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## Hupacasath and Ucluelet join mining industry

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

**Port Alberni** - The Ucluelet First Nation canoe was welcomed to the shores at Sproat Lake Provincial Park last weekend in a ceremony that turned neighbors into business partners, but waves of controversy continue to lap at the shore.

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The Alberni Aggregates Project will be located on the western shore of Alberni Inlet in the area of Hocking Point, approximately 15km south of the city of Port Alberni. The hill to be mined is directly between the canal and Mt. Andrew and is claimed by Hupacasath, Tseshaht and Ucluelet, and according to an independent resource evaluation contains 710 million tonnes of high quality granite.

Construction aggregates are essential building blocks of the world's construction industry. Around 85% of every cubic metre and over 90% of every road built is made of construction aggregate. In North America over 2.6 billion tonnes of construction aggregate are used each year to meet the demand for roads, hospitals, schools, commercial and residential building, and for general infrastructure development and maintenance. According to Polaris CEO Marco Romero, the construction aggregates business is a huge and consistently profitable industry.

"British Columbia is fortunate to have exceptional quality rocks, in certain

select areas," said Romero. "This is particularly the case on the Alberni Inlet, which offers the additional benefit of excellent infrastructure and sheltered navigable waters," he said, adding that a modern, state-of-the-art quarrying and ship-loading facility is planned for the site.

According to Hupacasath Chief Councilor Judy Sayers, discussions with Polaris Minerals have been ongoing for the past year and the First Nations are satisfied with everything they've discussed.

"We've done our homework and our due diligence, and Polaris has been wonderful in recognizing our traditional territories," she said. "Polaris Minerals has worked closely with our community from the inception of the project and is an excellent example of how investors should develop relationships with First Nations whose territory they are in," she said.

Polaris is a privately owned Vancouver based company formed in 1999 by a group of individuals with an international track record in the development of mineral resources, particularly gold. All eight members of the Polaris management team have extensive experience with gold projects all over the world, which has some groups nervous about their actual intent in the Alberni Valley.

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According to articles posted on the MiningWatch website, Polaris director Roman Shklanka has a controversial past as CEO of Sutton Resources and Kahama Mining Corporation which is

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Ditidaht's Patrick Patterson (l) and NTC's David Zyrd (r) receive the Governor Generals Award for heroism from Port Alberni Mayor Ken McRae. The pair were involved in rescuing 5 1/2 year old Mathew Edgar on July 11<sup>th</sup> of last year after he had fallen off the dock into Nitinat Lake. "I went down to the wharf with David who was driving and I saw the child fall in," said Patterson. "It was fate that we were in the right place at the right time," echoed Zyrd.

## Campbell claims victory in Referendum

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

**Victoria** - BC Premier Gordon Campbell is claiming victory for his government after the results of the province-wide referendum on treaty principles were announced on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. "This is a resounding endorsement of this government's principles in treaty negotiations and we will use this mandate to reinvigorate the process,"

said Campbell, who has been accused of bringing treaty negotiations to a complete halt since his election in May of last year.

Leaders of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council as well as the First Nations Summit are insisting that the province return to active good faith treaty negotiations following the conclusion of the provincial referendum on treaty negotiations.

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**Youth profile: Kyle Harry**

By Jack F. Little  
Northern Region Reporter

Zeballos - Kyle Harry is the son of Roslie Harry and Bruce Billy. He is originally from the Ka:yu:k't'h' / Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nation and is sixteen years old. For the last fourteen years Kyle has been in a foster home. He is currently completing grade 10 at the Zeballos Elementary Secondary School (ZESS) in Zeballos.

At ZESS Kyle has been a volunteer supervisor worker during the lunch hour. He organizes and plays games at ZESS, both outdoors and indoors on a rainy day. One of the accomplishments he is proud of at ZESS is that he has been on the honour role on two occasions this term. Awards he has received are for Athletics and Writing. Prior to coming to ZESS he went to Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School (KESS), and also volunteered there for eight years.

Kyle is an excellent role model to his peers and has been taught well. His role models have been Fidelia Haiyupis and Annie John. Fidelia is the teacher at ZESS, she teaches Native Education. "I have learned a lot from Fidelia, such as common phrases and counting to 299. She has taught me a lot", said Kyle. Annie is Kyle's aunt.

Other interest and hobbies he has include fishing, carving, biking, and playing sports. He especially likes



hockey and basketball, including watching hockey. Another hobby is clam digging, and he has been digging for the last four years.

Kyle has been taught the importance of respecting our elders. "Since I was seven years old I have always helped out with our elders and or community members. I especially enjoy helping the youth and children", he said.

Kyle's goal is to graduate from high school, and he plans on attending KESS as ZESS only goes to grade eleven. His advice to the youth is to "stay in school and finish your education", he also said for the youth to stay away from alcohol and drugs. He is alcohol and drug free.

Over the last ten years of schooling Kyle has won nineteen awards, which include scholarships and plaques. He is proud of these accomplishments. He also thoroughly enjoys doing volunteer work. Kyle is an example to his family, community and all Nuu-chah-nulth-aht. Keep up the good work Kyle.

**Referendumb**

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"A substantive majority of more than 1.5 million British Columbians chose to boycott or spoil their referendum ballot. This clearly shows most British Columbians saw this for the ill conceived and flawed process it was. No matter what the results are, they do not represent the views of the majority", said Herb George, a member of the First Nations Summit political executive. "First Nations in the treaty process are committed to negotiating fair, honourable and timely treaties as a means of reconciling Aboriginal and Crown title in BC. We expect the provincial, as well as federal, government to show the same level of commitment with a return to substantive negotiations immediately," he said.

The referendum, which cost \$4.5 million to conduct, was protested by both Native and non-Native British Columbians as a waste of time and money, and an insult to the First Nations people of the province.

"We did not conduct this referendum as a partnership exercise," said Geoff Plant, BC Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations.

According to Nuu-chah-nulth Southern Region Co-chair Richard Watts, the provincial government succeeded in getting the decreased mandate they were looking for in order to "narrow the goalposts" at the treaty table.

"There's room within these principles to accommodate Nuu-chah-nulth aspirations," said Plant, before blaming the Nuu-chah-nulth for the lack of progress at the treaty table. "There's a continuing question on how the Nations (at the Nuu-chah-nulth table) will configure themselves," he said, refusing to accept the argument that the government has used the referendum as an excuse to stall negotiations. "When the status quo isn't working you have to look for changes which is exactly what we've done here with this referendum," said Plant.

"To those who did not choose to participate in the referendum, I say, never let it be said you didn't have a chance," said Campbell. "To those who did participate by mailing in their ballots, I say, thank you - that's democracy in action."

In total, 763,480 referendum ballots were sent in to Elections BC, or 36% of the 2.1 million mailed out by the government this past May. More than 55,000 spoiled or otherwise rejected ballots were recorded by Elections BC - a non-partisan office of the provincial government mandated to organize and conduct elections and referendums. Another 40,000 British Columbians sent their ballots to various First Nation offices around the province, and almost 1.3 million British Columbians (61%) didn't vote at all, many citing the leading, amateurish, racist questions as their reason for not participating.

**War Council learns from Mi'kmaq Burnt Church experience**

By Jack F. Little  
Northern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - More than 20 people attended the recent Nuu-chah-nulth War Council Meeting held in Port Alberni. The room was filled to capacity, with people spilling into the hallway.

Wickannish (Cliff Atleo Sr.) said the opening prayer prior to calling the meeting to order.

Na'cha'uaht (Cliff Atleo Jr.) thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and welcomed Sayachupas (Marc Masso), Dan Smith of the Hamatla Treaty Society and Bob Hall from the Sto:lo Nation who participated via telephone.

Wickannish introduced a special guest from the Mi'kmaq Nation, James Ward who was instrumental in protecting Mi'kmaq lobster fisherman near Burnt Church, Nova Scotia.

James Ward praised the War Council for the work, planning and organizing accomplished so far. Ward suggested that "Logistics," "Supply" and "Support" be considered when developing an organizational structure. He stressed the importance of information gathering in any operation.

In sharing his experiences at Burnt Church, James Ward asked "how far are you willing to go? Will it be limited to civil-disobedience or will more be required? These decisions have to be made and I suggest you make them early", said Ward.

David Dennis suggested, in order to increase the support at the grassroots level, we should hold a National Assembly. "People need to put their differences aside and start working together. A gathering of our people could help to facilitate the healing and resolve conflicts. We need to gather to celebrate in unity and move forward together", said David.

Major items of discussion included membership options, structure and organization, a Vancouver salmon barbeque and the TFN Esowista expansion. Everyone who spoke declared support of the War Council concept and proposed initiatives.

Dan Smith spoke favourably of the Nuu-chah-nulth efforts to date. "I am supportive of the War Council concept and would like to see it expand to all of Vancouver Island. A recommendation I

would like to make is to hold multi-day workshops in our communities to further develop the organization and principles", Smith said.

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The Nuu-chah-nulth principles of Iisaak (respect) and Hishukiists'awalk (everything is connected / one) as well as the strength of Ha'wiih and Ha'hoolthee were accepted by everyone.

In other items discussed everyone was supportive also of a salmon barbeque to be held in Vancouver. A date sometime in August was proposed with a location to be confirmed. An emphasis of inclusion of all First Nation members, especially the younger generation was unanimously supported by everyone. Watch for a further update in the near future.

Simon Tom from Tla-o-qui-ah briefly informed the War Council of an upcoming deadline of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 on their issue of the expansion of Reserve Land at Esowista. "It is a major concern of TFN and we have given the Government ample time to respond", said Tom. He reported to the War Council he will keep them informed on any planned or proposed actions in the near future.

Sennen Charleson from Heskiaht reported odd encounters with the local tourism operators in their traditional territories. They have also committed to keep the War Council informed on any future activities. Ron Frank raised the issue of Sea Otters in the traditional territories of Ka:yu:k't'h' / Che:k'tles7et'h' and informed the group he will provide more information in the near future.

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The War Council meeting concluded with everyone going home with a sense of accomplishment. Activities are tentatively being planned in our communities as well as away from them. There will be gatherings of our people to eat, share our cultures and unite our people. Watch out in the busy summer months ahead for further meetings and gatherings. The next War Council meeting, which is open to all Nuu-chah-nulth-aht, is scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> in the evening. An exact location is yet to be determined.

**Ballot burning sparks celebration at Songhees**

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

Victoria - A booming fireball blasted hundreds of referendum ballots into the air last week at a ceremonial burning of referendum ballots at the Songhees Reserve.

"Today is a sad day for the BC Treaty process," said Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers before shooting a flaming arrow into a cardboard canoe crammed with protest ballots and messages of disdain toward Gordon Campbell and his BC Liberal government. "They want to stop us from being self-governing as we have been since time immemorial. Our right to self-government is enshrined in the constitution and no referendum can take that away from us," she said before a crowd of more than 200 cheering supporters outside the Songhees bighouse.

The July 3<sup>rd</sup> protest celebration coincided with the BC Government's announcement of the referendum results, and their pronouncement of the benefits of a reduced mandate.

"This government has created even more uncertainty in the province as they continue with their agenda to assimilate our people and deny us our rights," said Songhees Chief Negotiator Robert Sam. "There hasn't been many negotiations happening over the past year as the provincial government kept claiming they needed the referendum results to guide them. Now that they have their results, I think there will be more constitutional challenges in the courts," he said.

During a press conference at the BC Legislature, both Campbell and Attorney General Geoff Plant argued the referendum will reinvigorate the stalled BC treaty process, and be a benefit to BC First Nations.

"To all First Nations, in particular, I want you to know - in the months and years to come, you will see that my government will use the mandate given to it by the people to move farther, faster than you ever might have imagined," said Campbell. "We will make tangible progress, not just at the treaty table, but in building capacity and in tackling real needs that must be met now - not in 10 or 20 years' time," he said.

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"They're trying to make it sound like they're our friends, when they're the worst possible friends you could have," said Sayers. "Plant and Campbell must be living in a different world if they think they're our friends," Sam echoed.

The referendum, which cost \$4.5 million to conduct, was protested by both Native and non-Native British Columbians as a waste of time and money, and an insult to the First Nations people of the province. In total, 763,480 referendum ballots were sent in to Elections BC, or 36% of the 2.1 million mailed out by the government this past May. More than 55,000 spoiled or otherwise rejected ballots were recorded by Elections BC. Another 40,000 sent their ballots to various First Nation offices around the province, and almost 1.3 million people (61%) didn't vote at all.

"This is all part of their strategic plan. As we saw in their ill-fated court challenge against the Nisga'a, Gordon Campbell and his friends don't want treaties in this province," said Sayers. "Now, through this referendum and the subsequent weakened mandate and their pulling of various issues off the table, it's obvious that they want us to walk away from the treaty table so they can paint us as the quitters, and blame the failure of treaty negotiations on us," she said.



(above) Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers prepares to shoot a burning arrow into a cardboard canoe filled with rejected ballots which blasts into flames as a crowd cheers at Songhees (below).



**Upcoming Meetings**

**Treaty Planning Meeting Schedule**

Date: **July 23-24** Location: **Nanaimo** (Royal Canadian Legion, 1630 East Wellington Road)

(Meeting dates, times and places are subject to change. Please keep in contact with your treaty team for more details. Start times for the meetings will be 9 a.m., and lunch will not be provided.)

**All Nuu-chah-nulth-aht Welcome**

**Ha-Shilth-Sa**

Ha-Shilth-Sa belongs to every Nuu-chah-nulth person including those who have passed on, and those who are not yet born. A community newspaper cannot exist without community involvement; If you have any great pictures you've taken, stories or poems you've written, or artwork you have done, please let us know so we can include it in your newspaper. Also, if you have any thoughts or concerns about making your newspaper better, let us know that too!

This year is Ha-Shilth-Sa's 28th year of serving the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. We look forward to your continued input and support.

Kleco! Kleco!  
David Wiwchar, Editor / Manager

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## Fisheries - *ca-ca-tuk* Gillnetters see value of hatchery

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - The Area D Gillnetter's Association presented a \$2000 cheque to Uchucklesaht Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes Sr. to assist in the operation of the Henderson Lake Hatchery.

"This is a significant occasion as it marks the first time a resource user group has directly recognized the contribution that Henderson Lake Hatchery makes to the commercial fishing industry," said Cootes. "For ten years the Uchucklesaht hatchery has poured fry into the general pool of wild fish from Clemens Creek that become adult fish, which support the commercial, sport, food fish, and conservation stocks for the next cycle. This donation means the Area D Gillnetter's Association recognizes a responsibility of the resource users to take a role in supporting the supply side of the resource, and it's greatly appreciated by the Uchucklesaht tribe," he said.

Area D stretches from Barclay Sound north up the west coast of Vancouver Island past Kyuquot and up into

Quatsino Sound, and is one of the provinces richest sockeye fishing grounds.

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"The Area D Salmon Gillnet Association is very pleased to be able to contribute to the efforts being put into the recovery of Henderson Lake sockeye by the Uchucklesaht tribe," said Les Rombough, President of the Area D Gillnetter's Association. "Recovery of this sockeye stock is important to all user groups and continuing support for their efforts is critical," he said.

Over the past decade, the Henderson Lake hatchery has been funded by the Uchucklesaht Tribe with some supplemental funding from Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Cootes is hoping other user groups will see the value in keeping the hatchery in operation and will join a growing list of contributors.



Les Rombough, President of the Area D Gillnetter's Association (left) along with local gillnetter Dave Duerkson (right) present Uchucklesaht Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes Sr. with a cheque to assist Henderson Hatchery operations.

### Invitation to Public Review and Comment Clayoquot Sound Scientific Panel Watershed Reserve Plans

The Clayoquot Sound Central Region Board (CRB) is undertaking a public review of the Scientific Panel Watershed Reserve Plans. The public is invited to review and comment on the draft watershed reserve plans for Flores Island, Cyre and Beddingfield watersheds.

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| <b>Thursday, July 25, 1:30 pm</b>    | Plans presented at CRB meeting, Tofino          |
| <b>Tuesday, July 30, 1-4:30 pm</b>   | Information Meeting, Ahousaht                   |
| <b>Wednesday, July 31, 8-9:30 pm</b> | Information Meeting, Tin Wis Board Room, Tofino |
| <b>Tuesday, September 17</b>         | Public Input Meeting, Tofino                    |
| <b>Wednesday, September 18</b>       | Public Input Meeting, Ahousaht                  |
| <b>Monday, September 30</b>          | Last day for public comment                     |

The draft watershed reserve plans under review are the first in a series of plans developed by the Technical Planning Committee in accordance with the principles and recommendations set out by the Clayoquot Sound Scientific Panel to guide sustainable ecosystem management in Clayoquot Sound. The purpose of the plans is to map and designate areas that will be set aside as reserves to protect a range of values. The plans also designate the harvestable areas in which sustainable forest harvesting may take place.

For more information see the CRB web page at [www.island.net/~crb](http://www.island.net/~crb) or contact:



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## Sea Otter study receives grant

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

The Nuu-chah-nulth initiated study of Sea Otters along the west coast of Vancouver Island received a boost last week after Canada's Minister of Environment David Anderson announced a \$33,000 grant for NTC's Otter abundance estimate.

The West Coast Vancouver Island Sea Otter Abundance Estimate and Education Outreach is an NTC initiative designed to determine the Otter population and their impacts, benefits, and drawbacks.

Much work has already been done on the \$110,000 project including a study of the history of WCVI Sea Otters and their role in Nuu-chah-nulth life both before and after contact. Work continues on: beach walks to recover carcasses for scientific study, population counts of mothers and pups, the development of winter abundance estimates to provide base-line data to focus future stewardship activities and educational workshops.

Scientists estimate more than 300,000 sea otters once lived along the Pacific coast from Baja Mexico up to the Aleutian Islands and over to Japan.

WCVI Sea Otter populations were decimated in the late 1700's and early 1800's by European fur hunters and by the early 1900's fewer than 200 existed, and the last known Canadian sea otter is said to have died in the late 1920's. From 1969 to 1972, 89 Sea Otters were transplanted from northern Alaska to rebuild populations around Kyuquot, and populations have rebuilt at a rapid rate. In 1990 the north western Vancouver Island Sea Otter population was estimated to be around 1,500 animals.

It is estimated the sea otters are increasing by 18-20% per year, which puts current population estimates at more than 5,000 animals, and to the

## First Nation Shellfish Conference

By Roberta Stevenson, NTC Shellfish Aquaculture Business Development Coordinator

Richmond - Nuu-chah-nulth Shellfish Aquaculture Steering Committee members, Dr. Don Hall and Roberta Stevenson attended a Shellfish Conference in Richmond to represent the interests of the several Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation shellfish aquaculture initiatives. The Conference was well attended by over 100 First Nation, government and industry representatives. The Nuu-chah-nulth initiative is clearly the largest and most advanced of any coastal First Nations. However, our frustrations with difficulties around securing financing were stressed as the biggest hurdle. Don Hall attended the funding workshops to voice this concern.

