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Tom Paul wins Forestry case

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

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Tom Paul of Ahousaht has been winding his way through the court system after being charged under the Forest Practices Code for falling four cedar trees in 1994. Paul had the permission of Ahousaht Ha'wiih and Council to fall the trees which were in Ahousaht traditional territory, but not on the actual Ahousaht Reserve.

The logs were discovered at the sawmill on Vargas Island where they had been towed in order to be milled into decking material. Forest Officers seized the logs (valued at \$2,329) and arranged for an "Opportunity to be heard" hearing with the BC Ministry of Forests District Manager. The District Manager decided that Paul was in contravention of the Forest Practices Code and would be charged under that act.

Tom Paul appealed to an Administrative Review Panel who concurred with the District Manager's ruling, so another appeal was filed to the Forest Appeals Commission who adjourned the proceedings so they could be heard in the B.C. Supreme Court.

Throughout the proceedings, Paul and

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Hundreds of people gathered at Tin Wis to celebrate the accomplishments of 60 Nuu-chah-nulth graduates - making the Class of 2001 the largest Nuu-chah-nulth graduating class. Full story inside.

Nuu-chah-nulth Nurses receive prestigious award

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The Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia has awarded their prestigious 2001 Health Advocacy Award to the Nuu-chah-nulth Community and Human Services Nursing Program for being a model of innovative health services delivery.

"The Registered Nurses Association of British Columbia (RNABC) awards this recognition annually to one registered

nurse or group of registered nurses whose advocacy for health has had a significant impact on the delivery of health services in British Columbia," said RNABC External Relations Coordinator Gabrielle Moore. "The advocacy that is being recognized is the provision of culturally appropriate nursing care to the Nuu-chah-nulth community through the development of a nursing framework that incorporates unique aspects of the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations culture to guide daily nursing practice," she said.

"It is an exceptional honour to receive this award," said Jeanette Watts, Nuu-chah-nulth CHS Nursing Program Supervisor. "This award recognizes registered nurses who improve healthcare through advocacy that goes beyond the requirements of their job, and our team of nurses really do a great job of fulfilling those goals in our Nuu-chah-nulth communities."

According to Watts, the success of the nursing program began with the drafting of a nursing framework; a document that spells out how nurses are to work within the Nuu-chah-nulth culture. Through the framework, specialized nursing charts were developed to reflect

those ideals, as well as the role of clients in helping write their records and health plans.

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One example of the nurses advocacy is their promotion of Ma-mush (breastfeeding), a traditional Nuu-chah-nulth practice that has diminished through the influence of western medicine.

Bottle-fed babies are five times more likely to contract Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) than breastfed babies. A recent study by the medical health officer for the Central Vancouver Island Health Region found that First

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DEADLINE

Please note that the deadline for submissions for our next issue is 4:30 pm on Friday, July 13, 2001. After that date, material submitted & judged to be appropriate, cannot be guaranteed placement but, if still relevant, will be included in the following issue.

In an ideal world, submissions would be typed, rather than hand-written. Articles can be sent by e-mail to hashilth@island.net (Windows PC).

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

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



Pacific Rim National Park Celebrates Aboriginal Day

By Denise Ambrose,
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - Pacific Rim National Park held its annual Aboriginal Day Celebration at the Wickaninnish parking lot located on beautiful Long Beach on a warm, June 21st.

Locals and tourists were invited to a traditional salmon barbeque while watching young Nuu-chah-nulth students perform our songs and dances.

Pacific Rim National Park held its annual Aboriginal Day Celebration at the Wickaninnish parking lot located on beautiful Long Beach on a warm, June 21st.

Several artisans were on hand to demonstrate the art of silver carving and basket weaving.

There was plenty for locals and tourists to see, hear, touch and taste, thanks to the efforts of the Aboriginal Working Group. The group was assembled in order to offer a varied and inclusive Aboriginal Day experience.

Ed Samuel, who helped to coordinate the event, said that the group was made



Hesquiaht elder, Charlie Lucas and his nephew Brian Lucas sing their hearts out on Nuu-chah-nulth Day.

up of First Nations Parks employees, and the staff of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.

The Group made an effort to include all aboriginal groups that have a stake in Pacific Rim National Park. The nations invited to take part in the day's activities were Ahousaht, Hesquiaht, Tla-o-qui-

aht, Toquaht, Ucluelet, Tseshaht and Huu-ay-aht. Ahousaht and Huu-ay-aht could not attend due to prior commitments.

Ucluelet elder, Barb Touchie welcomed the people to Ucluelet First Nation traditional territories, namely Kwisitis, the Nuu-chah-nulth name for Wickaninnish Beach. She opened the day's activities with a prayer.

Chief Bert Mack of Toquaht graciously invited all that were there to a meal of salmon and bannock that was provided by his Nation.

Tla-o-qui-aht Chief Councillor, Moses Martin also welcomed the people and so did Park officials, Alex Zellermeyer, ACRD Director, Tony Bennet and Anne Morgan of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.

Many tourists walked away with photographs and video footage of their experiences with the Nuu-chah-nulth culture, a culture that, at least for a few hours, they could embrace.

Tables were set up inside the Wickaninnish Centre so that people could observe First Nations artists at work. Meanwhile, the Hesquiaht students from Hot Springs Cove entertained visitors with their singing and dancing.

The Tseshaht students from Ha-ho-payuk performed next and they were followed by the people of Tla-o-qui-aht. The Aboriginal Working Group did a wonderful job organizing the event.

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Treaty Update Meetings

For Nuu-chah-nulth people living in the Seattle area

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

More than a dozen Nuu-chah-nulth people living in the Seattle area attended a 2-day meeting at the Seattle Indian Health Center - Pearl Warren Building.

After Jack Little led the singing of the Nuu-chah-nulth song, Protocol Worker Willard Gallic welcomed everyone, and began a detailed explanation of where the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Process is at the moment.

The first question was on the impact the new BC Liberal Government will have on treaty negotiations. Willard said this is a very big concern, and given that Premier Gordon Campbell has repeatedly said he will hold a referendum on the principles of treaty negotiations.

"If Campbell wants to rewrite the principles of treaty negotiations that we bought into and what brought us to the table in the first place, then he's going to have a huge battle on his hands," said Willard Gallic. "It's a huge issue. There's a lot of unrest. Campbell figures that with 77 of 79 seats in the legislature, he can do whatever he wants."

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(below) Nuu-chah-nulth members living in the Seattle area and (right) the Victoria area came out to discuss the future of their treaty negotiations. The new provincial government provided the basis for much discussion on what the future holds for Nuu-chah-nulth people as well as all First Nations people in the province.



Nuu-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL

TOLL FREE NUMBER
1-877-677-1131

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

For Nuu-chah-nulth people living in the Victoria area

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

NTC Treaty Manager Cliff Atleo Jr. handed out a document titled "Nuu-chah-nulth AIP Ratification results: FINAL REPORT".

"One of the biggest tasks we have ahead of us is to determine the position of the new provincial government in terms of their views on the treaty process, and their intention to hold a referendum on treaty rights," said Cliff. "A number of different strategies are being developed in ways to deal with Gordon Campbell and his government, and those strategies will be discussed further at the upcoming treaty planning meeting at Tin Wis."

"One of the biggest tasks we have ahead of us is to determine the position of the new provincial government in terms of their views on the treaty process, and their intention to hold a referendum on treaty rights," said Treaty Manager Cliff Atleo Jr.

Cliff then distributed Hugh Braker's summary of the recent lawsuit between Thomas Paul and the Forest Appeals Commission et al. This important case has been winding its way through the legal system for the past six years.

"Essentially, the case deals with inter-jurisdictional rather than Aboriginal rights issues," said Cliff. "It's an important decision that will probably be going to the Supreme Court for further clarifications."

The eight mitunni-based Nuu-chah-nulth had many questions about what the treaty process will look like from

now on, and both Cliff and Willard offered their thoughts on the many issues facing First Nations throughout B.C.

"One of the big questions we have is whether their provincial treaty negotiation team will be the same, or different people," said Willard. "If they bring in a team of people who are different from the people we've been dealing with for the past seven years, it will take us a long time to bring their new people up-to-speed."

"The battle for treaty has now become a war," said Willard. "The referendum idea does not give us a future, and that's what this whole process was supposed to be about."

After lunch, Cliff introduced a 3-page document he received from the Premier's Office clarifying their position on treaty negotiations, land claims processes, and the referendum.

According to the letter, Campbell and his government are "committed to settling land claims", and are promising an increase in the First Citizen's Fund from \$36 million to \$72 Million.

Many concerns about the new provincial government, treaty process, and specific issues were discussed over the 2 days of meetings at the Victoria Aboriginal Friendship Centre at Johnson and Government streets.

Northern Region co-chair Archie Little said the success or failure of the Nuu-chah-nulth rests on everyone. It is not just a document put together by negotiators. The onus is on each and every Nuu-chah-nulth person to become aware, informed and involved.

The breadth and depth of the questions brought forward showed those living away from home are still very interested and informed about developments towards a Nuu-chah-nulth treaty.



Upcoming Meetings

Treaty Update Meeting
July 6 (4pm - 9 pm) and July 7 (10 am - 4 pm)
Vancouver Native Friendship Centre

Treaty Planning
July 11 & 12, 2001 (9:00 a.m.)
Tin Wis, Conference Centre - Tofino, B.C.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Meeting
July 19 - 21, 2001
House of Huu-ay-aht, Anacla
co-hosted by Huu-ay-aht and Uchucklesaht First Nations

Tin Wis Celebrates Expansion

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - On Saturday, June 30, Tin Wis Board Members and staff hosted a community celebration in recognition of the completion of the expanded facilities.

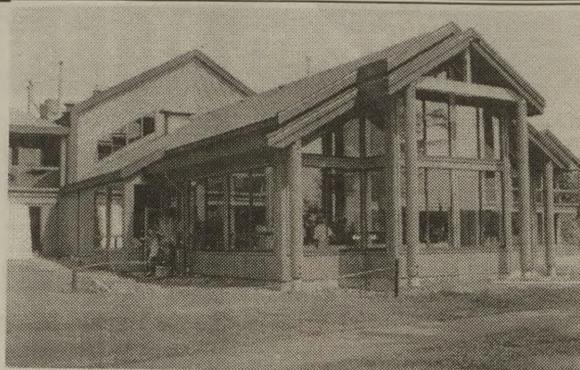
Tin Wis is a Best Western Resort that is located on Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation land and is owned by that Nation. A large portion of its staff is comprised of TFN members.

Over twenty years in the making, Tin Wis resort first opened its doors in 1994. There have been several improvements added since that time. The old Christie Residence Gymnasium, all that

remains of that facility, was converted to a convention centre.

A new wing, boasting Tofino's first elevator, was built in 1998. A hot tub/sauna/fitness room was completed at the same time.

The most recent construction activity at Tin Wis involved the expansion of the Calm Waters Restaurant and lobby. Calm Waters now has 36 tables with a huge fireplace as its centerpiece. An open invitation was extended to everyone to enjoy a seafood buffet in the new restaurant and to watch traditional dancing in the convention centre. CHOO FM was live, on location, broadcasting the day's activities. (CHOO FM is also First Nations owned)

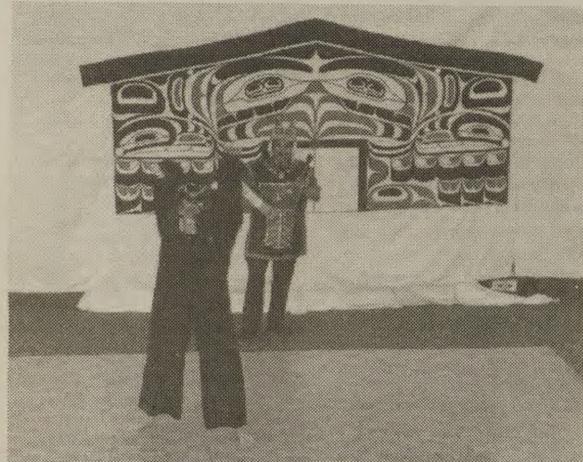


The newly expanded Calm Waters Restaurant at Tin Wis Resort

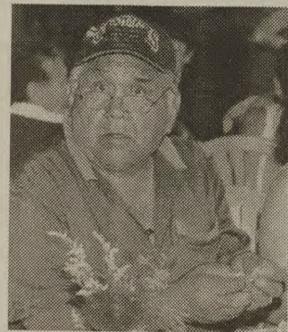
A prayer chant was offered before the official ribbon cutting took place. Ribbon cutting honours went to TFN Hereditary Chiefs, George Frank, Bruce Frank and Howard Tom.

