularly eat farmed salmon, and also about how governments establish risk-assessment values for human consumption of chemicals and pollutants.

"Once again, we have so many questions raised by scientists about this industry," Mr. Fulton said. "What we want from the Canadian government is that they fund additional scientific investigation. We are a small research agency and we cannot afford to conduct the next stage of research which is estimated at approximately \$800,000."

Those funds could be found in the office of Canada's Aquaculture Commissioner whose office has an annual budget of over \$2 million, Mr. Fulton added.

"I presume that some if the work his office should be doing is this type of scientific research so I look forward to speaking to the Minister of Fisheries (Hon. Herb Dhaliwal) about the possibility of continuing Dr. Easton's work," he said.

Nanaimo Treaty Update Meeting

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Only 18 people attended a Christmas Luncheon Treaty Update Meeting on Thursday, December 21st at Nanaimo's Branch 256 Royal Canadian Legion. Hosted by Willard Gallic and Michelle Corfield, all treaty issues were discussed before festive luncheon.

Michelle handed out copies of the Nuu-chah-nulth Hahoulthee Sharing Agreement, and Canada and B.C.'s Treaty offer, as well as the text of the federal government's Residential School apology.

Willard reported on Canada's apology to Nuu-chah-nulth for the abuses suffered at Residential Schools, and both Michelle and Willard spoke on the current status of Treaty Negotiations.

"We've never been as close to self-governance over the past 100 years than we are now," said Willard. "The dreams of our people of getting rid of DIAND and the Indian Act is within sight, but the real hard negotiations



have just begun." "We're at a critical crossroads," added Michelle. "We're at the 11th hour, and it's important that everyone stays informed, up-to-date, and active." There was some disappointment that despite more than 300 Nuu-chah-nulth people living in the Nanaimo area, that only 18 came to the meeting to find out more information about their treaty, but people also recognized the hectic schedules associated with the Christmas season, and that many people were busy preparing for the holidays.

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not currently reside.

"They have to understand that it was not our decision to leave these places. It was DIA. These are our lands, our traditional territories, and our connection to these places remains strong, regardless of where we live," he said.

NTC Treaty Manager Vic Pearson presented a Preemption Act comparison, which shows the amount of land Nuu-chah-nulth people would have received if the federal government hadn't excluded First Nations people from their nineteenth century land allocation of 160 acres to each male immigrant over the age of 18 years.

The document shows that B.C.'s

current land offer is only 39% of the amount of land Nuu-chah-nulth people would have received had they not been excluded from the Preemption Act.

Pearson then presented a comparison report on treaty protected issues in Nisga'a, and those proposed to Nuu-chah-nulth. Economic, Development, Lands, Fisheries, Wildlife and Migratory Birds, Parks, and Governance matters were covered in the report that examines issues proposed for settlement outside of the treaty. The report is to be finalized in the near future and will be reviewed further by the Planning Table at that time.

CLAYOQUOT
BIOSPHERE TRUST

Your Ideas for \$

The Board of Directors of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT), the cornerstone of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, seeks continued public involvement as it develops programme funding guidelines and criteria for the CBT.

To assist the CBT Board in this development process, it invites local First Nations and communities to share ideas on potential projects and initiatives that the CBT could fund in the future.

Ideas should be consistent with the mandate of both an UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve (in support of both conservation and sustainable development) and the CBT (to promote and support research, education and training opportunities for the development of healthy and sustainable communities within the spirit and intent of the Biosphere Reserve nomination and for the benefit of local communities, First Nations and organisations).

You can share your ideas via e-mail at input@clayoquotbiosphere.org or via post at CBT, Box 67, Tofino, BC, V0R 2Z0. THIS IS NOT A REQUEST FOR FUNDING PROPOSALS. Ideas should be shared within 1/2 page or less. Please have these initial ideas submitted to the CBT by January 24th, 2001. For more information, please call the CBT at 726.4715.

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April Titian leaves ADSS

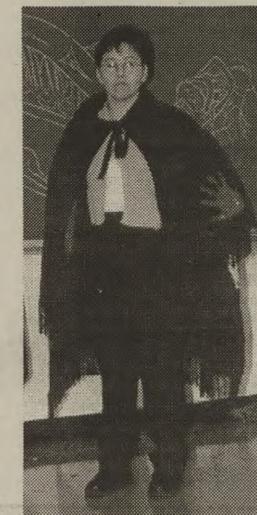
By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

After more than 10 years as home-school co-ordinator and cultural worker at Alberni District Senior Secondary, April Titian has left to pursue studies in Business Administration.

Presentations from NTC Education Staff, and ADSS Staff and Students were held at different times, but the messages were the same; that April will be sincerely missed.

Called a "bridge-builder" by ADSS teachers and administrators, April has worked tirelessly at improving conditions for Nuu-chah-nulth students by encouraging non-Native students to become more aware of Nuu-chah-nulth culture and history.

Organizing the recent "East Meets West" cultural explorations, April brought many guest speakers into ADSS classes to speak on various issues and themes of Nuu-chah-nulth and East Indian lives. NTC and ADSS both wished April the best of luck in her future endeavors, and presented her with numerous farewell gifts.



Attention

ongoing and potential NTC Post Secondary Students.

This is a reminder that the final deadline for NTC post secondary funding applications for 2001/2002 is **Wednesday January 31, 2001.**

If you do not have an application you can pick on up from the NTC office, Camosun College, Malaspina College, your First Nations office or you can download it from the NTC website at www.nuuchahnulth.org/educ. If you have any questions please contact the NTC P/S advisor, Victoria Watts at 724-5757 or email at vwatts@island.net

Quu'as West Coast Trail Society will be providing a training session in Essential Wilderness First Aid For Leaders February 5 to 14, 2001 Hanson Hall, 3940 Johnston Road, Port Alberni, B.C. Instructed by Slipstream.

Training schedule:
Monday, February 5-Friday February 9, 2001
Monday, February 12-Wednesday, February 14, 2001
8:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. Daily
Registration fees: \$300.00
Includes training, snacks and lunches.
Fees to be paid on or before February 2, 2001.
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Important Information for all Canadians about responsible firearm ownership

An update on licensing

Temporary licences issued to meet demand

To comply with the *Firearms Act* requirement for firearm owners to have a licence as of January 1, 2001, Canadians sent in their licence applications in record numbers. To meet this demand, temporary licences are being issued to eligible firearm owners.

Public safety remains the cornerstone of the firearms program. Temporary licences are only being issued to those who are successfully screened against Canadian Police Information Centre (CPIC) databases. And, like all other firearm licence holders, those with temporary firearms licences will be continuously screened against police databases.

These public safety checks conform to the *Firearms Act* and keep firearms away from those who should not have them.

Temporary licence holders are not permitted to acquire firearms. However, they will be in legal possession of their firearms and they will be able to get ammunition. Temporary licences are only valid until June 30, 2001 or until those eligible receive their five-year licence.

Grace period introduced

Firearm owners who applied for their licence before the deadline will not be penalized if they did not receive their licence by January 1, 2001.

This grace period will last until June 30, 2001. It only protects people who applied for a licence before January 1, 2001. Firearm owners and users who did not apply for a licence or who don't have a valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate (FAC) may be subject to penalties under the *Criminal Code*.

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Education

First Nations forest technician training program looks to expand

Nineteen First Nations students from across B.C. recently celebrated their acceptance into the Forest Technician Training Program at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology.

One of those students is Dorothy Edgar from Ditidaht, a first-year student sponsored by Forest Renewal BC in partnership with TimberWest funding and mentoring.

Dorothy has chosen to pursue a forestry career to "contribute to our natural resources."

She has experience with watershed restoration, working on a Forest Renewal-funded project.

"It's very challenging and takes a lot of time, but the accomplishment feels good," she said about the forest technician training.

The forest technician training program was launched as a pilot project in May 1997 by a Ministry of Forests, NVIT, Council of Forest Industries and Forest Renewal BC partnership. Forest Renewal BC provided \$430,000 to fund the pilot.

"From day 1, Forest Renewal BC has made a commitment to increasing aboriginal participation in the B.C. forest economy, and the technician training partnership is helping to make it happen," said Forest Renewal BC chair Roger Stanyer. "By gaining technical training and hands-on forestry work experience, these First Nations students will have significant career opportunities available in the forest sector."

Here's how it works. Forest companies seek a First Nations partner from bands around the province. Together they recruit appropriate students. In locations where interest is high,

potential students must compete for the college seat. The forest company assigns the student a mentor and provides work experience at the end of the first year.

"The lack of formal training and experience has been a real obstacle to getting First Nations involved in the commercial side of forestry activity," said COFI's Marlie Beets, vice president, aboriginal affairs. "This program addresses that gap with great success because each partner makes a valuable contribution."

The program, supporting 19 forestry students this term, funds only first-year students. The summer job with the forest company helps to cover expenses should the student wish to continue into the second year.

The original program goals — to create a community-based training program for aboriginal people preparing for a career in forestry, and to build new relationships between aboriginal people, forest companies and government — still hold true today.

The Nicola Valley Institute of Technology is an aboriginal-governed post-secondary institute formed as a private institution in 1983. NVIT was designated a provincial institute in 1995 under the British Columbia College and Institute Act.

NVIT is constructing a new campus scheduled to open in September 2001 and has a combined part- and full-time student body of 221 — 86 per cent of which is First Nations.

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings

Meeting	Date	Time	Place
Treaty Planning	Feb. 1 - 2	9 a.m.	Somass Hall

NOTE: Due to intensive negotiations, Treaty Planning meetings will be held on an "as-needed" basis, and may not be advertised in Ha-Shilth-Sa due to limited notice. Please keep in touch with your Treaty Negotiations Team for up-to-date information.

To All Nuuchahnulth Post Secondary Students:

This is a reminder for a few upcoming events and deadlines.

First of all, the Post Secondary Application deadline for submission is JANUARY 31st, 2001.

All students who are thinking of attending college or university in the 2001/2002 fiscal year need to submit an application.

Applications are available here at the NTC Office, through your First Nations Office, or by downloading from the NTC webpage at: <http://www.nuuchahnulth.org/educ>. or phone (250) 724-5757

Ditidaht Language Program celebrates

By David Wivchar
Southern Region Reporter

A Christmas dinner at Asabus Preschool was held to celebrate the Ditidaht Language Program.

The language program has developed a curriculum to implement in Ditidaht Schools, but is waiting to find appropriate funding to put the program into action.