As NTC Shellfish Coordinator, I had the opportunity to present on a panel with government staff. I used the panel to voice the difficulties with the existing complex regulatory process. The "one stop shop" Land and Water BC has proclaimed is still anything but. Tenure approvals for Nuu-chah-nulth have taken up to two years but never shorter than one. The cost of processing a tenure application is about \$6,000. The Coast Guard and DFO require-

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**It is estimated the sea otters are increasing by 18-20% per year, which puts current population estimates at more than 5,000 animals, and to the point where they are now having a negative impact on shellfish areas around northern Vancouver Island.**

Both First Nations people and commercial harvesters are noticing serious declines in urchin, clam, and crab populations, and serious discussions are now considering active management practices, including culling from areas important for Nuu-chah-nulth seafood harvesting.

"The goal is to have a Sea Otter Management Plan," said NTC Northern Region Biologist Roger Dunlop. "A sound management plan requires sound scientific facts to back it up, which is what this process is all about," he said.

In 1999, NTC biologists and Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen met with members of Alaska's Tlingit Nation to learn how they turned a local sea otter explosion into economic development projects such as value-added processing of sea otter pelts and ecotourism.

Anderson is unconcerned about such conflicts between humans and otters saying, "if that means a problem for some, they are going to have a problem with me because I think the Sea Otters are very important".

The federal government also announced a \$33,000 grant to the Bamfield / Huu-ay-aht Community Abalone Project to allow the expansions of educational activities, the continuation of the Coastwatch program, and training community members in population monitoring methods to build community ownership for abalone populations.

ments for the process have been also costing about \$6,000 per site to hire the divers, equipment (including underwater videos) and expertise to produce the required data. For the average community member who wants to apply for a family beach, these costs and paperwork requirements are prohibitive. It is my view that these onerous requirements were put in place to address issues surrounding finfish and are unnecessary for shellfish. Shellfish farming has been around long enough to prove it's sustainability. The application and site evaluation costs are difficult to recover operationally. Nuu-chah-nulth are fortunate to be able to cover these expenses with their Treaty Related Measures funding.

Following the conference I was asked to speak in Prince Rupert to some northern B.C. First Nations about the Nuu-chah-nulth success to date. This success can be attributed to a strong Tribal Council that was able to negotiate a block of funding through Treaty Related Measures for shellfish aquaculture.

While Nuu-chah-nulth should be proud of their accomplishments to date, there is still much work to be done to develop viable shellfish farms for all interested First Nations. Seeing the consumer in Europe purchasing high value shellfish bearing the Nuu-chah-nulth brand can be a reality!

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alleged to have used violent tactics in removing local miners from a gold site in Tanzania.

"I don't know how to counter that stuff other than to say it's not real," said Polaris director Michael Beley, dismissing concerns about gold prospecting and Shkklanka's past.

According to Ted Hall from the British Columbia Ministry of Energy and Mines, the area to be mined by Polaris does not have a likelihood of holding gold deposits, although areas south of the project site near Mactush Creek are known to possess precious metals.

According to Sayers, both her Nation and Ucluelet are aware of allegations, and have been satisfied with answers given.

With the partnership agreement signed, the group will now begin the environmental assessment work so they can apply for a Project Approval Certificate and Mine Permit. They plan to complete technical and financial analysis before the end of the year, and start construction next summer with the first load of aggregate headed to California in the spring of 2004.

The initial capital cost is budgeted at approximately \$85 million, with an additional \$30 million needed to achieve Stage 2 levels, doubling initial production levels to 6 million tonnes per year. Approximately 80 new direct year-round jobs would be created, and Polaris estimates a number of indirect jobs would also be created by the

Project, which is estimated to have a mine-life well in excess of 100 years. According to a company press release Polaris' philosophy for the project is based on the modern ideals of environmental, social and economic sustainability.

"Polaris recognizes the sensitivities required to minimize the environmental impact of the project and is working closely with project partners and the relevant local, regional and provincial authorities," said Romero. "The site has been repeatedly logged and contains no significant standing commercial grade timber, and the existing shoreline tree screen will be retained to visually protect the development. The extraction and processing of construction aggregates is carried out through a physical process. No chemicals are required. Through the provision of water and fine sediment collection, only clean water will drain from the site," he said.

"We're watching with interest," said Maureen Sager of the Alberni Environmental Coalition. "And so far all our questions and concerns have been answered," she said.

The Agreement, signed on Saturday, July 13, creates a business partnership between Polaris Minerals Corporation, the Hupacasath First Nation and the Ucluelet First Nation. Key features of the agreement include First Nations ownership in the project of up to 30%, a new board of the company will include



Ucluelet Chief Councillor Ed Mack (left) and Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers (right) seal the deal with Polaris' Marco Romero

both Polaris and First Nations directors, and the First Nations will be given preference for jobs as the company will seek to maximize local employment. Polaris will implement significant training programmes for members of the local communities, with particular emphasis on First Nations capacity building. The partners will encourage and favour locally owned businesses in the provision of goods and services. But that doesn't mean much to the Tseshaht First Nation, who is not part of the deal yet.

"We've sat down with Marco three or four times, but he won't budge as far as accommodating Tseshaht's interests," said Tseshaht Chief Councillor Dave Watts. "He's locked into one number it seems, so I wouldn't call it negotiations," he said.

Watts was surprised to learn the area was a "triple overlap" with Hupacasath and Ucluelet, as the area was previously part of the Tseshaht First Nation's proposed treaty land package.

"We consider it our territory. Our people actually lived there at one time. We don't even know why the other First Nations are in there," said Watts. "I never knew it was a triple overlap area until Marco Romero came around," he said.

According to Hall, the project is currently in the pre-application phase under the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Act. Polaris carried out a detailed evaluation of the archaeology and heritage assets of the site in conjunction with First Nations, and the Alberni Aggregates Project is currently undergoing a major environmental review and impact assessment as the site and the effects of the proposed quarry are studied and evaluated.

"This is a huge venture and it will mean a lot to the First Nations and non-First Nations communities," said Ucluelet Councillor Don Mundy. "Once everything's settled I'm sure this will be looked upon as a good thing."



The Ucluelet canoe paddles towards a welcoming at Sproat Lake.

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# Sports

## 2002 Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-piich Games

**Games Events**  
Friday, Aug 2 - Sunday, Aug 11  
Port Alberni, BC



|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Pageant Retreat .....  | July 23 - 26 |
| Pageant Banquet .....  | July 26      |
| Pageant Event .....  | July 27      |
| Opening Ceremonies .....   | Aug 2        |
| Track & Field .....  | Aug 2 - 5    |
| 3 on 3 Basketball .....  | Aug 3        |
| *Sr. Volleyball .....  | Aug 4        |
| Walkathon .....  | Aug 5        |
| Triathlon .....  | Aug 5        |
| NTC/AV Museum Film Event "Atanarjuat - The Fast Runner"<br>6pm @ Paramount Theatre \$5.00 each, limited seating. | Aug 5        |
| Swimming .....   | Aug 6        |
| Cultural Night .....   | Aug 6        |
| Sr. Ball Hockey .....  | Aug 7-8      |
| Jr. Softball .....   | Aug 7-9      |
| Sr. Fast Pitch .....   | Aug 9-11     |
| Jr. Ball Hockey .....  | Aug 10-11    |
| Lahal in the evenings @ Somass Hall except Aug 5 and 6   |              |
| Closing Ceremonies .....   | Aug 11       |

### "Reviving the Spirit"

\*Event pending Coordinator



## 2002 NUU-CHAH-NULTH TLU-PIICH GAMES



### REGISTRATION DEADLINES

| EVENT                 | DEADLINE DATE                                 | ROSTER LIMIT | ENTRY FEE      |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|----------------|
| Men's Fast Pitch      | Friday August 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2002 4:30 pm    | 15           | \$200.00       |
| Men's Ball Hockey     | Wednesday July 31 <sup>st</sup> 2002 4:30 pm  | 20           | \$200.00       |
| Women's Ball Hockey   | Wednesday July 31 <sup>st</sup> 2002 4:30 pm  | 20           | \$150.00       |
| Track & Field         | N/A   | N/A          | N/A            |
| Sr. 3 on 3 Basketball | Friday August 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2002 4:30 pm    | 5            | \$10.00/player |
| Sr. mixed Volleyball  | Saturday August 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2002 4:30 pm  | 12           | \$50.00        |
|                       | Tuesday August 6 <sup>th</sup> 2002 4:30 pm   |              |                |
| Jr. mixed Softball    | 6 & under, 7 & 8,                             | 10           | N/A            |
|                       | 9 & 10, 11 & 12,                              | 15           | N/A            |
|                       | 13 & 14, 15 & 16                              | 15           | N/A            |
|                       | N/A   | N/A          | N/A            |
| Swimming              | N/A   | N/A          | N/A            |
| Junior Ball Hockey    | Wednesday August 7 <sup>th</sup> 2002 4:30 pm |              |                |
|                       | 6 & under, 7 & 8, 9 & 10,                     | 12           | N/A            |
|                       | 11 & 12, 13 & 14, 15 & 16                     | 15           | N/A            |

**Registration Deadlines:** Registration deadlines are an important part of organizing sporting events. Everyone competing for awards must be registered. In order to keep work organized and efficient there must be a deadline. No registration can be accepted after a deadline.

**Registration Forms:** All teams entering team sports will use the team roster form included in this package.

### ATANARJUAT (THE FAST RUNNER)

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Co-Sponsored by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and Alberni Valley Museum

## 2002 Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-piich Games "Reviving the Spirit"

We are working hard here at the Tlu-piich Games office getting all the events organized. Remember these are your Tlu-piich Games; contact Games staff on your input, comments or recommendations to help make it fun and enjoyable for everyone.

**Information:** More information on the various events has been faxed out to all Nuu-chah-nulth nations, Makola Housing Societies and Friendship Centres on the Island, as well as Vancouver Aboriginal Centre.

**Volunteers:** Remember to sign up; volunteers are needed in all aspects of the Games to help make it run efficiently. There will be daily draws for the volunteers as well as a final draw of a TV and VCR. Many thanks to Debra Cook, who for the last four weeks has been coming into the office every day in addition to bringing work home in the evening, to help with organizing events. Have a good holiday at the NAIG. Thank you to Verna Paul and Helen Dick for looking after the Souvenir Program.

**Sports Hall of Fame:** There are a lot of athlete's out there who were awesome in their day, let's not forget who they are. We need your nominations submitted with a biography including sports accomplishments, picture of nominee, address and phone number of nominator and witness (witness must be a family member), also state who will be accepting the presentation at opening ceremonies. Completed nomination forms can be returned to Herbie Cook, Operations Coordinator at the Tlu-piich Games office. *Deadline: Friday, July 19, 2002 by 4:30 pm.*

**Track and Field:** This year will be "Participation." No registration required. There will be participation awards. Herbie is working on the Walkathon and Triathlon.

**Triathlon:** Swim across the Papermill dam, cycle to Victoria Quay, and run up Roger St. to Bob Daily Stadium, finishing off the race with one lap. 1 to 3 people per team. Must supply own bicycle. Register at Track & Field by Sunday at 4:30.

**Senior Men's and Women's 3 on 3 Basketball:** At the Athletic Hall, Geno John will coordinate this event. For more information or to register your team messages can be left at the Tlu-piich Games office for Geno or talk to Games staff.

**Film Event:** At the Paramount Theatre, *Atanarjuat "The Fast Runner"* this is a totally Inuit film. It is told and acted by Inuit. The movie shows how Inuit people lived hundreds of years ago, what their problems were and how they confronted them. This film will be a one-time show and is in partnership with the Alberni Valley Museum and the Nuu-chah-nulth Tlu-piich Games. It is a

movie you don't want to miss. Tickets are \$5.00 each and seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Tlu-piich Games office, through April Titian or Shelley Harding at the AV Museum.

**Swimming:** This year will be "Participation." No registration required. There will be participation awards.

**Cultural Night:** At Maht Mahs, Josie Watts and Robert Dennis Jr. will be the hosts for this fun evening of song and dance, fashion show by J'net August, and artists will be on site demonstrating their talent. There will also be door prizes. For more information contact Josie 724-4987 or Robert 724-0169.

**Senior Ball Hockey:** At Maht Mahs and Glenwood, Doug Wilson will coordinate both Men's and Women's tournaments. For more information or to register your team, messages can be left at the Tlu-piich games office for Doug or talk to Games staff.

**Junior Mixed Softball:** At the Echo Minor Fields, April Titian and Darlene Erickson will be coordinating Jr. mixed softball. For more information or to register your teams contact April at the Games office.

**Senior Men's Fast Pitch:** At the Recreation Stadium, Chris Watts is the coordinator. Come on out and cheer your favorite team on. For more information or to register contact Games staff.

**Junior Ball Hockey:** At the Maht Mahs, Larry Swan is the coordinator. This promises to be a lot of fun and good entertainment for everyone. For more information or to register contact Games staff.

**Lahal:** At Somass Hall, Ben Lucas will be the host. Gather up your team and practice your pointing to win the jackpot. Just bring your team, drum and Lahal sticks to the Somass Hall each evening. **Note:** No Lahal on the evenings of the Film Event or Cultural Night.

**Artists (carvers, silver):** We are asking you to please help us with fundraising to do a raffle during the Tlu-piich Games.

**Booth Registration:** This is open to Nuu-chah-nulth members to sell arts and crafts, a minimum of \$10.00 will be charged per day. Food concessions NTC requires a valid Food Safe Certificate if the food is handled, a minimum of \$50.00 per day will be charged. To have a display for "Information purposes only" no charge. All vendors are responsible for their own clean up.

**Booth set-up MUST be approved one day in advance.** For more information contact April Titian.

**Tlu-piich Games contact:** NTC Tel. (250) 724-5757, Fax (250) 723-0463 or Email at [tluipiichgames@hotmail.com](mailto:tluipiichgames@hotmail.com)  
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We're a fastball team fundraising for the Uptown League and Tournaments for this year. We're willing to set up tables, put them away, clean up meeting halls and do yardwork for reasonable donations. Please call 723-8340 or leave a message for Marlene at 724-1225



Uchucklesaht Chief Councilor Charlie Cootes Sr. brings his Tribes proposal before Port Alberni City Council.

## Uchucklesaht to utilize one of their "greatest resources"

By David Witwar  
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - Rain has long been a joke amongst Uchucklesaht and their Kildonnann neighbors. "Yknow how to forecast the weather down here?" a floatplane pilot said on a recent trip to Henderson Lake. "You put out your hand and if it gets wet it's raining, and if it stays dry it means it's gonna rain," he laughed. But Canada's rainiest spot is no longer a laughing matter as that rain could quickly become an economic boom for the Uchucklesaht Tribe, and a tempest in a teapot across the country. At last week's Port Alberni City Council, Uchucklesaht Chief Councilor Charlie Cootes asked for a letter of support for the possible shipping of Henderson Lake water to buyers in the United States.

Another wrinkle at the July 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting was a letter from Vancouver's Rain Coast Water Corporation asking for the same letter of support, independent of Uchucklesaht. "I was surprised to see [Rain Coast's] letter since we've had discussions with them but haven't agreed to any formal relationship with them," said Cootes. Rain Coast's proposal specifically mentions the possible export of bulk water in tanker ships to California, and mentioned the Uchucklesaht Tribe not as a possible partner but as a possible way around the moratorium and the Water Protection Act. "This statute (Water Protection Act) may not apply in the case of Uchucklesaht as they may be able to pass a bylaw to use water from Henderson Lake pursuant to the Indian Act," wrote Rain Coast Water Corporation president Colin Beach in his letter to City Council.

"Research to date has demonstrated that their reserve was created prior to any water law in BC and they may therefore be able to rely on pre-existing and common law and riparian rights," he wrote. The Henderson Lake watershed drains into Uchucklesit Inlet via the 1 kilometre-long Henderson River which bisects the Uchucklesaht Reserve. In order to access the water, the Uchucklesaht Tribe would have to be involved as

gain should that happen," he said.

Currently, Canada has a moratorium on bulk water exports because of the legal quagmire they'd be entering into, and the difficulty involved in managing exports to the United States under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

As long as no company succeeds in getting export approval, Canada may argue that NAFTA rules simply do not apply to bulk water exports. But as soon as any export permit is issued, water could become a tradable good and, therefore, subject to the full array of free trade rules. This explains why several groups have recently renewed their calls for provincial legislation similar to Canada's ban on bulk water exports.

According to Cootes, the Uchucklesaht Tribe has been in discussions with RainCoast Water Corporation but has not solidified a formal arrangement as of yet. "We're asking for a letter of support so this initiative can move forward to provincial and federal levels," Cootes said outside the City Council meeting. "It won't be too far down the road when the federal government will open the taps on bulkwater shipments, so we hope to be the first in line for economic

# INTERFOR

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### Tree Farm Licence (TFL) 54 and Forest Licence (FL) A19235 areas Inside Clayoquot Sound

Notice is hereby given that International Forest Products Limited, (Interfor), will hold a public viewing of a proposed 2002 - 2012 Forest Development Plan (FDP) for TFL 54 and FL A19235 areas inside Clayoquot Sound.

The FDP shows the location and orderly development of proposed timber harvesting, road development, maintenance, deactivation, basic silviculture, and salvage activities for the areas indicated. This plan also contains information on the protection of other resource values in the planning areas. The proposed FDP is made available for review and comment to all resource agencies, native bands and the public before Ministry of Forests considers approval of the plan. All approved Operational Plans and any Higher Level Plans that encompass the FDP will be made available during the review and comment period upon request. All completed assessments (Sections 13 to 17 of the OPR) are available upon request from Interfor during the review and comment period.

The proposed FDP will be available for review at International Forest Products Ltd., West Coast Operations, 1865 Peninsula Road, Ucluelet, B.C. and the Ministry of Forests, South Island Forest District Office, 4885 Cherry Creek Road, Port Alberni, B.C. from July 29, 2002 to September 27, 2002 (8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday (excluding lunch hour)).

### THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THIS FDP WILL BE FROM July 29, 2002 to September 27, 2002

A representative of International Forest Products Limited will be available at the West Coast Operations Office and the Open Houses to review and discuss the FDP. The proposed FDP may be modified as a result of written comments received by September 27, 2002. Written comments regarding this proposed FDP are to be forwarded to Derek Drake, R.P.F., Area Engineer at International Forest Products Limited, West Coast Division.

