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Weyerhaeuser and Nations close to deal

Talks Progressing between First Nations, Coulson and Weyerhaeuser on Future of Sproat Lake Division

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - The Ucluelet, Hupacasath and Tseshaht First Nations, in partnership with the Coulson Group of Companies, have completed the first stage of negotiations with Weyerhaeuser in their bid to be the successor logging contractor for the Sproat Lake Division.

A framework agreement reached this week sets the stage for the parties to negotiate the proposed business details for the overall forestry and logging contracts.

A significant amount of negotiation is still required before a binding agreement can be achieved, and these negotiations are expected to take place over several months.

"We'll be doing everything. It's a stump to dump contract," said Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judith Sayers. "This is only the first step, but we're very hopeful," she said.

The parties share a desire to reach a successful outcome but this is contingent on agreement on critical contract terms, including cost structure. In addition to these broader discussions, the parties agreed this week to move forward with an interim forestry and engineering contract for up to 80,000 cubic meters.

Weyerhaeuser announced last year it wanted out of logging operations, and started negotiating with First Nations and other companies to take over logging operations.

"We'll be doing everything. It's a stump to dump contract," said Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judith Sayers. "We'll be doing the engineering on a block-by-

block basis, logging, transporting the logs to the sort, and all of that," she said.

Sayers expressed her delight in passing this milestone in the process. "Local First Nations, in partnership with Coulson, see this as an opportunity to finally achieve a major step towards asserting our inherent right to manage and benefit from our local natural resource base. We applaud Weyerhaeuser's efforts to date."

Tseshaht Chief Councillor David Watts believes this agreement is "an important first step towards creating meaningful long term employment and training for First Nations."

Ucluelet Chief Councillor Ed Mack expressed his view that the "Ucluelet First Nation are pleased to be in partnership with our neighbours in achieving true community sustainability."

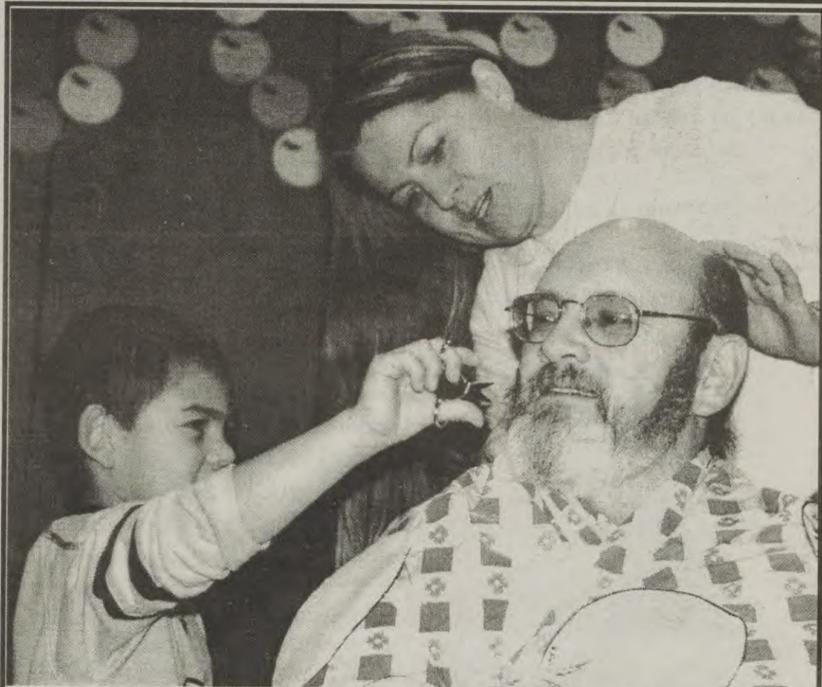
"This is only the first step. There's still a lot of negotiations towards the final details," said Sayers, who added similar negotiations between Weyerhaeuser and other companies took between six and eight months to complete. "We're very hopeful. The motivation from all parties is there and Weyerhaeuser is very serious about offering benefits to First Nations."

Coulson's President and CEO, Wayne Coulson echoed the views of his partners and looked forward to moving to conclude the implementation stage of the negotiations. "We've done a lot of work to get here but there's still a lot of work to do," said Coulson.

"Weyerhaeuser is willing to work with local businesses and First Nations. But at the end of the day this deal only happens if we deliver world-class results and competitive rates,"

Stan Coleman, Weyerhaeuser timberlands manager for West Island, says he is also pleased by the progress to date.

"There is a great deal of goodwill at the table. Everyone recognizes that we face stiff global competition and that we must create a new cost structure that will allow us to be competitive and to create some certainty for employees and the community," he said.



HaahuuPayuk Principal Syd Pauls sacrificed 20 years of beard for student literacy. See story on page 2.

Richard Watts resigns

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Campbell River - Richard Watts, long-time Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) Southern Region Co-chair resigned his position last week. The NTC Executive met with Watts on January 29th and acknowledged receipt of his resignation. He was to make a personal statement at the NTC meeting in Campbell River to the Nuuchahnulth Ha'wiih, First Nation Chiefs and Council members, and Nuuchahnulth representatives, but as of press time he had yet to officially announce his resignation.

Watts, who has been Southern Region Co-chair for the past 14 years, has always been very vocal in fisheries issues, and was elected Tseshaht Chief Negotiator two years ago.

Watts has been the sole Southern Region Co-chair since the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council switched from a single chair system to a regional co-chair system in 1989.

Members of the Southern Region (Tseshaht, Hupacasath, Uchucklesaht, Huu-ay-aht and Ditidaht) will be respon-



sible for determining how the vacancy will be filled per NTC Bylaws (either by-election or appointment). The Southern Region election would be for the remainder of the co-chair's four-year term which expires at the September 2005 Annual General Meeting.

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Please note that the deadline for submissions for our next issue is 4:30 pm on Friday, Feb. 21, 2003. After that date, material submitted & judged to be appropriate, cannot be guaranteed placement but, if still relevant, will be included in the following issue.

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

- Submitted pictures must include a brief description of subject(s) and a return address. Pictures with no return address will remain on file. Allow 2 - 4 weeks for return. Photocopied or faxed photographs cannot be accepted.

COVERAGE:

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

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- Editorial space available in the paper
- Editorial deadlines being adhered to by contributors

LETTERS and KLECO'S

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We reserve the right to edit submitted material for clarity, brevity, grammar and good taste. We will definitely not publish letters dealing with tribal or personal disputes or issues that are critical of Nuu-chah-nulth individuals or groups.

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



HaahuuPayuk teachers sacrifice for literacy

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Tsahaheh - HaahuuPayuk Principal Syd Pauls, teacher Phil Koch, and board chair Martin Watts sacrificed vanity for the sake of encouraging literacy amongst the student population.

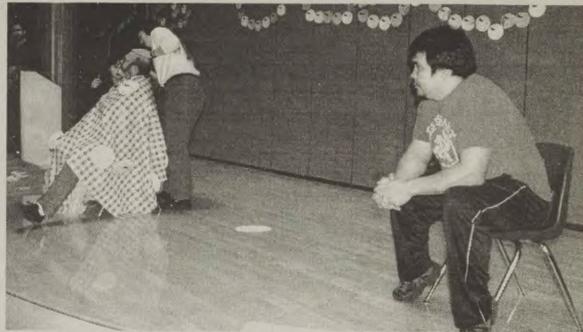
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A bookworm project was then started to chart the students' progress. Each student filled out a round piece of paper and placed it on the school wall with each book read. The paper lists the book's title, author, and the student's impression of the book, as well as their name and grade. The bookwork club members are called the "Chomping Champs" as they chomp away at the required amount of books to earn the public shavings of their principal and teacher.

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The top Chomping Champs of each grade then became "Chomping Champs"



HaahuuPayuk Board Chair Martin Watts has good reason to look nervous as Syd Pauls gets his beard shaved.

as they were entitled to cut off part of Pauls' and Koch's beard, and Watts' hair.

"We're doing this because we're so proud of you for all the books you've read," Koch told the assembled students before the clippers buzzed into action. Teacher Darren Olsen pledged to have his locks shorn if students passed the 1000 book mark, which might actually

be only a week away since the students were already at 987 books as of the shaving date of Friday, February 7th. "By the end of the school year the bookworm should be all the way around the school," said Pauls, before losing his 20-year old beard. "I haven't seen my face in over 20 years," said Pauls. "When I look in the mirror I'll probably wonder who it is," he said.



(l-r) HaahuuPayuk teacher Phil Koch, board chair Martin Watts, and Principal Syd Pauls freshly shaved by HaahuuPayuk students.

(Front Cover) Grade 3 teacher Tooie Casavant helps Grade One Champion Reader Eric Dick take a strip off Principal Pauls' face.

Correction

In the January 16th issue, we incorrectly translated the meaning of Maktoosis. The actual translation is "moving from one side to the other". We apologize for the error.

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.

This year is Ha-Shilth-Sa's 29th 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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Federal Government looks to cut unproductive tables

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - The federal government is looking for ways to stop negotiations with First Nations treaty tables it deems unproductive.