According to Bernice Touchie, there are 12 Elders who speak the Ditidaht language, and another 12 people who understand the language, but cannot

speaking it fluently.

"With many Elders passing away, there is an urgency to implement the program, but even though the curriculum has been developed, it has yet to be implemented," said Bernice. "We are exploring a number of funding options, but what it comes down to is that we need the money now."

After Mike Thompson offered the opening prayer, Jimmy Chester sang a few dinner songs, before Ditidaht youngsters sang Jingle Bells and Here Comes Santa Claus in both English and Ditidaht.



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New Moon - A Gift for the Spirit Premieres

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

Hesquiaht artist Tim Paul and his brother, Dale Devost created a cultural and spiritual video documentary - *New Moon - A Gift for the Spirit*.

Tim and Dale used a real and true t'auqut way of bringing out the family teachings in chapter one of a book yet unwritten by the Nuuchahnulth-ah.

Naniqsu, n'uw'iccu'ut, na'aa, ?um'iccu'ut, na'iiqsu, naa'a, ?oniqsu nanaiqsu, ?oniqsu nanaiqsu, tay'ii or m'maaniqsu - they are the inspiration.

They are the teachers, guides and mentors. They do cross the dimensions and travel between the many worlds. He said, we can choose to take the time to pay attention and listen to our ancestral teachings.

The Nuuchahnulth-ah or Ma-nulth-ah ancestors are ever present amongst the People.

Tim said the underlying principle is the one of re-educating ourselves. We must relearn the family teachings passed down to us. He also said every family has different teachings and we need to bring this out to help ourselves become independent and self-sufficient.

The qu'ac'aqstum and tiicma are better guides to decisions rather than just from the t'uhe'iti.

The role of grandparents and elders is important to the Nuuchahnulth-ah. In his case, he had the good fortune of living with his grandparents, Joe and Esther Smith.

His mentor and teacher, his late Uncle Moe (the Old Buffalo) helped Tim to see many things and understand the importance of ancient knowledge passed on through family cultural teachings.

He said it is his turn to responsibly pass on the knowledge. It is his turn to carry the message forward to all people. Spirituality is a universal concept and we as Nuuchahnulth, must embrace it.

We need to see and understand how powerful we really are through the ancestral teachings. He said each Nuuchahnulth family has their own version and there is not just one correct way of understanding the teachings.

Tim said he was taught that flexibility is important to our survival. This flexibility has guaranteed the longevity of the descendants of the survivors of the historical floods.

The documentary is really a labor of love according to Tim and producer, Dale Devost. The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council, Interfor and in particular the Hesquiaht First Nation made the five year project become a reality. Heartfelt appreciation goes to the Hesquiaht First Nation for their support.

Tim explained the importance of how the family teachings extended to the management of the natural resources.

He said it is like Rosie Cootes said, "the muschum were privileged commoners who got to use and access the natural resources in the Hawiith's haboulthee. A big chief did not dictate or hog everything for himself and his family - He really knew how to give. This is one of really true and honest lessons we need to reeducate ourselves about. We need to learn how to give again. Really give. We need to learn how to do this with a genuine clean heart. We don't hold back. We give with everything we have deep inside ourselves. It is a family teaching. Be clean in your mind, heart and soul. Then we are able to give in the

truest sense of the meaning.

Tim spoke of the importance of have parent streams for the salmon. He said the question is not, where are the migratory salmon? He question is where are the parent streams?

Unfortunately, previous mismanagement in the forestry impacted the environment in a very bad way.

Unless we really see this for what it is - lining our pockets at the expense of our Mother, the earth is really our own greed dictating the destruction. We have to reeducate ourselves here, too.

He said the best thing he ever heard came from Old Queenah of Nuchatlitz. She told him come home or your mukumum will forget you. He said this is important. Everyone

needs to go home and touch base with home grounds at times. It gives inner strength to you. For some it is an extremely powerful reconnection and the ancestors know when we are present or absent from home grounds.

Tim said he has to go home from time to time. Because he is Nuuchahnulth-ah, he has a far reaching home base. Hesquiaht, Ehathsaht, Nuchatlitz and Chinixintah are home for Tim. He said it hurts a being when a relative says, you are not

from here and mukumum says you are. It is a fact.

The crux of the film is to look at the scope of nature and our relationship to nature. If you are going to oosumch to prepare yourself in nature, the other important aspect is to meditate.

Communicating with the Maker is just important as the ritual bathing. Tim said the family teaching is to combine the two to get the full benefit of your preparation work. It is wise to be flexible and open to may ideas and to be narrow in vision is limiting.

Tim said the documentary is really a first step in an important piece of work that the Nuuchahnulth will give to the world in these difficult times.

Producer, Dale Devost said he and Tim have received some International feedback on the film. The impacts are far reaching and both men said they are pleased with the initial reactions to *New Moon - A Gift for the Spirit*.

The Saskatchewan education field is looking to use the film as an educational, curricular development tool. Sweden and Los Angeles have expressed an interest in broadcasting the film in their respective countries. More International contacts are in the process of receiving the film and Dale is marketing the video here in Canada. Tim and Dale are optimistic about the documentary and hope local



Nuuchahnulth and Canadian people will take time to see their five year work project and labour of love.

If you want a copy of the video or want to know where you can purchase a copy of the video call Tim Paul or Dale Devost at: Outer Island Productions Inc. Tel: 250 335 0772 or Fax: 250 335 1281.

WE WAI KAI FIRST NATION

FINAL NOTICE OF NOMINEES & NOTICE OF POLLS

Notice is hereby given that at a nomination meeting duly held on December 20th 2000 at The We Wai Kai First Nation Administration building at #1 Weway Road, Quathiasi Cove, B.C., the following individuals were nominated:

And in accordance with the We Wai Kai Election Code all the following nominees have filed all required documents with the electoral officer and therefore qualify as final candidates.

Chief:	Councillor	Council of Elders
Carmel, Robin Dick, Ralph Sr.	Assu, Brian Donald Assu, Edward Thomas (Ed) Assu, Theodore, Nolan (Ted) Billy, Daniel Chickite, Maxwell Shane (Max) Chickite, Raymond Stanley Dick, Elmer Timothy (Tiny) Lewis, Darrell Edward (Ted) Lewis, Lawrence Garnet Maksymetz, Sharon Avelon Nelson, Alfred Stanley (Stan) Price, Godfrey Price, Vernon James Sr. Scow, Alvin (Bear) Wilson, Jason Avery Wilson, Keith (Sonny)	ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION Assu, Donald Wilfred Billy, Alberta Dick, William Fred Sr. Lewis, Chester Smith, Daisy May

Notice is hereby given to the Electors of We Wai Kai First Nation that a Poll will be held for the election of Chief and Councillors for We Wai Kai First Nation and that the Poll will open on the 24th day of January, 2001, from the hour of eight o'clock (8:00 a.m.) in the forenoon until eight o'clock (8:00 p.m.) in the evening at the We Wai Kai First Nation Administration Building located at #1 Weway Road, Quathiasi Cove, B.C. V0P 1N0 and The CMB Learning Centre (Quinsam Reserve) located at 644 Headstart Crescent, Campbell river, B.C. V9H 1P9 and The Kwakiutl Treaty Office located at 1441A Old Island Highway, Campbell River, B.C. V9W 2E3.

An Advance Poll will be held on the 18th day of January, 2001, from the hour of eight o'clock (8:00 a.m.) in the forenoon until eight o'clock (8:00 p.m.) in the evening at the We Wai Kai First Nation Administration Building, located at: #1 Weway Road, Quathiasi Cove, BC V0P 1N0

Given under my hand at Delta, B.C., this 2nd day of January 2001.

F.P. Schiffner -Electoral Officer
We Wai Kai First Nation
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Delta, B.C.
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Sports

Aboriginal NHL'ers shine in Montreal

By David Wivchar
Southern Region Reporter

It's a long, hard road to the National Hockey League. And according to Montreal Canadien Sheldon Souray, that road is even longer for players from remote Aboriginal communities. "I moved from Fishing Lake to Edmonton when I was 13 so I could play in the city league," said the 6'4", 235 lb. Metis defenceman. "It was really hard to do. As close-knit as Native people and communities are, a lot of kids get really homesick and call it quits. I guess I was lucky because my parents made me endure the separation so I could get to where I am today."

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According to Souray, there is a huge amount of hockey talent waiting to be discovered while playing on the frozen ponds and outdoor rinks of Native communities across Canada. Limited numbers of junior hockey scouts means the smaller leagues and rinks are ignored, and Aboriginal players have to relocate to join large city-league teams in order to have their talents properly recognized.

For Sheldon, his road to the NHL included stops in Quesnell, Prince George and Kelowna before being drafted by the New Jersey Devils in 1994, playing in 60 games for the Devils in the 1996-97 season, scoring three goals including first NHL goal, a game-winning marker, on December 16, 1997, against the Rangers. During the 1998-99 season, he scored once and added seven assists in 70 games. Sheldon, along with Josh DeWolf and a second-round pick in 2001, was traded to Montréal for Vladimir Malakhov, on March 1, 2000.

The path was similar for Montreal's small but feisty Metis centre Arron Asham, who left his home in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba for teams in Red Deer, Alberta and Fredericton New Brunswick before being drafted by Les Canadiens in 1996.

"You see a lot of good Aboriginal players playing in small communities or in their own leagues on the reservations," said Aaron. "But you don't get any exposure there, so you have play in the highly competitive city leagues." Asham, who now earns \$350,000, and

Souray, who makes \$750,000 per season, recognize that hockey is an expensive sport to play, and the costs can be prohibitive for many parents.

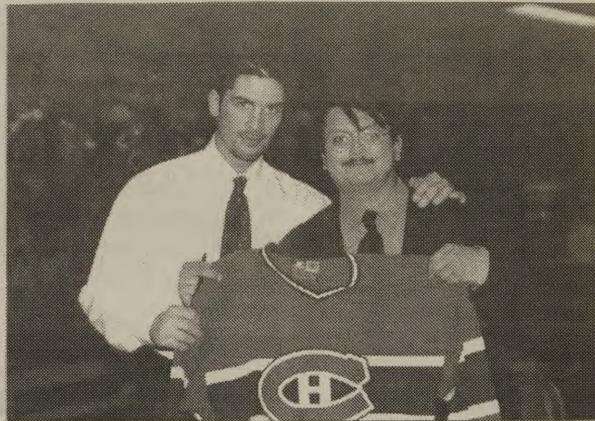
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"It's not that easy for the average family to have a hockey son any more," said Souray. "There has to be something done to help out the kids who really want to play, but are unable to because of costs," echoed Asham.