If interested parties are unable to review the proposed FDP during the times shown below, arrangements can be made to review the plan at a time that is convenient for them. Please contact Derek Drake, R.P.F., Area Engineer, International Forest Products Limited, West Coast Division, 1865 Peninsula Road, Box 789, Ucluelet, B.C. V0R 3A0. Phone (250) 726-7748 Fax (250) 726-3647.

### OPEN HOUSES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

|                          |  |               |           |
|--------------------------|--|---------------|-----------|
| <b>Ucluelet:</b>         | Court House                            | Aug 2, 2002   | 9am - 5pm |
| <b>Tofino:</b>           | Weight West Resort                     | Aug 27, 2002  | 9am - 5pm |
| <b>Port Alberni:</b>     | Coast Hospitality Inn                  | July 31, 2002 | 9am - 5pm |
| <b>Hot Springs Cove:</b> | Hesquiat Band Office                   | Sept 5, 2002  | 9am - 5pm |
| <b>Ahousaht:</b>         | Ahousaht Band Office                   | Aug 29, 2002  | 9am - 5pm |
| <b>Port Albion:</b>      | Ucluelet Band Office                   | July 30, 2002 | 9am - 5pm |
| <b>Opitsaht:</b>         | Tla-o-qui-aht Band Hall                | Aug. 28, 2002 | 9am - 5pm |
| <b>Gold River:</b>       | Jerry Morgan Memorial Community Centre | Aug 20, 2002  | 9am - 5pm |

their reserve was created prior to any water law in BC and they may therefore be able to rely on pre-existing and common law and riparian rights," he wrote.

The Henderson Lake watershed drains into Uchucklesit Inlet via the 1 kilometre-long Henderson River which bisects the Uchucklesaht Reserve. In order to access the water, the Uchucklesaht Tribe would have to be involved as

any pipeline would have to be put through their lands.

In the end, Port Alberni City Council voted to write Uchucklesaht a letter of support, despite a Union of BC Municipalities motion to permanently ban the bulk export of fresh water resources.

"For the time being, we're willing to go through proper protocols to help relations between our governments, and we'll see how that goes," Cootes said.

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## Education - ha-ho-pa

### Tsaxana Education Committee Hosts Awards Day For Their Students

By Jack F. Little  
Northern Region Reporter

**Tsaxana** - Many proud parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and family members gathered at the Waamiish Gymnasium to honour many of the students from Gold River Secondary School (GRSS) and Ray Watkins Elementary School (RWES). This is an annual event sponsored by the Tsaxana Education Committee.

Elder Vi Johnson said the opening prayer followed by Margarita James who welcomed everyone to the Awards Night dinner and celebration. Margarita thanked all of the cooks who helped in the preparation of the dinner, and the volunteers for the day's festivities. The GRSS graduates, Marissa James, Jaylene Johnson, Brandon Jack and Harry Amos then handed out gift bags to the elders that were present.

After the dinner, many of the students from RWES received awards, which were presented by their respective teachers.

Margarita then introduced and called on the GRSS graduates, who escorted the children from the Mowachaht / Muchalaht Nursery and Primary Program in to the special awards banquet. Marissa and Drake Murphy James, Jaylene and Darian Wilson, Brandon and Edward Jack, and Harry escorted Selena Maquinna in. This was a very special day for the young graduates from Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nation.



Top Sr. Male athlete award went to Jordan James. Principal Barry Prong presenting award at Awards Banquet.



Principal of GRSS with Best All Round Student Award shared by Jaylene Johnson and Brandon Jack.

A delicious dinner was then enjoyed by everyone. After the dinner, many of the students from RWES received awards, which were presented by their respective teachers. Awards of recognition in a variety of categories were handed out including mathematics, recreation, arts, science, reading, good behaviour, spelling, citizenship and positive attitude. Numerous young Mowachaht / Muchalaht students received awards.

This was followed by the GRSS Awards, which were presented by Mr Barry Prong, Principal of GRSS. "I would like to thank the Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nation and especially the Education Committee for honouring their students. A special acknowledgement and best wishes to the graduates of GRSS", said Prong. He also made a special acknowledgement to Marge Amos who organized a special staff appreciation day recently at GRSS. "It was a very special day and moment, the memory will stay with our staff forever as they were all very touched", he said.

Again many of the Mowachaht / Muchalaht students were recognized for all of their achievements. A couple of the highlights included Top Male Athlete won by Shane Christianson and Top Sr. Male Athlete won by Jordan James. Leanna Maquinna won the Best Sr. Female Athlete Award. Another highlight was the sharing of the Best All Round Student shared by Brandon Jack and Jaylene Johnson.

There were many proud students who went home satisfied and acknowledged by the Education Committee, and the Education Committee should be commended for hosting and honouring the future leaders of tomorrow, well done to you and best of luck to the youth of today.

### Ucluelet Celebrates Students

By Lorraine Mundy  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ucluelet First Nation education committee, chief and council decided on celebrating students' accomplishments. Tables were set with plenty of mouthwatering fruit for all to enjoy. Lunch consisted of delicious baked salmon, turkey, macaroni salad, spaghetti and a variety of other food for everyone to fill their stomachs.

Ucluelet First Nation's dinner was to recognize all the hard work and dedication students have put into the past school year. Recognizing a student's accomplishments lets them know they are doing something right. Our children are our future.

Congratulations to all students. Whether it is a milestone for a young one to graduate from kindergarten to Grade 1, graduate from Grade 12, or an adult to accomplish one successful year in their academic pursuits.

A young child attends kindergarten everyday needs to be commended for their hard work and commitment to school. The children received a certificate and a movie rental gift certificate.

The transition of leaving elementary school and entering high school is another hurdle a youth may be fretting about. With support from family and community being expressed by recognizing their ambition and dedication can give a youth the knowledge that people are always behind them.

Bonnie Williams said, "Congratulations to all kids who get up everyday to catch the bus everyday and then go home and do more work at home."

Mary Roth, adult basic education teacher for Ucluelet, said, "They have special talents because of the challenges they face, be it jobs or families." ABE students received certificates and personalized mugs in recognition of their achievements. Congratulations!

Ucluelet Grade 12 graduates were, unfortunately, unable to attend the dinner because they were at work. "Congratulations to all Ucluelet First Nation students from preschool, elementary, junior high, high school, Adult Basic Ed. centers who are either living home or away from home, we recognize the effort that each of them has put in to their school year gone by. We acknowledge the dedication to their education. Have a Good Summer" Bonnie added.



Back row, L-R: Marilyn Touchie, Arlene Touchie, Veronica Williams, Lyle Clutesi, Sharon Fred, Diane Jack.  
2nd row: Mae Taylor, Cindi Clutesi.  
3rd row: Gordon Taylor III, Edwin Touchie, Lakeisha George, Ray Walton.  
Front row: Reggie Williams, James George, Jack Patrick Jr.

### NUU-CHAH-NULTH GRAD 2002 "GARDEN OF WISDOM"

Congratulations Grads of 2002! 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.

### Exciting events happening in Northern Region schools

By Jack F. Little  
Northern Region Reporter

**Gold River** - Prior to the year-end at both Gold River Secondary School (GRSS) and Ray Watkins Elementary School (RWES) there has been exciting events happening. Events have included a staff appreciation to the GRSS and school district representatives and a field trip by students from RWES to the weir and a stream in the Mowachaht / Muchalaht traditional territories.

Marge Amos, NTC Education Worker acknowledged all of the staff and few members of the school district. She did this on behalf of both the Mowachaht / Muchalaht and all of the students at GRSS. Marge especially wanted to acknowledge all of the staff for their hard work not only for this term, but also for their many years of service. There was also a few staff that unfortunately will be losing their position due to the government cutbacks in education.

Jack Little, Northern Region Reporter was asked to be Master of Ceremonies and also speak on behalf of Marge and the students. Jack welcomed the students, staff and dignitaries that were present. He also spoke about how we as Nuu-chah-nulth traditionally acknowledge those people that help us as a people's, and explained that we do it at such a gathering as today. Also as a part of our tradition, we feed the guests.

Another message he was asked to share was the importance of our culture, and especially the caring and sharing that we do as families and a community. "I want to explain a little to all of you of our families and communities way of supporting a family in need, especially when you lose a loved one that almost all of the immediate and extended family support the grieving family", he said. A lot of times many of the students may miss school and classes, however they are practising their family's teachings. He respectfully requested the teachers understanding when this occurs. It has been a very tough year for many of the Mowachaht / Muchalaht and Nuu-chah-nulth-ah people with the loss of many loved ones.

Each of the First Nation students from

GRSS were then asked to assist in the presentation of gifts to the staff. There were a total of 27 teachers and or dignitaries given gifts. Included in the presentations were gifts to Mr. Barry Prong, principal, Andris Friemanis, superintendent and Tye Havih Yalthu'u'a (Mike Maquinna). Yalthu'u'a was especially acknowledged for his support of the education for the membership, the future leaders of tomorrow.

All of the gifts were donated by the various local artists, and a big Kleco Kleco to one and all for their support. Donations to the event are from the following: Marge Amos, April Johnson, Ambrose Prince, Ricky Johnson, Lenora Johnson, Eugene Amos, Eileen Haggard, Brenda Bolten, Marilyn Lucas, with a few gifts purchased as well as made by some of the students. After the gifts everyone was invited to share a salmon barbeque meal. A couple of songs were sung to conclude the special acknowledgement and appreciation for the GRSS staff.

In other events, students from RWES went on a field trip to visit part of the Mowachaht / Muchalaht territory. Roger Dunlop, NTC Northern Region Biologist and James Jamie and other members of the Mowachaht / Muchalaht Fisheries Program hosted the students in the short tour. Paul Smith from the WCVI Aquatic Management Board accompanied the group. Paul works very closely with the streamkeepers society and shared his knowledge with the students.

Both RWES and GRSS also have very active cultural classes. At RWES the younger students learn their culture with both singing and dancing taught by Beulah Howard. She is assisted by Marilyn Brown, NTC Education Worker, Diane Sibley and Mrs Jackson in the First Nations Program. Mrs Carol Sign, Sibley and Marge Amos do a lot of work in the area of First Nations Education at GRSS. Many, if not all of the students learn about First Nations culture, practises and teachings. The students are very talented as they do art, sewing, basketry and the making of drums to name a few things. Also assisting are Eugene Amos and Marilyn Lucas. Keep up the great work to all of the staff and students at GRSS and RWES.



L-R Back: Marissa James, Jaylene Johnson, Brandon Jack and Harry Amos - GRSS grads. L-R Front: Drake Murphy, Darian Wilson, Edward Jack and Selena Maquinna moving on to RWES from Mowachaht/Muchalaht primary Program.

### Welcome Pole Figure Raised At RWES

By Jack F. Little  
Northern Region Reporter

**Gold River** - Just prior to the end of the school term at Ray Watkins Elementary School (RWES), there was a very proud and historic occasion. A welcome pole figure was raised.

All of the students, staff and many dignitaries and guests were present. The gymnasium was packed to witness the historic occasion. Prior to the festivities starting, the Mowachaht/Muchalaht singers sang a song.

Master of Ceremonies (MC) Mrs. Diane Sibley welcomed the many dignitaries, students and everyone to RWES. Mrs. Sibley called on Mrs. Jackson to assist her to do the unveiling of the welcome figure pole.

"Traditionally the welcome pole would be placed in front of the beach on the reserve. Our pole will be proudly placed at RWES to welcome guests, guard the institution and people in it, it will be our protector", said Sibley.

Beulah Howard then blessed the welcome figure pole. She sang a song thanking the creator and the young RWES students danced. Master carver Eugene Amos then called on the Mowachaht/Muchalaht men to assist him and they sang a Muchalaht song.

Tye Havih Yalthu'u'a (Mike Maquinna) then spoke. "Welcome everyone and thank you all for being here today. I stand here with great pride and dignity on what has been accomplished by RWES", said Yalthu'u'a. He also acknowledged the Ministry of Education for their support. "The Mowachaht/Muchalaht has a wealth of history, a living history and RWES has a lot to be thankful for", he said. Yalthu'u'a was very very touched and grateful to witness today's unveiling.

Mayor Crawford from Gold River was also very touched and speechless. She thanked the Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nation for sharing their wonderful history and traditions.



Larry Andrews assisted on behalf of Western Forest Products (WFP) with a donation of the great cedar. "Trees are used to build many things like houses, boats, bridges to name a few. This special tree (cedar) was honoured and blessed through Eugene's careful hands and it has been transferred into a spiritual work of art that will remind us all of our history", Larry said.

Other speakers included Andris Freimanis, Superintendent of the School District, Dan McInnes, Principal of RWES and Archie Little, Co-chairman of the NTC Northern Region. Beulah Howard briefly spoke of the cedar cape and Eugene Amos concluded with his final remarks.

Eugene also acknowledged and thanked a few people and presented them with gifts. "I am truly honoured to have created this welcome figure pole. It was the biggest project I have ever taken", said Amos. He then presented gifts to Larry Andrews and Trevor Boniface from WFP, Yalthu'u'a, Bruce Annand, Chris McAllister also of WFP and a student Chelsea.

After Eugene acknowledged them, the singers sang a song to honour the special day. Everyone was then invited to a luncheon. All those that were involved, you have done a very admirable deed. To RWES staff and students and especially Eugene Amos, you all must be commended.



Yalthu'u'a (Mike Maquinna) receiving a gift from Eugene Amos at RWES welcome pole figure unveiling.

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## Choo-kwa Ventures celebrates Grand Opening

By Lorraine Mundy  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahaswinis - Hupacasath Chief Councilor Judy Sayers thanked everyone for coming and stated your support and interest is appreciated. The reason "Choo-kwa" was chosen as the name for the canoe adventures is because it means, "come here." Judy said, "We want everyone to learn about Hupacasath First Nation."

**"Choo-kwa" means, "come here" said Judy Sayers, adding "we want everyone to learn about Hupacasath First Nation."**

Ed Tatoosh said the opening prayer, and then he and Robert Dennis Jr. blessed the canoes. Rodney Sayers designed the beautiful artwork on the two canoes. The black canoe has a sea serpent design on its bow, and the white canoe has an eagle design gracing the bow. Each canoe's capacity is up to 14 people - this includes the two or three canoe guides who accompany the tour.

One guest speaker, Ken McRae, mayor of Port Alberni, stated that it has been a long time since we saw canoes on the river. It has been over 50 years since he saw canoes

racing on the river during Labour Day Weekend. More than a million people travel to Long Beach each year, and this is an excellent opportunity to attract tourists to stop, go in, and learn about Hupacasath culture. As well, this is one way to boost economic development for First Nation's people.

Clatilda Roberts, Rose Tatoosh, and Jessie Hamilton cut the cedar bark ribbon to officially open the gift shop. One can purchase an item designed by Nuu-chah-nulth artists. Items such as a t-shirt, dream catcher, necklaces, or a carving from the gift shop located near the Hupacasath office. Feel free to go in, browse, and meet the friendly, smiling faces of Joy Hamilton and Aaron Hamilton, who are two clerks in the gift shop.

Nelson Keitlah put forward congratulations on behalf of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and extended very best wishes on this venture. He said, "We're very proud to hear Hupacasath young men sing their songs so proudly. We are proud of this special day." Hopefully, this will open further understanding of our people.



Choo-kwa Ventures Tour Guides

L-R Mark Joseph, Rod Sayers, Sherry Lauder, Alana Tatoosh, Jeff Gallic and George Hamilton

standing of our people. Judy thanked the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, NTC Employment and Training Board, Port Alberni Chamber of Commerce, and Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) for setting up the business venture.

After the opening comments were made, Judy encouraged audience members to participate in the *xiihakyak* (paddle song) as the canoes were carried to the river. One was welcome to stand on the dock where Robin Williams and Al Pacino had filmed *Insomnia* last year.

After the canoes were blessed people joined in the paddle song and helped the canoe into the water.

canoe tour that was free only for opening day. People eagerly lined up and waited their turn for this wonderful opportunity. They were outfitted with vests and canoe guides explained what to do and not do while they are in the canoe. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday. A one-hour tour of the Somass River is \$36 for adults and \$15 for children 14 and under. For further information regarding tours, phone 250-724-4006.



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First group of people enjoying a guided tour of the Somass River

## Ahousaht Hosts Central Region Chief's AGM

By Denise Ambrose  
Central Region Reporter

Maaqtusiis - Ahousaht hosted Central Region Chiefs and Hawi'ih on July 9 at their Annual General Meeting. Central Region Co-chair, Nelson Keitlah asked for a moment of silence out of respect for the late George Louie Jr. and his family then said the opening prayer.

Murray John Sr., speaking on behalf of Chief Billy Keitlah welcomed the chiefs to Ahousaht traditional territory and wished everyone well in their three days of meetings.

The political leadership of Tla-o-qui-aht, Toquaht, Hesquiaht and Ucluelet each made opening comments and thanked Ahousaht for their hospitality. Some took the opportunity to introduce new councils. Business quickly got underway after the agenda was adopted by motion.

Keitlah congratulated the new council members and warned them that times are tough for First Nations in the political arena. "I don't like what I see especially with the provincial government. It's decision-making time and we need to decide whether or not it is worthwhile to go back to the negotiating table."

The first order of business was a report from Jackie Godfrey, Central Region Executive Director. There is a need to fill job vacancies under the Central Region Holding Society and to decide whether some positions are necessary. These positions would be discussed later in the week.

She reported the province had paid this year's instalment of \$1.5 million through the Interim Measures Agreement. Nelson Keitlah reported that BC praised the region by letter for their handling of Interim Measures money. "They expected us to fail in the handling of our money and they used to make it difficult for us to get it. Now that is changing."

The money is handled through the Central Region Holding Society where it is administered to the various boards, committees and businesses of the region. The balance sheet and income statement of the CR Holding Society were accepted by motion.

Keitlah reported that Ecotrust invited local First Nations to one of their meetings. "They focus mainly on environmental issues," Keitlah

said, "and it was never clear why they invited us to their meeting." Based on who was present at the meeting and his instincts, Keitlah suspects that they may approach Coastal First Nations with a proposal that would ensure forests would be left standing.

Anne Hillyer and Larry Baird, co-chairs of the Central Region Board (CRB) outlined the Clayoquot Sound Interim Measures Extension Agreement. Hillyer reported the activities of the CRB over the past year and what is in store for next year. She said a Coastal Land Use Plan was prepared and presented to the parties of the agreement. They are awaiting further instruction about the plan.