There was a long line at the buffet and guests loaded plates with smoked

salmon, prawns, clams, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and lots of cakes. The Lelala Dancers of Alert Bay provided traditional dancing entertainment at the convention centre to the delight of all. Ahousaht and Tla-o-qui-aht followed up with their own celebratory dances.



Lelala dancers demonstrate their grizzly bear dance



Tom Curley - Tla-o-qui-aht's own celebrity, radio personality was on hand for the celebration buffet



Alert Bay Lelala dancers celebrated the importance of the whale to the Nuu-chah-nulth by honouring us with their whale mask dance

Nursing Award

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Nations people on Vancouver Island have a higher rate of infant death than other First Nations people in the province. The leading cause of death was SIDS. One of the southern region nurses, Liz Thomsen, produced educational material recognizing the traditional teachings of Ma-mush, and all NTC C&HS Nurses worked to improve maternal child care programs from pregnancy and fetal development through infancy and childhood years. "The Nuu-chah-nulth community health nurses were given the award because their advocacy helps not just

this generation, but many more to come," said RNABC President Lorraine Gillespie. "The nurses advocated to provide services that went beyond their mandate and overcame the challenges of isolation, different levels of governance, a history of distrust and cultural barriers. The new model they developed, incorporating Nuu-chah-nulth culture and values, was creative and innovative. The judges felt the advocacy could serve as a model for other First Nations," she said.

"What we did would not have been possible without the support and leadership of the Nuu-chah-nulth Chiefs and Councils," said Watts. "Their commitment to self-governance and to

making their health programs effective was the foundation on which the advocacy was built."

"It is truly an honour to have the RNABC present this award to the NTC Nurses," said NTC Executive Director Florence Wylie. "We have been very fortunate to have a truly dedicated, hardworking team of nurses providing support to our 14 member First Nations. There are various challenges that the nurses contend with due to the remoteness and access difficulties to the communities. We recognize this. We extend our sincere appreciation to RNABC for recognizing the great

contribution our nurses are making to promote healthy communities under the dedicated leadership of Jeanette Watts, Nursing Supervisor. Through Jeanette's hard work and perseverance, our nursing program has continued to grow and evolve in a way responsive to the needs of our people," she said.

The RNABC will present the 2001 Health Advocacy Award to Dana Fetherstonhaugh, Laura Richardson, Lynne West, Mary McKeogh, Shanley Rainsberry, Chris Curley, Liz Thomsen, Wilma Doxtador, Julie Nolan, Ina Seitcher, Penny Cowan, and Jeanette Watts at the NTC meeting in September.

MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT FIRST NATIONS PLANS DEPOSITED

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht hereby give notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* for approval of the plans and site of the work described herein. Under Section 9 of the said Act, the Mowachaht/ Muchalaht has deposited with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, at Vancouver B.C. and in the office of the District Registrar of the Land Title Office at Victoria, B.C., under deposit number EP060131 a description of the site and plans of a selective fishing and stock assessment weir on the Muchalat River, on unsurveyed crown land 500 m upstream of its confluence with the Gold River, British Columbia, approximately 23.5 km upstream from Muchalat Inlet.

And take notice that the project will be subject to review pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

Written objections based on the effect of the work on navigation or the environment should be directed not later than one month from the date of this notice to: Director General, Fisheries and Oceans, Canadian Coast Guard, Operational Programs, Navigable Waters Protection Division, Suite 350-555 West Hastings Street, Vancouver, BC, V6B 5G3.

Gold River, August 14, 2000
JAMIE JAMES
Fisheries Technician
Mowachaht/Muchalaht

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to shellfish Harvesters P.S.P. (Red Tide) warning

Effective immediately, the western portion of Barkley Sound (Subareas 23 - 9 to 23 - 11) is closed to the Harvest of ALL Bivalve Shellfish due to a PSP Bloom (Red Tide) in the area. This includes the area from Amphitrite Point near Ucluelet to Lyall Point, including Toquart and Mayne Bays, Pipestem Inlet and adjacent Islands. Subareas 23 - 3 to 23 - 8 remain closed to the harvest of butterclams and scallops. Subareas 23 - 1, 23 - 2 remain closed to the Harvest of Butterclams, Geoducks, Horseclams and Scallops.

BY ORDER: FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA
JUNE 11, 2001
P.S.P. NOTICE 01 -06

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

Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Ditidaht opens new buildings

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Many years of planning and months of hard work were celebrated in the Ditidaht community last weekend as a new community hall and health centre were officially opened.

After Edith Joseph - Ditidaht's eldest Elder - cut the cedar-bark ribbon opening the community centre, Joe Edgar welcomed everyone and spoke on the special nature of the new gathering place.

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"This is for the use of our people," said Joe. "This building is not a longhouse of the past, but is called a community hall because it is about our future here as a community of Ditidaht people." More than 120 people were escorted into the hall and seated before Ernie

Chester performed a dance belonging to his great great grandmother, and explained its familial links through time, cleansing the floor so no one will fall, get hurt, or leave the building with any negative feelings. A paddle dance, welcoming dance, and dinner song was performed before lunch, and after lunch guests were led over to the new health centre, which was officially opened by Stan Chester.

"It's a very special day," said Ditidaht Chief Councillor Jack Thompson. "We now have a community hall that we've been trying to get for a long time. It's a special day for our youth as they now have a place they can come to learn songs and dances from Ernie and Jimmy Chester who are giving their time to pass along their knowledge." The \$200,000 building was funded by the Ditidaht Nation and the NTC Community Initiatives Fund, and employed many Ditidaht people, training them in the skills needed to continue in the construction industry. According to Thompson, the sound of hammers and saws will be continuing in Ditidaht as the construction of a K - 12 school with an official-sized gymnasium is the next community priority to be built.



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(l-r) NTC Executive Director Florence Wylie and CHS Planning Manager Simon Read present Ditidaht Chief Councillor Jack Thompson with a framed Tsa-qwa-supp print.



Ernie Chester performs a dance belonging to his great great grandmother, cleansing the floor of the new Ditidaht Community Centre.

Esowista Water Woes

By Denise Ambrose,
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - Just when you thought it couldn't get any worse, Esowista residents living with poor quality water are facing new problems; no water at all.

June 26, an 'Extremely Urgent Message' goes out to the residents of the Esowista Reserve on Long Beach warning the residents not to use excessive amounts of water. "Please refrain from using your washer, washing cars and watering lawns...the water reservoir is down to 1/2...if the water reservoir is drained we will be in a water crisis and no evacuation will take place."

In fact, Esowista residents went two days without water over the Canada Day long weekend, and, keeping its promise, the Tla-o-qui-aht Band Council did not arrange for another evacuation. TFN Councillor, Simon Tom explained that the latest set of problems arose because the well simply ran out of water. "There wasn't enough rainfall this year to keep up with the water demand."

Community members met with council

on Tuesday, July 3, and forcefully voiced their concern about the lack of water. "We don't have enough water to meet our day-to-day basic needs, let alone emergencies. What are we going to do if we have a house fire?" asked one resident.

Tom reported that the residents are frustrated with the lack of progress in his nation's efforts to solve the water problem. He said that residents called the media to come up with alternative. Tla-o-qui-aht Chief and Council will be meeting in the near future in an attempt to come up with a new strategy for getting a clean and adequate water supply for their community.

In the meantime, the Regional District commenced work on upgrades to the current system on June 29. Tom reports that while these measures should improve the water quality provided the water supply is adequate, it will not address water shortage problems. Bob Harper of Alberni/Clayoquot Regional District was not available for comment.

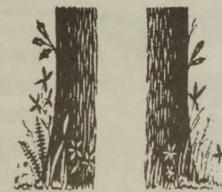
Water is flowing from Esowista water taps for today, but residents are on their own if the well dries up again.

Come see the output from your input!

Remember the public input process of Spring 2000 when the Central Westcoast Forest Society collected public input for International Forest Products Ltd. about past, current, and potential future uses for a portion of the Kennedy Lake watershed...?

Now you can drop by the Central Westcoast Forest Society office to see the results of your input - the "Kennedy Lake Partial Subregional Plan"

Viewing times are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. at the CWFS office at the BC Gov't Agent's office at #6 Davison Plaza, Peninsula Road, Ucluelet. Organizations may phone (726-2424) to arrange for a presentation to be made at their convenience. Call the office to inquire about evening viewing hours. Input will be accepted until Friday, July 20.



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Central Region Chiefs Seek Control of Hahulthi Project Materials

By Denise Ambrose, Central Region Reporter

(This is the full version of the story that originally ran in the June 21st issue of Ha-Shilth-Sa)

Ucluellet - The Central Region Chiefs met to discuss the progress of ongoing Central Region business interests on June 12.

Central Region Board Co-chair, Anne Hillyer reported to the Chiefs that a Coastal Land Use Planning report has been completed for the Clayoquot Sound area and is being reviewed with each of the Central Region First Nations. She said that a report would be prepared for the parties of the Interim Measures Extension Agreement once the review process is complete.

Former employee of Long Beach Model Forest, Nadine Spence, reported that Canadian Forest Service funding is not in place for Phase III of the Hahulthi Project. As a result, the project is at a standstill until the funding is released.

Spence and her co-worker Crystal Sutherland have been working on the project for about two years. They interviewed several Central Region elders about general Nuu-chah-nulth teachings, traditions and beliefs with respect to the concept of Hahulthi.

Their work to date includes several transcripts, reports, recordings and a CD Rom which will be used as a teaching tool for computer users.

Spence reports that the project has drawn the attention of agencies outside of Clayoquot Sound. Not only are government agencies such as the ministries for fisheries and forestry interested in the work, but also the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network and the Discovery Channel.

This outside interest has raised concern for the protection of the sensitive information that was provided by our elders. Because Spence and Sutherland are no longer employees of Long Beach Model Forest, they no longer have the ability to ensure the protection of the materials.

Spence urged the Central Region Chiefs to seek possession of the materials. The Chiefs readily agreed.

USMA Manager, Charlotte Rampenen made a presentation to the Chiefs about the Usma Child Welfare Program. She reported that the Usma program operates under provincial child welfare guidelines. The program receives its funding from the province and operates under its delegated authority.

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Usma Social Workers are required to become involved in crisis situations in Nuu-chah-nulth territories.

A problem that Rampenen identified is that Prevention Program dollars are not administered by Community Human Services but by each individual First Nation.

The dollars are intended to be used for Prevention Programs in the communities. Family Care Workers are to be hired under this program.

Rampenen says that Family Care Workers in the communities can help to stabilize crisis situations.

"Communities need to do what they can as communities for their children, this should lessen the need for us to become involved."

VAST Graduation continues to grow

The Vast Education Centre held their Annual Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, June 23 at the Best Western Barclay Hotel. Once again this year the Vast Centre has seen a significant increase in the number of students graduating with a total of 41 students being honored on June 23rd.

When the Vast Centre opened in the mid 80's, graduation was not seen as one of its mandates or goals. The Centre helped many students upgrade courses, stay in school or return to school for will over a decade. In the late 90's the District challenged new Principal, Tom McEvay and his staff, to set a new direction that included graduation as one of their goals.