"What it comes down to is the fact that there are a number of Aboriginal players in the NHL proving to our kids that they can be here living their dream if it's what they want," said the latest addition to the Montreal Canadiens, and arguably one of the most well-known Aboriginal NHL'er, Gino Odjick. "There's more than 20 Aboriginal guys in the league now, and the exposure that comes with being a professional hockey player allows us to encourage the young players, showing them that it's possible," said Odjick.

Odjick, who hails from Maniwaki, Quebec, was drafted by the Vancouver Canucks in 1990, where he still draws loyal fans even after being traded to the New York Islanders, to the Philadelphia Flyers, to the Montreal Canadiens. "Guys like Gino, Chris Simon, Ted Nolan, and the many other First Nations players prove to our kids that they can fulfil their dreams, and it gives them something to work towards," said Hab's fan and hockey dad Brian Tate. "And the fact that so many Aboriginal players are active participants in Aboriginal Youth Role Model Programs, and spend the off-season teaching hockey to Aboriginal youth is further proof that they are great guys who know where they're from."

Souray, Asham and Odjick continue to encourage young First



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Nations hockey players by participating in Aboriginal Role Model Hockey Schools in the summer, with Sheldon also teaching at his own hockey school in St. Paul, Alberta.

According to a website dedicated to Native Hockey Players (<http://www.du.edu/~svalerio/native.html>), there are currently 21 Aboriginal NHL'ers, 16 past Aboriginal NHL legends, and 70 First Nations players in the Minor, Junior, College, and Oversea's leagues working towards their chance to become NHL Legends and Aboriginal Role Models at the same time.

Current Aboriginal NHL Players

Arron Asham (Metis) - Montreal Canadiens
Blair Atcheynum (Cree) - Chicago Blackhawks
Craig Berube (Cree) - New York Islanders
Dan Cloutier - Tampa Bay Lightning
Theo Fleury (Metis) - New York Rangers
Stu Grimson (Sepwepmec) - Los Angeles Kings
Denny Lambert (Ojibwa) - Nashville Predators
Norm Maracle (Metis) - Atlanta Thrashers
Sandy McCarthy (Miqmaq) - New York Rangers
Jamie McLennan - Minnesota Wild
Brant Myhers - Nashville Predators
Gino Odjick (Algonkin) - Montreal Canadiens
Eddie Olczyk (Ojibwa) - Pittsburgh Penguins
Rich Pilon (Metis) - New York Rangers
Rudy Poeschek - St. Louis Blues
Wade Redden - Ottawa Senators
Jamie Rivers - Ottawa Senators
Chris Simon (Ojibwa) - Washington Capitals
Sheldon Souray (Metis) - Montreal Canadiens
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Moving Forward - Step by Step

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

A Mowachaht/Muchalaht delegation arrived at Plumber Harbour mid morning for a traditional ceremony. Hereditary Chiefs Ben Jack, Jerry Jack, Max Savey, M/M Elder, Vi Johnson, youth representatives Dana Jack, Reg Savey and Forester, Dean Wanless, RPF of Kelama Forestry Inc. comprised the M/M representatives.

The intent of today's ceremony is to celebrate the first cutblock of the M/M FN in their own territory. A chant, song and prayer by the M/M People saw the swirls of fog at the mountain base seem to respond to the humble prayers offered to the Creator. Mother nature seemed to listen to the prayers as her fog and gentle, cool breeze caressed the Maqwin Mountain.

A boat and a helicopter ride brought everyone to the base of the hill to be harvested by the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation. To hear the voices of the First Nation's people rise from the valley to the mountain tops is difficult to capture in words.

However, the importance of traditions and ways of the ancestors was honoured by the group. M/M FN contracts Dean Wanless, RPF on their forestry issues and interests.

Wanless said this is one step of many, the M/M FN plans to incorporate in their vision for the future.

Dean Wanless said the M/M FN has a company called the Nootka Forest First Nation's Products Ltd. (NFFNP Ltd). It is this entity that will oversee the progress of the forestry harvesting and processes.

Dean said the history behind the venture began with the initial works of M/M Member, Larry Andrews. Andrews was the key and lead proponent at the time the tri-communities of Gold River, Tahsis and Zeballos received their Community Forest License (CFL).

The three communities then formed the Nootka Sound Economic Development Corporation and had accessed 40,000 cubic metres of fiber for harvest.

At the time, the M/M FN secured an annual allowable cut (AAC) of 20,000 cubic metres. It is this meagre supply the M/M FN plans to implement a new style

of forestry in the Nootka Sound Area.

The first block harvest from Maqwin Mountain under the M/M license will be 13,000 cubic metres. The shift from industrial to the M/M vision of forestry practices rests on the 4000 plus years they have benefited from the forest.

The First Nation sees the forest resource as sustenance to and for them. Dean clarified this by saying, the M/M see the forest and its resources as communal, educational, financial, health, societal and spiritually beneficial to their People.

M/M plans on selective heli-logging harvest, variable retention and be respectful of the natural resources on the land.

Dean said the M/M FN Forest License plans to implement new ways of harvesting compared to the old style of forestry practices. Sustainability of forests is possible and M/M want to distinguish themselves in successful ways in their own right.

They plan on staying focused to provide employment and revenues for the M/M People. Cultural and spiritual benefits are an integral part of the harvest equation. There will be trees provided for canoe building.

This will give the youth an opportunity to learn the art of building canoes and cultural traditions that goes with it.

The revenues from the venture will also be used for employment and forestry training. The M/M forestry vision includes establishing a scholarship fund for the M/M Youth.

In the interim, capacity building in the forest sector will enable the M/M FN to be better prepared for a post-treaty environment. In looking forward, the youth are a high priority.

Step by step the M/M FN leadership is planning to have a sustainable forest for harvest and as the successes mount, applications for more fibre will naturally follow.



Elder Vi Johnson is helped into the helicopter by pilot Diana

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Nuu-chah-nulth-aht and the Nootka Resource Board

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

Mowachaht/ Muchalaht First Nation representative Wayne Lord announced he is the representative of his People at the Nootka Resource Board.

He introduced his alternate, M/M Treaty Assistant, Tracy Amos. A formal letter from the M/M administrative body is forthcoming regarding Wayne and Tracy's role. Ehattesaht and Nuchatlaht NRB members were not present.

Margarita James, M/M Cultural and Heritage Worker requested a letter of support from the NRB. The M/M are putting forward a project proposal to CEIC for \$250,000.

The planned joint proposal with Parks Canada will benefit the First Nation and local tourism opportunities.

Yuquot also known as Friendly Cove, is a summer destination for many vacationers locally and internationally. The M/M Council of Chiefs are the lead proponents of the joint proposal. The plan includes wheelchair accessibility from the dock to the Church. It also includes compostable toilets.

These two major improvements and investments will benefit locals and tourists alike. After a quick discussion, the NRB agreed in principle to the idea and will forward their letter of community support to the M/M FN Council of Chiefs.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council NR Biologist, Roger Dunlop made an aquaculture / mariculture presentation to the Board. He indicated the Mowachaht/ Muchalaht and the Ka'yu: k't'h/Che:k'tles7et'h First Nations have an interim measures with the governments on aquacultural issues.

Ka'yu: k't'h/Che:k'tles7et'h First Nation have signed agreements for a total of 80 hectares of deepwater and non-Reserve Front sites and in which all beaches fronting reserves be designated for First Nation shellfish tenures.

Likewise, the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation has 80 hectares fronting Indian Reserves and beaches fronting reserves set aside from non-First Nations aquaculture developments.

Ehattesaht has also sent their MOU to the Province for signature which includes about 63 ha of which 2ha is intertidal, as well as protection of beaches fronting all Ehattesaht reserves.

Nuchatlaht will review their agreement, prior to signing it, in light of this weeks Treaty Offer Exchange.

These MOU's will receive scrutiny by the municipalities now before the Province counter signs them, due to a provincial agreement with the UBCM. NR Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations participated in the Nootka Kyuquot Shellfish Aquaculture Steering Committee (NKSASC), except Ehattesaht that has until now observed only.

With their participation in the IMA process they will participate in the NKSASC process. The community-based committee has developed terms of reference and social suitability mapping and community criteria for shellfish tenure applicants in the area.

They have also tentatively set a Rate of Development. Social suitability

mapping and the rate of development must be revisited with Ehattesaht and Nuchatlaht and then be reviewed with the full NKSASC for finalization.

Suitability maps have been developed and BC Fisheries rep, Barron Carswell, played a key role in gathering and mapping the information from the public and First Nations in the Kyuquot and Nootka Sound Areas.

The information will be available for public review at the Nootka Coastal Resource Use Plan (NCRUP) road show in January.

The NCRUP Open House for First Nations and the Public are scheduled for mid-January.

The Ehattesaht First Nation is in the process of applying for a 62.8 ha aquaculture tenure in their Ha'wiih's Hahoulthee. They have to comply with the normal governmental referral process.

According to EFN Council Lyle Billy, EFN felt pressured into signing an MOU with the Province in order for their shellfish tenure application to be considered. BCALC and MELP designated lands under section 17 (1) of the Land Act as Crown land to be used for the purpose of establishing shellfish aquaculture tenures.

According to Billy, this temporary lift on the aquaculture moratorium is seen by the EFN as an opportunity for the two parties to work together in a positive manner towards developing jobs and economic returns in the future.

EFN was on record in opposition to all aquaculture developments in their Ha'wiih's Hahoulthee, pending a tripartite treaty land settlement. The November MOU between BC and EFN gives the EFN an opportunity to save their half a million dollar aquaculture project.

The NRB heard the NR Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations aquacultural development intentions and a brief discussion ensued. The main question from the gallery seemed to be the compatibility between aquaculture and tourism opportunities.

Roger assured the NRB the NKSASC terms of reference and FN aquaculture plans are compatible with the Nootka Coastal Resource Use Plan (NCRUP). Roger told the Board the clam fishers do not want to be "Mifflined" and the Clam Management Board has accessed funds for a planned process for the clam fishers to be given an opportunity to recommend a process to assist those that may be displaced by beach culture expansion or wish to transit to aquaculture with reduced tenure fee's or another some other option they suggest.

The amount of various boards to deal with resource issues is taxing. However, given the local interests in the decision making process, people find the time to participate in volunteer boards.

Tom Pater, CSRD Area G rep gave an informational report on the recent tripartite treaty offer exchange. He said the Nuu-chah-nulth, B.C. and Canada are miles apart on the proposals. He provided the three parties' offers, maps and treaty related documents for the Board to view.