The first of the draft watershed plans should be ready later this month, Hillyer reported. The plan covers Ahousaht traditional territories of Flores Island, Cyre and Beddingfield. The CRB expects to conduct public meetings at Ahousaht on July 31<sup>st</sup> to allow community members view the plans and provide input. Another public meeting will be held in Tofino on the evening of July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Larry Baird says the IMEA has an



Chief Billy Keitlah and his speaker Murray John Sr. welcome their guests to Ahousaht.

economic component worth about \$8 million. He urged each Chief Councilor to get to know what is in the IMEA because, he says, it is the backbone of what happens in the Central Region. "We have it because we wanted to have a say on resource management in our territories and we got it," said Baird. He went on to say that the Central Region, through the IMEA and Isaak Forest Resources, has control over 87,000 hectares of forest land. Other features of the IMEA include economic development funds and active Central Region Participation in local resource management. "There are no other agreements like this in BC," claimed Baird, "The government won't even talk about it because they don't want other First Nations knocking on their door

Central Region Chief's Guy Louie (Ahousaht), Ed Mack (Ucluelet), Moses Martin (Tla-o-qui-aht), Cecil Sabbas (Hesquiaht), and Archie Thompson (standing in for Toquaht Tye Ha'wilth Bert Mack).



## Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project

### Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project Campbell River Family Picnic

Thursday July 25, 2002 'At The Foreshore'  
(Across From the Coast Discovery Hotel on the Waterfront) 12:00 Noon - Dusk  
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For More Information Please Contact: Shawn Sinclair at 616-3674 Or Vina Robinson At 250-731-6271.

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455 East Hastings Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1P5  
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#### Support Group Meetings

Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
Place: 1607 East Hasting Street, Vancouver Native Friendship Centre  
In The Elder's Room, Time: 6:00 PM To 10:00 PM.

#### Nuu-chah-nulth Women's Group

August 1, 2002, 7:00 PM To 10:00 PM  
Place: East Pender and Commercial  
For more information and to sign up contact Urban Support Worker at (604) 254-9972 or (604) 312-6539.

### WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Hello, I am working with the Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project, and my name is Gloria Peters the casual Support Worker. Would you like to see a Women's Support Group Meeting happen? When would you like this to take place? Day or evening? What time would you like this to start and end? Please contact me here at the Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project @ (250) 724-3233 ask for Gloria. I hope to hear from you, and thank you.

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asking for the same." Ma-Mook Development Corporation (MDC) presented reports in the following areas:

#### Choo Radio Final Report

MDC administrator, Iris Lucas, reported that Choo FM closed January 15, 2002 due to the unresolved shareholders dispute and associated financial problems. The radio station was co-owned 50% by the region and 50% by Peter Moffat. The contract was negotiated by a former employee of MDC who allowed for equal shares in the company despite the fact that one shareholder was not contributing financially to the station.

The station was headed for financial doom under the Moffat's attempts at business management. MDC endeavoured to resolve the problem and turn things around. Their hands were tied, however, because any business decisions required Moffat's approval. He was kindly described at the meeting as 'unreasonable'.

Without an affordable alternative, the radio station was forced to close. MDC is currently exploring alternatives for funding another local First Nations radio station but is not interested in owning one.

The Central Region Holding Society owns the radio station equipment but has no CRTC license. Lucas hints that another station may be on the horizon because there is a person in the region that is interested in pursuing one. In this case, MDC is open to assist the business venture through economic development funding.

Ahousaht served up a pancake breakfast the next morning followed by elder Stanley Sam's opening prayer. Chief

Bill Keitlah welcomed his guests by performing his welcome song and dance.

#### Economic Working Group

Richard Lucas of the Central Region Economic Working Group said this year's Economic Development fund instalment of \$1.5 million was released to the region on July 5. Most of the economic development funding for the last fiscal year went to Isaak Forest Resources, Lucas reported. Plans are under way for this year's funds.

He also reported that with the establishment of Central Region Holding Society, funds previously held at NEDC will be returned to the region. "In the beginning our money was held there (NEDC) because we didn't have the holding society to administer the funds. Besides funding the Region's established businesses, Lucas said the EWG does offer loans to individuals to start up small businesses. "We recognize that there is a need for this due to the high unemployment rate in our communities," he said.

He reported that personal business loan arrears continue to be a serious problem that the EWG is attempting to address. "We've been dealing with arrears, letters have been sent out but no response," said Lucas. He added that steps are being taken that would enable the EWG to report creditors to the Credit Bureau possibly as early as the end of July.

The EWG has set a budget of \$500,000 aside so that the region's First Nations may develop their own language programs. An initial instalment of \$25,000 had been sent out to each nation with the requirement that reports

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## Hundreds attend provincial Residential School Conference

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

Vancouver - More than 300 people attended the provincial Residential School healing conference held last week at the University of British Columbia. Although conference organizers were expecting more than 800 delegates, the 4-day conference was still deemed a success.

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Although there were only a few Nuu-chah-nulth delegates at the conference, there were many Nuu-chah-nulth speakers and Nuu-chah-nulth focussed plenary sessions showing all the programs designed to help Nuu-chah-nulth heal from the Residential School experience and its lingering effects. Tsa-qua-supp (Art Thompson) led a pair of sessions called "Moving past surviving; Courts and Victim" where he spoke on his experience in the Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS), on the streets of East Vancouver, and in the court system as he went after one of his abusers, the notorious sexual predator Arthur Henry Plint.

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"I completed my court case two years



Louise Tatoosh and Vina Robinson



Tsa-qua-supp (Art Thompson)

ago, and it was dehumanizing in a lot of respects," said Thompson. "It's not an easy process and can be a difficult road, but it's something we have to do so our children won't have to go through that stuff," he said.

"Court is an important part of healing. Our experiences in those places need to be documented so they never happen again," said Thompson, who spoke his years at AIRS and subsequent years on skid row as a drug user and dealer. "I had a \$300 a day heroin habit, which in 1964 was a lot of money, so I dealt to support that habit," said Thompson. "I dealt mostly to my people, until one day I realized it was like I was on a mission to kill my people. Luckily my grandmother came over and pulled me out of there," he said.

An advocate of using the court system, Thompson was clear that prospective plaintiffs should not be in it for the money. "How do you put a value on a childhood?" he asked. "I received a \$250,000 settlement but it could never be enough."

Vina Robinson and Louise Tatoosh also presented workshops at the conference, one entitled "Stopping Lateral Violence", and another called "Successes and Directions: The Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project".

Louise and Vina spoke on the purpose and vision of the Healing Project, and how services are delivered in the Nuu-chah-nulth and urban communities, as well as offering the overall history of how the Healing Project came to be.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project is respected across Canada for helping those affected by Residential Schools, and people from as far away as California and Quebec came to hear about the Nuu-chah-nulth example. Ron Hamilton spoke at the UBC House of Learning, offering a chronology of Residential Schools on the west coast of Vancouver Island, their multi-generational effects, and traditional methods and practices used for helping and healing.

"The Residential Schools affected every Nuu-chah-nulth Nation, family, and individual," said Hamilton. "The power is within ourselves, our families and our communities to heal."

## Soothing the fussy baby

By Marc Lalonde  
Northern Region  
Infant Development Worker

The unborn child is developing and learning while in the womb. She is learning about her environment and feeling like she is a part of it.

The womb is a naturally soothing place to be. She is free floating in a fluid which touches every part of her body and is always a nice temperature. She is never hungry, because she is fed automatically. Even loud noises are muffled and she is soon returned to the rhythm of mother's heartbeat. She has spent all of her short life in a perfect world. Then comes birth, and she is faced with the harsh realities of the outside world.

A new-born has to make many adjustments when she is pushed out of the floating bliss she once knew. One of the first major challenges is having to breathe on her own. Then she needs to adapt to changing temperatures and strong lights. Noises are now sharp and harsh, and there is no constant, soothing rhythm from mom's heartbeat. Thinking about it makes me wonder why there are not more babies who are fussy. I know I would be hard to live with if my world changed that much.

For some babies, the first three months after birth can be very difficult. This could even be seen as a fourth trimester. They need time to get used to the new world and settle in. Almost all babies go through some fussiness, in the first two or three months after birth. Some babies are easier to calm, while others are difficult to soothe. When babies are having a hard time, in most cases, parent need to use a number of techniques to comfort their children.

Soothing methods try to imitate the womb and can be grouped into three main categories: rhythmic motion, physical contact, and soothing sounds.

### Rhythmic Motion:

We keep our balance with the help of our vestibular systems. This system is made up of two tiny organs, one behind each ear. They act like three carpenter's levels, one for each of the three dimensions of space: width (side-to-side), depth (back and forth), and height (up and down). The fluid levels, in each organ, moves against tiny hairs. This sends messages to the brain and muscles to keep our balance. If, for example, you sit on a large ball and tip to one side, your body automatically tries to compensate. Unborn babies, with ultra-sensitive systems, are in constant motion for most of the time. Therefore, young babies are programmed to expect a calming, rhythmic motion and not quick, jerky movements. This is why they love to be rocked, in a gentle way,

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be prepared before a second instalment is sent out.

Donation funds have been created this year, one for individuals and one for youth. In return for donations, the EWG requires that recipients publicly acknowledge the region for the donation.

**Clayoquot Sound Wildfoods**  
Supervisor, Calvin Clark, reported that the third year of operations for the company has seen the production of new products. The 2001 season produced dried wild mushrooms, salal

and not tossed around about like a basketball. Fussy babies are more likely to be soothed with a rocking motion that moves in all three dimensions. This means walking the baby back and forth, using a side-to-side and up and down motion. Of course moving in all three directions is practically impossible, so people have come up with a "colic dance" that seems to work. There is no standard method to this dance, but many parents have danced around by rocking back and forth on their feet, swinging side-to-side and finishing off with a tip-toe and mini-squat. You need to find a dance that works for your baby and one you can follow, you may end up doing this for a while. The up and down motion seems to be a favourite of many babies, so try to get this in somehow. Some babies need a steady rhythm when on the move. They need the extra stimulation of motion along with the skin-to-skin contact, the smell of mother and the pleasure of nursing. So nursing, while walking or in a rocking chair, may be better feeding techniques.

Speed is very important as well. Most babies need a steady rhythm that imitates a heartbeat (60 to 70 beats a minute). There are a few who need a little more speed and these tend to be the babies who like being in a stroller and walked on gravel roads. Some babies need a more gentle approach, like a ride in the car.

Baby snuggle carriers and swings can be helpful. The carriers which allow her to be in close contact with you are the best. They help the baby feel some of the natural motions she was used to, when mother carried her. Automatic or wind up swings offer a steady rhythmic motion, without you having to keep up the pace. Some babies will not settle for swings, because the best they can offer is back and forth motion with a little bit of up and down. As I said earlier, they tend to prefer the up and down motion, but this does not mean you should put a young infant in a jumper.

**DO NOT place new-borns and young infants in jumpers.** They are not physically strong enough to keep their heads and bodies upright. Babies need to have sitting skills before they go into a jumper. If a baby is not holding her head up, and keeping her neck and back straight, then putting her in a jumper can be dangerous. If she does not get hurt right away, it could lead to problems later on.

### Physical Contact:

Skin-to-skin contact is very important to the baby. Holding your naked baby, with a diaper on, against your skin is often an effective method, especially if you lay her on your bare chest. She can then enjoy the skin-to-skin contact as

vinaigrette and wild berry syrup. The Taiga Institute completed a four-year business plan that will guide CSWF in decision-making with respect to product development, amounts to produce and sales required to make the business self-sufficient.

The past year has seen the development of relationships and infrastructure in the region's communities to harvest and produce products. There is a need to develop markets for the products in order to make the business a success.

Jams and jellies were the most popular product having sold out almost as soon as they hit the shelves. While none

well as the sound of your heartbeat. Or lie down together and curl around your baby, snuggling her close in your arms. Physical contact can be stepped up a notch by enjoying a bath together. Fill the tub, at least half full, with warm water. Slip in with the baby and let her float a little. This will bring back the sensation of being back in the womb. Baby massage is becoming more popular, and seems to be very effective, especially with fussy babies. This will help relax the baby, when done properly. There is now written material on this (ask your IDP worker), as well as web pages, videos and consultants.

### Soothing Sounds:

Babies are used to the sound of the womb, which is the sound of a heartbeat. Most people's heart rate is around sixty and seventy beats, so the speed of the rhythm is also important. You can accomplish this with: a metronome (counter for music), a clock with the seconds ticking away (digital clocks don't do this), or a recording of mothers heartbeat. Other sounds can also have soothing rhythms. These suggestions may sound strange, but many parents have testified to their effectiveness: running water from a faucet or shower; recordings of waterfalls, ocean waves, or rainfall; the hum of a vacuum cleaner, air conditioner, fan, dishwasher, or clothes dryer; or lullabies with low sounds and a steady rhythm.

I have found that recordings of Nuu-chah-nulth songs are very soothing to babies. They offer the low sounds and steady rhythms that babies enjoy. These can be especially helpful, if the baby was exposed to Nuu-chah-nulth songs, while in the womb.

I suggested the sound of running water earlier, and this is often referred to as "white noise". This sound is very soothing to a lot of people and to most babies. White noise can also be a steady hissing sound, like the noise of the radio or TV when they are off channel. Surprising enough some parents have found this hissing sound to work.

Hearing a baby cry is difficult for anyone. Listening to your child cry is even harder. The worst is trying to comfort your child, when she just won't settle down. Times like this are frustrating and discouraging, especially if you are first time parents. It is important for parents to have time to themselves. You need a chance to recharge your batteries, so you can take care of your baby. No matter what you do, the bottom line is you are the most comforting and soothing thing to your baby. If you are taking care of yourself, then you are more able to provide the physical contact, rhythmic motion and soothing sounds your baby needs to adjust to her new and difficult world.

were produced last year, Clark will ensure that wild berry jams and jellies will be produced this year.

CSWF is seeking a grant from NEDC to pay for the development of a marketing strategy. A meeting with NEDC is scheduled in the near future.

### Long Beach Link/Clayoquot Spirit Tours

Lisa Brisco and Melanie Touchie delivered MDC's transportation report on Long Beach Link, which serves the West Coast, and Clayoquot Spirit Tours, which operates on the East Coast.

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## Ahousaht Treaty Office re-opens

The Ahousaht Treaty Office (ATO) has re-opened with a full staff, as of July 2, 2002. The people who will be responsible for working on the Ahousaht Treaty are:

|                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Cliff Atleo Sr.          | Chief Negotiator                |
| Reconfirmed by Hah-wiuh. |                                 |
| Shawn Atleo              | Co-Negotiator                   |
| Reconfirmed by Hah-wiuh  |                                 |
| Lisa Morgan              | GIS Worker                      |
| Robert Atleo             | ½ time Administrative Assistant |
| Louie Frank Sr.          | Protocol Worker                 |
| Jacque Adams             | Treaty Analyst                  |

The team is currently concentrating their energies on reopening the office through reorganizing the office, information, files and equipment. During an Ahousaht Treaty Planning meeting held at home in June, several items were prioritized for action.

The main priority action item was setting up a communications system for the Ahousaht Treaty Office. The Toll Free line will be reactivated when the Ahousaht Administration Office upgrades their phone system. The timeline for this completion is the end of this month. In the interim, if you need to contact the Ahousaht Administration Office @ 250-670-9563/9531. If you are Internet friendly you can contact our office through e-mail at [ahousahttreaty@alberni.net](mailto:ahousahttreaty@alberni.net).

The ATO will also be sponsoring the development and modifications to the current Ahousaht.com website. Upon completion of this site, we will be making as much information on the Treaty making developments as possible available. Website visitors will also be able to access information on other Ahousaht Administration departments.

Another priority project is the formalizing of the Hah-wiuh seats. Treaties are based on Hah-wiuh and Hah-hah-hulthee. In order for Ahousaht to be fully and properly represented within the Treaty negotiations, it is vitally important for us to have our houses in order. The ATO will have some resources available to assist the families in formalizing their Hah-wiuh seats. The final outcome of this project will be a legal, formalized, finalized document that will be recorded in our history. Louie Frank Sr, Protocol Worker will be taking the lead on this project. Louie will also be responsible for coordinating the needs of the Hah-wiuh and Elders who are on the Treaty team.

Lisa Morgan, Toquaht/Shuswap, grand daughter of Bert Mack, the GIS Worker will be taking a lead on the identification of Hiisooklth or "Private Lands". She will be responsible for coordinating the GIS information and will be made available to assist other Ahousaht departments in their mapping needs.

We are also seeking to help the community to identify both a Youth representative and a representative for the Ahousaht women to sit on the Ahousaht Treaty team.

In the near future we will be revisiting the Terms of Reference from the Ahousaht Treaty Office's Operating Plan. Given the developments over the past years, we feel that it is necessary to re-look at the past plans and seek new directions for the future. There will be meetings organized for at home and away from home over the next few months. Please watch the Ha-Shilth-Sa for announcements or contact the Ahousaht Treaty Office.



## Summer Sun Safety

Submitted by Jody Vos CHN for Ha-Shilth-Sa

With summer upon us it's wise to be aware of the potential dangers of exposure to the sun. Gone are the days when people basted themselves with baby oil searching for that "healthy" bronzed copper tone look.

Sunburn is caused by excessive exposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays. Most sunburn is first-degree and causes the skin to become red, warm and tender to the touch. Depending on the severity of the burn and the individual's skin type, the burn may later "cool" into a tan or thin layers of skin may peel off.

More serious sunburn can be a second-degree burn, causing extreme reddening, swelling, pain, and even blisters. This is a sign that the burn has gone deeper than just the surface layer of the skin and has caused damage and the release of fluids from cells. Symptoms do not necessarily appear while you are in the sun; they may begin from one hour to twenty-four hours after sun exposure, and usually reach a peak in two to three days.

Overexposure to the sun causes 90% of most forms of skin cancer. People who have had severe or blistering sunburns, especially in childhood, are twice as likely to develop the disease later in life. **An infant under the age of six months should never be exposed to direct sunlight or have sunscreen applied to his or her skin.** Infants should always be dressed in protective clothing when they are outside. Sunscreen can be used on a baby **over six months old** (choose a PABA-free formula, preferably one meant for young children), but sun exposure

should be limited, and the child should still be dressed in protective clothing. For toddlers and young children, limit time in the sun and apply sunscreen regularly whenever they are outdoors. Older children should be taught the importance of applying sunscreen regularly - an important lifelong habit. The amount of exposure required to cause a burn depends on the individual, where they live, the time, and the atmospheric conditions. To protect against skin cancer, take protective measures while in the sun. The ultraviolet rays are strongest between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Stay out of the sun as much as possible between these hours.