A secret government report entitled "Review of Claims and Self-Government Negotiations Tables", ordered by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs, seeks to "streamline the current internal processes for negotiations and approval of land claims and self-government agreements and sharpen the focus on those negotiating tables producing results".

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The secret document, obtained through the federal access to information office by Radio-Canada reporter Yanik Dumont-Baron, and copied to Ha-Shilth-Sa, is 177 pages long. Most of the passages have been blanked out by INAC bureaucrats as the report contains information on all 177 First Nations tables across Canada engaged in negotiations with the federal government, and advice on whether to continue negotiations or not.

"The Minister requested an evaluation of all claims and self-government Negotiations to determine the productivity," according to the introduction to the report. "This report has been prepared in response to that request. It is a review and strategic assessment of all self-government, specific claims and comprehensive claims negotiations tables, carried out with regions to determine if conditions for the successful conclusions and subsequent implementation of agreements are present. For the purposes of this review, productivity means negotiations that will lead to an approved Agreement in Principle (AIP) or Final Agreement."

The hunt for this secret report started last November, when the Globe and Mail ran an interview with Indian and Northern Affairs Minister Robert Nault where he announced the federal government

would be pulling away from up to 30 First Nations negotiating tables because of lack of progress.

Numerous INAC bureaucrats denied the existence of this report in an effort to keep journalists away from the story, but Dumont-Baron succeeded in getting the report after two months of effort.

Of the 177 tables studied, 51 (32%) were considered productive, 61 (35%) called "challenging", and 30 (17%) were put on the chopping block by being called "non-productive". All information indicating which category individual First Nations fell under were blanked out, as was any regional information and the report's conclusions and recommendations chapter, and the word "SECRET" is stamped on each page.

The report admits that BC has been holding up specific claims negotiations, and that both "First Nations and the general public are feeling destabilized and unsettled".

Inside the report, each First Nation is listed individually, with paragraphs on background, assessment, barriers to success, and action plan.

The listing for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is as follows:

NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL (NTC)

BACKGROUND: Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is located on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Twelve (12) of the affiliated First Nations are participating in the treaty process under NTC. The total registered population is 6,303. The parties were declared ready to negotiate by the BCTC on February 23, 1995. AIP negotiations commenced on May 27, 1996. A land and cash offer was made on February 28, 2001 which resulted in the initialing on an AIP by the negotiators. When the NTC negotiators presented the AIP to the community in April 2001, six of the twelve communities failed to ratify it.

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ACTION PLAN:
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Iisaak Sustainability Project Means Jobs for Central Region First Nations

By Denise Ambrose,
Central Region Reporter

The Iisaak Sustainability Project (ISP) was launched January 1, 2003 in an effort to research and develop resource management practises that will have minimal impact on the environment. Project manager Cintra Agee works out of the Iisaak Forest Resources offices in Ucluelet and is in the process of seeking and securing funding for the project.

"Securing funds will be an ongoing matter," she explains, "but we are ready to move forward with this years projects. The first order of business will be the development of an implementation plan that will begin by mid-February. The plan will determine what the project will look like and how many employees will be required."

Agee says four to six people from the

Central Region First Nations will be hired in late spring or early summer. These people will be field crew workers who would preferably have forestry experience. "Experience in forestry is good but not absolutely necessary as this is a training program and the employees will be picking up valuable skills," says Agee.

If all goes well, especially in terms of securing funding to further develop the project, more First Nations people will be hired next year. One of the goals of the project is carry out a research component that would require office workers.

The project will provide IFR with innovative methods for sustainable resource management. It will assist in meeting IFR's commitments to implement the recommendations of the 1995 Clayoquot Sound Scientific Panel.

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A Collective Vision of Clayoquot Sound

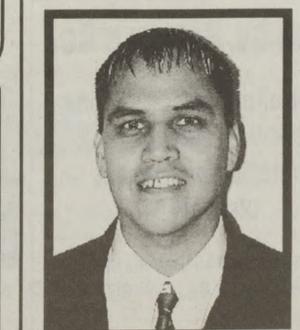
Focus on the Living Forest

Cintra Agee, newly hired project manager of the Iisaak Sustainable Forestry Project

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Upcoming Meetings

Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Date	Place
Treaty Meeting	February 20-21	Port Alberni
Treaty Meeting	February 27-28	Port Alberni
NTC Budget Meeting	March 20-21	TBA

NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL



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

Fisheries - ca'ca'tuk Claims of Sick Seals to be Investigated

By Denise Ambrose,
Central Region Reporter

Clayoquot Sound - In the last issue of the *Ha-Shilth-Sa* it was reported that Ahousaht hunters Frank August and Edwin Frank reported catching sick seals around salmon farms.

Since that time officials at DFO, including Tofino's local DFO office, DFO Regional Aquaculture Coordinator, Andrew Morgan, and DFO Biologist Peter Olesiuk, have been contacted by Ha-Shilth-Sa. They, along with NTC Biologist, Josie Osborne, Pacific National Aquaculture Liaison to Ahousaht, Tom Paul, and local environmental group, Friends of Clayoquot Sound, claimed to have never heard of the seals in the area being sick.

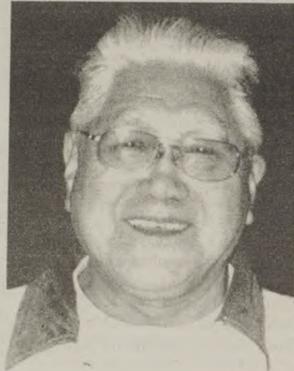
Andrew Morgan, DFO Regional Aquaculture Coordinator expressed his doubt that local salmon farms are making seals sick. "Seals don't eat fish feces," he said, referring to the effluent that collects under salmon net pens. He added that the seals couldn't eat the Atlantic salmon because they are contained in pens. Nothing was said about the tens of thousands of Atlantic salmon that escaped from Clayoquot Sound salmon farms in the past year.

He added that a lot of spurious things have been said about the aquaculture industry but, "this is a new one," he said.

DFO Biologist Peter Olesiuk revealed that seal carcasses have been washing up at Broughton Archipelago, another political hotbed for the aquaculture industry located on the northeast side of Vancouver Island. He said he has been unable to collect suitable specimens for testing because of the advanced decomposition of the seals.

He was particularly interested in investigating the Clayoquot Sound seals because it may be easier to obtain fresh samples from local First Nations who have an inherent right to hunt the mammals. An investigation would determine first, whether or not the seals are sick, then an attempt would be made to find the cause.

Olesiuk offered some possibilities as to what could make seals sick, including ingestion of sea life congregating around the pens. He said toxin contamination is another possibility, "A farm may use chemicals to inhibit algal growth, for example." He also noted that seals might be getting sick through an epidemic of



Frank August

natural disease. Until tests are carried out, questions will remain.

There is also a concern about the effects of bioaccumulation in the seals. Bioaccumulation is an increase in the concentration of toxins as a species goes up the food chain. Small fish, for example, inject a lot of toxins, Coho eat a lot of small fish, and seals in turn, eat a lot of Coho. The level of toxin will be more greatly concentrated in the tissues of the seal than it would in the small fish, especially if the toxin can be stored in fatty tissues.

Bioaccumulation occurs when a creature ingests toxins over a long period of time. An older seal that has been eating more and longer than a baby seal would have more toxins stored in its tissues.

"I'm 70 years old and have been hunting all my life like my father did and his father did before him. We know the seals were bigger and fatter years ago."

Frank August confirmed that he was contacted by Olesiuk to make arrangements to obtain fresh specimens. After discussing possible causes for the illnesses and deaths of seals around salmon farms, August complained that DFO does not listen to the 'little guy'. "Why don't they ask guys like me?" he asked. "I'm 70 years old and have been hunting all my life like my father did and his father did before him. We know the seals were bigger and fatter years ago. DFO spends too much time covering up for the big multi-national corporations."

Abalone Recovery Workshop

By David Wivchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - More than a dozen people from up and down the coast came to an Abalone Recovery Action Plan Workshop at the Coast Hospitality Inn.

The 5-year, \$1.5 million Fisheries and Oceans study on ways to rebuild decimated abalone populations is being presented in a number of west coast communities.

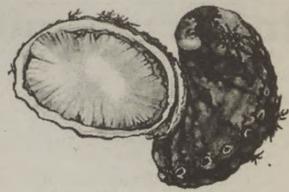
"The purpose of the meeting was to report on what the Abalone Recovery Program is," said NTC Southern Region Biologist Jim Lane. "Are they any closer to getting more Abalone in the water? I don't think so."

According to the report, over the next ten years, DFO plans to spend: \$761,000 for population rebuilding, \$565,000 for population surveys, \$96,000 on the Coastal Watch Program, \$650,000 on enforcement, and \$416,000 on communications which totals almost \$2.5 million.

Most of the targeted funding will go towards preventing poaching, which is considered the biggest obstacle towards Abalone Recovery.

Divers are able to get \$20 - \$30 on the black market for Abalone, and DFO is trying to solicit public assistance in helping stop this illegal fishery.

Abalone Aquaculture operations such as the Huu-ay-ah-t - Bamfield Project are showing signs of success as they will be



Northern Abalone
Haliotis kamoharui

ready to start out-planting their tank-grown Abalone this summer.