The next Nootka Resource Board meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2001 at the Zeballos Community Hall.

NCN Residential School Support Information Session

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Victoria - Nuu-chah-nulth people living in Victoria were invited to a residential school information session for those seeking trial support on the evening of December 13.

The purpose of the session was to provide NCN people with information about support services for those Indian residential school survivors that are going through the litigation process.

The information session is part of a regularly scheduled gathering of NCN people hosted by Jacquie Adams.

Adams hosts gatherings for all NCN living in Victoria every week. One week is family night with potluck dinners and family-oriented activities. Alternate weeks are geared toward adults, as was this night.

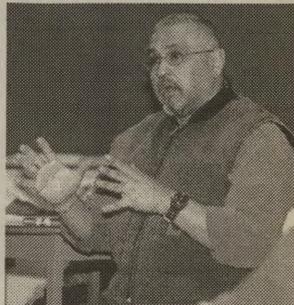
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Guest speaker, Shane Pointe, is a Trial Support Coordinator hired by the province of British Columbia. He and his colleague, Hilda Green provide support services to those First Nations people that have chosen to file lawsuits against Canada and/or the churches for abuses suffered in Indian Residential Schools.

"We work for the Provincial Residential School Project as Trial Support Coordinators. Combined, we work with 60 individuals. Our task is to work specifically with our people who are in the process of taking the Canadian Government and the Churches to court for the damages they suffered during their attendance at Indian Residential Schools."

"We provide direct support and services to the Plaintiffs and their immediate family members, during the Residential School Court Cases. We provide direct support to the Plaintiffs during Disclosures, Examination for Discoveries, trial days, Settlement Conferences and follow-up. We will also coordinate for the Plaintiffs the use of traditional healers and put them in contact with the appropriate professional Mental Health Services.



Shane Pointe, Trial Support Coordinator

Their services range from recommending lawyers that are knowledgeable in Indian Residential School issues to providing emotional support to plaintiffs in their times of need.

Pointe said that 5,000 First Nations people across Canada have come forward to file lawsuits for the abuses that they suffered in residential schools. Seven hundred of those are from British Columbia. It is estimated, he said, that there will be 7,000 to 10,000 lawsuits filed by the end of the year 2001.

A group of plaintiffs are currently awaiting judgement in their lawsuits against Alberni Indian Residential School and St. George's Indian Residential School (Lytton). The anticipated judgement and settlement awards in these cases will be precedent setting because these cases are the first to be settled in court.

Other cases have gone to court but were settled out of court. Settlements to these plaintiffs are to remain confidential.

Pointe said that while First Nations students suffered a wide variety of abuses in the residential schools, the focus of current court cases is sexual abuse.

The reason, he says, is that there are no statute of limitations on sexual assault. "Physical abuse in the form of beating has a one or two year time limit from the time of the beating," he explained.

Adams and Pointe went on to describe the various forms of dysfunctional behaviors in NCN communities today that can be attributed to behaviors learned in the schools.

"We now know the source of our ills; instead of just dwelling on it, we need to begin the healing process," Pointe advised.

"Residential schools were around for more than 100 years. It took that long to make us who we are today. It's going to take awhile to reverse the damage."

Charlie Thompson and family fill cultural appetites

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Charlie Thompson and his family hosted a dinner at Tsow-tun-le-lum on December 21st to give gifts of precious music to family and friends.

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In 1973, Charlie made a tape of his grandmother singing. 27 years later, that tape has been restored, and put into a clearer digital format for all to hear and enjoy.

"Years later, I realized how important this was, and I only wish I had recorded more," said Charlie.

The CD, entitled *Thompson / Chester Family Songs and History*, featuring the songs and words of Ti-ty-bo and Tuuk-biik as recorded by Bukwilla (Charlie Thompson), has a Tsa-qwa-supp (Art Thompson) design on the actual disk, and various designs and pictures on the printed jacket, as well as the following story:

"On a nice summer day in 1973, I grabbed a reel-to-reel recorder and headed to my grandmother Ti-ty-bo's house to record some songs that belong to our family.

I had made arrangements with my grandmother and my uncle Tuuk-biik to do this recording.

At the time I did not comprehend the significance of the recording or its importance. Today, of course, I know how valuable this history is, not only for the songs recorded, but also for the wisdom and knowledge of my late grandmother.

Looking back, I always regret not recording more of this remarkable woman, preserving more of all she knew of our family history, songs,



rituals and ceremonies. Her voice is physically strong and laden with awesome power still, as some of you may remember. I have had possession of this one reel-to-reel tape since the day I did the

recording and have jealously guarded, not allowing it out of my sight. I have done this work in memory of my grandmother, whose blood and spirit is within everyone of us."

Report shows discrimination in job market

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

A new study released by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation shows the hidden discrimination and "polite racism" prevents First Nation's people from gaining equal access to jobs.

The study, *Unequal Access: A Canadian Profile of Racial Differences in Education, Employment and Income*, written by Jean Lock Kunz, Anne Milan, and Sylvia Schetagne from the Canadian Council on Social Development is based on recent statistics and focus group discussions with visible minorities and Aboriginal peoples across Canada. "Clearly the talents of Aboriginal peoples and visible minorities are being under-utilized or wasted as a result of systemic discrimination," said Dr. Kunz. "This is not good for the productivity of the Canadian economy and the cohesion of our society."

On the west coast of Vancouver Island, First Nations account for more than 3.5% of the total population (higher than the B.C. average of 2.5%), yet few

Nuu-chah-nulth people are employed in Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet, and Gold River except in the offices of First Nations governments or First Nation's businesses. "Out of all the people here who live in Tsaxana, I'm one of only 5 Native people who has ever worked in the town of Gold River," said Colleen Jack. "Even though we're a very important part of Gold River as a whole, there's something happening in the non-Native business community that prevents us from getting jobs outside those we create for ourselves."

The study reveals that despite higher levels of education attained by visible minorities compared to that of white Canadians, visible minorities still suffer from lower levels of employment and income. The study also found that Aboriginal peoples, visible minorities and immigrants to Canada have more difficulty than others in finding employment in all regions of Canada.

OPEN FORUM ON GENETICS RESEARCH WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

'Bad Blood' and other Issues

In the 1980's a large research project aimed at helping the Nuu-chah-nulth people with their high rate of crippling arthritis. It came to light recently that a different type of research, unrelated to arthritis (or even to health), had been carried out on the blood.

How did this happen? How can aboriginal people become involved in the research process to prevent this from happening again? In conjunction with the BC Women's Health Centre Aboriginal Health Program, the First Nation's House of Learning, and UBC Department of Medical Genetics, an open forum to discuss this and other research issues will be presented:

**Sunday, January 28th at 1030
At STY-WET-TAN Hall, the Long House at UBC**

Panel Participants:

Larry Baird: Ucluelet Band Chief Councillor
Dr. Harvey Henderson: Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Physician
Dr. Francine Romero: Northwest Portland Indian Health Board
Moderator: Dr. Michael McDonald (UBC Centre for Applied Ethics)

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Santa Visits the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Children in Tsaxana

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

The Mowachaht/ Muchalaht Community hosted a Christmas dinner at the Wameesh Gymnasium in Tsaxana. The room was almost filled to capacity. Children's excited voices and parents occasional pleas for their kids to behave could be heard. The veiled and hushed promise of Santa's arrival kept all the children waiting anxiously. The belief and wonder of the Christmas spirit is alive and well in Tsaxana. If the eyes reflect the soul, the children have spirited souls indeed.

The M/M Community and Staff members worked tirelessly to raise the necessary funds for the annual Christmas meal. In order to feed the 200 plus guests, the M/M got involved in the following fund raising activities:

- bake sales
- basketball tournaments
- bingos
- business donations
- 2 candy cane counts
- cash donations
- concession
- guys and girls coin collection and "guesstimation" of total amount (girls won easily)
- 50/50 draws
- pull tab sales
- 3 raffles
- Santa pictures and a
- silent auction, which could be heard at the NR Office.

The M/M got into one canoe on this important gathering for the children,

youth and families. After Christmas dinner, the man in red showed up. Bells ringing and a ho, ho ho filled the Wameesh gymnasium. The magic began.

Excited children were drawn to Santa Claus and eager hands reached out to him in welcome. As quickly as the noise came, a hushed silence enveloped the hall.

Santa's helpers (M/M Youth) called out each child's name and received a gift, a bag of goodies and a mandarin orange. A couple of tiny tots were not so sure of Santa and let their unhappiness be known loud and clear. The older kids sat on Santa's knee and one requested a 5 foot six inch, blue eyed, blond female. Santa put this on his list and he told the young man, he would see what could be done about this Christmas wish.

Young and old alike enjoyed the dinner and social gathering. The local RCMP members and their families came for the dinner.

Wide-eyed and full of energy, the children played with their new toys from Santa.

A few grammas and grandpas had to test drive the mechanical operation of some toys and they passed the test. Laughter, joy, filled tummies and good fellowship made the Christmas dinner a huge success for all.

M/M youth, Michelle James captured it all in saying: "I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year".



Work continues on the Tseshaht Longhouse as supervisor Howard Little oversees the finishing on the interior walls and ceiling. After Les Sam Construction completed construction of the superstructure, the Tseshaht crew of six construction workers (paid through the Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Board) are finishing the project, which is scheduled to open in the Spring.

Men's and Woman's Ballhockey

Everyone Welcome (open to non-native)

When: February 2 - 4, 2001

Maht Mahs Gym - Port Alberni

Cisaa?ath Youth

New Zealand Exchange fundraising Tournament

Entrance Fee \$250.00

10 men's teams - Guaranteed \$1000.00 1st Place

4 women's teams - Guaranteed \$500.00 1st Place

Interested team contact:

Gerry Fred: work: 250-724-1225 leave a message

Lena Ross: home: 250-723-8508, work: 250-724-5542

leave a message, Christine Fred: 250-724-2116

Concession 50/50 draws Raffle Tickets

Support Gathering For Mowachaht / Muchalaht Staff And Families

Where: Tsaxana - Council Of Chiefs Room

When: Fridays

Time: 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

Topic: **Job/Employment Disruptions And How To Positively Support Each Other**

Facilitator: Andrew Kerr Or Designate

Children are a blessing which we should be very thankful for. Give them the guidance that they need from their mom and dad. Take time to share yourself with them to show how much you care. Maybe they need help with their homework. Or maybe they need to talk to someone. Teach them about respect and how to help others. Look into their eyes and see the happiness within because you have time for them.