When spending time outdoors, wear light colored clothing made of tightly woven material, plus a hat and sunglasses that block ultraviolet rays. Always use sunscreen. Choose a product with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or higher and that specifies broad-spectrum protection. Don't rely on the weather to judge how strong the sun is. Nearly 85% of the sun's UV rays penetrate through clouds. Cloudy or hazy days do not afford protection against sunburn. Take the same precautions on cloudy or hazy days that you do on bright, sunny days. Apply sunscreen to all exposed skin, and reapply it every three or four hours while you are outside. Be sure to protect your lips with a lip balm that has a SPF of 15, too.

Certain medications may make the skin more susceptible to sun damage. These include antibiotics, antidepressants, diuretics, antihistamines, sedatives, estrogen and some acne medications. Check with your Pharmacist about the safety of your medication.

I want to commend the work and dedication of three nurses who, despite a long day at work and on their way back to Port Alberni, heard the sound of a fire alarm and returned to the community to see if there was an emergency. They were ready and willing to help. Luckily nothing happened, but they were there in case it did. Marilyn Peters, CHR, also made a special effort to tell me of this situation and that she was very appreciative of their commitment as nurses and willingness to be of help.

The three nurses I am publically recognizing are: Lynne West, Liz Thomsen, and Shirley Rempel. Lynne West is our Clinical Nurse Specialist overseeing the Home and Community Care Program. Liz Thomsen provides nursing services for Ditidaht and in town at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. Shirley Rempel is a nurse working with Tuberculosis Control out of Vancouver. Thank you for your continuing dedication and professional nursing services! Kleco Kleco! Jeannette Watts

**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.

## Central Region Rewards Elders - A Gift For Guidance

By Denise Ambrose  
Central Region Reporter

**Maaqtusiis** - Elders, aged 65 and over came to Ahousaht from all over the Central Region on July 10, 2002. They were treated to a seafood feast at the Maaqtusiis gymnasium compliments of Ahousaht.

Dave Jacobson, MC for the evening introduced the region's Chief Councilors; Guy Louie, Ahousaht; Cecil Sabbas, Hesquiaht; Moses Martin, Tla-o-qui-ah; and Ed Mack, Ucluelet. Chief Bert Mack of Toquaht was not in attendance.

The first order of business for the chiefs was to honour Simon Lucas of Hesquiaht for his achievements and the work he has done on behalf of his people. Lucas received an honorary degree from UBC this year and is now referred to as Dr. Simon Lucas.

Jacobson congratulated Dr. Lucas on his degree saying that he also appreciated all the hard work Lucas has done for the past 30 years, not only for Nuu-chah-nulth, but also for all First Nations people. Lucas and his family came forward to accept a gift from the region.

The focus shifted to the real guests of honour on that evening, the elders. "This evening has been in the works for the past three years," said Jacobson.

Richard Lucas explained that the gifts that are about to be presented came because of the Clayoquot Sound Interim Measures Agreement (CSIMA). Concerned that major forest companies were

about to destroy valuable forests, the Central Region Chiefs lobbied relentlessly to gain control of resource management decisions in our territories.

They were successful in negotiating the Clayoquot Sound Interim Measures Agreement and the two extension agreements that followed. Along with acquiring decision-making powers in resource management in Clayoquot Sound, the IMA came with economic development funds and other benefits.

Seeing that, after nine years of treaty negotiations, there is still no Elder's Interim Measures Agreement in place and recognizing that so many elders have already gone during that time, the Central Region decided to recognize the elders now.

"The elders are our teachers and the backbone of our communities. They are the ones that give us advice and guidance when we (political leadership) are negotiating for our people," said Lucas.

More than fifty elated elders were called forward to receive \$2000 cheques. It was stressed to the elders that they were not being paid but were receiving a gift for 'all the guidance given to the leadership now and in the future'.

Some elders took the opportunity to thank the people; some sang songs and most sat smiling broadly, thankful for being appreciated.

Chief Bill Keitlah wound down the evening with singing and dancing from his family.

## Family Ties - Ucluelet

If you are pregnant or have a young baby, come visit our exciting program! We offer weekly drop-ins with topics and guest speakers of interest to new parents. As an expectant mom, you can receive individual counseling and free nutritional supplements.

**Where?** Family Ties, Davison's Plaza, Ucluelet. **When?** Every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. **How?** Drop in or call: Sarah Hogan (Outreach Counselor) 726-2224 or Kelly Drabitz (Public Health) 726-4242.

**VOLUNTEER SUPPORT TO LOCAL RED CROSS LOAN CUPBOARD - THAT WOULD INCREASE HOURS OF OPERATION TO PUBLIC.** When you can volunteer an hour or two - contact the Red Cross Society at 724-0557.

Red Cross operates the loan cupboard program by:  
Responding to requests for medical equipment.  
Dispensing equipment.  
Maintaining the equipment.  
Soliciting donations to purchase additional equipment.

## MEDICAL SERVICES PLAN FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

### Phone numbers for MSP Resource Areas:

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| EYE EXAMS                      | -                      | 1-800-663-7206        |
| PHYSIO LIMIT                   | - user fee questions - | 1-800-563-5556        |
| TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM      | -                      | 1-800-661-2668        |
| AMBULANCE BILLING              | -                      | 250-356-1309          |
| MEDICAL CLAIMS                 | -                      | 250-952-3044          |
| OUT OF PROVINCE CLAIMS         | -                      | 250-952-3025          |
| MSP DIRECTOR "Melanie Douglas" | -                      | 250-952-3373          |
| SUPERVISOR - "Sue Bone"        | -                      | 250-952-3413          |
| CARE CARDS "Linda Hawthorne"   | -                      | 1-877-952-2679        |
|                                |                        | 1-250-952-3258        |
|                                |                        | Fax... 1-250-952-3427 |

Nuu-chah-nulth Membership are advised to contact their home Community administrative office for continued updates on your health care plans. Your Community Health Representatives and Health Workers are familiar with these departments. The above numbers are vital contacts with respect to your health care card and its benefits. Ensure you keep a copy of these numbers handy for future reference.

For further information you may contact the NTC (NIHB) Non-Insured Health Benefits Program at 1-888-407-4888 or locally at 724-5757.



Congratulations to Tyrone Gallic on your graduation from grade 12 and for making the honor roll. We're proud of you son, love mom and dad.



Happy Birthday to our sister Brenda Ross on July 31. From your sisters and brothers, nieces & nephews.

I would like to congratulate my sister Connie Manuel on receiving her Bachelor of Education degree at the University of British Columbia. The pride and the inspiration that I felt watching you walk into the longhouse was and still is within my heart. To have you as my sister is an honor and I will forever be grateful that you are a part of my children's lives and mine. You truly inspire me to want to follow in your footsteps. Thank you Duane for walking with my sister and being the strongest support that she needed. To Melissa, Salsa and Isaiiah for your patience, support and love for your mom during this journey. Congratulations to you all. Happy Anniversary to my Mom and Dad, Gertrude and Edwin Frank on June 5th. Love you lots, Noreen, Trudee-Lynn and Tommy (Straight Arm).

Congratulations to my little sister Anne and her partner Kurt on the arrival of their beautiful baby girl Juniper Madison. Thank you. Noreen Paul.

To my son, Darrel Nicolaye - I'm so proud of your achievements in your artwork! Darrel has won five awards for two posters he drew for his school in Campbell River. One of the posters was for Drug and Alcohol Awareness. The other poster was for Remembrance Day. Darrel's Drug and Alcohol Awareness poster won first prize in Central School, Campbell River - first prize again for the whole of Vancouver Island. He also won a prize for the same poster for the North End of Vancouver Island. His last award came from Vancouver, BC, where he again came in first place. All together he has won five cash awards for his posters. Darrel has had a great interest in art right from preschool. Darrel

A big, huge, gigantic congratulations to my eldest nephew, Christopher Darryl Frank of Ditidaht and Ahousaht First Nations. Way to Go Chris! I am so proud of you and all that you've accomplished. Keep your head up and reach

for the stars. Build a beautiful world for yourself and be all you want to be. Remember, "Your adventures start here, continue with your education, continue with your sports and continue with your goals." I know you're a bright, smart young man and you'll put your mind to what you want in life. Dream big, Dare big and you'll go far. Your Nanny and Papa and Aunties and Uncles from your mom's side love you and will always be here for you if you need anything, just ask. I love you nephew, Way to Go! Love from Your Auntie Karen Tate. All You Aunties and Uncles and Cousins. I would like to wish all of my nieces and nephews all the best in the upcoming school year. Good luck to you all and another successful new School Year. Auntie Karen Tate.

## Birthdays, Anniversaries & Congratulations



I would like to wish a Happy Belated 20th birthday to my son Thomas Dick on June 11. Also a Happy Birthday to my other son J.R. on July 10. I would also like to congratulate my son J.R. who graduated on June 27, 2002. Sure wished I could've been there to see your graduation ceremonies. I hope that you will enjoy your day on this very special day. I am always thinking of you guys everyday and miss you all very much. Love always: DAD

is twelve now and in Grade Six. Keep up the great work son. We're proud of you. Love from Mom, Betty Nicolaye

I would like to say to my granddaughter Winnie Campbell a Happy 2nd Birthday on July 8; also to my dad Michael Tom on July 8 who is now? Love Grandma Marion and Your daughter Marion.

I would also like to mention that my little sister Nadine Tom has graduated from grade 12 this year and am very proud of you little sis way to go. I made it to her graduation in Ahousat on June 14, 2002 it was a great success for all the grads. Love your older sis Marion.

Happy Birthday to Mom, Caroline, and Brian. Happy Belated Birthday to Jamie Rose Walton, love Lorraine, Jack & Jasmine.

Happy Birthday to Jamie Walton from Auntie Denise.

Happy Belated Birthday on Canada Day, July 1st - to my nephew Shayne Johnston who turned 9. To Uncle Donald Mack. From Karen and Andrew and Koda.

July 3rd - To Miranda Mack, from cousin Andy.

July 5th - To my Beautiful Mother, "Happy Birthday Mom" Frances Ann Tate. I love you and have a good day. From your daughter Karen, and grandchildren, Mercedes and Dakota.

To my niece Rosalin Hetu-Touchie, Happy 12th Birthday, from Auntie Karen and cousins Mercedes and Dakota.

To my cousin Jake Gallic, "Happy Birthday to you," from you cuz, Karen Tate.

July 10th - To my nephew Ryan Tate, Happy Birthday, Love from Auntie Karen and cousins, Mercedes and Dakota.

July 15th - To my niece Jessica Tate, Happy Birthday, Love from Auntie Karen and cousins, Mercedes and Dakota.

July 23rd - To Malysa Mack in Nanaimo, from cousin Andy.

July 29th - To my niece Marquel Lee-Ann Frank in Ahousaht, Happy 14th Birthday, from Auntie Karen and cousins



Congratulations to my daughter Mercedes Lynai Karyn Dawson - for a job well done and for passing Grade 6 at Ha-Ho-Payuk School. My little girl will be going into Junior High, Oh My. I am sooooo proud of you Merc. You will do very well in Junior High. Always remember to keep your chin up, and your head held high, and you can call on me if you need anything. You'll do just fine. I love you with all my heart, Love from Mom. Congratulations on receiving the Iisaak Award.

This is a very respectful award, just like your Auntie Jesse Stephens explained. You should be very honored for receiving this very highly respected award. Way to Go. Love from Mom and Dakota.

Also congratulations my son Dakota Blu Dawson -> who passes up to Grade 3. Dakota has done very well, considering all his struggles and difficult times. He has done very well at Eight Avenue School. This whole school year, Dakota had had to ride the school bus to and from Ditidaht, with having to take one day off for rest each week. Dakota has recently been assessed by a psychologist (David Ayres) and was reported to Moderate Mentally Handicapped. So, I am very proud of my son for all his accomplishments and achievements this school year. He is learning at his own pace and doing quite well. I'm proud of you son, and I Love You. Love from Mom and Sister.



We would like to wish our big sister a happy 34th birthday for July 15. Love from John, Kim, Erin & Nicholas and Barb, Jonathon and Sheldon.

June 1, 2002 surrounded by family and friends, I took part in sharing a very huge accomplishment in any young person's life. My baby sister Jenny Marie Touchie, and little cousin (basically little brother) Marc Jack both graduated from Ucluelet Secondary School. This is it you two, life will never be the same! It's all so exciting, yet so terrifying at the same time. I am so proud of the both of you, of what amazing, intelligent, honorable, and beautiful people you have grown to become. This world has yet to prepare itself for you two, are now taking that ever so important leap into adulthood, and all I can send for advice is, "Watch out here they come World!" I feel like I am decades ahead of you two, why? It could be from the never ending banter about being an "old bag" I get from the two of you, but who really knows. With that being said, I have one very important piece of advice for you, to help aid you in your life's journeys. If for any reason someone tells you "you can't", show them that in fact, "you can". Near, far where ever you are, you will always, even though you wish you hadn't, you will always be surrounded by one person who is waiting to see you fail. As discouraging as this situation is to experience, give it your all, and dreams will no longer "be dreams", for they will have then become reality. And with all that, you hold the most powerful, wonderful, and rewarding tool in your hands, "success!" Let me tell you, I may have only grazed my fork along the top of the piece of pie, but as little as I have been so lucky to accomplish, reaching or even approaching goals, is the best feeling in the world. Something that you have had to work so hard for, and to see the results...wow! I can guarantee once you start setting them and achieving them, there is no stopping you from then on. Today the celebration, tomorrow the world! How sweet it is! Cheers from your sister Melanie Touchie, ily.

Happy 6th Birthday to Violet on July 31. Love Mom, Dad, Lisa, Michael & Marvin.

Happy Birthday to Nancy Wilson, Reg David, Sherry Ross, Cheryl Fred, Joy Hamilton, Rose Wilson and Vincent Watts. From Pearl & family.

Happy Birthday to my baby sister Caroline on July 17. From your sister Claudine & family.

Happy 11th Birthday to Larry Swan Jr. (Dudey) on July 26 and niece Paula Jane Lucas on July 31. From Claudine & family.

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Happy birthday to three very special sisters Paula Jane July 15th, Caroline Jessie 17th, and Monica Jo-lynn 17th. Enjoy your day, and many more to come. I Love you! From your sister Gena.

To a sweet little boy Larry Swan Jr. Happy 11th Birthday to you our son, on July 26th. Enjoy your day and We Love You! I miss you so much you are the greatest little boy in the whole wide world! From Dad, Mom, Eugene, Warren, & Kelli.

Happy 6th birthday to Paula Jane Lucas "Oaksanaish jane", and many more to come you little "hot chick!" From your auntie Gena.

Happy birthday to Kiefer Webster on August 2nd, Uncle Oye John, Willie Mack, Kayla Lucas 18th, and Coburn Tom 20th, enjoy your day and have fun on your special day! From Gena, Larry and family.

Happy birthday to my mother Mar Webster. Mom you mean the world to me and my family. We would like to wish you a very happy birthday, and enjoy yourself on your special day you deserve the best, and you have the best too... (your good kids!) Love always your daughter Gena, Larry, Geno, Wasi, Maana-Mar, & Larry jr.

Happy birthday to Cindy Johnson and Jack Johnson Sr. for July 4th, Stephanie Jack and Harvey Mark Jr. for July 5th, John "boy" Williams and Kiara Williams Johnson on July 11th, Keisha Johnson for July 12th, Wayne Hinchcliffe on July 13th, Patricia Johnson on July 15th, Mrs. Karen

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## poet's nook

### LIFE'S TREASURES

Thinking of all the wonders that life has to offer, the beauty of the earth's bountiful treasures life's treasures.

Our dear Creator Has given us such a precious gift and that is the breath of life.

Every single breath each day is what it is all about, to see to hear to breathe.

To walk this earth with the will to move on and never losing hope never giving up, our reasons to walk this earth is given to us with respect to be who we are.

"We are indigenous people who carry a spiritual reflection within ourselves," we do walk proud and are all of who we are.

Proud of where our lineage our dearly respected family history has been discovered and voiced by our ancestors.

We are the next generation to honour such an honour of our families, our proud ancestors that have showed us in the past

We are the peoples of the future and the people who have the opportunity to show our children to voice themselves.

We know who we are and most important of all we are proud of who we are and proud of where we had originally started with our great grandmothers'

Our Great grandfathers, I thank you for this day I walk the earth and I would like to share this opportunity with the proud peoples' of our First Nation Unity of togetherness of sharing their wisdom with all walks of life, in honour and respect of unselfishness of been truly genuine "You are one of a kind" proud just to be as intended to have family does not mean to

take the treasures, But to support with pride this is an extra special gift that is not only an honour but is treasured to have our children grow With guidance from our peers who carry wisdom

With respect, dignity, honour, prosperity To accept all the things that life has to offer and To make the best of the things that happen in life

I believe truly that our Bodies grow stronger when we nourish Our spirits and souls with the bountiful nutrients our earth offers

Take care of you so you may take care of others We can look into a person's heart by looking into their eyes

I do believe that our mistakes are Stepping blocks that are actually Stepping stones in disguise and "This is life's emotions, accept life, be proud Every time we think of the whole world is down

On us, it may seem like it we the people carry the power to change our thoughts Take chances and live life to its fullest in a healthy

And honourable way as our ancestors have, they are my inspiration within "Life treasures is in our hands and the appreciation in regards to my elders Stands in appreciation for their teachings are very important to one and all.

For my loving mom Agnes A. Jack MOM You're always around to care, Always so willing to share. You're the best mom I could ever ask for, With you for my mom, I'll never need more. You're always there for me through thick and thin, With you by my side, I know I'll always win. You always take the time to listen to what I have to say, Even if it makes no sense in any way. You always know just what to say, When I think there's no other way. I hope no-one ever take you away from me, Because without you I'd never be the same, You see. You know you'll always be my best friend, Right until the very end. No one could ever replace you or your love, You must have been sent to us from up above. Love from your one and only Daughter: Melissa M. Jack.

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take the treasures, But to support with pride this is an extra special gift that is not only an honour but is treasured to have our children grow With guidance from our peers who carry wisdom

With respect, dignity, honour, prosperity To accept all the things that life has to offer and To make the best of the things that happen in life

I believe truly that our Bodies grow stronger when we nourish Our spirits and souls with the bountiful nutrients our earth offers

Take care of you so you may take care of others We can look into a person's heart by looking into their eyes

I do believe that our mistakes are Stepping blocks that are actually Stepping stones in disguise and "This is life's emotions, accept life, be proud Every time we think of the whole world is down

On us, it may seem like it we the people carry the power to change our thoughts Take chances and live life to its fullest in a healthy

And honourable way as our ancestors have, they are my inspiration within "Life treasures is in our hands and the appreciation in regards to my elders Stands in appreciation for their teachings are very important to one and all.