In the past four years the Centre has tripled the number of courses it offers at the grade 11 and 12 levels, added an adult graduation component and requires each student to complete a learning plan and graduation plan upon registering. Teacher advisors monitor student progress on their individualized plans and complete a review or report card every two months. Increased support in the form of counseling, youth care, first nations help and learning assistance are now available. The result has been a graduation rate of 3 students in 1999, 30 in 2000, and 41 this year.

The Vast graduation numbers are actually broken into two groups. The first are students who are taking most, of not all, of their courses at Vast of their satellite adult education program at the Community Skills Centre. Some may take an elective or two at ADSS or even courses at the College. Of the 41 grads this year, 21 fall into this category, while 15 did last year. The other group of grads are ADSS students who have been able to graduate this year because they took one or more courses at Vast as well as their ADSS courses. This group numbers 20 in 2001, while it was 15 in 2000.

The 2001 Vast Grad class celebration gets underway with dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Barclay. The Grad Ceremony is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Due to the workable numbers each grad has an opportunity to say a few words when they receive their certificate. After, the ceremony grads and their guests will socialize and enjoy some fun casino games before the main entertainment of the evening. At 10:00

p.m., Mr. Leigh Sterling, a highly sought after hypnotist, will perform for the group.

The Vast Grad class of 2001 would like to thank the Grad Committee and in particular Mrs. Brenda Russell, our Youth Care Worker, for all of their works in organizing Grad this year. The students also thank the various businesses who donated prizes or gifts for the evening. The staff of the Vast Centre congratulates the following grads of 2001:

VAST

David Dunnington
Adele Dwyer
Dustin Gardener
Roseann Gibson
Ryan Gillis
Leo Green
Wendy Galloway
Rita Hegstad
Lisa Ho
Paul Johal
Karen Joseph
Rhonnie Lesieur
Blaine Marshman
Gabrielle Madsen
Mark Myers
Terra Power
Tanya Rasanen
Neeta Sidhu
Brandi Skoreyko
Danielle Treleaven

ADSS WITH VAST

Amanda Anker
Jared Best
Michelle Cherry
Samantha Clark
Trevor Demoskoff
Ryan Giesbrecht
Lisa Hogan
Mark Kennedy
Miranda Meams
Greg MacKnight
Ashlea McManus
Sandy Oppal
James Russell
Ian Simmons
Chris Shepard
Ashley Watts
Ken Watts



Retiring teacher Tom Paul is presented with a paddle by VAST student Roy Roberts who carved the paddle which was painted by Patrick Amos

Sixty Nuu-chah-nulth Students Graduate in Class of 2001

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - Several hundred proud Nuu-chah-nulth friends and family gathered at the beautiful Tin Wis Resort on Long Beach to celebrate the graduation of a loved one. While many graduates did not attend the celebration, the beautifully decorated Conference Centre was filled to capacity with those that made the long trip from their remote homes to be at Tofino on June 23.

The graduates were introduced, one-by-one while being escorted into the Centre by RCMP Constable Mike Martin of Tla-o-qui-aht TFN Fisheries Officers. Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation graciously hosted the event and did a wonderful job.

Tla-o-qui-aht Band Manager and Master of Ceremonies, Francis Frank entertained the crowd by holding a trivia contest between the students and the teachers. He also told jokes and shared anecdotes about the Co-chairs. At one point, he described a trip to the White House that the Central Region Chiefs made in the early 90's. Apparently, Central Region Co-Chair, Nelson Keitlah broke into a rap dance singing in Nuu-chah-nulth right in the halls of the White House. Keitlah obligingly took to the stage to reenact his performance to the loud applause of the graduation party. During the catered dinner, each Nation was invited to make presentations to each of their graduating students. Many offered gifts and words of congratulations and encouragement for further education. Lints Luens of Hesquiaht and also First Nations Education Worker at Alberni District Secondary School offered his congratulations to the

graduating class, "You have worked hard and have had a good year, you are all very deserving of this!"

Nuu-chah-nulth Princess, Hazel Cook, Nuu-chah-nulth Role Model, Lindsey Amos and NTC Education Manager, Blair Thompson made presentations on behalf of the Tribal Council. Graduates were called forward to receive gifts of jewelry and certificates.

NTC Home School Coordinator, Angie Miller also offered her congratulations, "I just want to say how happy I am to see you here. I have worked with many graduates right from elementary school to now. Many of you are my relatives. I am proud of you and hope that you continue on. I want to see all of you in post secondary sometime in your life."

The NCN students graduating from ADSS took the stage to publicly thank Linus Lucas for being there to assist them in their final year of school. Lucas hugged each of the appreciative graduates.

Tla-o-qui-aht Chief Ray Seitcher thanked everyone for coming to the celebration. He introduced his grand daughter, Charmaine Seitcher who is a 2001 graduate, saying that he is very proud of her. Seitcher and his grand daughter presented a paddle to Randy Frank of Tla-o-qui-aht, thanking him for always being there for Charmaine. TFN ended the evening with traditional songs and dances that come from Ray Seitcher's family.

Education Manager, Blair Thompson thanked Tla-o-qui-aht for doing such a wonderful job hosting the celebration and to all that worked hard to make the evening as special as it was. Next year's graduation ceremony will be held at House of Huu-ay-aht.

More on page 10 and 11.



Welcome song by Tla-o-qui-aht (Photo by Jack Cook)



Carlos Mack, Bert Mack and Victoria Morgan (Photo by Jack Cook)



TFN Hereditary Chief, Ray Seitcher proudly introduces his graduating grand-daughter, Charmaine Seitcher



Mark Masso (pictured to the left) of TFN gives keynote address to the grads "Just go, and the rest will fall into place"

SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE FEES

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

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It was the boy	-	ʔuhitma haaw'itaxi
It is the girl	-	ʔuhmaa haak'ax'i
The man is picking apples	-	ʔe'epit 'ihma cakup'i
I caught four sockeye	-	muuyipah mi'caat
Red cedar tree	-	Humiis-
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Submitted for haaŋitsa by Dave Watts from cuumaʔas

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Transitional plans for the New VAST Centre Announced

Port Alberni - On July 27th the demolition of the current VAST Centre will commence but the challenge of preparing for this day and the move to a new centre have been going on for some time now.

Mr. Tom McEvay, Principal of Alternate Programs for School District #70 and the Principal responsible for the VAST Centre, announced this week the plans for the transitional period from the old VAST to the new building later in the fall. The new Vast building is now under construction just behind the current facility. It is scheduled for completion sometime in late October. This leaves McEvay and his staff with a challenge since the old building must come down in late June.

"This project has been on the books for several years now as we have waited for the sale for the Calgary/VAST property," said McEvay. "As this process has sped up in the last few months we have finally been able to get serious about our plans. Ideally we would have preferred a scenario where our new building was complete before our old one was taken down. Since this is now not possible we have had to make some transitional plans."

VAST students were finished their spring term on Friday, June 15th. This week, VAST staff is busy packing and dismantling the current facility. Some furniture and resources will go into storage, however, McEvay expects to have a temporary office trailer on site at the back of the property of Bute Street this week. Later this summer a portable

classroom will be brought on site in preparation for September.

In September, things will be a little chaotic, McEvay explained. "We will have some students work out of the portable starting in mid September. Some students will use our classroom space at the Community Skills Centre to start the year while some of our shared students with ADSS will start the year at ADSS in their new Flex classroom. Our office trailer will be open and will be our centre of operations until the new building is ready."

The new VAST Centre will be a great improvement over the current facility. The new centre will have almost twice the space and much more flexibility for staff to develop new programs and courses. There will be increased office space for student support services and possible partnerships with community agencies. Plans are in the early stages for a grand opening in the late fall complete with tours for the public.

McEvay wanted to emphasize to prospective students that Vast will be open in September but just in temporary facilities for a few weeks. Students, 16 years of age or older including adult learners of all ages, interested in taking courses, through the VAST Centre or its Skills Centre location in September, should make application soon. Contact Mr. McEvay at VAST, 723-3744, or pick up an application form.

Adult learners can contact Mr. Carl Vesterback at the Skills Centre at 723-2261. Mr Vesterback will be teaching at the Skills Centre all summer as well.

Tom Paul

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lawyer Hugh Braker maintained their position that the trees were harvested under an Aboriginal right, and the province cannot rule on such federally protected rights.

After the December 7 - 8, 2000 Court of Appeals hearing, the three judges sided two-to-one in favour of Paul's claim.

"The question is whether the Legislature of British Columbia has the legislative capacity to endow the District Manager, the Administrative Review Panel, or the Forest Appeals Commission with the quasi-judicial capacity to decide questions of Aboriginal title and Aboriginal rights when only the Parliament of Canada can make laws in relation to the class of subjects," Justice

Lambert wrote in his decision. "I consider that the Provincial Legislature does not have the legislative competence to confer a jurisdiction on the three forest tribunals to decide questions of Aboriginal title and Aboriginal rights in a forest context."

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Since neither Tom Paul or Hugh Braker were available for comment before press-time, we will have a more complete analysis of the decision and its implications in the next issue of Ha-Shilth-Sa

Student Exchange Program

This student exchange was a trip to be well remembered by all who have had the opportunity to participate. We began planning for this trip in November 2001.

As we discussed communication with our twin group and planning fundraisers as well as finding donations from local merchants and foundations within BC.

With all that help and hard work, our two groups were able to share the experience of one another's cultures by sharing the differences.

During our twins visit to our community, we shared our language and history, gathered for a wiener roast, introduced one another, accommodated our guests comfortably in lodge, visited the local swimming pool, Robertson Creek fish Hatchery, Sproat Lake Petroglyphs, A.V. Museum, Tseshaht Long House shared songs and dances, gave gifts, toured on the MV Lady Rose and provided transportation.

Our twin guests shared the size difference in comparison with their community and became very close with our local students of AW Neill and Mt Klitsa Jr. secondary schools.

During our visit to Fort Severn, our students experienced the different plane rides, some for the first time ever, got to see the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba, then on to Fort Severn. Our group was welcomed by the entire community of Fort Severn at the airport and transported to the community where we were accommodated at the Niska Inn.

On the next day we transferred our students to cabins where we stayed the duration of our trip. We joined an elder on a quad ride to set a net, but in turn learned teamwork as the quads became stuck in Muskegs in the cold weather. We joined our twin on an adventure to a community wigwam and learned to pluck geese and clean fish the Wasaho way, then shared the experience of eating the catch.

Our forth day there we ventured up the Severn River to their rapids where they do even more fishing, shared a lunch

and returned to the cabins after along day.

All the outings always included members of our local communities who welcomed on another openly. As we returned home, many of the students found it hard to leave our new friends, but have discussed returning to the Wasaho community to visit on their own time.

On behalf of the students of AW Neill and Mt Klitsa Secondary, I would like to thank everyone who made this trip possible. I would especially like to thank the YMCA, Uniglobe Travel, Tseshaht First Nation, B.C Hydro, the Ed May Foundation, the City of Port Alberni, Mowachah/Muchalaha, the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council, Gloria Fred, Sam Frketch, Peter Klaver, Gio Mussato for all the support during our preparation for this trip. I would especially like to thank Edward Tatoosh, Robert Dennis Jr. for their help in teaching our classes the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Culture during our preparation for this trip. Finally I would like to thank Reg Sam for stepping in to help our students along on this trip. Reg had to take the place of our two cultural teachers who were unable to complete the trip with us, and he helped a great deal with the students, Kleco-Kleco. Also to the Dancing Spirit dance group of Tseshaht, your hosting of a dinner and dancing, as well as the use of your regalia was very much appreciated.

Thank - You

I would also like to pass along a thank you to everyone who made this trip possible, this was truly a wonderful experience for all the students including myself. I would especially like to thank Gina Watts for all her hard work in making things go so well, you done a great job! Thank you to Wasaho Nation for your hospitality, your warmth. I would also like to say how proud I was of all the students, they are great kids, and so to all the parents out there you have done a good job! Gloria Fred



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Nuu-chah-nulth lead National Aboriginal Day Demonstration

"Message to the Government and the public that we will have recognition of our aboriginal rights and title."