"DFO also wants to gather Abalone in the Broken Island area and put them all in the same area so they'll have a better chance at reproducing since they're broadcast spawners," said Lane.

"They've still got a number of issues to sort out though, including their duty to consult with First Nations which hasn't been done yet as far as I know," he said.

Closed in 1990 to all harvesting, the Northern Abalone (aka Pinto Abalone) was declared a threatened species by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife (COSEWIC) in April, 1999. Scientists estimate Abalone populations decreased by more than 75% from 1977 to 1984 because of over-harvesting and various ocean conditions.

DFO will be reviewing the comments collected at the workshop sessions and will be developing a further impact study.

Sea Otter Workshops

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - A workshop regarding the sea otters in British Columbia was held on January 25, 2003 but the Northern Region of Nuu-chah-nulth-ah-t soon became the topic of discussion for the day after listening to several First Nations speak on the decimation of their seafood resources by these mammals.

Kyuquot/Checklesah people have stated, due to the sea otters' return in 1969 they have sustained great losses in their seafood diet due to the large appetite of this mammal and its population growth. Chief Peter Hanson states, "prior to contact, we as First Nation peoples managed our surrounding habitat and would like to see it that way again."

Anthony Oscar of the Fisheries program states "we have sacrificed our food, social and ceremonial needs for too long. Now the sea otters are invading our clam beaches. These clams are not just sustenance but a livelihood."

Ron Frank says that it is clear that First Nations on the West Coast of Vancouver Island want to exercise their Aboriginal Rights and Title in their territories regarding the Sea Otters. Hesquiaht representatives also spoke.



Many people showed up for a meeting on Sea Otters, both in the Northern Region, and in Port Alberni.

IHN Disease Continues at Ahousaht Area Salmon Farm

By Denise Ambrose,
Central Region Reporter

Clayoquot Sound - Ahousaht Fisheries staff and locals confirm that IHN infection of farmed Atlantic Salmon continues to be a problem. "It never went away," says a Friends of Clayoquot Sound spokesperson, Leah Walberg.

The IHN (Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis) outbreak amongst farmed Atlantic Salmon in Clayoquot Sound was first reported in the *Ha-Shilth-Sa* in March 2002. Pacific National Aquaculture destroyed more than 700,000 smolts after tests showed more than 100,000 tested positive for IHN.

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IHN is a highly contagious salmon disease that is known to infect wild sockeye, chinook, coho, rainbow trout, herring and pilchard. A diseased fish will become lethargic, its skin will darken and gills will pale and its muscles will bleed. Ultimately, the fish dies after it's kidneys and spleen tissues are destroyed by the virus.

The risk of transmission of the disease to wild stocks is low at this time, according to NTC Fisheries Biologist, Josie Osborne, because the wild stocks will not be migrating past the net pens until late summer. "The danger," she said, "is there are thousands of

potentially diseased fish penned in a small space. The high number of fish amplifies the risk for spread of the virus to wild stocks."

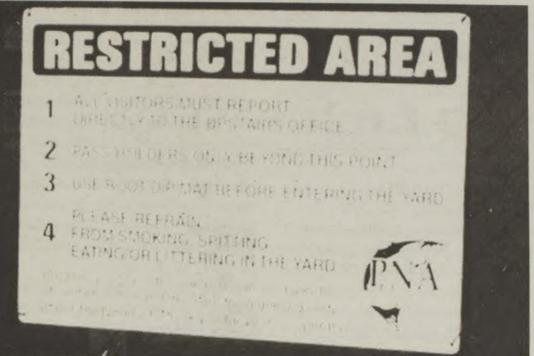
The most dangerous time for an IHN outbreak is in the summer when salmon are migrating up the river to spawn. "Spawning involves release of body fluids, which may transfer the virus to the vulnerable salmon eggs and juvenile fish in rivers."

Osborne says the virus can live up to two months in the water surrounding the infected pens and, according to Ahousaht Fisheries Worker, Rod Sam, the only cure is to fallow the site. Fallowing is a period of inactivity at farm sites where the fish are removed and the site recovers through the cleansing action of the tides.

So what has happened since last March? PNA leapt to action, disposing of the infected fish and implementing strict quarantine protocols at the infected site. Tests were carried out at the hatcheries that supply the Atlantics and, according to Rod Sam, PNA reports the tests were negative, indicating the source of infection did not start with the Atlantics.

PNA/Ahousaht Liaison, Tom Paul confirmed two sites in southern Clayoquot Sound are infected with IHN, Saranac and Fortune Channel. A third site in northern Clayoquot Sound, Ross Pass, was confirmed to be infected with IHN in December 2002.

Paul says PNA is carrying out tests on all Clayoquot Sound sites and even more strict isolation protocols are in place in an effort to prevent the spread of the disease to other farms. Nothing is being done to provide additional protection for passing wild stocks because, says Paul, the disease comes from the wild stocks. When asked if this has been confirmed he suggested another PNA spokesperson would know more. That person was not



available for comment.

Sam says the first quarantine protocol centred around the infected farm itself. When a second farm in the area was identified as infected with IHN the strict quarantine protocol expanded to include all sites south of Cat Face reef. When IHN jumped the Catface boundary to the Ross Pass farm in the north the quarantine was expanded to include all PNA's salmon farms. Two other sites in the north, Bawden and Millar Channel are suspected to have IHN says Sam.

"The danger is there are thousands of potentially diseased fish penned in a small space. The high number of fish amplifies the risk for spread of the virus to wild stocks," said Central Region Biologist Josie Osborne

Ahousaht Chief & Council and Fisheries staff are aware of the spreading infection in their waters thanks to the protocol agreement signed between Ahousaht Ha'wiih and PNA last year. In fact, Ahousaht Fisheries staff members, Rod Sam and Darryl Campbell attended an industry-

sponsored IHN workshop late last year. When asked what he learned about the disease, Sam said there are a lot of unknowns when it comes to disease transfer. Industry blames wild species for infection. In fact, Andrew Morgan, DFO Regional Aquaculture Coordinator says industry is not required to report IHN infection to DFO because it occurs naturally along the coast of BC. "We don't see a need for industry to report endemic diseases," he explained.

Sam explained that what he has learned about the disease is that it lives for a period of time in the water and moves with the tides. "No matter what is done it's just a matter of time for other farms to get infected," he said.

He reported that PNA is harvesting as much as possible and is taking a big loss. IHN infected fish are marketable, though probably undersize, and are sold as safe for human consumption. "PNA hired extra harvest and plant workers doing both day and night shift to process the Atlantics," said Sam.

As for the wild salmon, Sam said according to industry, the chances are slim that they'll be affected by the IHN outbreak. Sam isn't aware of anybody carrying out tests on the wild stocks.

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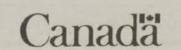
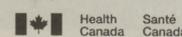
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Carnation Creek - Landscape connections and worldviews

By Wendy Kotilla
For Ha-Shilth-Sa

Nestled in the Southeast corner of Barkley Sound on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, Carnation Creek is a small watershed with a unique and diverse history. The rugged terrain of the 12 square kilometre watershed was shaped by the last period of glaciation in the Pacific Northwest. Heavy rainfalls and a warm climate support a rich and diverse coastal temperate rainforest. The 7.8 kilometre long stream nurtures fish populations of salmon, trout, and sculpin.

The human history of Carnation Creek chronicles two distinct cultures with different lengths of residency and land ethics. For thousands of years Huu-ay-aht First Nations have known it as Cha-cha-tsi-us. Since 1970 the scientific community has conducted research as Carnation Creek Experimental Watershed Project. These two cultures form different sources of knowledge with different outlooks on human relationships with the land.



Tom Mexsis Happynook, the Huu-ay-aht Head Hereditary Whaling Chief, is responsible for his family's traditional territory at Cha-cha-tsi-us. The last person known to live at the estuary village site was Tom Happynook's great-grandfather. Tom's grandfather and great grandfather were the last Huu-ay-aht whalers to harpoon a whale. When the Carnation Creek Project started in 1970, Tom was twelve years old, and his father had died two years earlier. Tom's grandfather spoke to him as a child about the Carnation Creek research and told him of the Happynook family's hereditary responsibility for Cha-cha-tsi-us.

Whalers had their own sacred way of praying and were considered to be loners, as seclusion was part of whale

hunting preparation. Cha-cha-tsi-us whaling chiefs prepared by starting at the water source in the mountain. They worked their way down to sacred places, gathering special medicines from certain areas and ended at the ocean. Black bears played an important part of the ceremonial whaling regalia that included a cape, headdress and curtain. Tom Happynook's grandfather was convinced by the church to burn the traditional Cha-cha-tsi-us whaling regalia on the beach. The Happynooks are preparing a new curtain to display their family history.

Cha-cha-tsi-us was an important resource area for people who lived in the watershed and surrounding area, its natural resources considered of special quality. With this high quality resource base, the Happynook family had a traditional responsibility to welcome and feed visitors before their arrival to the Numukamis main village. Traditional uses of the resources were for food, materials, medicines, and spiritual purposes.