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## "In Celebration of Canoes" The Maui Canoe Festival

Submitted by Ivy Martin  
for Ha-Shilth-Sa

This month, two of Tla-o-qui-ah's canoe carvers, Joe and Marcel Martin, attended the Maui Canoe Festival, which lasted from May 11-25. Theron Parker, a canoe carver from Neah Bay, also carved with our guys on the "Pacific Northwest" canoe. As well as Tla-o-qui-ah and Makah, this "Celebration of Canoes" featured carvers from Tahiti, New Zealand, Hawai'i, and Tonga.

This festival began with a ceremony, the awa or kava ceremony. The carvers, seated before the Chief on woven mats, were offered the awa drink in halved coconut shells. The chief's men, clothed in ceremonial garb, knelt before the carvers with their heads bowed, showing them the honour of their presence there in Lahaina. This act of passing the ceremonial cup to drink the awa is symbolic with sharing

before we all hopped in to take it for its first breath of life on the beautiful Pacific Ocean that bridged us from home. Marcel and I with our daughter Hailey, Theron and Polly, as well as Uncle Joe skimmed through the ocean, away from the cheering crowd. We were told that everyone was amazed at the speed of our "heavy" canoe-and with such "small" paddles! Our new friends spoke of how astonished they were of our confidence in the canoe, since we did take Hailey out with us. This was the way of our people, and although I was a bit nervous as we approached, and broke through the Maui surf, I knew the people of past and present were with us at that proud moment.

The canoe didn't stay beached for long; Theron was busy taking the line up of fellow carvers and other new friends out for a ride. So here was our traditional style canoe cruising by cruise ships and sail boats on the seas of the Hawaiian people.



Ivy, Marcel and Hailey Martin, Theron and Polly Parker, Joe Martin with girlfriend Lynn and our new friends Irene and Barry

one's mana'o (thoughts). Each carver thanked the Chief, Ke'eumoku Kapu, for the honour.

Joe, Marcel, and Theron took 12 days in total to finish the 21 foot canoe. During the steaming of the canoe, the other carvers spoke of their knowledge of their own ancestors practicing this same teaching, although they didn't know how they did it. Each nation stood in excitement as our guys quickly shovelled the glowing hot, lava rocks into the newly born chuputs. Our Tla-o-qui-ah carvers helped bring back the canoe steaming teachings of New Zealand, Tonga, Tahiti, and Hawaiian ancestors.

On the last day of the festival, each canoe was placed on the beautiful beach of the place each canoe began to take shape at Kamehameha Iki Park. The drum beat added to the intensity of this moment. The canoes' "umbilical cord" that tied it to the shore was cut as one carver from each canoe shared their thoughts of their experience with the crowd.

The cedar shipped from Neah Bay, was placed on the "Pacific Northwest" canoe

Although we loved our stay with the people and listening to their teachings, we never lost sight of who we are and where we come from; Tla-o-qui-ah is a word we repeated every day. Our hearts and prayers were here at home, and I was longing to be in the welcoming arms of my family. This trip changed the direction of my life. Learning about the Hawaiian culture made me want even more to learn and practice more of my own. When we launched that canoe and broke through that surf, it was an awakening for me. Any negativity I carried was left out there and I came back feeling new and refreshed. I want to live a life of our real people; I think the way we've changed isn't our way. Progress is made by looking back, too. We have to know who we are before we can know where we're going. Everything we are is right here, beneath our feet; our history, our very being, is right here...at home. Only we have this.

Finally, thank you to Tla-o-qui-ah First Nations and Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for supporting me on this trip.

### Celebrate Aboriginal Rights!

2002 is the Year of Aboriginal Rights, and Ha-Shilth-Sa wants to be a part of your celebrations. Going fishing, logging, hunting or harvesting?

Let us know, so we can cover the pursuit of your rights.

Call the main Ha-Shilth-Sa office at (250) 724-5757 or your regional reporter listed on the left hand side of page 2.

## Celebration of Life Gathering

Submitted by Rebecca Atleo

**Ahousaht - Thunderbird Hall, June 1 2002** - Hosted by Flossie Atleo for her daughter, Audrey Atleo Whitmore, the party started about 5:30pm and ended about 12:30am. Audrey had suffered a serious aneurysm in May of 2000.

The gathering was attended by about 300 people (at dinner) and varied throughout the evening. After dinner of crab, half-smoked salmon, turkey, fruit salad and the like, the Atleotakumthl Muu-ya-pithim (curtain) was draped across the northwest end of the hall and the evening festivities began. The order of events was (approximately):

1. Ta-athlma, which means 'acknowledging those that are grieving', was taken care of first. I was advised that this should have been done during dinner as soon as it was realized that there were people present who had recently experienced a loss in their family. Those acknowledged were Caroline Atleo, Harold Little, Kenny Little for the loss of Myrtle Samuel
2. 2 men (Tommy Frank and Stanley Sam in white capes, with two red marks on each cheek circled the floor and hall 4 times spreading down while Louie Joseph performed a chant. The lights were turned off and all doors closed while this took place. This was the cleansing of the floor to prepare for the evening.
3. Tim Sutherland performed the chant he gave to Anne to mark the start of the performances
4. George Williams and Greg Titian were appointed as security guards, draped with blankets and asked to keep order in the hall.
5. Chief Bill Keitlah's wife Mamie George coordinated the Keitlah Welcome Dance
6. Louie Frank Sr performed a chant
7. Anne Atleo performed the Bow and Arrow dance which she uses with permission from Corbett George followed by the Glaaxsaata dance she received from Tim Sutherland.
8. Trudy Frank, Flossie, Audrey and Anne performed the Chuu-chalth Dance of the Atleotakumthl which was to take place before the giving of names
9. Umeek, Richard Atleo, asked Louie Frank to help announce the names being given which were as follows:
  - Ted: Ma-tua...flying with purpose, goal, plan or schedule
  - Audrey: Ma-ta-uu-axa...wife of... Ma-tua
  - Lawrence: Ma-tua-mit - son of... Ma-tua
  - Linus...Ma-tuaxkh-tin...younger sibling of... Ma-tua-mit
  - Nan Flossie...Na-na-hum-yis...giving, generous
  - Aiya (Lawrence's daughter)...Cii-nu-chiithl-axa...little sandpiper on the beach
10. Louie Frank announced the name of his grandson, Rob Stanley, was Quee-si-hin-chiithl, meaning 'transforming into something'. Louie explained that he had not given Rob a name at a recent dinner as expected/planned and was using this opportunity to do so...
11. Bill Keitlah performed and led his Kingfisher dance with Rod Atleo taking the second to last space and Joseph George's son Joseph Jr. taking the last space.
12. Shawn Atleo had Rob Atleo use Anne's headdress to perform the Atleotakumthl Glaxsata dance (as was requested by Joseph George). This was followed by the performance of the Atleotakumthl Hinkets danced by Rob Stanley and Joseph's son Joseph Jr.
13. Cosmos Louie spontaneously performed a Hamatsa dance to a song composed by Wally Thomas and Joseph George. It was announced by the composers that prior to this, no one had ever danced to their song.
14. Tim Sutherland performed his song: Kleco Hawaii.
15. The performances ended at about 12pm with Flossie, Audrey and family giving gifts and making presentations until about 12:30am. On behalf of Florence & Audrey we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the people of Ahousaht. We could not have done it without you. Once again Ahousaht people have proven how they can work together. Tlecko Tlecko to all of the cooks and to the many people who helped throughout the wonderful day. We will be forever grateful to Ahousaht and her people.

### For all interested Post Secondary Students,

who have completed one year of studies and who are planning to attend again in September 2002, the British Columbia Aboriginal Scholarship list is available on the NTC Webpage at <http://www.nuuchahulth.org/educ/>

The list can be downloaded in .pdf format only. You can read or print these files with Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you would like a printed copy please contact Joanne or Kelly at the NTC Post Secondary Office (250) 724-5757.

Kelly Johnsen, NTC Post Secondary Counselor

### SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

THURSDAY JULY 18, 2002 - MAHT MAHS, GYM  
Port Alberni - 6:00 PM

Chumas provided after award presentations.

For more information call Eileen Haggard or Blair Thompson at 724-5757. Scholarship Applications can be picked up from your band office or the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office. If you are living away from home, you can download the application off the NTC website - [www.nuuchahulth.org](http://www.nuuchahulth.org)

## MAD SCIENCE IN AHOUSAHT SCHOOL

Submitted by Carol Mattersdorfer

Science Camp was open to students of Ahousaht. The grade five teacher was there working away at it with the students. This was a free course for the children to experiment with, and it was sponsored by the Ahousaht Band Council, the Holistic Centre and the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council and another one, but I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank the people that were involved. The students that just recently got hired were Andrea Frank, Megan Dennis, and Terri Robinson. It was an all week full of fun. Here are some of the comments from the students Nicole said, "We made slime," Fred said it was cool! Tommy said, "We learnt how to make robots and it was fun! Edgar said we had a great time, thank you! Just a little gratitude that the kids send a thank you card to the "Holistic" I would like to say thanks to all those that helped sponsor this personally because my son was involved with this he missed a few days; however, he got to experiment with a few things. Way to go son! Carol Mattersdorfer, Ahousaht Community News

## Central Region Chiefs

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Licenses for the two businesses were acquired July 2001. With a staff of six, including four trained drivers for the five passenger vans, Ma-Mook Transportation provides shuttle and charter services on the coast.

Long Beach Link provides shuttle service five runs per day during the summer between Tofino and Ulucluet. The run will be shortened during the slower winter months. It also runs tours, the most popular being national park tours with lunch on Long Beach at Wickaninnish Restaurant.

Clayoquot Spirit Tours is about to start its first year of business and planning/scheduling for the runs are still in the works, along with advertising and marketing.

### Ma-Mook Natural Resources/Iisaak Forest Resources

Iris Lucas reported that the IFR Board of Directors are concerned that not enough information is getting to community members about the activities of the company as well as job opportunities. Further, business goals outlined in the shareholders agreement (Central Region/Weyerhaeuser) need to be more actively pursued.

In order to achieve this, MDC prepared a draft terms-of-reference for IFR Board of Directors aimed at achieving these goals. The proposed terms-of-reference was tabled in order to allow the Nations time to further explore the issues and bring more informed ideas to the table.

## Day Care Closes for the Summer

Submitted by Carol Mattersdorfer

I was invited to this luncheon that was provided by the workers, and they made a delicious lunch. Thank you Mena for inviting me there. My baby daughter was part-time in this care of Mena Webster, volunteer Cheryl Campbell, on call workers Leona A. and Janey Thomas, Marla and the best co-worker, Jolene Frank. I am very proud of my cousin Mena. Mena was head strong about her daycare and she is the manager, and she done the best she could throughout this opening to the end. She was always concerned about the children's safety. She does a lot behind closed doors my cousin and she is very determined to make better changes in the future. I helped donate money to get the road all fixed up. The staff at this Day care was excellent. They put a lot of hard work with all the little toddlers here. So anyway, overall I want to especially thank my friend Jolene, she was always ready and willing to accept my baby in anytime. Kleco Kleco to all the staff at Mena's Daycare.

### Iisaak Forest Resources

IFR is preparing to harvest approximately 35,000 cubic metres of forest in Ahousaht traditional territory this year. Cover Creek Contracting of Ahousaht is building roads that should be complete within a month. Coulson Aircrane Helicopter with an all-native ground crew will be in Ahousaht shortly to yard the logs.

Cindy Hazenbloom provided IFR's history saying that the company was built on First Nations values. IFR is a joint venture between the Central Region (51%) and Weyerhaeuser (49%). The company has 87,000 hectares of land after Weyerhaeuser divided TFL 44 and transferred the Clayoquot portion to IFR in June 2000.

IFR has the support of several prominent environmental organizations because of its innovative forest management practises. The Annual Allowable Cut is substantially higher outside of Clayoquot Sound, allowing for more jobs but at the expense of the environment. IFR harvests on a smaller scale using sustainable, and potentially more expensive harvesting methods.

Matthew Lucas said that the Region has invested much into the company and it is time to realize the benefits, "not necessarily in terms of money," he said. Joe Campbell concurred, but he cautioned the people not to be overzealous in their visions of how the company should be operated. "I know we won't see the benefits in our lifetime, but we are building this company for the benefit of our children and our grandchildren," he said.



## Peer educators discuss Puberty

By Caroline Thompson  
for Ha-Shilth-Sa

The aboriginal peer educators, *teech-mis dat-na*, had the opportunity to present to the grade 5 and 6 classes at haahuupayuk school last month.

We felt that it was important that children get information on the changes that their bodies undergo because they may get scared by the changes that happen.

Some parents may find this topic uncomfortable to talk with their children about, so we felt it was important that there be people available to talk about puberty.

Another reason why peer educators should be discussing this topic with the grade 5 and 6 is because they are teens that can relate to the pre-teens.

The pre-teens look up to the peer educators as role models and feel more

comfortable discussing puberty with people who are closer in age to them. We went into the classroom prepared with a game and information about puberty.

We shared some of our experiences about growing up and going through puberty.

The game we brought is called "Boys, Girls, Both".

The game has words that describe different changes that happen during puberty printed on laminated cards.

The cards are given out to the students, and we ask the students to place their cards on the blackboard in either the "Boys", "Girls", or "Both" category.

We then go over the words and explain to the class what each word means. We also use bodies made of felt to describe each change and give the students an opportunity to ask questions.

## ADOPTIVE HOMES REQUIRED

Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family and Child Services is seeking an adoptive home for 3 siblings (ages 10, 8 & 6) with roots from the Hesquiaht First Nation. An understanding of childhood development and the long-term affects of FAS, and childhood trauma would be an asset. For further information, contact Donna Lucas, Usma Social Worker at (250) 724-3232 or call Usma Toll-free: 1-877-722-3232

## ADOPTIVE HOME REQUIRED

Seeking an ADOPTIVE home for a child from Hesquiaht First Nation. If you are interested in adopting and have questions, please call Donna Lucas at 724-3232 or on the Toll-free number 1-877-722-3232.

Seeking an adoptive home for a sibling group of 2 from the Tla-o-qui-ah First Nation. Experience and knowledge of FAS/E, Behavioural Techniques, Attachment Disorders and the issues that children-in-care experience is definitely an asset. If you are interested in adopting and have questions, please call Donna Lucas at 724-3232 or on the Toll-free number 1-877-722-3232.

## Celebrating Nuu-Chah-Nulth Babies



"Celebrating Nuu-chah-nulth Babies" is now available for ordering. To order this wonderful poster, send your name, address, phone number and organizations name along with a cheque for \$30 (plus shipping and handling: \$8.50 for 1 - 3 posters, \$17 for 4 - 6 posters) to NTC Nursing Program, P.O. Box 1280, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 7M2. Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery. Actual poster size is 43.1 inches by 15.7 inches. Poster is being sold "at cost".

## 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.

## Announcements

### nu-yaq̄h-mis

#### Attention Nu-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 Nu-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.
- ◆ Your First Nation needs your current address and phone number so they can contact you regarding Treaty developments, letters and bulletins.
- ◆ First Nation phone numbers and addresses are listed below for your convenience.

#### Ahousaht

(250) 670-9563 Fax: (250) 670-9696  
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#### Ditidaht First Nation

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#### Ehattesaht

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**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The winners of the "Nuu-chah-nulth Children & Families Away from Home Survey" The NTC Community & Human Services would like to congratulate the following winners of the three \$100.00 prizes, which were won by filling out the survey and submitting their names to the Nuu-chah-nulth Community & Human Services office. The prizes have been won by the following people: Norma L. Tyler-Chipping, Rose Chester, and Joanne D. Touchie. Thanks again, for your participation in the survey we appreciate it very much.

#### Trickster's Children's Theatre Society MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

To promote Aboriginal theatre and arts on Vancouver Island, become a member of the Trickster's Children's Theatre Society. A non-profit group established in 1998, Trickster's has been a leader in Aboriginal Theatre on Vancouver Island. To attend an upcoming Membership Potluck BBQ, in Nanaimo contact Janet August @ 250-753-5638 or email [kouos@hotmail.com](mailto:kouos@hotmail.com).

#### PORT ALBERNI FRIENDSHIP CENTER LEGAL PROGRAM CLOSING JULY 31, 2002

**To past and present clients:** Due to government funding cuts the Legal Information office will be closed, as of July 31, 2002. All files will be sent to Legal Service Society in Vancouver. If there is information that you need from your file, it is important you request it in person **before July 26, 2002**. To receive copies of your file you will need:

1. One piece of picture I.D. or two pieces of other I.D. (i.e. birth certificate, SIN card)
2. To complete a request form.
3. Allow 1-2 weeks for processing.

If you require any further information, please phone 723-8281.

Please note that the Legal Aid office is still being operated at 5169 Argyle Street, Port Alberni.

#### ATTENTION Members of Mowachaht/Muchalaht

We need your addresses. We want to keep in touch with you to advise you of employment opportunities, Band referendums, treaty updates, etc., and just to keep you informed with news from home in our newsletters.

Please forward your mailing address to one of the following:

mail: Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations  
Box 459  
Gold River, BC V0P 1G0  
Attn: Barb Dick  
email: [bdick@yuquot.ca](mailto:bdick@yuquot.ca) phone: 250-283-2015

Important Notice to all Nu-chah-nulth First Nations members, Band Managers, CHR's, Health Clerks and Band Membership Clerks:

#### MEDICAL COVERAGE NOT AUTOMATIC

**Reference:** Recently, many bills were received at the NTC (Non-Insured Health Benefits Section) (NIHB) from parents requesting payment under this plan.

If a child is not registered with Indian Affairs and the province there is **no** medical coverage. Therefore, **FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF MEDICAL VISITS, X-RAYS, ETC. WILL FALL ON THE PARENTS!**

Indian Affairs cannot and **WILL NOT PAY** any bills without full coverage. Remember, unless a child is **REGISTERED** with both Indian Affairs (Status Card) and the provincial medical plan (MSP Card) two very important medical factors apply:

- a. **The child is covered under the parent medically, for only three months; and**
- b. **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

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

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

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



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## Legal Aid cuts felt on west-coast

By David Wiwchar  
Southern Region Reporter

**Port Alberni** - Newly announced cuts in the budget for the Native Courtworkers of BC will result in a far greater burden on the court, judges, sheriffs and Crown Counsel, according to the Native Courtworker Association of BC (NCABC). The association provides justice-related services to Aboriginal people in conflict with the law.

"These cuts are devastating for the Native Courtworker Program, and the cuts come on the heels of cuts to Legal Aid and the Native Community Law Offices. Inevitably, the effect will be greater confusion and delays in the courts," said NCABC president Hugh Braker, QC.

"It's easy for the government to single out Aboriginals, the poor, and those in conflict with the law for budget cuts because the government does not think the public will support those groups or the rights of those groups. But the cuts are short-sighted. The cuts will mean fewer services in rural areas of BC, fewer services to women, and fewer services to children who need help," he said.