Nellie Joseph

✓ Do you have what it takes to provide a safe and nurturing environment to a child in care?



✓ Are you willing to work as part of a team to provide stability and safety to a child in care?

✓ Do you have skills that you would like to share or knowledge that you wish to pass on to other people?

✓ Do you want to make a difference in a child's life or family's life?

If this sounds like something you are interested in call DONNA LUCAS at the Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services Usma Program. We are looking for Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations' Family Care Homes and Resource parents to work in partnership with to provide quality care to quality children.

We request that all applicants complete a criminal record check, provide a medical update and provide three references at the time of application. Contact the Resource Social Worker: DONNA LUCAS at (250) 724-3232 for more information.

Health

NINAYAKS-HA

By Penny Cowan - For Ha-Shilth-Sa

The third Ninayaks-ha was held at the Port Alberni Friendship Center on Monday, Dec. 11. Nine babies and young children were welcomed into the Nuu-chah-nulth community. Joe Tom began with offering up a prayer to the Creator from the babies themselves in this celebration of new life into the community. Each mother mentioned her child's name, then each mother and father in turn, mentioned their own names.

Ina Seitcher welcomed the babies and their families and talked about how this was done traditionally in years gone by, emphasizing the esteem held by the whole community for these young ones. Each baby received a cedar headband made by Julia Lucas. The babies and their families who participated were: Lakisha and Larcina Lucas; Jenna and

Eunice Joe; Jade and Marcia Touchie; Kobe and Celena Cook; Christy and Marcia Thompson and Darryl Dol; Yvonne and Marcena Billy; Jimmy Hassel and Angel and Stoney Hassel; Karemarena and Lyse Frank; Hannah Marie and Rodd Logan.

Linda Watts and Jackie and Gina Watts sang and drummed traditional Nuu-chah-nulth Lullaby's for boys and girls and also a Christmas song. Linda talked about the special relationship between grandparents and their grandchildren.

Stephen Lucas sang and drummed for the babies too. He talked about how special his grandchild is to him. Ina Seitcher, Delavina Lawrence and Penny Cowan are available to assist these babies and their families in the community. Call the Friendship Center at 723-8281.

Infant Hepatitis B Vaccine

As of March 1, 2001 hepatitis B vaccine will be offered to all infants born on or after January 1, 2001. Most regions have started to inform postpartum clients on newborn visits of this program, but in case some of you have not.... Information provided at the newborn visit may make a smoother transition for parents who arrive to

clinic for the child's 2 months shot and already are aware of the child needing two shots versus being surprised and needing some time to think about it.

For more information contact Wilma Doxtador @724-3232 or your local Community Health Representative

B.C. RELEASES CANADA'S FIRST ABORIGINAL TOBACCO STRATEGY

VANCOUVER - Canada's first strategy to help aboriginal people in B.C. continue to develop community-based solutions to tobacco addiction was released today by Children and Families Minister Edward John on behalf of Health Minister Corky Evans.

"The aboriginal tobacco strategy is a community-based, holistic tobacco reduction strategy arising from the experience and wisdom of aboriginal people themselves," said John. "It will help create a social climate that discourages tobacco misuse while respecting traditional ceremonial uses of tobacco."

The strategy, outlined in a paper called Honouring Our Health, is aimed at breaking down the acceptance of tobacco use within aboriginal communities. It blends aboriginal traditions with best practices for preventing people from starting to use tobacco, and for helping others to quit. It will mobilize aboriginal leadership and volunteers, integrate tobacco reduction activities with sporting and cultural events and help aboriginal communities deliver culturally relevant tobacco reduction programs.

"The number of aboriginal teenagers and adults who smoke is more than double the provincial average," said John. "Recent studies show that aboriginal children start smoking at nine years of age - much younger than non-aboriginal youth."

"Clearly, tobacco addiction among aboriginal people is a health problem of epidemic proportion that must be addressed now."

The Ministry of Health

established the aboriginal tobacco working group in 1999 to make sure aboriginal people lead the development of culturally appropriate ways to reduce tobacco use within their communities. Last year, at the working group's recommendation, 28 aboriginal organizations throughout B.C. received funding for pilot demonstration projects. These projects helped form the basis for the aboriginal tobacco strategy. This fiscal year \$328,000 has been allocated to support aboriginal tobacco reduction efforts; an increase of 9.3 per cent over last year.

This year, the working group has co-ordinated the Honour Your Health Challenge. The challenge is designed to create enthusiasm and lay the groundwork in aboriginal communities for tobacco reduction activities. It will provide motivational training to community volunteers who will challenge community members to quit using commercial tobacco. Successful quitters will be eligible for prizes solicited from sponsors.

"Aboriginal people know the best ways to motivate community members to reduce tobacco use, or better yet, to quit altogether," said John. "By supporting their choices and strengthening their community resources, we can help aboriginal people change attitudes about smoking that will reduce tobacco use and improve health."



The Flu Vaccine

Be Informed! Be Aware! Be safe!

The flu vaccine is prepared from the fluids of chick embryos inoculated with a specific type of influenza virus. The strains of flu virus in the vaccine are inactivated with formaldehyde and preserved with thimerosal, which is a mercury derivative.

The most common reactions to the flu shot, which begin within 12 hours of vaccination and can last several days are: fever, fatigue, painful joints and headache. The most serious reaction that has been associated with the flu vaccine is the Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS), which occurs most often within two to four weeks of vaccination. GBS is an immune-mediated nerve disorder characterized by muscle weakness, unsteady gait, numbness, tingling, pain and sometimes paralysis of one or more limbs or the face. Recovery lasts several months and can include residual disability. Less than five percent of GBS cases end in death.

What are contraindications to the flu vaccine?

Among high risk factors listed by the Centre for Disease Control (CDC) and the vaccine manufacturers are anyone who is sick with a fever; has an impaired immune system; an egg allergy; a mercury allergy or has a history of Guillain-Barre syndrome.

In years past, pregnancy was also a contraindication to flu vaccine but today, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the CDC recommends flu vaccines for women who are more than 14 weeks pregnant. Yet the package inserts published by the flu vaccine manufac-

turers state that:

"Animal reproduction studies have not been conducted with influenza virus vaccine. It is also not known whether influenza virus vaccine can cause fetal harm when administered to a pregnant woman." The inserts continue:

"Although animal reproductive studies have not been conducted, the prescribing health care provider should be aware of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. The ACIP states that if used during pregnancy, administration of influenza virus vaccine after 14 weeks of gestation may be preferable to avoid coincidental association of the vaccine with early pregnancy loss."

Removes Natural Antibodies

The flu vaccine has never been recommended for healthy children. However, in the past few years there have been indications that health officials are soon going to recommend flu vaccines for all children. A nasal flu vaccine is scheduled to be on the market in late 2000 and publicity promoting this vaccine has centred on its potential use in children.

Every year, federal health agency officials try to guess which three flu strains are most likely to be prevalent the following year to determine which strains will be included in next year's flu vaccine. If they guess right, the vaccine is thought to be 70 to 80 percent effective in temporarily preventing the flu of the season in healthy persons less than 65 years old.

If you have any questions on flu-vaccines, contact your health care professional.

LUPUS is a chronic Inflammatory connective tissue disorder

of unknown cause that can involve joints, kidneys, serous surfaces and vessel walls and occurs mainly in young women and children.

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

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Birthdays & Congratulations!



Happy Birthday to my daughter Rosa Ross
You are my sunshine
You make me happy
You make everyone smile
Love you.

From your Mom, the Ross family, Annie, Dave, David, Nathan, Jen Watts, Gloria, and the Livingstone Family.

Happy 22nd Birthday to Nathan Watts. Love you Nathan. From Sherry, Rosa, Grampa Allan, Gloria and Dustin. Have a good one.

Happy Birthday to my brother, Joseph John on Dec. 27. From your sister Brenda, Sam Jr. and all your nieces, nephews and granddaughter.

Happy Anniversary to my aunt Mamie and Uncle Pat on Dec. 27th. We love you. From your niece Ida, Sam & all your grand kids.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Mike Maquinna on Dec 27th. From your coz, Brenda.

Happy Birthday to Uncle Jerry on Dec. 25 from Brenda and Family.

Belated Birthday Wishes to my favourite nephew, Sean on Nov 17th. Lots of love and more love, Aunt Louise Amos. I would like to wish my husband of 11 and a half years a "Happy Birthday", it was on Jan. 1. I hope you had a great day. We love you dearly. Hope you have a "Happy New Year Too!" You are a great husband and father to our kids. Love Justine, Joshua, John Jr., Jackson, Jason and our daughter Emma June :-)

I would like to put a birthday for Richard Tom Jr. on Jan. 8th; Richard will be 28 years old. Love from Christy. Keep up the good work!

Happy 28th Birthday to my son, Jason Amos on Jan. 20th. Son, you are important to me. I love you. Remember life is what we make it. I hope you have a good

year and I want you to know, I am here for you at all times. Take care my little bear. You are loved -xoxoxo Momma Bear Louise Amos.

Happy Birthday to my son Oral Williams on Jan. 17th. From your Dad Lyle, Auntie Laverne, Grandma Effie, cousin Lillian.

Happy Birthday to my nephew George Williams on Jan. 19th. From the Williams & Ross families.

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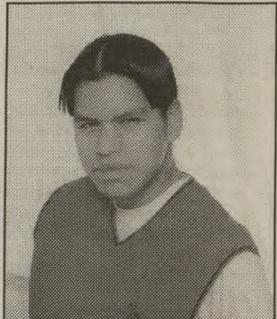
Happy Birthday to John H. Watts on Jan. 11th, Kawliga Watts on Jan. 4th, Holly Thomas on Jan. 9th and Valentine Gomez on Jan. 12th. From Dave, Annie, Dave Jr., Nathan & Jen Watts.

Belated Merry X-mas & Happy New Year Granny Margaret & Granny Louise. Love Pearl, Louise, Lisa, Michael, Lawrence, Marvin.

Happy Birthday Jan. 1 - Roy W., Jan. 2 - Della & Delwyn 17 yrs., Jan. 4 - Norma Taylor, Jan. 6 - Judy Elliott, Jan. 5 - Dick Morris, Jan. 6 - Michael "16", Jan. 12 - Donna Angela "25", (keep smiling girl). From Marvin, Lisa, Violet, Pearl, Marvin Tutube Sr.

Happy Birthday Michael "16". Love 3 uncles, 2 aunts and all cousins, Tyson & Amos.