By Josephine Marshall-Johnson
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

On June 21, 2001 at the National Aboriginal Day demonstration Nuu-chah-nulth leaders and members gathered on the lawns of the legislature in Victoria to protest the government's "anti-Native policies".

Southern Region Co-chair Richard Watts led the charge on the legislative lawn. "We shouldn't be talking about a Referendum to do with our rights. Nobody asked for a Referendum when non-Native people came to our shores," said Richard. "Captain Cook and his crew came to our shores a few hundred years ago. They were given food and medicine to help them because they were sick and hungry. The first thing they did with the native people when they got there, they started trading. They traded for fresh water and salmon, so the relationship already built with them with terms trying to help they recognized the true owners of the land were," he said.

"We shouldn't be talking about a Referendum to do with our rights. Nobody asked for a Referendum when non-Native people came to our shores," said Southern Region Co-chair Richard Watts. "Captain Cook and his crew came to our shores a few hundred years ago. They were given food and medicine to help them because they were sick and hungry. The first thing they did with the native people when they got there, they started trading. They traded for fresh water and salmon, so the relationship already built with them with terms trying to help they recognized the true owners of the land were."

"When they traded, they spoke with our Chiefs to ask for permission to land. They know darn well if the same situation exists today the courts would simply confirm that. This whole issue of treaty is something that we have been working for ever since I can remember. I got involved in 1972 many other people have been involved for fifty years, and thirty years. We are trying to get a claim for our livelihoods. So

we can rebuild our communities and make healthy communities. Not these poverty reserves, where the unemployment rate is at 80% most of the time.

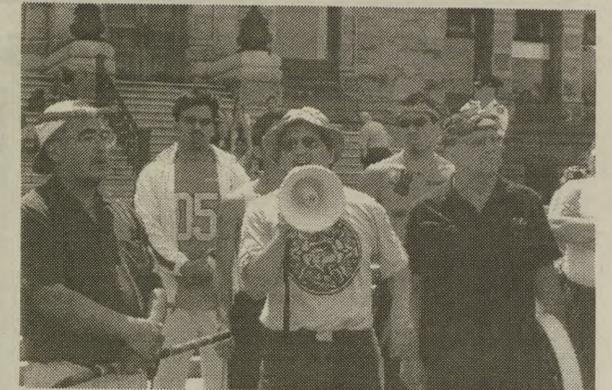
"We just won a big court case the other day. One of our guys went out and got logs to build a porch on his house and he took the logs off crown land. He was charged but the BC Court of Appeal said the Ministry of Forests was wrong. Our people do have a right to the resources. They should look into the archives and look at the longhouses and see they were not made out of plastic, they were made out of timber so get with it! This is the year 2001 but we still need lumber and resources and that is how we are going to interpret this case."

Throughout the protest, many people spoke about Premier Gordon Campbell, and how his Liberal Party have declared war upon the First Nations by stating that he intends to introduce Legislation to carry out a Referendum on the Rights of First Nations in British Columbia - a Referendum on Treaties and his "secret agenda".

More protests are being planned throughout the summer beginning when the legislature is recalled on July 24th.



Hundreds of First Nations people from across B.C. gather on the legislative lawns to protest Premier Gordon Campbell's divisive referendum proposal. Organizers are planning a long, hot summer of discontent aimed at the new B.C. government.



NTC Southern Region Co-chair Richard Watts leads the charge against the B.C. Liberals on the lawns of the Legislature in Victoria.

First People's Visitor's Centre planned for Victoria

Victoria - The First Peoples Cultural Foundation (FPCF) is preparing to open a Visitors' Centre that will feature a unique gallery and gift shop. It is to be located in the lower-main floor of the historic Board of Trade building in Victoria's downtown, "Bastion Square." It is anticipated that the grand opening will take place during Labour Day weekend in the beginning of September 2001.

The aim of the centre is to educate the public and create awareness of the past injustices to Indigenous peoples, which have resulted in the loss or near extinction

of languages and cultures of British Columbia while providing support for: the preservation and enhancement of Aboriginal heritage, language and culture; an increased understanding and sharing of knowledge, within both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities; and, a heightened appreciation and acceptance of the wealth of Aboriginal cultural diversity.

The purpose of the First Peoples Cultural Foundation is to generate funds through charitable donations and other activities, which will be "dispensed by the First Peoples' Heritage Language and Culture Council." The centre will be supported through corporate partnerships and charitable donations.

Troy Hunter, a Ktunaxa, is the Cultural Director for the Foundation. He is responsible for the development and management of the Visitors' Centre.

Hunter states, "This is an exciting opportunity for the Aboriginal people of British Columbia to tell our stories. Stories, which are often overlooked by museums and historians concerning our Indigenous heritage, our cultures and our languages. We are on the lookout for people who have stories to share, historic photographs especially pertaining to residential schools, Aboriginal cultures, languages, the arts and crafts, as well as volunteers."

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Tla-o-qui-aht hosts NTC Grad 2001

By Limus Lucas,
and Denise Ambrose,
Central Region Reporter

At three o'clock in the afternoon, over 200 guests arrived at the beautifully decorated Tin-Wis resort to honor the graduating class of 2001.

The day began with the Master of Ceremonies, Francis Frank, announcing each present member of the 2001 graduating class. The students were escorted to the head table by their own escort along with a member of the R.C.M.P., Mike Martin, and of the Tla-o-qui-aht Fisheries, Andrew Jackson.

As graduates of 2001 were seated, Francis Frank and Simon Tom began the ceremonies by announcing invited guests who came to honor the students.

The guests included Principals Greg Smyth, from ADSS in Port Alberni, and USS Kevin Luchies, from Ucluelet. Also present was USS Vice-principal Carol Sedgewick. Other guests were school District #70 assistant superintendents Sam Frketch and Ron Erickson accompanied by their present partners Anna Cole and Carol Manners. Following introductions, Francis looked at the grads and commented on how glum they were looking. He then called on Tom Curly, from Choo FM, to instill some therapy. Needless to say it worked and left everyone laughing. Simon Tom next introduced guest speakers from the NTC who came to congratulate the graduates. Archie Little told the grads that "today they have taken a giant step that may lead to the opening of a few doors." Nelson Keitlah was next and requested



Grad 2001 ~ Tin Wis Resort (Photo by Jack Cook)

the grads not to "forget your mom and dad and you will be guided by the nation." He went on to remind the grads of the importance of our language. He said that, "without it, your culture comes into question." Richard Watts thanked all of the people who supported these grads for "without it, where would they be?"

The keynote address came from Mark Masso of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation. He mentioned to the graduates to go to university and "Just Go. The rest will fall into place." He also went on to say that "college can be fun" but, "get you education, come home and help develop the community."

Finally the guests were honored to hear from the valedictorians, Barb Blackbird and Francis Williams. Barb was the first to speak to the grads and said that, "it is important to be role models for the class following behind us. For this reason we are passing on the torch" Next, Francis said, "I would like to

thank the parents and grandparents who had supported us to this point. It was great."

Then came the delicious seafood dinner that saw barbecued fish, clam patties, steamed clams and mussels. During dinner, people acknowledged the graduates. The Princess, Role Model and many tribal nations came forth and offered their congratulations to the grads.

Francis then introduced our Nuu-chah-nulth "rapper", Nelson Keitlah, to do a rap song. He did a number similar to the one he performed at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Following the dinner and speeches, Chief Ray Seitcher ended the evening by performing his dance on behalf of his graduating granddaughter, Charmaine, and publicly thanked Randy Frank for always being there for her.

Thank you to the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation for hosting a beautiful event.



Masters of Ceremonies Francis Frank and Simon Tom

Special points of interest:

- R.C.M.P. Mike Martin and fisheries officer Andrew Jackson escort success
- Principals of local high schools witness honoring of grad students.
- Therapy session with Tom Curly of Choo FM
- NTC co-chairs offer words of praise to the graduates.
- Mark Masso encourages graduates to "GO" to university to develop Nuu-chah-nulth communities.
- Class of 2001 boasts 60. Most members of any class
- Who wants to be a teacher between principals and students comes out to a draw
- Huu-ay-aht to host the 2002 grad ceremonies at the House of Huu-ay-aht.

Congratulations Grads of 2001!

May this be a time filled with joy and happiness.

A time for sharing your achievement with family, friends and community members. We are extremely proud of your accomplishment. With your dedication, perseverance and hard work you have successfully completed grade 12. Congratulations and we wish you the best today and always as you continue to reach for your dreams.

For those who attended the N.T.C. grad ceremony, it was great to celebrate with you. We hope you enjoyed your evening.

For the Grads who were unable to attend there is a gift for you at the N.T.C. Please contact Blair Thompson to arrange for pick up or mailing.

Again CONGRATULATIONS.

From the staff of the Nuu-chah-nulth Education Department



Princess Lynnsey Amos and role model Hazel Cook congratulate grads. (photo by Jack Cook)



Choo-FM's Tom Curly and NTC Education Curriculum Program Supervisor Eileen Haggard share in the fun at the NTC Grad held at Tin Wis. (Photo by Jack Cook)



Nelson Keitlah recounting his Washington D.C. White House rap performance (photo by Jack Cook)

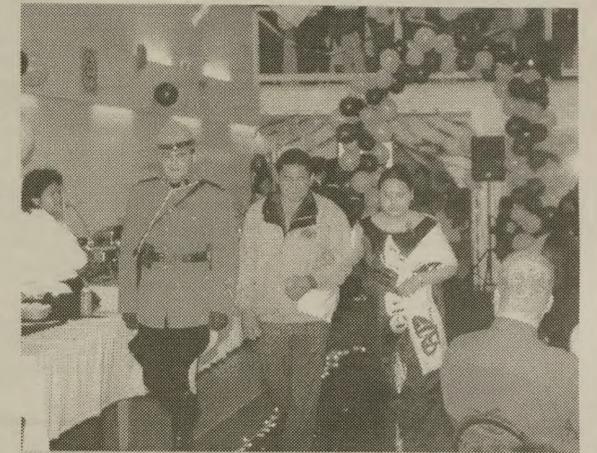
"Passing the torch on"

60 MEMBERS IN THE CLASS OF 2001

This year was an exceptional year as the graduating class of 2001 boasted 60 graduates. The most students of any year to graduate. People of the Nuu-chah-nulth can hold their heads high as the rate of graduating students is increasing. There were graduating students from schools and from all the fourteen tribes of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. It was a grand occasion.

During the course of the evening, a

challenge between the students and the visiting principals took place in a game of "Who Wants To Be A Teacher." The game came out a 4-4 draw. Though there were only 28 graduates presents all members of the class of 2001 were announced to show the Nuu-chah-nulth students their, much deserved, respect for reaching this milestone... Congratulations Class of 2001! See you next year at the House of Huu-ay-aht.



Mike Martin, Moses Martin and Barb Blackbird (Photo by Jack Cook)



Andrew Jackson and Francis Williams (Photo by Jack Cook)

Graduates 2001

- AHOUSAHT:**
Preston Campbell
Patrick Dick
Andrea Frank
Kelly Peter Hale
Arne Hansen
Edward Sam
Bonnie Tom
Tamara-Lynn Underwood
Annie Wardrope
Carla Webster
- DITIDAHT:**
Jaclyn Canute
Amelia Campbell
Denise Johnson
Karen Manitobenis
- EHATTESAHT:**
Deanna Charytoniuk
Lisa Parker
Tanya Ransanen
Tianna Thompson
- HESQUIAHT:**
Krystle Erickson
Matthew Lucas
Erica Tom
- HUU-AY-AHT:**
Angela Dennis
Martha Johnson
Sarah Johnson
Stephanie Williams
- HUPACASATH:**
Ryan Tatoosh
- HUPACASATH (ancestry):**
Martin MacNutt
Mariah Thomas
- KA:YU:KIH/CHEK'TILES'ETH**
Adrienne Jack
Mark Anthony James John
- Ralph John Jr.
Andrea Johnson
- MOWACHAHT/MUCHALAHT:**
Andrew Callicum Jr.
Thomas Dick
Leon Jack
- NUCHATLAHT:**
Julie Smith
Allison Vincent
Joel Goth
- TLA-O-QUI-AHT:**
Barbara Blackbird
Charmaine Seitcher
Nancy Stewart
Caroline Thompson
Brandy Vankouthnett
Francis Williams
Ray Williams
- TOQUAHT:**
Carlos Mack
Victoria Morgan
- TSESHAHT:**
Courtney Boucher
Leon Gallic
Kimberly Gus
Della Preston
Arianna Watts
Ashley Watts
Kenneth Watts
- UCHUCKLESAHT:**
Sabrina Halvorsen
- UCLUELET:**
Christian Klotz
Jim McCarthy
Crystal Masterangelo
Samantha Touchie
Spencer Touchie



Welcome dance Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation (photo by Jack Cook)

THANK YOU!