Respect, protection and monitoring of resources are of the utmost importance in traditional resource management. The existence of the resources depended on Cha-cha-tsi-us being an intact, fully functioning ecosystem, inclusive of all its parts. Tom Happynook is deeply disappointed about the degradation at Cha-cha-tsi-us from forest harvesting damage that contributes to him being unable to fulfill his traditional obligations. The occupation of the watershed by the researchers for the past thirty-two years has limited the Happynooks access to their hereditary territory.

A Joint Forest Council was created in 2001 with equal representation from Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Uchucklesaht Tribes and Ministry of Forests. In a letter to the Council last year, Tom Happynook expressed his interests in developing a collaborative long-term Carnation Creek Watershed Management Plan, that would ensure the continuation of the existing Carnation Creek Project, create a management coalition, and document the value of indigenous management techniques. The Happynook family vision is of a global model management plan that includes social, cultural, spiritual and economic aspects, as well as conservation, education, and indigenous and scientific knowledge.

Carnation Creek Experimental Watershed Project is a multidisciplinary study of forest harvest impacts on fish and their habitat. In operation for thirty-two years, it is the longest continuous-running fisheries/forestry research project in North America, and recognized as a leader in long-term ecosystem studies. Research at Carnation Creek



has improved our society's understanding of ecological, biological and physical processes in Pacific Northwest watersheds.

In two phases of forest harvest operations, 65% of the Carnation Creek watershed has been logged. The main Project funding from 1970 to 1990 was from the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and from 1991 to 2001 it was from the provincial Ministry of Forests. Research is currently funded by the provincial Forest Investment Account and coordinated by Dr. Peter Tschaplinski, Ministry of Forests, Research Branch with an approved work plan reviewed by the Science Council of BC. Present objectives of the Carnation Creek studies are: assessment of BC watershed restoration initiatives, and monitoring effectiveness of the forest practices Results-Based Code.

Historically part of the planning process, the Carnation Creek Technical Working Group last met in 1999, the first and only time throughout its history that a Huu-ay-aht representative was invited to attend. Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Forests and University of BC form the present technical working group, whose purpose is to coordinate studies, exchange information on project results, and communicate with forest industry and Huu-ay-aht contacts. Stefan Ochman, Huu-ay-aht Fisheries Manager, suggested that a higher level of information exchange and communication is needed.

Forest harvesting in the watershed increased the rate of water drainage, sediment processes, and water temperatures. The volume of landslide material increased 12-fold after logging elevated water yields. Clear-cutting to the streamsides caused streambank erosion and increased sediment movement. A decline in gravel particle size and stability resulted in a 50% reduction in egg-to-fry survival for coho and chum salmon. Increased stream temperatures caused increased growth rates for juvenile salmon and trout. Returns of adult chum salmon have declined from one third to one sixth of their previous numbers; and there has been about a

31% decline of large adult coho salmon returns to the stream. Adult salmon returns can also be affected by low periods of ocean productivity, climate change, and commercial and sport fishing pressures.

Carnation Creek remains unstable and conditions continue to change rapidly in the headwater, hillslope, floodplain and channel portions of the watershed. Annual data collection and monitoring continues on fish populations and habitat, channel morphology, climate and hydrology. Long-term studies are critical for understanding the complexity and interconnectedness of natural ecosystems, and the impacts of human resource extraction activities to those ecosystems.

The indigenous and scientific worldviews, sources of knowledge and sense of place are what is known and how people feel about the Cha-cha-tsi-us/Carnation Creek landscape. Our knowledge and sense of ourselves, where we fit into our communities, cultures, societies and the Earth is linked to our knowledge of places. Sense of place is a universal experience that has the potential to build bridges across social and cultural boundaries. Collectively, the rich and diverse wisdom of this small watershed is of local, regional and global significance.

At Carnation Creek and throughout the world, it is time for building community and sharing the power of decision-making, rather than having one worldview dominate other worldviews. The process towards reconciliation of indigenous and scientific worldviews at Carnation Creek, and elsewhere, is complex and the progress is slow.

The challenge for both indigenous and scientific communities is to work toward a common future vision with a spirit of cooperation and respect for each other's worldviews. Carnation Creek has been a model of long-term ecosystem research and has the potential to become a model for the integration of indigenous and scientific resource management techniques. The land is the common ground.

Mowachaht/Muchalaht



Since the early 1980's, the Mowachaht/Muchalaht community has had a dream to re-develop Yuquot or as most know it, Friendly Cove. With our limited resources, we have managed to make milestones with many

small steps along the way. We have commercial development in the tourism industry at the site with our cabin operation, cultural tours and annual summer event, the Yuquot Summerfest.

We focus this celebration around our annual community campout that brings our people home where we host international visitors and celebrated guests for the day. Recently, we have improved site infrastructure with a boardwalk and composting toilets. Last year, we acknowledged the new designation of aboriginal history by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada with a plaque dedication ceremony. We are also presently planning a "Nootka" exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa to build national public awareness of Yuquot. Additionally, we have re-established a historical relationship with the Government of Spain who gifted us with a photographic exhibit that will be part of that exhibit.

As is evident, we are working toward developing Yuquot into what we hope to be a world-class tourist destination. As economic opportunities increase at the site with improved infrastructure, more members plan to return home to Yuquot. Our late Chief, Ambrose Maquinna, said, "Please come and visit. Let us tell you about our culture, traditions and the history of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht people".

Part of that dream has been to build an interpretive centre to tell that story. Since 1992, our community has been actively working with Parks Canada to



re-develop Yuquot. In order to preserve and protect the cultural heritage of our people in that development, the Elders have been meeting regularly for the past several years. Over the course of the next several months, there will be community vision exercises taking place at Tsaxana and Yuquot. We will be working with an architect firm to help facilitate the sessions. From those sessions, we will have a report completed that will include recommendations from the community on facility location, programs and schematic design.

We invite participation from interested Mowachaht/Muchalaht members. Please contact: Margarita James, Director of Cultural & Heritage Resources, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations, P.O. Box 459, Gold River, B.C. VOP 1G0, Telephone: (250) 283-2015, extension 1131 or email: mjames@yuquot.ca. Kleco. Kleco.

Ancient Native Adult Remains Returned to Yuquot

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Yuquot - In 1998 a Tahsis resident called the RCMP upon his discovery of a skeleton inside a cave. The body was exhumed and transported to Simon Fraser University for tests and studies of its identity and age. The skeleton turned out to be that of a two hundred year old adult male of native ancestry. After discovering its identity, the question was "where should the remains be buried?" Should it be buried at Gold River, be returned to its original site of discovery, or be brought to Yuquot?

The Elders and Chiefs of Mowachaht/Muchalaht had decided to have the ancient one placed at Yuquot.

The two-hundred-year-old remains were transported by the RCMP from Simon Fraser University to the Gold River RCMP Detachment, where the

remains were then transported to Muchalaht Inlet Government dock to Max's Water Taxi, then on to Yuquot its final resting place.

The remains were placed in a coffin approximately seven inches deep by eighteen inches wide by twenty-seven inches long, Wayne Lavoie was the individual who carried the remains to the gravesite, and Violet Johnson said the final prayers as the remains were placed in its final resting place.

In attendance were Max Savey Sr., Violet Johnson, Arnold James Sr., Wilfred & Margaret Andrew, Wayne Lavoie, Allan English, Reggie Savey, Margarite James, Ray Williams, and Leonard Mark.

Margarite James explained that the day felt very relaxed, as if everything was in its place; from the waves crashing on the beach, to the wind whistling through the trees, and the warmth of the sun in the afternoon. "It was a good day," she said.

Fish Farmers protest in Nanaimo

By David Wivchar
Southern Region Reporter

Nanaimo - Fish farm owners, operators and workers from across Vancouver Island gathered in Nanaimo this past Saturday to protest against alleged "misinformation campaigns" from anti-fish farm activists.

Not wanting to be left out of the protest spotlight, the fish farmers were essentially protesting the anti-fish farm protests, and to make things even more confusing, there was a protester in Nanaimo protesting the fish farmers' protest organized to protest against anti-fish farm protesters.

Six Ahousaht members attended the rally, and Rod Sam spoke to the 400 protesters at Swy-a-lana Lagoon about the protocol agreement between Ahousaht and Pacific National Aquaculture (PNA).

"We were involved in protests, civil disobedience and court action against the fish farm companies in our territories," said Sam. It was clear that the fish farmers weren't going anywhere, and we certainly weren't going anywhere, so we negotiated and developed a protocol agreement to work with fish farms and make things better," he said.

Displaying signs like "Aquaculture Feeds My Family" the protest was relatively peaceful except for a couple of flare-ups between the pro-aquaculture mass and two lone anti-aquaculture protesters.

"The fish farms have had a positive effect on our Nation," said Sam. "The unemployment rate has dropped, and Ahousaht and PNA can walk down the road together as we work towards economic and environmental sustainability for the industry," he said.