We would like to wish our nephew Stanley Harry Jr. a happy birthday on



Happy Birthday Son Dusty Ross on Jan. 26th. Have a good one. Love you. From Dad Lanny Ross. Love you Dustbuster. From Sherry, Rosa, Grampa Allan, Gloria and the Ross & Livingstone families. Have a good one.

My Love For You
Written by the Late Lanny Clarke Jr.
Sometimes it flashes bright as the sun
Before my eyes, piercing me with
A pang of jealousy, a stab of worry...

My love for you.
Then something it nestles in a corner
Of my heart sleeping like
A peaceful child, content and secure...

My love for you.
It looks boldly into my eyes
At other times, boring itself and
Showing aching of need and want...

My love for you.
As peaceful as a baby, as soft and
Bright as the sun, as shy and warm
As you place in my arms,
Always faithful, always true...

My love for you.
Know that he is watching over you.
Love Dad.

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Congratulations to Aaron Hamilton and Melanie Livingstone on their recent engagement on Dec. 16th. A match made in heaven... Love from the Ross and Livingstone families & Auntie Annie, Dave & family! And Happy Birthday Aaron on Jan. 26 from your Honey-Bunny Mel!

Dec. 11, many more to come Jr. Happy Birthday to our brother Stanley Harry Sr. on Dec. 14, you have a fine day now bro. Merry X-mas & Happy New Year to your family from mine. Happy Birthday to my dearest sister Annie John on Dec. 23. Be thinking of you sis. Happy Birthday & Merry X-mas to my God Mother Carol Smith (Mom) way up in my home town on Dec. 25. Happy Birthday to our sister Cathy Dennis on Dec. 29. We'll be thinking of you all. Merry X-mas and Happy New Year to everyone in Ahousat. From Mr. & Mrs. George P. Frank & Everly Harry.

Happy 58th Birthday to Marg Anchetta on Jan. 9th. Love from Juanita Sylvester & Oral Williams.

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Happy Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. (Chief of Bear Island) Francis John on Jan. 10th and Happy Birthday to Amber Caylee on Jan. 12th. From Jane & Shauntay.

Happy Birthday to my brother Scottie Alonzo Sam on Jan. 17th. Enjoy your day from Baby Shauntay.

Happy Birthday to Martin on Jan. 24th. Love Mom & Wats. Also Happy Birthday Martin. From Jerilyn, Warren, Kyle & Ash.

Jan. 28 Happy Birthday Warren on Jan. 28th. Love Jer, Ash & Kyle.

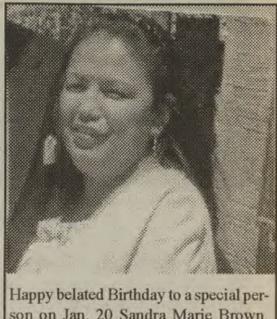
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Last but not least Happy 6-0 to my Daddy John Hilary Tom Sr. Happy day

To Martin Watts for Jan. 24. Happy Birthday Mutt have a good day! Love from Crystal & family



Happy belated Birthday to a special person on Jan. 20 Sandra Marie Brown. Have a great day sis. Love Joanne & Allan and your honey Richard.

ing you now, how proud I am to have a son like you!

Happy 22nd Birthday to Ryan Frank on Jan. 29th - Love Mom & Thomas Rush, also a belated one to our Granddaughter Karemarena on Jan. 4th - Love Grandma Karen & Grandpa Thomas. To Dennis Martin on Jan. 24th, George Atleo - Jan. 29th, our nephew Stanley Bear, his 19th on Jan. 27th. Love from Karen Frank & Thomas Rush.

A belated Birthday greeting goes out to my daughter Karemarena Frank, happy 2nd Birthday "cakes" love you lots! Love Mom (Lyse) and big brother Jeffrey.

Happy Birthday to my fellow "amigo" uncle Dennis Martin on Jan. 24th. Love from the 3 amigos. Lyse, Jeff & Karemarena.

To Stan Bob Happy 19th Birthday on Jan. 27. And congrats on getting your first place. Love Lyse, Jeff & Karemarena.

To my brother and uncle "squeaky clean cheeks" Ryan Frank, happy 22nd birthday on Jan. 29. Love you lots! Love Lyse, Jeffrey and Karemarena Frank.

To our Dad George Atleo. Hope you have a good one on Jan. 29th. Love your other kids Lyse, Jeffrey and Cakes Frank.

Happy 24th Birthday to Marshall Richard Thomas on Jan. 8. From your little sister Janey & niece Shauntay.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. (Chief of Bear Island) Francis John on Jan. 10th and Happy Birthday to Amber Caylee on Jan. 12th. From Jane & Shauntay.

Happy Birthday to my brother Scottie Alonzo Sam on Jan. 17th. Enjoy your day from Baby Shauntay.

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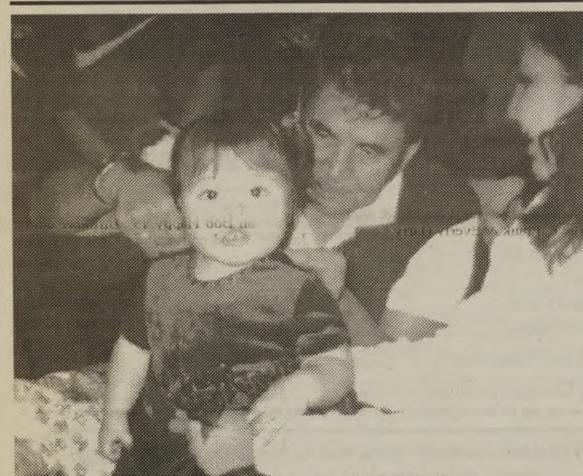
poet's nook

When it Snows Glitter

When it snows glitter in your room,
If you see it by yourself is it real?
If it snows outside and you don't see the shine,
And you don't feel the specialness is it real?
Someday it will snow glitter just for you,
Make it real and feel the awesome power.
When it snows just snow just feel the beauty,
Snow glistens, it shines, tis pretty any hour!
Perhaps it may snow real glitter,
For some, but when it snows snow, how it shines.
I appreciate the beauty I appreciate the serenity,
For the feeling it gives me, for the warmth in my heart.
I know for myself, it snows glitter every time it snows.
In my own mind, in my own reality, in my own world.
I make it real. I see the shine I see the glitter how pretty,
The glitter is so real, when it snows I'm so glad it snows.
Yeah man, I make the glitter real I make it so real,
Snow is snow, it has it's own glitter, that's why it glistens.
The sun shines ever so brightly there is nothing brighter,
When the sun hits the snow, the glitter shows so easily!

Corby George, Dec. 5th, 2000

Dedicated to all of the beautiful mothers who have gone home,
And to all of the beautiful mothers who are still with us!
Young mothers, be good to your little ones!
Merry Christmas from Corby & Linda George
To all Nuu-chah-nulth - Have a safe holiday!



Pharyn receives her first haircut

Happy New Year to you all. What a day we had on December 16, 2000.

We went home to Ahousat to celebrate my grand-daughter's 1st birthday, we woke up to a storm and the power was out, we repeatedly heard that the power would be on in the next couple of hours, but still no lights.

I will always remember the look on my daughter's face at our dilemma, I just held her and told her "don't worry, we're at home it will all work". And with everybody's help we all enjoyed a candle light dinner with live entertainment, thanks to our Thomas relatives, and we played games and ate loads of chummas... mmm. Thanks a lot, Patti.

To everyone who was in Ahousat to witness this grand event, and to those who helped make this day possible, Kleco Thank you Merci and many thanks to my family and friends.

My daughter Pharyn is very special to me and she is very lucky to have a wonderful family. I will forever remind and teach her of her family and teachings, and Kleco Kleco again from the bottom of my heart.

Both Pharyn and I received our Indian names as follows:
Pharyn's name coming from the Atleo family, Gertrude Frank gives her the name "Ki-ya-Ka-nulth" and I (Shelley) received my name "Cii-ya-qap" from my grandfather, Edwin Frank Sr.

Ki-ya-Ka-nulth is a very special girl to all of us, we all just love her so much, and she makes our day brighter. Thank you again to my family and friends.

From Cii-ya-qap, Ciisma, Caroline, Iris, and Jori Frank.

Correction

Fidelia Haiyupis informed me I printed a wrong birthdate. She was born on April 9th not April 1st as I wrote. She also said she did not move to Hot Springs. She moved from Nuchatlitz to Queen's Cove.

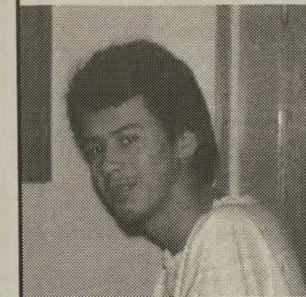
My apologies to Fidelia Haiyupis for printing a wrong birthdate and she did not move to Hot Spring's Cove from Nuchatlitz. Fidelia moved to Queen's Cove from Nuchatlitz.

Sincerely, Louise Amos

In Memoriam

Memory of Son, Friend, Cousin, Brother, Eugene George Gus

passed away on January 17, 1993 at age of 19



Eight years have gone by without no spot in our hearts of how we all miss your wonderful smile and humor and friendship towards friends, family, brothers & sisters, cousins, aunts & uncles. We often speak with love and good memories that you have left us in the past eight years that you have left us, and will always remember you with special thoughts.
Chuu! Rest in Peace. Love Mom, sisters, Tina, Bonnie, brothers, Keith, Paul, Wayne, nephews, Nick, Julian, Alex, grandparents, Reggie & Phyllis, and many friends and relatives.

Birthdays Continued

Dadpa. From all your crumberusher grandchildren in Parks. Love you baby Ang.

We would like to wish our brother Wayne Douglas Cartlidge a very Happy 29th Birthday on Jan. 17th and we would also like to thank you Wayne for being here for us and also for being the best man on our special day December 31, 2000. We love you bro! Love your sister & Brother-in-law Mr. & Mrs. William Shane Watts. (Ronald)

We would like to send our congratulations to William Shane Watts and Ronald Robinson Watts on their marriage, which took place December 31, 2000. We wish all the best in the future. Take care of each other now and forever. Love from your brother (the best man) Wayne Cartlidge and Leah Golling.

I would like to wish my special man, Wayne Cartlidge a very Happy 29th birthday on Jan. 17th. You mean the world to me and here's hoping for the best on that day and the years to follow. Lots of love, Leah Golling.