This years Nuu-chah-nulth graduation ceremony was held at Tin Wis in Tofino on Saturday June 23, 2001 and was hosted by the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation. Kleco! Kleco! Tla-o-qui-aht for doing such a fantastic job hosting. The Graduation Celebration went well and we would also like to thank the following for their contribution to making the day a success: Francis Amos, opening prayer Moses Martin, welcome on behalf of Tla-o-qui-aht Hereditary Chiefs, elected officials, thanks for coming out Francis Frank, Simon Tom- thank you for the great job you did as M.C.'s Mark Masso, keynote address - thanks for the wonderful words Tla-o-qui-aht Singers and Dancer - thank you for sharing your songs and dances Barbara Blackbird, Francis Williams, thanks for the valedictorian address Nelson Keitlah, Richard Watts, Archie Little, thank you for the message from the N.T.C. Lynsey Amos, Princess, thanks- for the speech and help handing out certificates Hazel Cook, Role Model, thanks - for the speech and help handing out

pendants School District #70 representatives, thanks for joining us in our celebration Parents and community members, it is you who make this day special, thank you for sharing this day with the Graduates. Tin Wis staff, thank you for making this day special, the food was great. Jack Cook, thanks for taking pictures for us Mike Watts, thank you for videoing, playing the music and bringing the banner Denise Ambrose, thank you for the coverage

T.F.N. EDUCATION COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY CATHY TOM AND CAROL MARTIN, YOU DID A FANTASTIC JOB PULLING IT ALL TOGETHER, KLECO! KLECO!

Congratulations to Ralph John Jr. the happy winner of the \$250.00 draw. Thank you to the N.T.C. Community and Human for this donation. Thank you as well to all others who donated prizes. Thank you to all those who helped in any way to make this day special. Again congrats grads...

From the staff of the N.T.C. Education Department.

Sports - ʔim-čap-mis

Danielle Lafortune wins double silver

Young 15 year old Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation member, Danielle Lafortune, recently competed at the Swim BC AAA Provincial Championship Long Course Trials held in the Surrey Aquatic Centre during June.

Swim clubs came from all over BC and the Yukon. Danielle swims as a member of the Ladysmith Orcas Swim Club. She helped her team capture two silver medals for the 17 year old and under relay team category. Danielle swam a lifetime best butterfly stroke in her leg of the medley relay during the first day of competition.

She then swam the anchor leg of the free relay on the second day. In both events her team won the silver medal. In individual events, Danielle swam another lifetime best and placed 4th overall in the 50 meter freestyle, missing

another silver medal by just .05 seconds, a blink of an eye.

She also placed 9th in the 100 meter freestyle.

Danielle was ranked second in both the 100 and 200 meter backstroke events but had to pull out because of a jammed elbow when she finished hard in the free relay event.

After she was injured, Danielle showed her winning spirit is strong by staying and cheering on her teammates.

She is now getting ready for the summer swim season. Her next goal is to qualify for the BCSSA Provincial Championships to be held in Trail in August. Special thanks must be given to the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation Band and Council for their continued support of their special member. Barb Lafortune



TFN swimmer Danielle LaFortune continues to shine in aquatic sports.

Nuu-chah-nulth BMX Champ seeking sponsorships

Hello I would like to introduce **KYLE CORFIELD** who is an 8 yr. old BMX rider. Kyle is Nuu-chah-Nulth from the Ucluellet First Nation.

Kyle has been racing since the age of 5. Racing is Kyle's greatest passion in which he has achieved a place with the BMX TEAM CANADA and he has the greatest opportunity to go to KENTUCKY USA in July to race with Team Canada and represent Nuu-chah-nulth and the Province of British Columbia in the UCI worlds.

Kyle is currently ranked #1 in B.C. Kyle is currently ranked 11th within his age group with the ABA racing association in the USA.

In order for Kyle to achieve this goal he and his family have been fund raising and are still in need of some financial support or donations for a raffle for

Kyle and his mother to attend this once in a life time chance for this 8 yr. old Racer.

The goal for Kyle is to raise \$5000.00 to cover the cost of his travel, hotel and meals.

Kyle has traveled within Canada and the USA to places such as Nevada, California, Oregon, Las Vegas, Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and even far as Florida.

Kyle has been able to do this with the loving support of his family.

Kyle's family is greatly thankful for any support you or your business is able to provide and are very willing to promote your business in various ways. Thank you very much for your time to view this letter.

If you wish to sponsor Kyle you can by contacting Michelle at 250-754-7540 or Maureen at 250-726-2414.

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project UPCOMING EVENTS

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP

POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday July 31, 2001

6:00PM

Campbell River United Church

415 Pinecrest

Campbell River BC

for more information please contact:

Vina Robinson - Urban Outreach Worker (250) 731-6271

or Local contact: Lisa Charleson 337-2145

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project

Residential School Support Group

Potluck Dinner

Monday July 16th, 2001

6:00PM

Church of Saint John The Divine

1611 Quadra Street

Victoria BC

for more information please contact:

Vina Robinson - Urban Outreach Worker (250) 731-6271

or local contact: Tracey Webster 478-1841

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project

Vancouver Residential School Support Group

MEETINGS

Monday July 9th and July 23, 2001

6:00 PM

Vancouver Aboriginal Centre

1607 East Hastings Street

Vancouver, BC

for more information please contact:

Vina Robinson - Urban Outreach Worker (250) 731-6271

or local contact: Mary Howard 709-8771

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project

Nanaimo Residential School Support Group

MEETINGS

(Potluck)

Thursday July 5th, and July 19th 2001

6:00PM

Community Services Building

285 Prideaux Street

Nanaimo BC

for more information please contact :

Vina Robinson - Urban Outreach Worker (250) 731-6271

or local contact: Mabel George : 741-1551

Health - tiič-mis

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

By Marc Lalonde
Northern Region Infant Development Worker

Pretty well all of my training, in child development, has ignored the spiritual domain. A domain is like a part of something, but an area on all its own. For example, we grow and mature physically. Our bodies grow from infancy to adulthood, and even changes as we grow older. As our bodies continue to develop and/or change, we learn to adapt. To use our bodies in the best way we can. An infant needs to develop the muscle control to stand; bear her weight; and maintain her balance, before she can learn to walk. This is the physical domain of development.

Other domains are intellectual (or cognitive, adaptive, problems solving), emotional, and social development. Children learn and develop new skills and insights in each area of development. They grow and develop as a whole person, but each domain may have it's own rate of development. As I studied, I noticed the spiritual domain was not mentioned. The only time spirituality came up, was when they talked about culture.

Although my school training had very little to do with spiritual development, many cultures from a round the world, including many First Nations, have regarded spirituality as an important part of overall development. However, the research of spiritual development was always left alone. Spirituality started to pop-up in the literature, when scientist were looking at resiliency.

Resiliency is a term used when we see how certain people seem to do well, regardless of what life throws their way. They may have had difficult lives, with very little opportunity, but turned out OK. These people seem to do well, where most of us would be struggling to get along. One of the things that helped people was if they had at least one person who loved them, no matter what. Someone who truly cared about them, a person they could rely on. Spirituality is also a protective factor. People with a strong sense of spirituality seem to do well, regardless of how little they have and how many problems they face.

Dr. James Garbarino, a professor at Cornell University and regarded as a leading expert on adolescents and violence, says there is no single factor that places a child at risk of deviant behaviours. Many factors can contribute to this. Things like: poverty; isolation; the absence of a parent; low education; substance abuse by a parent; large family size; and mental illness. When a

family has to deal with three or more of these elements, life can be very difficult. Throw in a crisis and there is little wonder why families and individuals break down. On the other hand, there are factors which help protect children from engaging in deviant behaviours.

Things in life which help youth stay away from deviant acts are called protective factors. These elements of life help to protect youth from being overcome with life's hassles. Some of the protective factors can include: getting support from other adults; communicating positively with at least one parent; believing in some degree of control over ones life, and a sense of spirituality.

Through his research, Dr. Garbarino is finding that spirituality is one protective factor that can overcome many negative factors. He has found that children who do not grow up with spirituality have a sense of being on their own in the universe. The spiritually empty child lacks an emotional foundation to fall back on. Spirituality helps keep them grounded. They realise they are part of something much bigger and better. That they are a part of a greater, spiritual existence.

Without spirituality, children grow up with a missing part of their development. It is like having a hole in their hearts, and this hole is being filled with the dark side of our culture; like gangster rap, Marilyn Manson, and cult figures. There is a difference between those children who experiment with negative, violent and even demonic cult figures, and those who take them on as a way of life. One of the things which seems to be different between these groups is a sense of spirituality. Children raised with a sense of spirituality may experiment with some of this stuff, but do not take it on as a life style.

The spiritually empty child lacks a sense of limits. A strong sense of faith offers a clear direction and a way to live our lives. Without this, children can easily justify any action, including breaking the laws of the land. Please don't confuse this with religion. We all know there are some people who use religion to control and oppress others. Organised religions also do a lot of good, but people can be very spiritual without having to follow a particular religion.

In a material world as ours, the message children receive is that what you own is more important than who you are, and what you believe in. It is very hard to work against this. The

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Setting Goals

By Vienna Lamb
Nursing student

I can see my future life down the road and the goals that I have set now I have achieved then.

The goals I set for myself are not small ones; I set them so that I have some challenge in achieving them.

No matter what they are associated with, it could be school, work, family time, exercise, or quality time with my son. I know if I do this then I have something to work towards.

When I have accomplished these goals than I can feel good about doing so. Then I set some more.

One of my long-term goals is to open a home for the elderly and for other citizens in need of personal assistance. Not just a home, but a place where the environment feels like home, where there are just enough people to feel like a small family.

I want to have a place where people cannot wait to come to, like a vacation, but they never have to leave and can stay as long as they want. This is my personal goal that I strive to achieve. I know that it will take a lot of work, time and care to do so, but it will be worth it in the end.

Maybe one day you will see me there, not as an owner or employee, but as one of the clients staying there.

My main goal is to receive a baccalaureate of science in nursing. As you read this article, I am in the process of achieving this goal.

I have been in school for the past two and a half odd years upgrading and taking university transfer courses towards the nursing program, for the past three years I have been a dedicated mother to my beautiful son, I have also been an auntie, sister, daughter, cousin, niece, friend, employee, etc. It has not been easy, but that is the challenge that makes it worthwhile.

This is also my second year as a summer student at Nuuchahnulth Community and Human Services Nursing Department and I am thrilled to be able to have the opportunity to work with the Community Health Nurses and all the staff involved in making this position possible.

I encourage everyone to have some goals set that they can work towards, than you can look back and see how far you have gone, and see how far you have to go.

It does not have to be a big goal, it can be something as small as, I will read a book twice a week, I will give my son or daughter an extra hug and kiss today, or I will help one person today. You will notice the difference it makes in your life and that is a positive impact that not only affects you but also the people around you will feel the difference.