Ahousaht's Rod Sam speaks to protesting fish farmers in Nanaimo



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Hesquiat Lady Braves Host 1st Annual Basketball Tournament

Seven men's teams and 3 women's teams came out to represent their tribes and teams at the 1st annual Hesquiat Lady Braves Basketball Tournament (January 31-February 3, 2003). Although the women's division was small, fans and spectators got to see the women who brought their game (the Lady Braves, Renegades, and Angel Mac's team). The final standing for the women's round robin tournament had Angel's team finish 1st, Renegades 2nd, and the Lady Braves 3rd, with Angel's team also achieving the Most Sportsmanlike Team award. The individual awards were as follows:

Allstars: Connie (Coast to Coast) Charleson, Lady Braves, Jeanine (Just Do It) Adams, Angel's, Anna (The Answer) Atleo, Renegades, Terry (The Terminator) Robinson, Renegades.

Most Inspirational Player: Renée (The Revelation) Charlie, Lady Braves.

Best Defensive Player: Ashleen (The Aggressor)?, Angel's.

Most Valuable Player: Angel (I Got Game) Mack.

The Men's division was exciting with allstars on every team. There were two teams from Ahousaht (Suns & Magic), Hot Springs Wolves, Hawks, Red Men, Cowichan, and John Green (JG). Coming through the back door and finishing with four players, JG defeated the Ahousaht Suns, who gave a good battle.

1st Place + \$1000 JG

2nd Place Ahousaht Suns

3rd Place Ahousaht Magic

Most Sportsmanlike Team Cowichan

Most Inspirational Player: Louis Edgar, Magic

Best Defensive Player: Alex Nadraski, JG

Most Valuable Player: Phil Nadraski, JG

Allstars: Jonas Lang, Cowichan

Bob Rupert, Hawks

Evan Touchie, Suns

Waylon Little, Suns

Shawn Gladstone, JG

Hunter Sam, Magic

This year we were able to add another exciting component to the Basketball tournament. Children and youth were given the opportunity to show their stuff and boy did they ever. We had two 5-9 year old teams play and two 10-14 year old teams play. With all the fans cheering and smiling in the stands, the hoop-stars demonstrated their skills and knowledge of the game. All of the youth who

participated walked with pride and big smiles after they had their time to shine! Nine NDN Ballers shot it out in the THREE POINT SHOOTOUT. Bonnie Williams, of Ahousaht, represented the Ladies and took the Boz to school! Bonnie shot her way to the final but came up short as Hunter Sam shot his way through the back door and claimed top spot, \$45 prize, and bragging rights as tourney champ! (But we think Bonnie didn't want to hurt the boyz feelings!) The Hesquiat Lady Braves would like to thank the fans & spectators for coming out to support your teams and the tournament. Also, thank you to the following businesses for the support and award sponsorships:

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Finally, to our children (Chin Ch-eye, T2, AJ, Duck, Nia-b, D.O.G., Sheldon, Feff, Shauntelle, Chani, Chenda, K-who, Ta ta, Jaylyn, Samantha, Amanda, Melody, Sonny, Chad, and Cody) thank you for your patience over the weekend. Love you lots.

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FIRST NATIONS STUDENTS PLAY STRONG ROLE IN SPORTS

Written in part, by Gina Pearson - N.E.W for A.W. Neill, Mt. Klitsa

This year, A.W. Neill has brought much interest within our First Nations, and the participation of our young people has been one of excitement, commitment, and much enthusiasm.

Grant and Deb Coates are the leaders of our Neill Wrestling team, Deb has had this to say about our young people; "Some choose to practice but not compete outside the community - they are still a very important part of the team. It has been a very successful year for the Neill Nitros Wrestling Team. It has been a busy season. The team is made up of an awesome group of youth, who have been enthusiastic and worked hard all season. Wrestling fosters respect, responsibility, commitment and pride. Our First Nation Athletes are an important part of our Wrestling "Community." The continue to be positive role models on and off the mats." Some of the results of our wrestlers are such; **Brandon Pelech of Tseshaht** - Gold metal at SFU Top in BC. Gold at Island Novice - Campbell River. Gold at the 15 & under tournament - Victoria. Invited to compete with a Sr. Team at the "Raven Rumble" - Abbotsford. 6th in the BC Age Class - Kamloops. **Alex Flottvik** - 6th in the SFU tournament. Bronze metal at Island Novice - Campbell River. 2nd in the Island Girls Invite - Port Alberni.

Shelbee Sam - placed at the Island Girls Invite - Port Alberni. **Cassandra Little** - Bronze in the Island Girls Invite - Port Alberni.

Earl Tatoosh III, Shaun Little, Brendon Lundy-Sam - on wrestling team.

In another field of sports we have Lisa Trembley, and George Hamilton coaching the Jr. girls Basketball team.

These are girls in grades 7/8, who play together out of town and in town games. The team consists of 15 girls, 5 of which are First Nations, and include; **Juliann Hamilton** - of Hupačasath-Guard, **Leisa Fred** - Tseshaht- Forward, **Cassandra Little** - Ucluelet- Forward, **Julia Thomas** - Ahousaht - Guard, **Cynthia Dick** - Tseshaht - Guard. These girls have traveled to Nanaimo -

John Barsby taking 4th place in the tournament. The girls are also hoping to participate in a Tournament taking place in March within Port Alberni. George Hamilton would also like to recognize - Michelle Gallic - Tseshaht, E.J. Dunn - Guard, Kayetlyn Lucas - Hesquiaht, Mt. Klitsa - Forward, Lily Koehle - Cree, Mt. Klitsa - Center for their talents and outstanding ability within this sport. George expressed that most of the girls who play on the school teams also play in the city league, at Mt. Klitsa/8th Ave. School, bet 6-9 p.m. This league begins on Feb. 7th, 2003 and we hope to get even more First Nations girls involved. The league is coordinated by all time athlete Liz (Bos) Chute - Tseshaht, who has devoted allot of her time to playing sports for most of her life, and now passing her skills onto our younger generation. Other coaches involved in this league are; Linus Lucas - Hesquiaht, George - Hupačasath, and Jim of "Lace It Up." George expresses how the Neill girls use this time to get to know each other, "when the team began try outs in Nov. up to now, they team has learned to work with one another on a team basis. This has become a good incentive to stay in school and do well, says George."

The grade 9 boys team has also done very well, consisting of Anthony McIntosh - Tseshaht, Devin Edgars, and Earl Tatoosh III. The Neill Nitros have taken 5th place in their first tournament in Cumberland. The Jr. boys team consists of Jonathon Joe - Kyuquot, Kenneth Sam III - Tseshaht. These teams are coached by J. Dennis Bill - Tseshaht and Neill First Nations Education's Teacher. First Nations encouragement, and participation has had a great impact on the bonding that all these young people have learned throughout their time together, from a First Nations perspective.

We thank the parents who are involved for their participation. We feel your presence is very important to the esteem of our young people today. We encourage everyone to work towards the continued success of keeping our kids off the streets, and in a safe environment, such as events like this. This type of commitment is what really makes a difference in our young people, čuu.

Huu-ay-aht Language and Culture classes Bamfield Community School

I wanted to share some pictures with you of our Huu-ay-aht Language and Culture classes here at Bamfield Community School. Thanks to Robert Dennis Junior, students from kindergarten to secondary grades are learning traditional language and are practicing dancing, singing and drumming.

The pictures I have sent show Robert Jr. working with Miss Tucker's primary class. As you can see, children are enjoying working with First Nations designs as an art project, under Robert's guidance. The children love his kind, gentle approach, as he makes a game of learning animal names and practicing their movements while dancing. We hope to incorporate the use of masks into the dances, and to begin shawl-making at school so dancers also have regalia to wear. It is wonderful to see



our students taking part in dancing during celebrations held at the House of Huu-ay-aht. We are looking forward to sharing these talents with exchange students who will be visiting from Scarborough Ontario, in May. Thank you for this opportunity to share our program with your readers! Yours truly, Caroline Hilland, Principal



Robert Dennis Jr. working with Miss Tucker's primary class.



Spring cleaning comes early to Tsahaheh

By David Wiwchar Southern Region Reporter

A dozen young people are helping beautify the area around Maht Mahs and are learning valuable lessons at the same time. The 8-week beautification project, funded through the Work Opportunity Program, focuses not only on landscaping, but on team-building, leadership, facilitation, life skills, business entrepreneurship, and career planning classes as well. "The participants are learning about some of our traditional plants, which may show up in the landscaping in front of Maht Mahs," said Gail K. Gus who organized the program. Most of the 12 people are Tseshaht members, and they are paid \$8/hr., and receive a bonus if they complete the program.

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E.J. Dunn First Nations Community News

E.J. Dunn began the school year with 100 First Nations students. We began a new year with a new idea. E.J. Dunn First Nations Community Dinners, which will be held one day each month.

I encourage students, parents and staff to participate in any way they can to help out with the dinners. We have incentive draws, parents bring food, parents come in and cook the dinner, people donated prizes for our draws and the students help get ready for this event. I would like to thank all of those people who help to make them so successful.

I would like to congratulate the following students for their hard work. These students are either on the Honour Roll and/or Effort Roll for the First Semester, November 2002.

Jessica Bawlf, Sarah Billy, Alisha David, Michael Grant, Becky Martin, Justin Frechette, Michelle Gallic, Alex Masso, Jana Nixon, Lee Anne Billy, Kerry Erickson, Rosalin Touchie, Angela Titian, Brook Frank, Maddy Robertson

and Alex Teo.