We would like to wish Happy Birthdays to our family on the 5th Keisha Haipee, 7th - Marion Haipee Taylor, 8th - Robyn Shaw, 9th - Peter Haipee, 10th - Mary Lou Klotz, 19th - Jason Pallard, 25th - Joey Dennis, 30th - David Haipee III, and a Very Happy New Year to you all, & many more birthdays. Love Darlene, Christina & Mary Lou.

A very special birthday wishes to my sister. She will be 12 on the 10th of Jan. Love Christina Klotz.

Happy Birthday goes out to a special lady Rosa Ross on Jan. 20th. Hope you have fun. Love Uncle Allan and Joanne. I'd like to wish my granddaughter in Ahousat Breann Frank a special Happy Birthday on Jan. 23. Hope you enjoy your special day girl. Love you & miss you. Love always Gramma Joanne.

Also to my daughter (in Ahousat) Suzanne and family, just wanted to say how much I miss you all, big hugs & kisses to Sonny & Virginia stop by next time you're in P.A. Love Always Mom Joanne.

We would like to wish my niece and our cousin Marissa Dick a happy 2nd birthday on Jan. 5th. Hope you had a good day girl, love you. From Auntie Denise and your cousins.

We would like to wish my son & our big brother a happy 17th birthday. I love you son Andrew Francis Joseph Eugene Alexander Amos turned 17 on Jan. 7th.

From Mom, Robbie, Justine, Rae-ven & Shykyla & Ileisha.

We would like to wish grandpa Francis a happy birthday on Jan. 17th. Enjoy. From Denise and family.

Another b-day wish for Jan. 17th goes to my niece & our coz Tanysha Amos. Happy Birthday girl, love you. From Auntie Denise, Andy, Rob, Justy, Rae-Rae & Shykyla.

To sis Joni & auntie Joni a happy ?? birthday on Jan. 22nd. Joey you make it a special day for her. From your sis Denise, your nephew & nieces.

To my best friend Laverne Tom a happy birthday also on Jan. 22nd. Have a special day! Come visit soon & you know my #. Your 'bid Denise Amos.

Another b-day wish for the 22nd goes to my bro John L. Amos. Happy Birthday bro & congratulations on finally being able to bring your newest addition home. Good Luck. Your sis Denise Amos.

Happy Belated Birthday to my niece Cecelia George on Dec. 29, 2000. From the Barker, Jones & George families.

Happy Belated Birthday to Carol Martin on Dec. 30th, 2000. From the Barker, Jones & George families.

Happy Birthday to my daughter Patricia Barker on Jan. 6th. Love Mom, Dave & the George & Jones families.

Happy Birthday to Steven John on Jan. 9th. Love your sister Clotilda, neph Bryan & niece Selena.

Happy 1st Birthday to our ladybug Selena Tom on Jan. 25th. Love your big brother Bryan, Mom & Dad.

Happy Birthday to my baby sister Savannah Mousseau for Jan. 13. Love you lots. And a very happy birthday to nan Jesse Gallic for Jan. 22nd. Love you dearly. Love from Crystal & family.

Birthday wishes: Jan. 10 - Jaylene Frank, 7; Jan. 21 - Iris Frank, 19; Jan. 23 - Bryanne Frank, 6; Jan. 23 - Shelley Frank, 22; Jan. 29 - Ryan Frank, 22; Feb. 3 - Virginia Frank, 3; Feb. 4 - Albert Chachie Frank, 3; Feb. 10 - Gina Mack, 27. From all your family in Matuni.

Happy Birthday to my nieces Jaylene, Virginia and Gina, and to my neph Chachie, also a special birthday wish to my god-daughter Bryanne, I miss and love you all. Auntie Eyes.

A BIG Happy Birthday to my older sister Shelley. I love you, have a good one eh. From your baby sis Iris.

Happy 14th Birthday Sandra Billy on Jan. 23rd. Love always Mom.

Announcements

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

When you submit your documents to the Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council office it is just as important to submit these documents to your First Nation.

If you are showing on the D.I.A. list it does not mean that you are on your First Nation's Registry Band List, and you must apply for Band Membership.

Your First Nation also needs your correct address and phone number to contact you regarding Treaty developments, or to send you letters and bulletins.

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A Birthday Wish to: Cecil G. Creighton Jr. & Kathleen S. McEwan

Happy 14th Birthday to my son Cecil on January 22nd.
You have grown so quickly, and obviously too fast.
I am a very proud and fortunate mother to have you in my life.
I pray to God that this year will be good to you,
You have made your dad and I happy while bringing you up.
Take care of yourself and enjoy this day for next year will be even better!

Happy 4th Birthday My Scottish gal Kathleen Stephanie McEwan.
We all know that your "Daddy's Little Gal!"
Your as sweet as chocolate and ice-cream taste,
You smile with so much joy and happiness.
I will pray that each year as you grow that all the angels
in heaven will guide you and protect you all your life.
Not only are you daddy's gal but mom's too, and
from the bottom of my heart, I wish that you and your brother,
make the best of this day not only for you but your friends and family.
"I love you both"
Love, Craig, Beverley, & Kirk McEwan
and grandpas and nanas, aunts, uncles and friends in Victoria!

Thank you

We would like to say thank you to all the people who gave donations to our family in our time of need. After our house fire we were in need of every thing. We got donations from all over as far away as Bella Bella. There are just too much people who gave, so we

are not going to put down any names. You all know who you are and where you come from, so again thank you from the bottom of our hearts. And to let you all know the things we did not use, as there was just so much, was given to others in need.
Vince McKay & family

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

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

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



First Name: _____ Initial: _____ Last Name: _____
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To All Nuuchah-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

Career Opportunities

OPPORTUNITY

Asaabus Daycare is looking for a person who would be interested in taking some training in the teaching field.

We are hoping that the persons who respond to this ad are committed to the children of the community, past, present and future.

We have the opportunity to help in funding a training position for someone who is interested in teaching and coordinating culture and language on a trial part time basis starting in the spring of 2001. The training for this position would begin in January of 2001.

The person who is awarded this opportunity may need to relocate to Port Alberni as a possible training base. The details are not fully worked out - we need a show of interest first. The position may require commuting as well. Our hope is that in April of 2001, the person who has completed the training will be willing to live within the community.

There are specific criteria that need to be met in order to apply for the position:

- 100% commitment to completing a unique training course and to consistency in job performance.
- Grade 12 education or its equivalent.
- Criminal Record check
- Semi-fluent if not fully fluent in the Ditidaht language. Pride in the ability to share and teach Ditidaht Culture. Willingness to learn more.
- Ability to work as a team player, Conflict resolution skills. Excellent communication skills.

If you think that this might be of interest to you, please contact Kelly at Asaabus Daycare. You are welcome to phone at 745-3313, to fax at 745-3304, to write to P.O. Box 340 Port Alberni BC V9Y 7M8, or to come to the Daycare for a visit.

We look forward to hearing from you.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ADDICTIONS COUNSELLER

KAKAWIS FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE requires an Alcohol and Drug Counsellor. This is a full-time position. The counselor should be a team player and willing to work some flexible hours. The counselor should be knowledgeable in providing treatment planning, family and individual counseling, group facilitation and aftercare planning.

Preference will be given to candidates with the following qualifications:

- > Minimum two years experience working the field of addictions
- > Alcohol and Drug training or related discipline
- > Demonstrate effective team membership
- > Written and oral communication skills
- > Experience working with First Nations

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

Please submit your letter of application and resume by noon on Friday, January 26th, 2001 to:

The Personnel Committee
Kakawis Family Development Centre
P.O. Box 17, Tofino, British Columbia, V0R 2Z0
Fax: (250) 725-4285
Email: kakawis@tofino-bc.com

NUU-CHAH-NULTH LANGUAGE

Some phrases in the Nuuchaan'ul' language

We slept in-	we?ic'swimtin
One in a canoe-	c'awiista
Two in a canoe-	?axista
Don't fight-	wiki' n'ixaak
Hang up your sweater-	k'uupup'i kuut
Rest awhile-	huuxs?atu?i
Put everything away-	hu?aca?ap'i hihiqtp

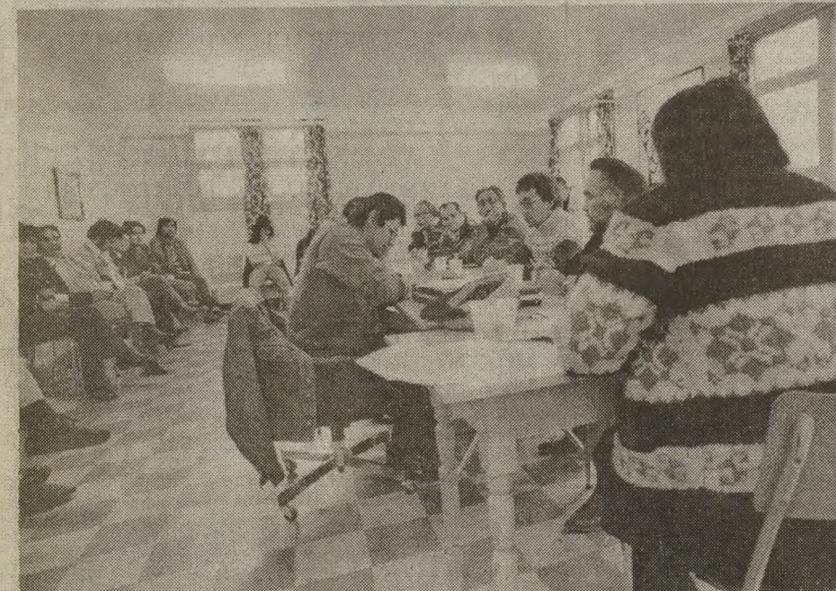
Submitted for haasifsa by Dave Watts, cisaa?ath

ADSS Scoop by April Titian

January 8 Schools Re-open
January 12-13 Totem Tournament
January 17 Grade 12 Post Secondary Information Meeting
P.A.C. Meeting
January 24 Financial Aid Information Meeting
January 29-31 Government Exams
January 31 Term 2 Ends
February 1-2 Government Exams
February 1 "I" Day
February 2 Turn Around Day
February 5-9 Work Experience Week
February 8-10 Alberni Invita-

tional Wrestling Tournament
February 13 American Math Competition
February 14 P.A.C. Meeting
February 15 2nd Term Report Cards Issued
February 16 Professional Day
February 21 Cayley & Fermat Math Contests
February 28 University Application Deadline
March 5-7 Okanagan Concert Band Festival
March 8 Open House
March 9 Professional Day
March 13-14 Vancouver Island Jazz Festival
March 14 P.A.C. Meeting
March 16 Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
March 26 Schools Re-open
April 5-7 Vancouver Island Concert Band Festival
April 11 P.A.C. Meeting
April 12 Term 3 Ends
April 13 Good Friday Schools Closed
April 16 Easter Monday Schools Closed
April 17-20 Work Experience Week
April 19-21 West Coast Jazz Festival
April 26 3rd Term Report Cards Issued
April 26-28 BC Interior Jazz Festival
April 27 Professional Day
May 3 Rollin Art Centre Student Show 7:00 PM
May 9 P.A.C. Meeting
May 10 Calculus AP Exam
May 15-18 Music Fest Canada
May 21 Victoria Day Schools Closed
May 29-31 Festival of the Performing Arts
June 6 Scholarship Awards Ceremony
June 8 Grad Rehearsal
June 9 Graduation Ceremonies
June 19 Awards Assembly
Last Day of Classes
June 20 "I" Day
June 20-28 Government Exams
June 28 Final Report Cards Issued
June 29 Administration Day
Schools Closed

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Chiefs from the West Coast met at Maht Mahs Jan. 24 to discuss land claims and other important business.