- ✓ 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 Nuuchahnulth Community and Human Services Usma Program. We are looking for Nuuchahnulth 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.

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.

WANT A CAREER IN NURSING?

Call Jeanette Watts at 724-3232 for more information

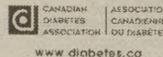
SPECIAL NEEDS FOSTER HOME

The Nuuchahnulth Community and Human Services requires a skilled two parent home, with no other children, to provide care for a teenager. The resource parents will possess solid behavioral management skills and have an understanding of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. They will have good ability to work as a part of a team including, counsellors, school and social workers. For complete information please contact John Mayba, Social Worker 724-3232.

"Traditions are a big part of my culture. Unfortunately, so is diabetes."

Bernie, First Nations counsellor

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Birthdays & Congratulations!



Happy 4th Anniversary to my Husband life time partner, I will love You 4 ever. Lots of Hugs and Kisses from your wife, Catherine Watts.

I would like to wish our, (daughter, sister) Clara little a very happy birthday, on July 16, hope that yah have a great day always remember we love yah. Love from your mom & dad, sister Annette, & bro Norman. Prince George.

I would like to wish my #1 mom Greta Charlie a happy birthday on July 19th, we just want yah to know mom I think of you every day, I really miss yah, and wish that I could be home for your special day. I want you to know that your the greatest mother anyone could ever have, and I love you mom, hope you have a wonderful day love from your daughter, Erma, little and your grandchildren, Clara, Annette & Norman prince George.

I want to say happy birthday to my baby sis: Clara Thomas on July 15th, hope you have a great day sis, we all miss yah very, very much, thank god for the telephone hey? Take care of yourself sis and don't work too hard, or don't injure yourself playing hockey. Lots of hugs and kisses from your sis Erma, William, Clara, Annette, & Norman little all the way from Prince George.

I would like to wish my parents Evelyn (Lena) and Darrell Ross Sr. a Happy 14th Anniversary for July 4, 2001. I wish you many more years of happiness and health. I would also like to wish my uncle Mike Watts a happy thirty something birthday for July 4, 2001. Luv from, Darrell Ross Jr.

I would like to say a very special happy birthday to our oldest son, Jerome Sam. We are always proud of you son. Follow your dreams and keep going, for you are the best cook with a lot of talent. We love you soon. Love Mom, Dad, John, Pam and Keith.

A very happy 1st Anniversary goes out to Jerome Sam and his wife Gina on July 22. We love you both. Love Mom, Dad, John, Pam and Keith.

I like to wish my loving Auntie Gina a belated Happy Birthday, thought of you on your special day. Couldn't be there in person but I was there in thought. I love you always, Squigg.

Happy Birthday to my special Auntie Hazel whose been for me through all my tough times, you awesome love is appreciated love your niece Pooh. Delaine. Happy Anniversary to a special couple Lena and Darrell on July 4th, and Mike Watts my cousin Happy Birthday same day, Love your coz Delaine.

I especially like to thank everyone came to the hospital to visit me. Special thanks to Lena, Babes, Sherry L. Auntie Gina, Uncle Cyril, Darrell, friends, sister Pam, Corrine.

One personal thanks to Tobias Jones who was there every day. I love you being there with me, you're a special man in my life. Love always and forever



Congratulations to our favourite bro, Doug Wilson on your chef grad. Love Pearl & Family, Victoria & Family, Doretta & Family, Peter, Dorothy and Dick.

Delaine (Insane)
Happy 20th Birthday to Myrtle Atleo on July 11 and Happy 14th Birthday to Troy Atleo on July 19th. Love Uncle Dave and Auntie Pearl Jacobson.

Happy 80th Birthday to my mother Josephine Thompson on July 10. Happy belated Birthday to my nephew Peter Drake on July 1. From Linda.

Happy Belated Birthday to our Uncle Derek who turned 27 on June 12, love from your nephews Dorian and Christopher.

Happy Birthday to Clara Mom grandma who turns 43 on July 7th. We love you so much, enjoy your day! Hugs and kisses your daughter Molly, Dean, Chris, and Dorian.

Happy Birthday to my nieces in July Jacqueline and Joyce Patrick. Have a great day... and I love you both from Auntie Jackie, Tim, Matt and Kenny.

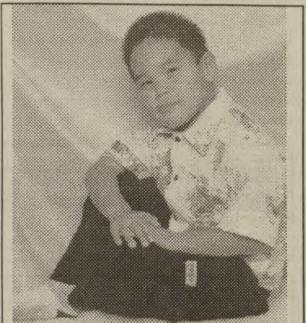
Happy Birthday to Tasha and Tyrone Harness. hope you have a good day on your 17th Birthday from Uncle Tim, and family.

Happy Birthday to my cousin, I haven't seen in a long time, Marla Charleson, I miss you, and think of you. Have a good one from your cuz, Jackie and Tim.

Happy Birthday to Uncle Rocky Titian, same day as mine. take care and have a good one from Jackie S.



Congratulations to our big sister, Dorothy Wilson, on your course. Love Violet, Lisa, Michael, Marvin Jr., Pearl, Marvin Sr., oh yes, Amos.



Congratulations to our son Christopher Williams who graduated Kindergarten @Port Alberni Christian School. Way to go son, we're proud of you, keep up the good work big brother (AKA Molly, Dean and Dorian)

Janice and Eddi got married!

Thank you to all of the wonderful people who helped us to have our beautiful wedding. We cannot go without mentioning our heartfelt gratitude to the following; First of all we would like to say thank you to the family of late Nellie Haukas. Donna and family gave us their blessings to go ahead with our wedding as planned. Nellie, God rest her soul was put to rest the day before the wedding. She will be missed by many.

Both of our wonderful parents Gail Gus & John Watts and Ed Johnson & Donna Shaw. We Love You! Thank you to my brothers for being there for us, to all our aunts and uncles from the Watts (Nibbles and Ceca, Dave and Annie, Aunty Diane Gallic, Marlene and Duck), Johnson, Shaw, Nookemus and Gus (Colleen and Leslie, Barry and Maggie, Yvonne and Liz, Reg and Ryan families for helping out with the food and etc..

It was perfect, more than enough to go around. Thank you dad, Ed Johnson for supplying all the seafood and mom, Donna Shaw, Alfred Knighton and Ditidaht First Nation for the giving us the fish.

Special thanks to our Aunty Faith, Aunty Betty, Aunty Hilda and cousin Bonnie for the delicious desserts that you prepared.

Thank you to those who kindly came out to decorate the Maht Mahs. Special thanks to Julie Fontaine for cleansing the Maht Mahs before decorating.

Thank you to all the guests who attended the wedding. All your gifts are so beautiful.

Thank you to Darrell Ross and Bob Soderlund for driving us around in their beautiful cars. Also a big thanks to Bob Soderlund for the beautiful pictures.

Thank you to Kaw-T-Shirts for screen printing the beautiful shawls. Thank you to Aunty Faith for all the help you gave my mom in making 24 vests.

Thank you to Aunty Faith, Evelyn Marshall, my mom and my bridesmaids for all of the beautiful work on the party favours. And thank you to Aunty Colleen for making the vests for our son Edward and father for the wedding.

Big thanks to the cooks for cooking the wonderful dinner, Audrey Edgar and daughter's, Lewis Halvorson and

I would especially like to thank my Matron of Honor Bonnie Gus for being there for me. Everything you did for me, meant so much. I love you cuz!

Big thanks to the Dancing Spirit who came out to sing and dance for us. Thank you to Aunty Hilda for sharing her name with the bride. Janice is also now known as Wemtis. Thank you to Grampa Ralph for the name that was put on baby Edward who is now known as Tsa ah wat sin. The name comes from Grandpa Ralph's maternal grandfather.

Thank you all for the monetary gifts. If you were all wondering we honeymooned in Victoria for 5 days.

Thank you to our 3 beautiful children for being so adorable and patient. I hope we didn't leave anyone out. It took so many to make our day a big success, they were hard to keep track of.

We love you all and want you to know that everything you all did for us made our day so fun and perfect. You all made June 9, 2001 an even more special day. Love from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson.

Please Welcome "Dorian Cashes Malachi Sutherland" who was born June 12, 2001 weighing 8lbs 81/2 oz. The proud parents are Clayton D. Sutherland and Molly Clappis a brother for Christopher.



the other fellow. I apologize for not knowing your name, my Mom could not remember it, but you know who you are. Tlecko to Kii Kii in (Ron Hamilton) for conducting the Nuu-chah-nulth way of a Kuu as marriage ceremony and Simon Dennis for conducting the wedding ceremony.

Thank you to the paddlers who assisted Eddi with beach proposal. Paddling all the way from Pacheena is a big deal. You all deserve a big heartfelt thank you.

(Connie Nookemus, Lewis Halvorson, Ian McPhee, Gordie Cook, Gabriel Williams (Tlookweeis, Hipalite), Duane Edgar, Robert Dennis Sr, Robert Dennis Jr, Sarah Dennis and lastly but not least, Hawlith Jeff Cook)

Thank you to Eddi's family who were unable to ride in the canoe and stood on the beach. Also, thank you to Tony Marshall for barbequing the salmon and Faith and Evelyn for preparing the meal for the paddlers.

Thank you to my bridesmaids and Eddie's groomsmen.

Thank you to those who came out to assist with clean-up at the Maht Mahs the day after the wedding. I know you must have been tired after the busy day before but you still made it out to help us.

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poet's nook

What words alone can't say

by Nathan Wende
More often than not
Words can't describe
My feelings for you
Which live deep inside
Feeling that grow stronger
With every beat of my heart
I knew you were the one for me
Right from the start
There isn't a moment
In the day I can find
Where your face and smile
Don't appear in my mind
I long to be with you
And hold you tight
To protect you and love you
Every day and every night
We share something so special
Each and every day
A feeling in our souls
Words alone can't say
Happy 6th Anniversary on July 1st to my husband Mike love always from Rhonda.

Return of the Father

There comes a time when the son must rise
Not in the face of ridicule amongst the public onslaught
But in the shadows of the noo-wii and the oo-ma
When did the rules change?
Change that allowed the soul to be diminished
By those inhuman bearing the dark cloth
Will they take the responsibility?
For the disarray left behind in their wake
There is pain for punishment lashed out
To the soul of the innocent
Destruction
A solid foundation on longer stands
To hold the house of the blossoming rose
Shadows of the past shed much darkness
Leaving behind skeletons in the closet
There is no light to grow
Forefathers are in pain
This is not the way it was remembered
Dances of celebration bare no meaning
Public humiliation stand as grounds to teach
More destruction
Where is there to go?
Walk towards the dark holes of the shadow of the cloth
Noo-wii stands outside the house
Tradition is lost
Father has returned
Name withheld by request

FRIENDSHIP

When true friends are created these creations are real and lasting.
We create many things in our lives that should be cherished with our caring, integrity, and our valued esteem.
Friendship is no different from anything else we build.
Each step in a relationship is a creation and learning experience.
Through these experiences, we learn whether we can give and receive freely with a trusted friend.
A person who has earned the rare treasure of a dependable friend has created a relationship of trust, honesty, respect, and loyalty.
So today I now know who are my true friends are.
Jacqueline Sabbas,
Hesquiaht First Nation

You & Me!

If you let me be me,
And if I let you be you
We can say Let it be
Two would truly be too.
If we know how to let it be,
When I say too it means us,
When you say two to me,
Does it mean we won't fuss?
Two times too for me is we,
Too times two is too much,
I like to get selfish and say me,
At times you & me lose touch!
We, us, you & me is so nice,
I still say you & me
When I say me there's a price
I need to say 'you & me'.
Talk is nice - song means more
You & me has a nice ring,
Song opened our door,
Song does not die - I still sing!
I'll let you be you my dear, Please let me be me,
I promise you've nothing to fear,
You see I've learned how to let it be!
'Tis still you & me, I pray let it be,
Unless we say two is too
Or must it be you to say to me
That two is too or is it two?
For Linda Jane, From Corbett George,
June 20, 2001, Maaqtusiis, B.C.