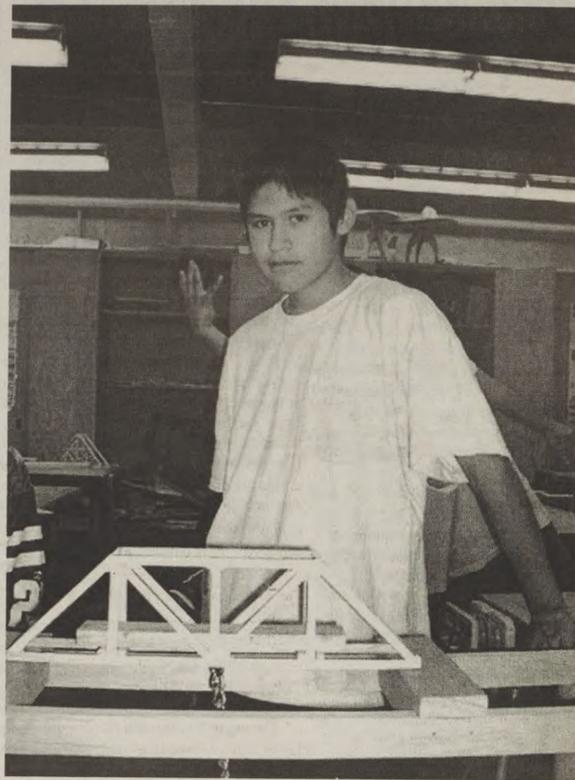
The students are required to have a B-average or better for the Honour Roll. The Effort Roll requires 5 G's and no "I's" or "NI's".

The second semester will begin February 3, 2003. Please make sure your student have work on any Incompletes still remaining.

With the new changes to our school district almost all of the students in grade 8 and 9 will be going to ADSS next September. If you have any concerns please call Russ McLaughlin or Angie Miller at E.J. Dunn Jr. Secondary School

If your child is on the lunch program or wishes to be please pick up lunch program envelopes at the office. There does not need to be money in the envelope for your child to be put on the lunch program.

The next E.J. Dunn First Nations Community Dinner will be held on February 18, 2003 at 5:00 P.M. at the school.



The Storm

By Sabrina W. - Ucluelet Elementary School

Up in the sky the clouds raced, the wind howled, and the hard rain poured. It was a storm, or maybe a hurricane. Lightning was flashing in the sky, objects were flying through the air. It was so windy that the cows in the field had trouble standing up. THE END.



News From Maquinna Elementary

Hello there! My name is Debbie Webster. I am from the Ahousaht Band. I am a temporary replacement for Julia Atleo at Maquinna Elementary School. I started my position on January 20, 2003.

I am very pleased to see a very small portion of our culture is being retained here at Maquinna. The Music teacher Mrs Colleen Goodrich is doing a great job teaching the students from grades 2-6 songs from the drumming project that Ryan George is helping with. Ryan has given the school a few songs that we were given permission to use from Ahousaht... Thank you to Mrs. Colleen Goodrich and Ryan George for keeping our culture growing... Kleco Kleco

(thank you)...

This month we are also doing the kindness project, as it is Kindness month we are teaching our children the meaning of kindness and the effects it can do, like making you feel happy you did something nice for someone else, as kindness is part of respect. I know that our people know this to be a big part of our culture, so it has a tremendous role in our culture. Thus we shall pass it on to our next generation. Choo!

As I have been here only a short time I would say this has been a great learning experience for me and look forward to helping our children... kleco kleco... Debbie Webster



News from Eighth Avenue and Wood Elementary Schools!

Eighth Avenue is as usual in a flurry of busy bee activities. Quu-us students are actively participating and involved in floor hockey; the noon hour success (homework) club; distributing lunch program lunches and numerous other activities. Keep up the excellent participation and helping hand attitudes students!

The grade fours at Eighth have begun their First Nations studies and so far we've had Ben David come in and talk about community life in the bighouse pre-contact and post-contact. Thank-you Ben for your historical insight.

Once the school reconfigurations have settled we hope to get going on a Nuuchah-nulth mural to be displayed on one of the inside walls at Eighth. With the talents of a local artist and the inclusion of school wide participation, we hope to have it completed this spring. So far some teachers, students and parents are showing growing interest and anticipation in this project. Come in to the school and share your thoughts on this project or any other activities your interested in or concerned about. Our doors are open and we welcome everyone to come in and help bridge and nurture better understanding between Quu-us and Western views.

Wood Elementary School started some of their cultural studies before the Christmas break. We've had Ryan George come in and give classes on art and design. Julia Lucas came in and talked about cedar and its uses, as well as showing students how to make cedar bracelets. Ben David came in to talk about the salmon cycle. Jennifer Gallic came into the kindergarten class and made some delicious bannock. Thank you to all these marvelous presenters from the grateful students and teachers. I just thought I'd mention that. Wood Elementary has a school wide guided reading program which started October 15, 2002 and takes place four days a week in forty-minute blocks. So far Jim

Ansel the principal has no doubt in his mind this is an excellent program. He sees some groups making tremendous gains, for example one group has jumped one whole school year reading level in almost four months. When asked what has he noticed with our Quu-us children in particular, he commented that he's noticed confidence building, with students that rarely participated before, they are now reading out loud and participating in the group discussions and activities. I myself have observed students in this program and noticed that their getting very focused and uninterrupted instruction. Children are given a chance to feel success because they are so closely matched in reading levels; everyone feels on equal ground in any given group. Other schools are also taking notice and have come into Wood Elementary to observe the various reading groups. I encourage parents, families and interested parties to come into Wood school and ask Jim Ansel more about this new program and possibly observe one or two groups. Other useful programs that we use at both schools is Successmaker.

Successmaker is a computer program that can be used to help strengthen weak areas in learning or it can be used as enrichment for gifted students who want to go above and beyond their grade level. Math, Science and Language Arts are some of the courses that are offered in this unique program. We use Successmaker more at Eighth Avenue School and Pat Wright the principal there has offered to demonstrate the program to any interested parents. So please again come in and check it out! I would just like to extend a belated Happy New Year from both Wood and Eighth Avenue Staff and Students. Chooch, Diane Gallic (Tseshaht - akusp; I'm from the late Jack Watts and Lily (Gus) Watts family).



Wickaninnish Community School

There has been lots of things happening at Wickaninnish Community School. Right now our First Nation workers are gathering together right after lunch to do small talking circles with the grade six girls. I will participate in the upcoming sessions starting Monday, February 10, 2003.

We are also working with all the classes on our successmaker sessions on Monday to Friday. There are over 80 students that use the successmaker everyday. It is wonderful to see the student's progress in this academic computer program.

Our Cultural Committee is planning for our first "Cultural Week" for the month of March 2003 or early April 2003. We look forward to planning a week of First Nations sessions to happen all week for the school to participate with us. We look forward to having all the resources come into the school and share their knowledge with us.

Redford and Gill Elementary News

Things around Redford School have been pretty quiet but we're now gearing up for some excitement. Starting in late February or early March grades 4, 5, and 6 will be making drums. It's quite an undertaking to make 1 drum let alone 70, which is what we'll be making here at Redford School. At Gill School there's excitement in the air with the 30 drums we're doing there. The hope is that the classes will all make a visit out to Hahopayuk and witness their students during music time. The idea is for our students to get a sense of appreciation and respect for the sacredness of the drum and what it means to own one. I will also be making arrangements for people to come into the schools and educate the students and teachers more on the sacredness of making and owning a drum. The drum is the heartbeat of our people, all you have to do is beat the drum and our people come alive whether it be at a potlatch, lahal, or a cultural practice. Redford was given a song to use from Clifford Thomas some years ago and we will be learning to do the song and dance. The event for both schools will most likely be at year-end. I do beading at both schools but have come to a stop at Redford for the time being. Gill on the other hand is still going strong with happy beaders.

I've been doing some storytelling at Gill and will be kicking off some other cultural programs in the school. The children were told a couple of stories, they then wrote their version in rough draft, had it edited and are now putting their story onto computer. Both schools keep me fairly busy but I wouldn't have it any other way.

Ucluelet Secondary School

Mrs Brix has been very busy with the First Nation 8 class. The students finished dream catchers and learned how to bead on a loom. They made wrist bracelets and sewed on leather themselves. The students also learned how to graph their names on paper. That's what they used to make their bracelets.

I had the opportunity to teach the basic Nuuchah-nulth numbers to the First Nations 8 class. The students made their own counting books for their own use. The students also made beautiful First Nations collages. On February 21, 2003 we will have Barbara Touchie come into the high school and teach the basic Nuuchah-nulth language to the First Nations 8 class. The First Nations workers will be doing further planning for the First Nations 8 class for term 3 and 4. We are also planning of having cedar projects starting soon.

Our honour roll term 1 was Terry Curley, Grade 9

Honourable mention term 1: Frank August, Grade 8, Cameron McCreath, Grade 9, Margaret Charlie, Grade 12, and Heather Webster, Grade 12.

I will keep you all updated for second, third and fourth term to our honour rolls.