For Cheryl Brennan, Legal Information Counsellor at the Native Community Law Office at the Port Alberni Friendship Center, the government funding cuts mean her Legal Information office will be closing its doors as of July 31, 2002. "We wish to inform all past and present clients (over the past 25 years) that the office will be closing and that all files will be being shipped to Vancouver for permanent storage," said Brennan. "Therefore, if clients wish copies of any documents in their files, they will need to formally request them," she said.

The combination of justice-related cutbacks will hit Aboriginal people particularly hard as they make up a disproportionate number of those in conflict with the law. The majority of Native Courtworkers are located in rural and small-town areas of BC, and some 31 workers will lose their jobs in a few months.

The NCABC has been in operation for the past 29 years, and provides Aboriginal accused, at the earliest possible stage of the criminal justice process, with timely and accurate information about the nature of their charges and their rights, responsibilities and options under the law including alternative justice processes.



## Fish Days!

Submitted by Yvonne Lucas

Our tribe the Tseshaht First Nation ever since I can remember, I've been going to fish days starting late June to late July. We go to the Papermill dam in Port Alberni on the native side. The whole Tseshaht community gathers up the dam to help pull the drag seine on to the rock gravel island in the older days we had a rowboat to set the net and a canoe to chase fish and hit a paddle or throw rocks on water.

Now they set with a boat and motor. After they got the fish on the beach or island, they put in boat or canoe. The fishing boss usually it was Chuck Sam or Harry Sam. He would say "all the fish in the boat!" We would be all standing around looking at all that fish just sitting on the net so tempting, so easy, all it took was one person to say "grab time!" and Chuck would be yelling "all the fish in the boat!"

Then all of the whole crowd would jump on the fish, everybody had a plan before they went out and planned how they would get their fish.

Whole families would sit on a pile of fish; someone would hold the potato sack.

You had to be vicious; aggressive to get lots of fish, usually I just got 1 or 2. My

sister told me one of the men had his foot on her hand till she let go of a big fish, she had in her grip. My other sis told me she was standing there with fish in her hand at grab time, it just took a sec, she looked down, all she had left was a fish head in her hand.

But we all had fun long ago, the older woman would put fish by the fire and feed everyone who's hungry, we would just use maple leaf for plates.

The white DFO would be up the dam, he would cut the tails off the fish to mark it food fish.

We got up early for fish days 4:30 a.m. they like start early. Those days were used potato sacks, now they use small plastic totes that can fit 20 sockeye, we stand in line at the big totes to get our share after they count them and give to elders, disabled, pregnant women and widows. Now we hear "stand back", "line up here!" "one each" "didn't you already get your fish?" "I am getting my sisters share", another saying "lead line first!" "Slow up on the corks!"

The best fun is when we get a set with 1000 pieces of sockeye to be there is most awesome. Usually Andy Dick goes right in the middle of the net with the fish its so cool.

You have to be there to appreciate it. All in all, we still have fun at fish day.

#### Ha-Shilth-Sa 2002 Press Schedule

| Deadline     | Printing       | Deadline    | Printing      |
|--------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| July 26      | - August 1     | October 18  | - October 24  |
| August 9     | - August 15    | November 1  | - November 7  |
| August 23    | - August 29    | November 15 | - November 21 |
| September 6  | - September 12 | November 29 | - December 5  |
| September 20 | - September 26 | December 13 | - December 19 |
| October 4    | - October 10   |             |               |

## Tseshaht First Nation Cultural Resource Centre

Open to anyone interested in learning more about Tseshaht history.

Located at 5000 Mission Rd. -

Chi-chu-aht House/ Tseshaht Treaty office.

Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Except holidays)  
For more information contact the Traditional Use Study at (250) 724-4229 or toll free at 1-866-724-4229.

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Bernie, First Nations counsellor

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## Klecko's - ʔekoo

I would like to thank all of our family & friends who helped in time of need when our Auntie Gina Olebar passed away. Thank you to my Auntie Vi, Josie, & Nora & cuz Phyllis, my sister Bernice & husband Albert, my brother Frank & wife Bertha, my husband Charlie, Wally & Donna Samuel & son & grandson, who also made their way to Seattle to spend a few days with the families.

Thank you to Uncle Angus, Auntie Brenda, who spend a little over a week with our families in Seattle, it was so well appreciated & never went unnoticed. My Uncle Joe, Auntie Bella, Cousin Daryl, my sisters Ann & Norma who also stayed with us till the funeral was over.

My Auntie Gina was a special person, good humoured, well raised, she just showed her love for everyone. Even if we didn't see her for months, she treated us like it was just yesterday that we seen her. She was a proud mother & grandmother, who showed total dedication to

her family. She will be truly missed. I would like to special thank you to my niece Delia Charlie who was such a good host, she just blended right in & helped her grandmothers, aunts & cousins, in any way that she could, helped with the cooking & been a host to the visitors that stopped by, she also lives in Seattle and has close ties to our families down there. Delia I was so proud of the way you carried yourself the help that you gave when needed. I am proud to see that you have not lost the hospitality that our people are so well known for.

Thank you niece, it was so well noticed and appreciated. I know you loved your grandma, thank you. Thank you to all the Nuu-chah-nulth people that helped financially & all the calls made to my late aunts children. Again thank you to all the people that helped in any way that they could, all the people that came and sat with the families thank you. Klecko Klecko, Flo Tom (nee Charlie).

"On June 13, 2002, the Kuu-us Crisis Line Society's Mentoring and Education program was invited by the Tseshaht First Nation to participate in a paddle of their Traditional Canoe.

For this honour, Kuu-us Crisis Line Society would like to extend a huge thank-you to all who were involved in bringing this event together. Thank you for helping us help others." Respectfully,



Laurie Sinclair, Mentoring & Education Worker. Submitted by Laurie Sinclair

### In Memory Of a Mother

"I remember thee in this solemn hour, my dear mother. I remember the days when thou didst dwell on earth, and thy tender love watched over me like a guardian angel. Thou hast gone from me, but the bond which unites our souls can never be severed; thine image lives within my heart. May the merciful Father reward thee for the faithfulness and kindness thou hast ever shown me; may he lift up the light of his countenance upon thee and grant thee eternal peace! Amen." [Unknown...]

Once again, thank you. Thank you. Samson Robinson and Family

Thank You Could Never Be Enough!!! But that's what I really need to say to so many wonderful people who donated food and volunteered your time with food prep decorating etc that you all were all there so willingly to help us with My son" Russell

Hanson's" wedding June 29th at Thunderbird Hall in Campbell River. Ki-ke-in, (Ron Hamilton) As always it was a real honor for Waketom for you to be our Speaker through the "Traditional Ceremony" and you made it more special because we have a lot of respect for you and always appreciate your willingness to be there for the Hanson Family, Many many tlahko's to you Ron.

Tessie you did an awesome job on the Bouquets, you are a wonderful aunty, Marilyn for your help with getting our bride to be ready for her special moment.

Ernie Jackson, for being the head cook, and Betty Flett and all the other ladies and guys that worked in the kitchen. You all did so great there was a lot of compliments on your cooking, But then again Fish and seafood is always a

great meal, and the Clam chowder was a Big Hit...yummy. You people are what made the dinner a meal to remember Thank You , Thank You ever so much, and Waketom & I really do Appreciate and Love you, we are proud to be one Family with you people.

Our moms, Hilda and Maggie, as usual you're donations of the "smoked Fish, Halibut , and Halibut Uptlsquii" (what a treat). You are great moms and we could not ask for better moms than the two of you. You are so very special to us and we love you very very much.

Rose and Molly, thank you so much for being there to help us out in the kitchen and for the fish you donated Rose, it was a real big help.

Phyllis and Jimbo thanks ever so much for all the running around you did for me (you were the driver but I think I drove, you Crazy), but it was a real big help to us. We got twice the work done in one day with your little car, and Dads truck. Jim it was really great of you to come down to the hall and help us with the Cleanup the next morning, what a chore that was and you made it a lot easier. Thanks and we love you too.

## Community Events and Celebrations

### Memorial Potlatch for late Paul Elias Smith

July 20, 2002, Zeballos Hall, Starting at 12:00  
Inquiries call Audrey Smith - 250-332-5908 or 332-5992  
Or Velina Vincent - 250-830-0532 or any of the family

### NEW DATE for Invitation to Aay-ts-toohl-thla (Coming of Age)

To all Nuu-chah-nulth-aht Ha-wiih, mus-chim, friends and family - A new date has been set for the Coming of Age of Ha-wilth Naak-qua's granddaughters as noted below.

The House of Ha-wilth Naak-qua (Howard Tom Sr.) of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Ms. Agnes Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Tom Jr., and Mrs. Desmond Tom Sr., and Mr. Terrance Tom.

"Cordially requests your presence to witness a Ceremony of Respect for the Coming of Age of their daughters Miss Ashley Tom, Miss Rachel Tom, and Miss Bonita Tom."

This Ceremony of Iisaak for Aay-ts-toohl-thla will take place 12:00 pm, Saturday, July 27, 2002 at the Wickannish Elementary School in Tofino, B.C. Klecko! We look forward to seeing you there! Choo! Mrs. Catherine M. Tom.

### Memorial Potlatch for Flora Edgar

August 17, 2002  
Nitinaht Community Hall - 11:00 a.m.  
Everyone welcome!

The family and friends of the late Alex Williams of Anacla are invited to a Memorial Potlatch to be held at the House of Huu-ay-aht on Saturday, September 14, 2002 commencing at 12:00 pm.

### Alexander Daniel Williams - Wilheyakchik

### Memorial Potlatch for Late Mary Johnson

Hosted by Jack Johnson Sr., & Family  
September 21, 2002, 12 noon at the Tsaxana Gym

Martha Paul, along with her niece's Dawn, Norma, Kelly, Charlene, Kim, and Nula, extend an invitation to the extended family of John Smith and Cecilia (nee Thompson) Smith-Sternbeck for a celebration dinner on November 10, 2002. This will be a celebration for Earl and Josephine George for their 25th wedding anniversary. The place is yet to be confirmed. We would also like to invite the family of Earl Maquinna George to attend this celebration. We would like to request that someone bring a family tree and for any further information please contact us at: Dawn: taheh@shaw.ca or Kelly: kluthsona@canada.com

### The Jack & Callicum Families Invite Everyone to the Andrew Callicum Sr. Memorial Potlatch

November 16, 2002, 10 a.m. start  
Big House in Campbell River  
Inquiries call Claire Newman at 250-957-2303 (Wk) or 250-957-2416 (Hm), Or Madeline Vickers at 250 957-2535, or Ben Jack Sr. at 250-283-2614 (Hm)

Dee John, thanks so much for the beautiful beadwork you did on the Table Globes, they are real treasures now. You are a good friend to put all that work into it for me, Thanks again Dee.

My Brothers John and Lori Campbell, and Sister Ramone, Wow excellent job on decorating and table set up Thank You so much, You define the word Sister, and Brother. As usual you pulled through for me again, and we love you all.

All the entertainment, the songs and Dances from Ucluelet, Huuayaht, Ditidaht, Ahousaht and Hesquiaht families did for the occasion. We really appreciate and have great respect for our Culture and are so grateful for what you did there. Tlahko Tlahko!!

Victoria & Ivan Wells, Thank you for your acknowledgement and reminder of your wedding day, 11 yrs back on the same day. Our Congratulations to you and Happy Anniversary to you two very special people, Waketom & I really loved the songs you sang for us Thanks again.

This list could go on for a long time but, we have not forgotten the numerous other people who helped out, But we do Thank You all so very much, and love you all

for your generosity in donations and time. Finally, to all of our guests who came from all over the Island, Ucluelet, Ahousaht, Hesquiaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Kyuquot Chektlesah, Nuchatlalt, Ehatesaht, Tseshaht, Ditidaht, Huuayaht, including Alert Bay, Nanaimo, Duncan, Victoria, and the Mainland as well to witness and make this a memorable day for our family, You all have a very special place in our hearts for ever, and have shown us great respect for the distances you all traveled to be a part of this Very Special Day.

I raise my hands to you all and will keep you all in my prayers, but I really want all who attended to know that I will always keep you in my prayers, and Creator Bless you all with many many good things in life.

Chuu, Tlahko, Tlahko!!!

Naasqwa(Daisy), Waketom(Peter),Nawaht(Russell),Qua quaht yiik(Christine),Hyu pi taht(Jen), Hoopquistah(Irene),Shii ka shuu(Shawn), Tchaqaastin(Collin), and Kaiktlahn(Baby Braedon) Hanson

## Klecko's - ʔekoo

### NTC Graduation Ceremony

I would like to say "Klecko Klecko" to all who made this a special event. I know it took a lot of time and lots of thought went into it, right from planning and preparing, also a lot of time and effort through out the whole day. It was a spectacular day! I just wanted to acknowledge all who had a role in this special event, people who think they only did a little, contribute a lot more than they realize with the amount of time and energy people put into the grad. I knew it was going to be successful. We stole the spotlight again.

Also, special congratulations to all the Grads of 2002. I wish you all the best in your journey through life, and I hope your choices you make are safe and sensible, because I don't want to hear, "You're up the creek without a paddle." Good Luck, wish you well. Klecko Klecko, Thanks again, Stella M. Peters.

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Respectfully, Laurie Sinclair, Mentoring & Education Worker.

Thank you from The Swan's To My Mothers/Grandmother's Mar Webster and Rosie Swan I would like to say thank you for all that you have both done for our family, it means so much to me that you care and love us. All the sacrifices you have made to comfort us in anyway you can, it is truly appreciated.

You both have shown a lot of support toward us, in good and in bad times, and never turned us away, if anything you both encouraged us even more. With that we want you to know that we love you both with all our heart! Love Always Gena, Larry, Eugene, Warren, Kelli and Larry Jr.

To James Swan Jr. Jim we would like to acknowledge you for all you have done for our family in good and in the bad times we have experienced these last few months. We just want to let you know how happy and lucky we are to have you as the leader (chief) of our family. Thank you brother!

From Larry, Gena, Eugene, Warren, Kelli, and Larry Jr.

### ATTENTION AHOUAHT MEMBERS!

Re: School Supply Funding for 2002/03 If you are a registered Ahousaht Band member living away from Ahousaht, you may qualify for school supply funding for your child. Applications may be obtained from your local Native Friendship Centre or your Band administration office. Please read the application carefully to determine whether or not you qualify.

Deadline for submission of complete application is August 16, 2002, at 12:00 PM. There will be Absolutely NO exceptions made to late and/or incomplete applications.

For more information, you may contact Vivien Thomas at Maaqtusiis School before July 12, and after August 19, at 250-670-9555.

Submitted by Ki-ke-in

Dear Tl'ishin:

I am compelled to write and send you my congratulations for the beautiful job you and your community did welcoming and hosting the annual Nuuchaanulth graduation celebration, 22 June 2002. The House of Huu-ayat-h was beautifully decorated, and your theme, The Garden of Knowledge, was nicely highlighted with the photographs of your knowledge holders. I think every graduate, including those who were late, felt honoured by the way you had them escorted inside and to their seats. The food provided was topnotch and there was more than enough. Everyone was aware of the momentary shortfall, but we all saw how you remedied that problem.

Of course we all enjoyed the singing and dancing, especially the show put on by little ones just learning. The paddles you generously gifted the graduates with, were stunning. My nephew has his paddle proudly displayed in his mother's living room.

The ceremonies were inclusive and gave everyone: parents, tribes, and education boards, as well as others, an opportunity to honour their grads. I got the distinct impression that many people present didn't want the day to end. Very few people left before the whole proceedings were done.

From start to finish, your community showed our graduates, and everyone else present, the utmost respect. Thank you for your good planning. Thank you too for honouring my nieces and nephews who were among the graduates at your celebration. Huu-ayat-h, you deserve the ever-growing attention and respect you are receiving. Chuu, Ki-ke-in

The Journey Walk of Pain During summer of 2001, I Martha Joseph walk for myself to raise funds for my court case. I started walking from Prince Rupert to Port Alberni, where I went to school. That was where my pain started, from physical abuse to sexual abuse.

As I walk, my thoughts turn to people that had the same problems as myself. As I walk and every step I took, it was a step of pain for all the people that have gone through the pain, not just for physical/sexual but pains that people go through.

The purpose for this letter to thank the different people that show me great support as I walked. Thank you ever so much for allow me to walk through your land and your territory. I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart. I cannot ever repay for the kindness, love that you shown me. The Creator will do that for me. Yours truly, Martha Joseph



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## Ma-Mook Honours Political Leadership

By Denise Ambrose  
Central Region Reporter

**Maaqtusiis** - The evening of July 9, 2002 was the night Central Region Chiefs chose to celebrate their successes in the political and business arena. Staff of Ma-Mook Development Corporation (MDC), a company owned by the Central Region, was on hand to present several gifts to those involved in the region's political arena.

The evening started with a turkey/roast dinner hosted by Ahousaht. Indeed, the first order of business was the acknowledgement of the cooks. Ahousaht cooks prepared three hot meals a day including snacks in the sweltering summer heat. They were rewarded with gifts of golf shirts from MDC.

The region's Tyeew Hawi'ih were thanked next. MDC has been harvesting forests, berries and mushrooms in each chief's traditional territory for the past few years. "The Hawi'ih are thanked for trusting us to harvest in their traditional territories and to take care of it for them," said MC, Angus

Campbell. The Chiefs, Corbett George, Dominic Andrews, George Frank, Bert Mack and Lawrence Jack (or their representative) were each presented with gifts.

MDC staff went on to acknowledge the negotiators of the agreements that now benefit the Region. From the negotiators of the Interim Measures Agreements, to those currently sitting on management boards, no one was forgotten on this night of celebrating our successes.

All people involved with the negotiation of the Interim Measures Agreement and its two extensions were praised for their determination in getting an agreement that works for our First Nations. There were several war stories told, such as a certain someone dancing down the halls of the White House.

With that Larry Baird, Bert Mack, Jackie Godfrey, Moses Martin, Francis Frank, Howard Tom, Richard Lucas, Steve Charleson, Matthew Lucas, Cliff Atleo Sr., Joe Campbell, Violet Clark, Angus Campbell and Nelson Keitlah were each called upon to receive gifts from the Region.



## Tsawaayus celebrates 10th Anniversary

By Lorraine Mundy  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

A survey was conducted 23 years ago and the consensus was there was a need for a place to care for elders. A group of ladies dreamed of a place where First Nation people could take care of our own people. One of the ladies, Laura Talbot, began fundraising by holding bake sales and craft sales. Another goal they accomplished was to put together a proposal for funding the project.