The almighty Samson

I see your face everyday
The mirror reminds me
Of who you are
There is
Anger
Ridicule
Pain
Humiliation
Disrespect
Dark eyes
ABUSE!
I know who you are
The mirror reminds me
I see your face everyday
Now it is me
Wearing the collar
First Generation Survivor
[Residential School]

Kleco's

The family of Nellie Anne Haukas (Dick) express our heartfelt thanks to Dr. D. Lund, staff at WCGH, ambulance attendants, Rainbow Gardens, Chapel of Memories, Bishop Hobbs, Jackson Ellis, LDS Relief Society, the choir, the soloist, the pall bearers, and to all those who participated in the service. Special thanks to the Tseshaht First Nation, Tseshaht Fisheries, the Ha-Ho-Payuk school, the cooks, and all those that sent flowers and cards. Thank you, also, to anyone we may have forgotten to mention. God Bless You All.
May the memory of my mother's sweet smile and cute giggle bring you comfort and happy thoughts.
Mary Donna

When we lost our daughter Marilyn, we would like to thank all of the people for their support, kindness, generous donations and just being there for us especially for our granddaughter Natasha, grandson Earl and great grandson Alex.
N.T.C. Kitsumkalum, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht, Tla-o-qui-ah first nation.

In Memoriam - tatak'ap

Robert "Bobby" Watts Jr.

"Stinkex"
August 23, 1976 - June 22, 2001



Bobby is survived by his father Robert Watts Sr. (Catherine), his sisters Martha and Mila-Ann. His Grandmother Marie Martin (Ben Williams), many uncles and aunts, his step brothers and sisters and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Bobby was predeceased by Mother Elaine, sister Sylvia, grandfather Peter Martin, grandmother Lillian Watts-Gomez, grandfather Jack Watts, uncles James Martin and Patrick Williams. Funeral services were held Friday, June 29, 2001 at the Chapel of Memories in Port Alberni and the interment at the Tseshaht Cemetery.

Thank you

First of all we would like to thank our brother and his wife, Richard and Faith Watts for getting the girls Martha Watts and Mila-ann Watts down here from Terrace B.C. to be here with their dad for their brothers funeral. We will always remember how loving and caring you really are. Kleco! Kleco!
We would also like to thank all the family members and friends that donated all the food and chumus while we were meeting at Normans (Boogie's) house. Also a big Thank You to our brother Norman (Boogie) for letting us use his house at this time.
Thank you to Gail (Peterson) Gus for all your love and support
Thank you to all the people who donated the food for the luncheon,
Thank you to the Sam families for preparing and cooking the food.
Thank you to Ray and Reg Martin and

family for your support.
Thank you to all the First Nations for your donations at our time of sorrow.
Thank you to the Tseshaht First Nation for the use of the gymnasium and kitchen, it was very much appreciated. Kleco! Kleco!
Thank you to the Pallbearers, Honorary Pallbearers and gravediggers.
Thank you to Peter and Doug Wilson for helping with the traffic, Kleco! Kleco!
Thank you to our brother, James Dick for doing the burning, Kleco! Kleco!
Thanks Annie Watts for the help.
Please forgive us if we forgot anyone, this was not intentional. It is so hard to try to remember all the people that helped out at this time of sorrow.
Kleco! Kleco!
Lots of love from Robert and Catherine Watts and family

In loving memory of Robert Martin Sr.

January 17, 1925 - May 26, 2000

A great husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather.
We miss you dearly.
We remember you always, you're close in our hearts.
We pray that your spirit soars like the eagles.
We still love you - too much!
From Ruth & Martin family



Rogers mom Myrtle Laidlaw, Eddie Jones, Richard Lucas, Cecil and Bev Sabbas, J.C. Lucas, for all of your help. Nellie and Gloria Frank, Vi and Willie George, Josephine and Earl George, Martha Paul, Barb and Don Audet, Mark Masso, Terri and Trent Masso, Diane and John, Alex and Nella Nelson, Billy Joseph, Harvey Thomas and thank you Father Salmon and Care.
Betty Ross and Albany Family for the flowers. Richard and Sandra Hunt for the flowers. Stuart Smith for the beautiful wreath you made. Also Betty and Charity Lucas for the beautiful wreaths you made and all your help. Karla and Vern Point for all your help. Hilda Nookemus, Fran, Margaret, Rita, Julia, Mary, Janie Frank, Gloria and Ambrose for being there with us. Janet and Hudson and Family and everyone else that was there for our granddaughter Natasha, great grandson Alex and grandson Earl and Roger her husband and all of us.

Kleco Kleco
Monica, Tim and family.
Also I would like to thank my son Ralph and his wife Bernie for seeing to everything that had to be done. I know how hard it was for you son as well as my other sons, daughters, granddaughters, grandsons and all my great ones. I want you all to know how lucky I am to have such a big family and I am so proud of all of you. I love you very much.
Tim, my husband, thank you for being you and always be there for us. Losing my daughter Marilyn has been the hardest thing for me and my family to face and you have been my strength. Mark, my son-in-law, who was not able to be with us, I thank you for the beautiful eulogy you wrote. Deanna my granddaughter for the poem you wrote and my husband Tim for the eulogy. I love you all very much.
Mom, Grandma and wife.

Announcements

ʔu-yaq̓h-mis

Attention Nuu-chah-nulth membership...

- ◆ Please notify your First Nation if you have any events that happen in your life such as Marriage, Divorce, Birth, Death, Name Change and especially "Transfers".
- ◆ Submitting these documents to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office is just as important as submitting these documents to your First Nation.
- ◆ Being on the D.I.A. list does not mean you are on your First Nation's Registry Band List, you must apply for Band Membership.
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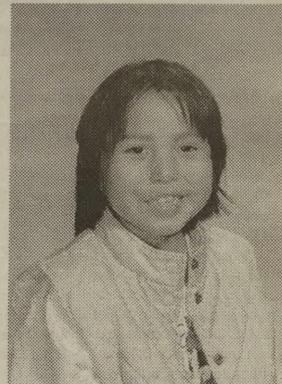
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Kleko's

Hello, I would like to introduce you to my daughter Brook-Lyn George. She is 7 years old and is from the Ahousaht Band. Brook-Lyn was born with a bi-lateral sensorineural hearing loss. Brook-Lyn began using American Sign Language from 1 year of age.

This past November we found out additional information about Brook-Lyn that will affect her future. From November on, we began going through the Criteria stages to get Brook-Lyn assessed for being a recipient for a Cochlear Ear implant. She went through numerous tests at B.C Children's Hospital and Sunny Hill Health Centre in Vancouver. She was chosen to be a Candidate for the Cochlear Ear implant and was implanted on May 1, 2001. Her surgery began at 7:45 am and she was back in the recovery room at 1:30ish. She was sent home the next day. We had a very long 6-week wait before we knew the success of the implant. She was implanted with a Nucleus 24 Cochlear Implant, which consists of an array of 22 electrodes. We brought Brook-Lyn back to B.C Children's Hospital on June 20, 2001. They checked her electrodes and out of



22, she only had one that was defective. Her implant is running on 21 electrodes. They began the mapping process of her speech processor. She did map 1 on this day. We waited as they tested her on each electrode. After what seemed to be 2 endless hours, they told us that they would turn her speech processor

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

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

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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 - q̓i-cah-ta-mis

JOB POSTING

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Location: Anacla, Huu-ay-aht First Nation (Health Clinic)

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QUALIFICATIONS: Must have education (minimum: Diploma in Social Service Work) and work experience in Social Service work and Family Care work. A criminal Record check will be required prior to hiring.

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Huu-ay-aht First Nation
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V0R 1B0

West Coast Aboriginal Canoes to Stop On Newcastle Island

West Coast Native canoes will spend two days on Newcastle Island in Nanaimo Harbour when they arrive here as part of the Tribal Journeys voyage to Squamish First Nation on BC's lower mainland. As many as 40 canoes with crews and support personnel will arrive in Nanaimo on the evening of July 2, 22 hours after the close of Nanaimo's famous annual bath tub race. Traditional ceremonies and welcomes will give way to a number of events and activities planned for the stopover. Most crew members are youths from various First Nations on Vancouver Island, but some crews are expected from as far away as Japan, Hawaii and New Zealand.

"We are very excited about bringing this celebration to Nanaimo", Snuneymuxw First Nation Chief John Wesley says, "Every year the canoes pass through here unannounced and unrecognized. We're especially pleased to follow up Bathub Weekend with some more-traditional ocean craft!" All residents of Vancouver Island, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, are invited to participate in the activities planned for the three days beginning July 22. On July 23, traditional artists and carvers and other Native artisans

will show their work on Newcastle Island. As well, dance groups, singers and other entertainment will also take place throughout the day and evening. Many Nanaimo residents are expected to visit the Island and see, first-hand, what takes place during the celebrations. Wesley notes, "We're pleased to be able to present Don Burnstick, an Aboriginal Canadian comedian who mixes his jokes with a serious message: that alcohol and drugs are hurting people. He is one of a handful of people that could successfully have you laughing and thinking about something more serious, all at the same time!"

This year's journey brings Aboriginal Nations from all parts of the Pacific Northwest together in Squamish First Nation on July 27. Crews travel from their homes in ocean-going canoes for two of three weeks, making the trip a spiritual journey of self-discovery. Young paddlers test their mental and physical endurance and learn the traditional ways of their ancestors during the daily twelve to fourteen hour trips.

The canoes will head across Georgia Strait early on July 23, bound for the Sunshine Coast.

2001 17th Annual Shuswap Cultural Gathering

At Spallumcheen Band, Enderby, B.C.

AUGUST 3-6, 2001

Some of the events planned for the weekend are: a traditional pow wow, softball games, canoe races, fashion show, princess pageant and traditional games. The Secwepemc (Shuswap) Gathering is a drug and alcohol free event. Free Camping will be available. Everyone, public included is invited to come and share the cultural traditions and celebrations of the various Shuswap communities. Coordinator and Media Contact: Dorothy Christian (250) 546-0082.

ATTENTION CATERERS

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council will once again be accepting bids from caterers to provide chumas, coffee, tea and juice for the N.T.C. scholarship presentations on July 26, 01 beginning at 6:30 p.m. caterers will be expected to provide the following:

- chumas (cakes, fresh fruit, etc.)
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- water
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- serving of the above
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- (clean up as related to above)

Please send in your bid to the N.T.C. office care of Eileen Haggard. Fax 723-0463 tel. 724-5757.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

Education Department

is accepting bids for the Scholarship Celebration

set up & clean up

of the Maht Mahs Gym

on Thursday, July 26, 2001, Port Alberni

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Spiritual Development

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media (TV, radio, newspapers, magazines, etc.) keep telling us we need to buy stuff so we can be "cool" or "bad" (or whatever they call it now). The reality is that we are spiritual beings, who need to teach children through everyday acts of caring. Too many opportunities are missed, to teach this. If you want your children to grow as spiritual beings, you must show them how you practice your spirituality. They will tune you out if you lecture them, and they will not follow your directions, if you do not "walk your talk". Children need a good home for the spirit to develop.

In his work, Dr Garbarino has found four ways to help youth become more spiritual. 1) There needs to be someone who will mentor (or teach) the youth. The relationship must be a long lasting one for it to work. There needs to be a commitment of at least two and a half years. 2) Help the youth practice at focusing her attention and concentrating her mind on spirituality. This

can be done by spending time doing things like: praying, yoga, meditation, and certain kinds of martial arts and reading programs. I believe one of the ways the Nuu-chah-nulth did this was through the bathing rituals. 3) Select music that will help the youth be calm, and let her reflect. Traditional songs and drumming could be used. 4) Caring for living things, like plants or a garden, or pets, animals and even fish. This helps teach responsibility for the physical environment.