Kleco's

Josephine George would like to send a big thank you to Julia Eaton for helping her out in her time of need. Josephine appreciates all the phone calls you made for her. She would also like to say thank you to Jimmy Swan for driving them to Port Alberni from Vancouver. Thank you to the both of you for your kindness to us.

Choo, from Arlene Paul

A birthday celebration was held in Ahousaht in December for two children: Pharyn Frank's 1st birthday and Henderson Charlie's 12th. Families of the two children were in the middle of preparing food for the community birthday celebration when the power went out.

The power went out on the morning of December 16 and stayed off until the following morning. It became a challenge of pulling a double celebration off. But, as Auntie Doreen Sam says, "Where there is a will there is a way!" (We are so proud of you, you did the best job ever! My deepest thanks to you) Dinner preparations went ahead, luckily the pies, bread and cakes were baked the night before.

I thank those whose willingness to solve the problem of no electricity. Some put up their generators at the hall, and we thank you so much.

Thank you to those that offered their propane, gas stoves, gas lamps and the candles that were at the dinner tables. A very sincere thank you to our Aunt Doreen Sam for everything you do and say! For speaking on behalf of our families. The words you chose were very wise, we listened and believed! All the time you are so special to us. You know how to make good things happen. Want to know something? There was one thing missing that evening, you singing 'One Day at a Time'. Auntie, we'll be back in a gathering here at home when we get back sometime in February. A request from you grand nieces, Chrissy, Adrienne and Angel will be at the top of the list!

Peter and Thomas Campbell (Anita and Joe's sons) offered and helped serve dinner. You boys were great, very polite. This is how life starts out, these boys are already molded by their families teachings, values and traditions. Kleco, kleco to Dylan, Vanessa and Kelsey, too. Wow! What a celebration! Henderson Charlie says, "Thanks for coming to the dinner and joining in on the activities. It was such a neat and fun birthday party and the best, right Pharyn?"

His feelings are touched by your openness and sincerity. You are all special and understanding people who bring light into the lives of children each day. You are the greatest!

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Lost - Minolta Camera - Includes zoom lens & regular lens. Case: Black with shoulder strap at the Apology Presentation - December 9, 2000 @ Maht Mahs Gym. If found or know of anyone that may have found please contact Pamela Webster @ Ahousaht Administration (250) 670-6563 or Email: pfwebster@home.com. Thank you.

Acknowledgements from

Arlene Paul

On November 24, 2000 three of my girls were in a motor vehicle accident on the Nanaimo highway. Angelina Dick and two of my grand children, Chrissy and Adrienne were all injured in the accident.

Chrissy was home within ten days but Angel and Adrienne were held back for three weeks due to the extent of their injuries.

When they arrived home we immediately held a celebration for all three on December 18, 2000 because they had to return to Port Alberni the very next day to continue their treatment.

A great supporter of the family, Dave Frank was invited to the dinner. Dave went to the home of the young ladies and offered words of encouragement and support. Adrienne said that the atmosphere was amazing, "There was something special I sensed about your words, Dave." His support, to date, has been overwhelming and helped to release the nightmare images of the accident. The girls can now dwell on a brighter tomorrow because your help made a difference. Many, many heartfelt thank you's to you Dave.

Thank you Nelson Frank for going out into the community to invite the people to the dinner. That was a job well done. Thanks a million.

Very special thanks to Poi for the prayer and encouragement.

Kleco, kleco Ahousahts for coming out. It was definitely an honour to have you join us at the dinner for the girls at the T-bird Hall.

Edward Sam, your presence was very meaningful and my girls knew that you have suffered a tremendous amount from your own recent injuries. I thank you for having sat with them at the dinner. They talked of their hopes for complete recoveries. Adrienne said that she is going to mend and get back into her activities sometime hopefully soon.

Thank you Rosie Swan for the delicious fresh bread that you gave. It was good, everyone enjoyed it! Thank you Lori and Rocky, that was an awesome dinner and served while it was hot! You two put so much into the dinner, especially the seafood that we always crave for. We had a fill and that is always best!

Words alone cannot express my feelings. The success of the evening will truly be remembered, especially for my grand daughter, Adrienne. She has struggled through this for three weeks. She's had sleepless nights due to the pain and the nightmare images of the accident. Adrienne, in her quiet way, has strong spiritual beliefs. With encouragement she'll keep moving forward and get stronger.

Many people were thanked personally at the dinner so I will close here with a greeting to everyone. Have a Happy New Year 2001!



Ma-a-elth Christmas Celebrations

By Louise Amos
Northern Region Reporter

On December 7, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Northern Region staff got together for Christmas celebrations. An internal gift exchange between employees was attended by none other than Santa Claus himself. Santa had a special delivery for NR Office Manager, Patricia McDougall. It seems a letter signed by the NR Staff indicated she had been a very, very, very naughty girl and like in stories of old, she received a lump of coal from Santa.

Patricia accepted her gift in the graciousness of the season. In a private conversation with Santa, it seems Santa was satisfied with Patricia's answers to some of his questions. She is on his Christmas list again and he reminded her he will be

checking it at least twice. He said his elves do help him with his heavy Christmas schedule of events. In the early evening, Santa arrived at the Ma-a-elth (Families) Christmas dinner in Tsaxana, Council of Chiefs Boardroom.

Season's greetings from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council NR Staff are sent to everyone.

The children of NR Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Staff received gifts and given the smiles on their faces, it was an excellent gathering. Some staff members and family volunteers helped make the event memorable. Fun, laughter, anticipation and food made the Christmas party a success. Season's greetings from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council NR Staff are sent to everyone.



NTC Northern Region Staff enjoy Christmas Party

Christmas Greetings

We would like to wish all of our family and friends from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribes a most wonderful holiday season. We wish you a very healthy happy and prosperous new year that brings all that is right for you and surrounds you with faith, peace, love and harmony. Merry Christmas and a very happy new year. (I know this will not make it before Christmas but better late than never right?) And this is especially to our boys and their

families Gibb Gilbert John Jr. we are very proud of you for your trip to Ottawa. I am just sorry we were not able to be with you at your special time but we are really proud you have carried your great grandfather's name up. Proves you listen when your dad talks to you boys. You boys have your great-grandfather Patrick John last name. Carry it proudly. We really miss you and your families. God willing may be we will be all together soon again in the mean time help one another look out for each other always be careful in whatever you do. All our love, miss you. Mom and Dad. P.s. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all staff of Nuu-chah-nulth and Kyuquot Band.



Bud, Hupacasath Counsellor takes time from his busy schedule to visit Santa!

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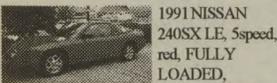
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N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



THE 5TH GENERATION - *Taking Control*

NEDC is proud to sponsor its' second annual Youth Economic Development Conference – **The 5th Generation** – on February 15, 16 & 17, 2001.

The first conference, 'Catching the Dream' was held in March 2000 and focussed on self-sufficiency through economic development.

The participants enjoyed sessions facilitated by successful First Nation entrepreneurs, motivational speakers and administrators such as Matt Vickers, Beverly O'Neil and Connie Nookemis.

The conference included a tradeshow, gala dinner, fashion show as well as door prizes and draws throughout the two days.

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NEDC is very fortunate to once again have the support of the NEDC Youth Action Committee (NYAC) – Jocelyn Dick, Marsha Maquinna and Nene Van Volsen – to assist in planning and recruiting for this year's conference and trade fair.

We are also fortunate to have Nene Van Volsen, last years MC as the Master of Ceremonies for 'The 5th

Coded Communication.' Participants will learn to identify their communication style, the pros and cons of their style and how they can use this knowledge to improve their effectiveness in personal and professional communication.

Day two will focus on business development. Two members of the NEDC staff, Sheila Schmidt and Dan

Day three will look at two aspects of professional development: education and credit. Why do so many of our young, bright students drop out of post-secondary institutions? In many cases it has nothing to do with the education but is a result of lack of support, understanding and planning.

Erma Robinson, an active, First Nation, Simon Fraser University student will discuss First Nation support systems on and off campus, understanding the post-secondary bureaucracy and planning for success.

How does credit affect your life? Jan Dahl, financial advisor with CIBC will help you understand the implications of good and bad credit ratings, how to turn your bad credit rating around and how to keep a good credit rating.

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The conference is open to all Nuu-chah-nulth Youth between the ages of 19 and 29 years inclusive. Registration fee is \$20 per person in advance or \$25 per person at the door (cash or cheque only).

February 15, 16 & 17, 2001

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Port Alberni, BC

For more information please contact:

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Marsh Maquinna	(250) 283-2015
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Generation.' Nene brings not only her positive energy and enthusiasm but a love and respect for her people that shows in everything she does.

This year's conference, 'The 5th Generation' will highlight aspects of personal, business and professional development.

On day one a personal trainer, Paddy Briggs will lead participants through a communications exercise, 'Colour

Samuel will take participants through a business self-assessment and a business planning exercise.

This will be followed by an in-depth look at product marketing by Beverly O'Neil, principle of O'Neil Consulting. During lunch, Denise Williams from the House of Winchee, will host a fashion show featuring clothing she designed using traditional, Nuu-chah-nulth symbols.

The afternoon will be spent in exploring various areas of economic opportunity with First Nation Entrepreneurs and Business People, followed in the evening by a gala dinner and entertainment.

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