Until next time. Chuu.

Darlene Frank
NTC/NEW at Ucluelet Secondary School / Wickaninnish Community School



Sproat Elementary

Because of the large number of schools going to Mt. Washington on March 7, 2003.

Sproat will be switching the date of the ski trip, one week earlier to February 28, 2003.

To the parents that booked off work I hope the change won't be inconvenient. Sports: Girls Volleyball every Monday 2:30 - 3:30

Coach: Mr. Francoer / daughter Shari Drop-in Badminton 7:45 a.m. each day/ gym

Nuuchah-nulth Membership

Membership services will be limited February 10 - 14, 2003

February 10th & 11th - No one available.

February 12th - 14th - Status cards only

I will be back in the office February 17th for any other questions.

Sorry for any inconvenience

- Rosie Little, Indian Registry Administrator

KUU-US Crisis Line Society

February Workshop

February 27, 2003, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Suicide Awareness/Recovery

To Gain Awareness/Care and Peer Support Through Sharing

Facilitators:

Elia Nicholson-Nave and Julie Fontaine
KUU-US Crisis Line Society

Location: Hupacasath Hall on River Road

Transportation, daycare and lunch/snacks provided

Registration Deadline: February 24, 2003

For more information call C.A.R.E. Team at the Business Office 723-2323 or 24 hr Voice Mail 731-3206. Funded by: Aboriginal Healing Foundation & Gaming Policy & Enforcement Branch



The Spiritual Assembly of The Bahá'is of Port Alberni
P.O. Box 246 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7

The Bahá'í Faith

Thy Name is my healing. O my God, and remembrance of Thee is my remedy. Nearness to Thee is my hope, and love for Thee is my companion. Thy mercy to me is my healing and my succor in both this world and the world to come. Thou, verily, art the All-Bountiful, the All-Knowing, the All-Wise.

- Bahá'u'lláh

Abdul-Bahá, The Bahá'í Faith

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project



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Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Vancouver Support Group Meeting	2 nd & last Monday 6 pm - 9 pm	Vancouver Aboriginal Ctr 1607 E. Hastings St.
Women's Support Group Meeting	2 nd & Last Thurs/ea. month 6 pm - 9 pm	Vancouver, Aboriginal Centre 1607 E. Hastings St.
Support Group Meeting	2 nd & last Tues. of each month @ 6 pm	Campbell River, 228 S. Dogwood St. St. Peters Anglican Church
Cultural Night Storytelling, Language, Singing, Dancing, Crafts, etc.	Last Thurs of ea. month 7 pm	Nanaimo, 204 - 96 Cavan St.
Support Group Meeting	2 nd & Last Tuesdays 6 pm	Victoria, 853 Fisgard St.
Elders Luncheon	Once a month	Victoria, Date & Time To be announced
Support Group Meeting	Last Mon. of ea. month 6 pm	Duncan, Hiye'ya Le Lum Native Friendship Centre, 205 - 5462 Trans Canada Highway

For more information contact Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project Staff: Vina Robinson @250-731-6271, Michael McCarthy @ 604-254-9972 or 604-312-8539, Shawn Sinclair @ 250-616-3674, Gerald Kiesman @ 413-7303.

THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH HEALING PROJECT WE HAVE MOVED!

Main Office only/Southern Region) Our new address is:
5120 Argyle St., Port Alberni (Next to United Carpet).
Our mailing address will remain PO Box 1383, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M2. Phone: (250) 724-3233 - Fax: (250) 723-6010.

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-aht 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.

Role of Culture Workshop

Ray Seitcher, who is the Senior Facilitator for the Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project, was the facilitator at the Role of Culture Workshop on January 28, 2003. The KUU-US Crisis Line Society, C.A.R.E. Workshop Team, invited Mr. Seitcher to share his expertise and experiences with the participants at this workshop. Ray's entertaining personality encouraged valuable inter-action with the participants making the day a success. Opening the workshop to a wide range of topics to discuss such as family ties, values, history to mention a few. Culture covering a lot of areas in which we tend to take for granted, we don't realize that it is still a part of us today. That we have not lost our culture because we continuously pass on what we have learned to our children and grandchildren. This has given us more strength and a more positive move forward on our healing journey.



KUU-US wishes to thank Mr. Seitcher for making time in his busy schedule, and would like to thank those who attended.

Commencing Monday, February 10, 2003, the Victoria Urban Healing Project office will only be open on a temporary basis, until a new Urban Support Worker has been hired.

Groups and workshops will continue as scheduled, unless otherwise notified.
For further information please contact:
Vina Robinson, Urban Outreach Worker at: (250) 753-8567 or (250) 731-6271, or the main Healing Project Office at: (250) 724-3233.
Our apologies for any inconvenience.
The Healing Project extends our best wishes to Gerald Kiesman.

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project Effects of Family Violence Tuesday, February 18, 2003 Nanaimo Healing Project Office #204 - 96 Cavan St. Nanaimo, B.C. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

This workshop will help participants understand the effects family violence has on all family members. Outcome: To learn and understand:

- The cycle of violence and how this cycle can be broken
- Community resources available for help
- How family violence effects the whole family

Contact: NCNHP Staff Vina Robinson (250) 731-6271 or Shawn Sinclair (250) 753-8567

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All that Naas has provided us to lead a fulfilling life*

Workshop: Family Tree and Family Roots

**February 25th, 2003
9:00am - 3:00pm
Location: Healing Project Boardroom,
5120 Argyle St., Port Alberni, B.C**

Uchucklesaht Nation members and the Southern Region Philip Lucas and Josephine Marshall Johnston will be gathering together for an important workshop. **Family Tree and Family Tree will be on this date.**
We as Southern Region Healing Project welcome everyone to this workshop.
Cuu' All my relations,
Josephine Marshall Johnston and Philip Lucas.

Suicide Awareness Workshop Thursday, March 8, 2003 NCN Healing Project Urban Office #204 - 96 Cavan Street, Nanaimo, BC 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

This workshop will help individuals gain a better understanding of depression and how to support your family, friends and community. Outcome: to better understand and learn

- Indicators of depression and suicide
- How to communicate with someone who is depressed
- Awareness of community resources
- Strategies and resources to help ourselves overcome the traumas we have suffered

Contact: NCNHP Staff Vina Robinson (250) 731-6271 or Shawn Sinclair (250) 753-8567



Food for Thought

Submitted by Jeannette Watts

We can blame Mother Nature for at least part of our desire to pig out. She originally designed our bodies to require pounds and pounds of food. In prehistoric times, a 150-pound woman used about 1,600 calories a day just to dig up and chase down food, requiring about 3,000 calories daily just to stay alive. To counter high-calorie needs with mostly low-calorie offerings, the body evolved complex systems to defend against weight loss and maintain weight gain, including clinging to every ounce of consumed fat. As well as giving us superb fat-storing skills, Mother Nature also bestowed the human body with some fifty chemicals that not only drive our cravings for fat, but also reinforce bingeing behaviour by leaving us feeling euphoric afterward.

We've become a society of overeaters, often without our even being conscious of it. Think of these few small details: in 1957 the average fast-food hamburger contained one ounce of meat; today it contains six ounces. In 1957, the average bakery muffin weighed one-and-a-half ounces; now it weighs between five and eight ounces. In 1957, an average portion of popcorn you'd buy at the movies contained three cups. Now it contains sixteen cups.

Restaurant portions of food are enormous, and on average have a higher fat content than the food we eat at home. They have a higher fat content because, of course, that makes them taste better. And when the food tastes good, you'll want to go to that restaurant again.

The food industry has created a world in which we are constantly tempted and seduced. Why not have a muffin? It's just a muffin (ignore that it's as big as a hot air balloon). It's just a little popcorn at the movie theatre (even if it could serve a family of twelve for a week. And the drink that comes with it looks like a wading pool.) But of course what's really happening is that in order to keep us wanting more, the portions and the fat content keep increasing. Today's average meal often contains double the number of calories that a normal meal contained for our grandparents. And we can't be blamed for wanting to eat meals like that. We've been fattened up for the kill by people who profit from the sale of food. And then the media makes us feel inadequate and lazy because we are not built like the Olympic athletes.

Source:
Life is not a stress rehearsal Loretta LaRoche

Registration is encouraged for the upcoming Suicide Awareness/ Recovery Workshop on February 27/03 at 10 am- 3pm at the Hupacasath Hall 5323 River Road.

The workshop opens with Elia Nicholson-Nave presenting the Suicide Awareness at 10am. The Theme is to gain awareness on the risks and assessment of suicide ideology. To increase awareness of the resources available, to restore balance for empowerment, reduce the victimization role and break the cycle. Where, how and who to turn to for help
In the afternoon, Julie Fontaine will be covering the Suicide Recovery (Survivors of Suicide). The Theme is part of the healing journey is self care, peer support through sharing. Reduce the guilt and shame for families. Gain a

valuable support system for families to help through transition. Have a venue to disclose and share experiences. Increase coping skills to reduce likelihood of suicide attempts. Provide resources to encourage one to reach out for help Vs suicide attempts.
All workshops are FREE of charge; transportation, lunch, snacks & child minding on site are also provided.
For registration or more information contact C.A.R.E Workshop team at 250-723-2323 or 24 hour voice mail at 250-731-3206. Registration deadline is February 24, 2003 .