It is my impression that the Nuu-chah-nulth were very spiritual people. It seems to me that spirituality was a part of everyday life, and something that was practised continually. I'm not sure if it could even be considered as a "domain" of development, but rather a way of life. What I do know is that we as adults should take a close look at this. Spirituality is a powerful force that will help keep children away from deviant behaviours. It is something the scientist have left alone, but it is coming to the point where they cannot ignore it anymore. Maybe one the solutions to juvenile delinquency and the "youth crime problem" is not to punish them and send them to jail, but to embrace them in a positive way and help them become more spiritual beings.

Klecko's - ʔekoo

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on and see how she responds to our voice. This was the moment we waited for. When they turned her implant on, we began talking to her. She began smiling. She signed to us that she could detect sounds. She was very happy. Her baby brother coughed, and she looked at him and asked what that was we told her that it was Son-Son and he coughed. Brook-Lyn laughed and laughed. She was happy all day. She did maps for 2, 3, and 4 the following two days. Map 2 is a bit louder. When she was introduced to this map, she was feeling a bit scared. She adapted quite nicely. She is on map 2 now, it gives her a wider field of sound, and this level is where she likes to be. Brook-Lyn is enjoying her experience. She is continuously pointing and asking what that sound is. She is curious about everything and it is exciting for us all. She particularly likes the sound of water. She was curious as to why you couldn't hear Rainbows and why they have no sound.

Brook-Lyn has had tremendous support from the Audio logy Dept, Child Development Centre, & School District in Nanaimo. Also from Sunny Hill Health Centre, & B.C Children's Hospital in Vancouver. She has never ending support from all of her family members and friends. We would like to acknowledge, thank and honour all the people who have supported and helped Brook-Lyn in her new experience. A special thank-you to BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission for allowing us to have a raffle at their Annual meeting held in Port Alberni and an Enormous thank-you to all who bought raffle tickets and donated money. This helped us out immensely. A very special thank-you to Gramma Mamie; love you gramma. Hugs and Kisses to Brooke's numerous aunts, uncles, grandmothers, grandfathers, cousins, nieces, nephews, cats, dog, mouse, etc., for voicing their support when we decided to go through with this procedure for Brook. The decision to Implant Brook was not easy because we had to decide how it would benefit her and are we doing the best for our daughter. You guys made our decision easier! Our list goes on and on and on. We will try to keep you updated on her continual progress. Thank-you all!
Ryan, Claudette, Brook-Lyn, Jocelyn, Ryan Jr.

The family of the late Lawrence Andrew Amos (Lyle) would like to extend their gratitude and thanks for their support during our brother's illness, your attention was greatly appreciated and will be remembered.

Thank you ever so much for all your kindness, Karla and Verna Pointe, Auntie Vi and Willie George, Fran, Rita, Phyllis Lucas and Mabel Sport. A special thanks to Reverend Al, Dave Stewart, Linda for arranging Lyle's (Smiley) Memorial.

Thank you to Richard Carhine and the tenants of "Tonte Rosite" for providing accommodations for the Amos family during Lyle's illness. Thanks to all the Doctors and nurses on the 3rd floor of the Royal Jubilee, who took care of Lyle through his illness, Char, Marge, Cheryl, Geri, Norma, Karen, Anne, Matthew (Butch) Gerald Amos.

I would like to take this time to thank you for the article you ran about my late father Kelly Tutube. It was nice and really helped fill the gap for those who could not make it to the service. And I can save it for when my son asks about who his grandfather was. I can show him the respect the people had for him. I am also grateful for the support you have shown me is mentioning that I will be taking over my fathers responsibilities. So again I thank you for the support and respect that you had shown to my father and hope to be able to prove myself worthy of your respect as well. Gratefully, Chief John Grant Tutube.

Benefit Summer Fest

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If you are interested or require further information contact Caledonia Fred at (250) 724-3131 or e-mail caledonia@nuuchahmalth.org

I would like to take this time to thank firstly, my husband Bruce and my sons Brandon, Ruben and Aaron; for their patience while I attend college. It has been an excellent learning experience for me.

I would also like to thank the NTC and their sponsors for the scholarship that I received a few months ago. I would also like to thank the Ehattesaht Tribe for their support. I was fortunate enough to go home (Zeballos) for a ceremony on June 21, 2001. I was one of the many recipients who were acknowledged at this ceremony. It was an awesome ceremony and I would like to acknowledge those who took the time out of their busy schedules and been away from their families, to make this ceremony a success.

We were also fortunate enough to be honored with songs and dances performed by Ivan Wells and his sons Aaron and Justin. Enclosed is a photo of Ivan and Aaron and Justin. Thank you, Kelly Anne Lucas



Thank You for support

I would just like to say a very, very big Klecko to all those people who gave me support when I spoke at the Healing Project in Port Alberni.

I never thought I would ever get enough courage to even do that. But I have been through so much rejections, first my parents and today I still don't even know who my grand parents were.

When I first held my first born I made a promise to my baby that no matter what happened in the future that I would never ever let them separate from their dad and me.

Then they all grew up and went their way then the grandkids came along and I promised each and every one of them the same thing so they would know their grand parents and have the chance I never had. All these I promised to each and every one of my babies.

I looked after all but two of my grandchildren until they started school and now today none are allowed to come visit. You know that hurts a lot. But that comes with life and rejections. I have to learn to accept.

I know I may not have been the best mom but I never stopped working and kept my promise. I even took in foster children all because I know how it feels to have no parents to love. I will do this until I die. It is my choice.

My new son has given me a reason to get well and strong and know what? I sure wouldn't mind getting a little girl I can call my own.

To Patsy Nicolaye, I really would like to say thank you so much for what you said to me. That gave me the strength to go on. Thank each and every one of you who gave me the courage to go on. Name withheld by request.

ʔatlu (Atleo) Family



Invites everyone for a n'usihyak feast
July 14, 2001, 12 pm
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ʔaahuu?ath
For the late Mark
Atleo

Coming of Age Potlatch

Family and Friends are invited to come and celebrate the coming of age of our daughter, Melissa Nicolaye. Melissa's mom, Betty Nicolaye, comes from the late Arthur & Agnes Nicolaye of Kyuquot. Melissa's dad, John Flett, comes from the late Charlie Buck and Lizzie Chartrand of Duck Bay, Manitoba. You will witness traditional ceremonies from

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Volunteers required for the following tasks:
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✓ and/or teach basket weaving, carving, painting, etc.
✓ We also need cultural entertainment
Contact Darlene Erickson at 724-5655

Miscellaneous

Wanted: Nuu-cha-nulth women that would like to join my exciting team of Mary Kay Independent Sales, not pyramid. For more information please phone me, Rosalee Brown @ (250) 385-2117.

NUU-CHAH-NULTH NATIVE LANGUAGE

Transcribing in phonetics - for meetings, research projects, personal use. Hourly rates. Phone Harry Lucas at 724-5809.

6 Vending Machines for Sale. \$2500 - \$2700 each. Sell pop & snacks. One machine can make \$255 or more. Serious buyers may contact Jacquie at 1-250-381-8413.

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

APARTMENTS FOR RENT
Clean & bright 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms in beautiful Gold River at reduced rent, also furnished. Only 1 block to town square. (250) 283-2511.

FOR SALE

Alfred Angelo Wedding Dress - Size 16. Call for more information, 723-9434

COU-US CASH

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

"Take Back Your Identity" conference T-shirts for sale.

Colored larges and XL's still available for \$13.00 each, at the Nuu-cha-nulth Healing Project.

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3 Bdr beautiful farmhouse style home at Sproat Falls w 4 Bth., A/C, great kitchen, large ensuite w jet-tub and walk-in closet. 5 appl. Office/studio w skylights above double garage. Front and back decks. Solarium, dog kennel. N/S \$1200/Mo Avail July 1st
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Ha-Shilth-Sa PRESS SCHEDULE

Deadline	Printing	Deadline	Printing
July 13	July 19	October 12	October 18
July 27	August 2	October 26	November 1
August 17	August 23	November 9	November 15
August 31	September 6	November 23	November 29
September 14	September 20	December 7	December 13
September 28	October 4		

For more information on deadline / printing dates, and advertising rates, call Ha-Shilth-Sa at (250) 724-5757 or e-mail hashilth@island.net



N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



NEDC PROGRAMS & SERVICES

NEDC is constantly looking for ways to improve and expand the programs and services that we are able to offer you and to financially strengthen the Corporation. Working to this goal has made us one of the most diverse Aboriginal Financial Institutions in Canada. But, what does this mean for you and the business or businesses you want to start? Well, it means a few things:

- primarily, that we have more money for you to use. By combining two or more programs we are able to provide both effective and attractive business financing to the NEDC clients
 - NEDC clients can take care of all of their business financing in one place – ONE STOP SHOPPING. Many individuals or tribes that want to access more than one program must deal with multiple organizations and a variety of rules, requirements and processes. This can negatively affect the turn time and cash flow of the business's financial package
 - through diversity, NEDC has strengthened their financial position. This allows for the growth and sustainability of the Corporation and helps to ensure that NEDC will continue to provide loans and contributions for your children and grandchildren
- NEDC is currently administering the following programs and services.

1. Business Equity Program (BEP): formerly known as the Aboriginal Business Canada Program, the focus areas for finan-

cial contributions are: tourism, technology, youth and innovation

- 2. General Business Loan Fund:** open to all First Nations living within the Nuuchahnulth Territories this fund provides loans to all sectors and sizes of business
- 3. Western Economic Diversification (WD):** small to mid-sized business loans
- 4. Forest Industry Business Program:** forestry related business loans
- 5. Persons With a Disability Program:** small business loans for persons with a disability
- 6. First Citizen's Fund:** business loans including a 40% forgivable loan component
- 7. Youth Programs:** small business loans for youth - described as anyone between the ages of 19 & 29 inclusive - training, mentoring and business counseling
NACCA Youth Program: small business loans for youth between the ages of 15 and 29 years, inclusive. The loan package can include training, mentoring and business counseling.
- 8. NTC:** offers Nuuchahnulth borrowers a forgivable loan component
- 9. Fisheries Fund:** fisheries related business loans - the Community Initiatives Program
- 10. Feasibility Studies**

and Business Planning: funds may be available to assist with large projects

- 11. Training:** limited funding available to assist the business training needs of NEDC clients
- 12. FirstHost:** a customer service training program for all front line service givers
- 13. Community Economic Development:** community planning,

workshops, facilitation and capacity building

All loans and programs are subject to eligibility criteria. If you are interested in starting, purchasing and/or expanding a business, please do not hesitate to visit our office at 7563 Pacific Rim Highway, give us a phone call at (250) 724-3131 or email us at nedc@island.net, one of our business development officers will be happy to assist you.

CAPACITY BUILDING – PHASE II

FOR NUU-CHAH-NULTH CHIEF & COUNCIL MEMBERS

EXPAND AND DEVELOP YOUR ANALYTICAL ABILITY AND FINANCIAL UNDERSTANDING IN RELATION TO:

1. developing a strategic, economic plan for your community
2. identifying good business partners and/or situations
3. assessing a business proposal as to viability, profitability and potential financial problems
4. understanding why an existing business with lots of potential is not making money
5. negotiating a n equitable partnership for your community
6. understanding corporate culture and how it can impact your business success

Business Resource Service (BRS) will once again deliver this portion of the training Mike Whitlock, principle of BRS will facilitate the two-day financial training session.

LEARN TO MAXIMIZE THE DIFFERENT GROUPS WITHIN YOUR ORGANIZATION BY:

1. understanding the functions of each group
2. learning the relationship of one group to the other (organizational chain of command)
3. understanding the limitations of each group
4. looking at your decision making process - is it working, is it efficient, is it effective
5. understanding your legal obligations

Theresa Kingston will facilitate this one-day session.

Registration for Capacity Building - Phase II is \$50/person. Seating is limited to the first 20 paid participants. For more information or to register please contact Katherine Robinson at (250) 724-3131.

Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation

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

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