In 1992, the dream of that facility became a reality after years of commitment and hard work. At times, the ladies hit "brick walls," but they never stopped.

The doors to the complex were opened for non-First Nation and First Nation people. July 6, 2002, marked the 10-year anniversary for Tsawaayus (Rainbow Gardens). People are encouraged to visit Tsawaayus more often. Rooms at Tsawaayus have been named after the ladies in honour of their memory. Their names are late Evelyn George, June Peterson, Ruby Petersen, and Rose Hargreaves. Eileen Haggard applauded all the

hardworking people who contribute to making lives better for residents of Tsawaayus. Eileen said, "A home is not a home unless there is love." Furthermore, she recognized former employees who have contributed their hard work to Tsawaayus but have moved on to other places.

Employees and board members were commended for their hard work they have contributed in the past 5 or 10 years. They were given certificates recognizing the contributions that they have made.

Dave Haipee, a resident of Tsawaayus, said, "I want to thank everyone for looking after me. They really look after me quite well here."

Throughout the afternoon, everyone enjoyed entertainment provided by the Cloggers dance group and the Hisuk-cawaak dance group. Hisuk-cawaak is led by 'ucus'ath (Robert Dennis Jr.) and he states that it is an open dance group and anyone is welcome to participate. The group rehearses Friday nights at the Hupacasath Hall from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Ben David thanked everyone for attending the anniversary celebration and said take care and God bless.

## Career Opportunities - q<sup>wi</sup>-cah-ta-mis

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

**KAKAWIS FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**, a First Nations Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre for families requires the services of a qualified Executive Director to work on Meares Island near Tofino.

**Position Summary:**

- Work with and advise the Board of Directors in the Centre's objectives, Policies and programs.
- Ensure the Centre's professional services and administrative procedures conform to all applicable laws and regulations.
- Supervise all aspects of the Centre's administrative procedures.
- Provide financial management including: the preparation of annual budget, supervising expenditures controls, supervising payroll, and preparing funding proposals.
- Manage the physical plant ensuring all applicable codes and standards are met and the safety of clients and staff is assured.
- Provide personnel management including: hiring and terminating of staff, supervision of staff, staff performance evaluation reviews, and staff training.
- Provide leadership in initiating evaluation procedures of Kakawis services and organization.
- Provide leadership to staff teams at Kakawis in the interest of high quality services to client and communities:
- In the senior staff team, to provide leadership in overall program planning and development.
- In the overall staff organization, to provide leadership in team building.
- To ensure that Kakawis has adequate resources to provide treatment which reflects the need of First Nations families and communities.
- To create a therapeutic community that offers daily counselling, education and support for First Nations families and their communities.
- To maintain positive working relationships with members of the First Nations and Non-native political and social systems with a priority on Vancouver Island Health Authority, Health Canada-Medical Services, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Order of Mary Immaculate, and School District 70.

**The successful candidate shall have:**

- University Degree and extensive experience in a relevant field and extensive experience in administration.
- Previous experience in Addictions Treatment.
- Supervisory skills.
- Facilitation skills.
- Previous work with First Nations communities and families would be an asset.
- Ability to provide leadership, encouragement and direction.

The chosen individual must be willing to relocate. Temporary accommodations could be available. The candidate will be required to be alcohol and drug free, submit to a criminal record check, and a psychological evaluation. Please forward a letter of application, a resumé, and references with full details of employment history by mail or fax to the following:

Personnel Committee  
Kakawis Family Development Centre  
PO Box 17  
Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0  
Fax: (250) 725-4285  
Email: [kakawis@tofino-bc.com](mailto:kakawis@tofino-bc.com)  
Competition ends: July 31, 2002, 4:00 p.m.

### COORDINATOR ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

North Island College is seeking a 75% regular faculty position starting August 26, 2002, working from the Port Alberni Campus. The Coordinator will be responsible for implementing the strategies in the College-wide Strategic Plan for Aboriginal Education.

A Masters of Arts (History with a focus on First Nations) or an equivalent postgraduate degree with a focus on the evolution of First Nations political, social economic and education realms is required.

Please see further criteria, required qualifications and information on how to apply to this competition on our website at [www.northislandcollege.ca](http://www.northislandcollege.ca).

Competition No. 02:F-43

Closing Date: July 26, 2002

Office of Human Resources  
North Island College, 2300 Ryan Road  
Courtenay, BC V9N 8N6  
FAX (250) 334-5288



### ADOPTIVE HOMES REQUIRED

Usma Nuu-chah-nulth Family and Child Services Program, in partnership with Ministry of Children and Family Development, is seeking an adoptive home for 2 siblings (ages 5 and 6 years of age) from the Tla-o-qui-ah First Nations. Both children are healthy individuals and both are social children. An understanding of the effects of prenatal alcohol exposure, behavioural management, and the ability to work with children that may have attachment issues is an asset. Please contact Donna Lucas for more information at (250) 724-3232 or at our TOLL-FREE NUMBER 1-877-722-3232.

### Pacific National Aquaculture Best Management Practice Technician

Pacific National Aquaculture requires a Best Management Practice Technician for its Saltwater Farm Operations located in the Clayoquot Sound near Tofino, BC. The primary responsibility of the position is for routine audits and reporting on the Pacific National Aquaculture Saltwater operations compliance with the BC Salmon Farmers Code of Practice, the Provincial and Federal Government regulations, and PNA Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols. The position requires a dual reporting function to PNA and to the Ahousaht First Nation.

Applicants must have the following qualifications:

- Good verbal and written communication skills.
- A minimum of 2 years experience of work with First Nations communities and/or organizations.
- Computer proficient in Microsoft Office Programs.
- Qualified and experienced in the safe and efficient operation of boats and motors.
- Strong people skills.
- Previous fish farm experience and knowledge is an asset but not a prerequisite.

This is a fulltime 5/2 position requiring the successful applicant to reside in the local area. Salary is commensurate with experience.

No Phone calls Please

All applications/resumes should be mailed or faxed to:  
Pacific National Aquaculture  
Attn. Technical Services Manager  
Box 142  
Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0  
Or E-mailed to [kevin.onclin@pna.ca](mailto:kevin.onclin@pna.ca)

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### ADDICTIONS COUNSELLOR

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

Preference will be given to candidates with the following qualifications:

- Minimum two years experience working the field of addictions.
- Alcohol and Drug training or related discipline.
- Demonstrate effective team participation.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Experience working with First Nations.

All staff are required to be abstinent from alcohol and drugs. Starting salary \$36,400 annually and negotiable depending on work experience and certified training.

Only serious applicants need apply. Please submit your letter of application and resume by noon on July 26, 2002, to the following:

The Personnel Committee  
Kakawis Family Development Centre  
PO Box 17  
Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0  
Fax: (250) 725-4285  
Email: [kakawis@tofino-bc.com](mailto:kakawis@tofino-bc.com)

### Nuu-chah-nulth Southern Region Community First Responders Orientation/Refresher Seminar

Attention Huupacasath, Huu-ay-aht, Tseshaht and Uchucklesaht Band Members!!!!

Here is a training opportunity for community members who show a natural caring ability to support people in need other professional assistance is unavailable. This two-day seminar is being facilitated by J'net August, NTC Prevention Worker. Community First Responders are individuals who are willing to be called upon for support during weekends, after working hours and holidays.

The role of Community First Responders is to offer support, comfort and assistance to people experiencing a crisis when other professional support is unavailable right away.

- Examples of when Community First Responders support is needed include:
- House fire, car accident, suicide attempt, death in the family, physical/sexual assault.

Contact J'net August @ 724-5757 to be included in the upcoming seminar.

### Arts

**FOR SALE:** Made to order silver and gold jewelry, nails, bolo ties, hand carved with west coast designs. Tim Taylor 1-250-735-0924, 1034 Ecoole Place, Port Alberni, B.C.

**FOR SALE:** Native designed jewellery; silver, copper, gold engraving, stone setting. Contact Gordon Dick by phone 723-9401.

**FOR SALE:** Carvings for sale. If you are interested in native carvings such as: coffee table tops, clocks, plaques, 6" totems, canoes, leave message for Charlie Mickey at 724-8609 or c/o Box 40, Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0

**WANTED:** Hide for school projects. Call Julia Landry @724-0512 (8-4pm weekdays).

**FOR SALE:** Black Hair - 12" to 18". Phone: 830-0468.

**NATIVE BASKET WEAVING** made by Kathy Edgar. Show case of all sizes of baskets. Weaving classes are held throughout the year. For more information phone 416-0529. Address box 863 - 8140 York Ave. Crofton, B.C. V0R 1R0.

**FOR SALE:** Genuine Authentic basket weaving grass. Linda Edgar, phone 754-4462.

**BASKET WEAVING FOR SALE:** Grad Hat Regalia, Baskets, Weaving material, specializing in Maquinna Hat Earrings. Available to teach at conferences and workshops. Call Julie Joseph (250) 729-9819.

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**James Swan - Wihayaqa'cik - Traditional Artist**  
Original paintings, carvings (small totems and plaques). Wat'sitnis' prints and a few t-shirts available. Ph: (250) 670-2438, Cel: (250) 735-0790 Or e-mail [wihayaqacik@yahoo.com](mailto:wihayaqacik@yahoo.com)

### George C. John Jr.

**Traditional Artist: Masks, Paddles, Plaques, Glass Etching, Original Paintings, Clothing Designs put on vests, hats, jackets etc.**  
Box 108, Ahousaht, B.C. V0R 1A0  
Telephone: 250-670-9546  
Work #: 250-670-9555/9589

For Sale: carved whale teeth, whale bones and bear teeth. **Wanted:** whale teeth, whale bones, mastodon ivory and russian blue cobalt trade beads. Lv. msg. For Steve & Elsie John at 604-833-3645 or c/o #141-720 6<sup>th</sup> St, New Westminister BC V3L3C5.

**For Sale:** Native painting. Call Bruce Nookemus (250) 728-2397

**FOR SALE:** Knitted sweaters, vests toques. Will take orders. Please call Yvonne Tatoosh @250-748-1411 (Duncan)

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Ben David**  
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**FOR SALE: 1999 GRAND AM:** 51,000 km, V6, new tires, new rear brakes, still under warranty, \$15,000. Call 723-0687 for more details.

**1992 FORD AEROSTAR VAN:** Good Clean Condition, Low Mileage, 10,500.00 or Best Offer. Phone 250-749-6769.

**FOR SALE: 1998 PONTIAC SUNFIRE:** Good Clean Condition. C.D. and Alarm System. 9,800.00 or Best Offer. Phone 250-749-6769.

**FOR SALE:** We have two 1999 GM Safari Vans both 7-passenger vehicles. We are taking offers, or we will consider you assuming vehicle loan. For information, please call (250) 726-7144 or Fax 726-2488.

**CAR FOR SALE:** 1996 Green Pontiac Sunfire, 1 owner, 2 dr. Asking \$5,000. Phone (250) 726-2565.

**FOR SALE:** 1984 Cadillac Eldorado, good shape, \$4000. Leave message 250-724-4206

### Marine

24 ft aluminum skiff. Brand new Honda Motor 50 hp, trailer, asking \$8,000. Call Joe David at 250-725-3320 9 am - 11 am or 6 pm - 9 pm

**CANOE BUILDING:** Will build canoe, or teach how to build canoe for anyone interested. From Beach Canoe to 40 footer. Call Harry Lucas 724-5809.



**For Sale:** 25' Mark 7 Zodiac & 20' Bombard Explorer. Call Leo Manson at (250) 725-2662 for more information.



**BOAT FOR SALE:** MV Ropo - no license. 40' fiberglass. Ex-freezer troller. Fully equipped. Freezer system only 2 years old. Harold Little (250) 670-2477.

**FOR SALE - 40' Ex-troller.** Call Robert Sr. (250) 724-4799

**FOR SALE:** New & Used Barclay Sound Sockeye Nets. (250) 923-9864.

**FOR SALE:** 3 1/2 sides smoked fish, vacuum packed, \$25 each. Fundraising for ladies singing group. Call 723-0740 or 720-2139.

**Sockeye:** 720-6870

**ANITA'S ALTERATIONS:** Sewing, hems, etc., etc. Ph. 723-8890.

**Gena Swan Cedar Arts and Crafts** & floral arrangements for weddings/grads etc. Call 250-723-8819 or email: [lady\\_sky\\_58@hotmail.com](mailto:lady_sky_58@hotmail.com).

### Employment Wanted /Services Offered

**T.S.G. TRUCKING SERVICE**  
Moving and Hauling, Reasonable Rates. Tom Gus, 5231 Hector Road, Port Alberni, B.C. Phone: (250) 724-3975

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Advisory for Histories, Governance, and Constitutions (forming governments), contact Harry Lucas, at 731-7277, or [lucas@cedar.alberni.net](mailto:lucas@cedar.alberni.net)

### FREE LANGUAGE CLASSES

at Hupacasath Hall. Language Instructor - Tat Tatoosh. Monday and Wednesday Nights. 7 pm to 9 pm. (Bring your own pen & paper). Parenting Skills for Parents & Tots. Fridays from 3 - 4 pm.

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- ✓ Give demonstrations
  - ✓ and/or teach basket weaving, carving, painting, etc.
  - ✓ We also need cultural entertainment
- Contact Darlene Erickson at 724-5655

**Westcoast Transition House**  
**Emergency Shelter**  
For Abused Women and their Children on call 24 hours 726-2020

**Port Alberni Transition House**  
call 724-2223 or call the nearest local shelter or crisis center.  
**Help Line for Children - 310-1234**

**Wanted:** Nuu-chah-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) 385-9906.

**FIRST AID TRAINING:** Canadian Red Cross Certified First Aid Instructors Laverne and Alex Frank are available to teach First Aid to your group, office, or community. Classes can have up to 24 students. Phone (250) 725-3367 or (250) 726-2604 for more information.

**FOR SALE:** Immaculate Condition! Motorized wheelchair (HTR Tilt Re Line). For more information call 723-3892 or lv. msg @ 723-9706.

**HOUSE FOR SALE** to TFN member on Esowista Reserve. Good condition, views of ocean & forest. Quiet area. Call for more info: (250) 250-725-3482.

BEV FRANK call Regina Jimmy collect.

### Miscellaneous

**NUU-CHAH-NULTH NATIVE LANGUAGE:** Transcribing in phonetics - for meetings, research projects, personal use. Hourly rates. Phone Harry Lucas at 724-5809.

**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.

**FOR RENT: Clean & bright, 1, 2, & 3 bedroom apartments in beautiful Gold River.** Phone (250) 283-2511

**Wanted** Medical Equipment such as wheelchairs etc., Can be dropped off at the Tseshaht Band Office. 5000 Mission Road, Port Alberni. Contact Gail K. Gus at 724-1225

**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.

**FRESH BREAD FOR SALE:** or made to order, also buns & pies. Pick up or delivery in P.A. 723-6983.

**FOUND:** a grey men's vest, size 40-44 with a black and yellow design. Please call Jeff or Laverne Cook @724-1683.

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**Mountain Boy (2000) - Fast-Food Take-Out:** 1627C Peninsula Road, Ucluelet, B.C. Pizza, Chicken, Ribs & Ice Cream. Open 7 days a week from 11:30am - 10pm. Deliveries after 5:30pm. Tel: 726-2221. Owners: Vi & Crystal Mundy

**Nitinaht Lake Motel is under new management.** New Manager is Lucy Edgar. I can be reached at 250-745-3844, 250-745-3290, fax 250-745-3332. PO Box 160, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 7M8

**2001 Chev Silverado 5sp V6 - Dark blue, Low milge. Warranty.** Call 250-670-9549 after 3:30 p.m. Karen Frank.

**Chumus Catering**  
for All Occasions  
Port Alberni, B.C.  
Call Renee Newman 723-2843

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

**FOURTH BAY CONVENIENCE STORE:** Open Year round! Located on Macoah Reserve. Status cigs available. (250) 726-8306. Shirley Mack Proprietor.

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# N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



## Coming Events

### JULY 24, 2002 1<sup>ST</sup> HOST:

a one-day, First Nation, Customer Service Workshop  
Port Alberni Friendship Centre, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
\$50/person – registration open  
1<sup>st</sup> Host is available throughout the year to all communities: please see contact information below.

### FALL 2002 PERSONAL FINANCE:

managing your money, making sound financial decisions, budgeting, saving & investing.  
NEDC will host workshops throughout the fall & winter of 2002/03. If your community is interest in partnering a workshop please see contact information below.

### OCTOBER 25-27 BUILDING BRIDGES TO SUCCESS:

the NEDC Tourism Conference, to be held at the Tin Wis Best Western Resort. This is a provincial conference focussing on Aboriginal Tourism, international marketing, networking and partnering as well as North American and International tourism trends. Registration forms available August 16, 2002.

### SPRING 2003 THE NEDC ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE:

please watch this page for more information

### YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOPS:

an interactive ½ day session to introduce youth to entrepreneurship and the NEDC service and programs. These workshops are available throughout the year. For more information or to book a workshop, please contact Caledonia Fred at (250) 724-3131.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY OF THE CONFERENCES OR WORKSHOPS OR TO REGISITER OR HAVE YOUR NAME ADDED TO OUR E:MAIL LIST PLEASE CONTACT KATHERINE ROBINSON AT (250) 724-3131.

## NEDC Contacts

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>MAIN OFFICE:</b>      | <b>CAMPBELL RIVER OFFICE:</b> |
| Mailing Address:         | Mailing Address:              |
| P.O. Box 1384,           | 918 Island Hwy,               |
| Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2 | Campbell River, BC            |
| Phone: (250) 724-3131    | V9W 2C3                       |
| Fax: (250) 724-9967      | Phone: (250) 286-3155         |
|                          | Fax: (250) 286-3156           |



NEDC's Caledonia Fred poses with the three Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association Awards given to the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation

## NEDC picks up a trio of prestigious National awards

The National Aboriginal Capital Corporation Association (NACCA), held their Annual General Meeting in Edmonton, Alberta on June 14, 2002. NACCA is comprised of 47 Aboriginal Capital Corporations (ACCs) from across Canada. Each year the ACC board members and general managers meet to conduct the business of the Association and network. This year, Darleen Watts, the NEDC Board Chair and Caledonia Fred, the Youth Business Co-ordinator attended the meeting to represent NEDC.

One of the highlights of these meetings is the awards ceremony. NACCA presents awards for service excellence in the Youth Business Program. Some of the criteria includes: number of clients served, program development and program delivery.

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Next year, with your help we're looking for first place.

CONGRATULATIONS NEDC!

## Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation

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*The purpose of NEDC is to promote and assist the development, establishment and expansion of the business enterprises of the Tribes and Tribal members of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.*