PARENT-CHILD

MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM

ANYONE INTERESTED IN A TWO-DAY TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOP TO LEARN THE SKILLS AND OBTAIN THE MATERIALS NEEDED TO OFFER A PARENT-CHILD MOTHER GOOSE PROGRAM IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

The workshop will cover:

- The philosophy and objectives of the Parent-Child Mother Goose Program
- The material of the program, including
 - * **Rhymes:** many examples of good rhymes, how they fit into the program and how to teach and use them
 - * **Storytelling:** an essential part of the program: how to learn and tell a story-and enjoy it
 - * **Songs:** how to teach and use the songs you already know and love
 - * How to set up a group and how to run a session, from putting out the mats to saying goodbye

This workshop would be ideal for:

- Child care workers
- Infant development workers
- Early childhood development workers
- Anybody who is willing to co-facilitate the program

COST: \$30.00 (lunch & snacks provided)
WHEN: APRIL 10 & 11
WHERE: PORT ALBERNI
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 13, 2003
(Payment must be received to reserve your seat)

For more information and a registration form please contact Ruby Ambrose, Infant Development Worker at 250-283-2012 or ruby@nuuchahnulth.org

****SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE****

HELP!

My Granddaughter, Lisa Young has been missing from Nanaimo since June 29th, 2002. We are extremely worried!

If you have any information please call me (250) 725-2765 or her parents Don & Joanne Young at (250) 758-2037 or her Uncle RCMP Constable Mike Martin at (250) 838-0703 or the Nanaimo RCMP at (250) 754-2345. Thank You. Chief Councillor Moses Martin, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations.



BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Lisa is 21 years old and was last seen in Nanaimo June 29th about 2:00am leaving the Jungle Cabaret. She is a member of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations and dearly missed by her family! We are afraid someone has taken her with dangerous intentions. PLEASE HELP!

Ninayaks-ha
"A community welcome for First Nations Babies!"

**February 27, 2003 (Thursday)
11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Port Alberni Friendship Center
Potluck Lunch!
Bring your favorite dish!**

"A joint project of N.T.C. Community Health Nursing, N.T.C. Healing Project, & Port Alberni Friendship Center."

Everyone Welcome!

For more information, contact:
Delavina Lawrence @ 723-8281.



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Congratulations, etc...!



Happy 9th Birthday 2 my "Love Bug" aka Vincent McDougall on Feb 14th, have a awesome b-day, love always Mom, Sister, Aunties, Cousins and Grandma & Grandpa.



Congratulations to Bonnie, Steven, and brother Alex on the birth of **Autumn Elizabeth Tatoosh**, born on February 5th, 2003 in Port Alberni, first granddaughter for Elizabeth Gus and first niece for Tina, Keith, Paul, also from her cousins Nick and Julian. She is such a beauty.

Happy b-day 2 Bro/Uncle Darrel on Feb 15th, love the LIVINGSTONE FAMILY, thinking of you, we love u.

Hello again, another month your visit. Course I know I have been saying the same, But it looks as if we will be coming for a visit sooner then we think as May two-four long weekend isn't that far away, guess we'll be seeing you then. Oh yeah Happy birthday. Feb. 9, to our sista Deb. Hope this is an enjoyable day. And don't try to do everything in one day, always remember you're never too old to try someone new...oops I mean something....he he he had to do it sorry. Love ya sista. May your parties never end.

BIRTHANNOUNCEMENT: Amber Severinson and Thierry Sarlandie are the proud parents of a baby boy. His name is Angelo Joseph born on December 10, 2002. He weighed 6 lbs 5 ozs. Grandparents are Anna & Jean Louis Sarlandie and Earl Mundy and Karen Severinson.

Happy Belated 13th Birthday to my baby girl, Wendy Dennis, who said she had the best birthday party ever yet! Happy Birthday to Lee Frank turning a big 11 years old on Feb. 13. Love Momma Bear and Papa Bear. Happy Valentine's to everyone.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Darrell Ross. Thinking of you always. From cousin Lyle.

Happy Birthday my dearest Granddaughter Bonnie on Jan. 18. We love you and care for you.



Happy 42nd Birthday to our baby bro Darrell Ross on Feb. 15th and Happy Birthday to sis Lena on March 12th. From Annie, Dave & family.

Always remember that and have a Happy Valentines Day. From Grandma Effie, Auntie Laverne and Lillian, uncle Lyle, Kathy and Thomas.

Happy Birthday to my sister, hey Judy, Judy, Judy on Jan. 21. Have a Happy Valentines Day while you're at it. From your brother Lyle, Kathy and Thomas, Mom Effie, sister Laverne and niece Lillian.

Happy Valentines Day to my son and daughters in Ahousaht. Love from your Mom Kathy.

Happy Birthday to Alfred Dick on Feb. 22. From Kathy, Lyle and Thomas.

Happy Valentines to all my sisters Delores, Deanna, Laverne and Judy. From brother Lyle. Happy Valentines Day to my dearest, Kathy Mark. Will you please marry me? From your sweetheart Lyle. Answer in the next Ha-Shilth-Sa?

Happy Valentines Day to all my cousins, the Ross family. From Cuz Lyle, auntie Effie, Laverne and Lillian.

Happy Valentines Day to my Mom Effie, Laverne and Lillian. From Lyle, Kathy and Thomas.

Happy 17th Birthday to our son Eugene Swan on Feb. 11. Wow sonch... Those years have just flown right by, but we do want you to know that we are with you and support you in whatever your choices are in life.

Son, just remember that we are here for you, we do know what it is like to be a young adult. So take to heart what your grandmothers Mar Webster and Rosie Swan have to say to you, as well as your aunties, uncles and wise cousins you have. Enjoy your day and many more to come son you deserve the best! Love always your Dad, Mom, Warren, Kelli, Larry Jr and Randi.

Happy Birthday to my husband Larry Swan on Feb. 20. Enjoy your day my dear honey bunch you deserve the best! I love you always. Love your wife Gena.

Happy Birthday to Mena W. Feb. 9. Gina M 10th, Skylar C 2nd, Janey T 27th, and Hudson Webster on the 26th. All enjoy your day and many more to come!

Happy Valentines to my sweetheart Larry S, I love you always and forever, you are the light of my life! I love you! Love

Feb 4- Happy Belated 13th Birthday to our daughter Samantha. Love Ya Babe! From Mom and Dad

Feb 4- Happy belated Birthday to our Sis/Auntie Samantha. From your sisters and brothers and nieces and nephews.

Feb 19- Happy 22nd Birthday to my son Tim Johnson.

I have to acknowledge some gentlemen out there Louie Norman Frank Jr and David Frank Sr. They took my nephew Peter C.. John Jr., to Quiet Bay and from a words point of view that my nephew is coming along

From your Mom. Happy Birthday Bro Tim Johnson from your brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews.

Feb 21- Happy Birthday to our Mom Violet Johnson. From Sam jr., Brenda and children

Let's embrace life for a darling baby girl! I have just heard from my brother Peter that his daughter Iris John she gave birth to a very healthy little darling girl on Feb. 5, 2003 she weighed 7lbs 14ozs she was born at Port Alberni B. C. at 11: 30 and she was 21 inches long. Congratulations to Clayton and my adorable niece Iris Rose John. She's a blessing to auntie Carol. Love always Auntie Carol, uncle Don and family.

Happy 46th birthday to my gorgeous cousin Ruth Sam on Feb. 7. I love you too there coz I hope you had a good one. Many more to come, you're a blessing-Love your cousin Carol Mattersdorfer and family.

Happy Birthday to a dear friend and cousin, Philomena Webster on Feb. 9. My cousin thanks for been there to listen to me and just been around you is so much fun. I love you Mena, for the kind of person you are so rich, in life and a lot to offer to me. From your friend/cousin Carol Mattersdorfer.

Feb. 9. To Jeannine Adams. daughter for Jackie it's her birthday too. Happy Birthday my dear relative and many more! From Carol Mattersdorfer and family.



Happy Birthday to our niece Sherry Livingstone on Feb. 23rd. :) From Auntie & Uncle.

Feb 21- Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece Louisa Charlie of Ahousat, she will be celebrating on Feb. 14th. Hope you have a good one there niece! Love from the Mattersdorfers.

My Sweet Baby Girl... Dawn Brittany Ashley Mattersdorfer Born: January 27,2000 @ 4:04 a.m. 61bs 13oz. I love you baby, I love you so. I'll kiss you baby and I'll never let you go...

Cause you're the girl in my heart. You're the one I adore. And I love you so. My baby girl is so precious today And everyday. She tells me she loves me every day. She cuddles up to me. She wants to learn and ask questions, I help her out and answer to the best I can, I love my sweet baby Girl. Happy Belated 3rd Birthday. Love mom.

Aunties are special to me, this one. Lorraine John for Feb. 7 Lorraine, a good friend of mine, She's so cute and very fine...Thanks for been there for me auntie. Always a pleasure, to sit and have a tea, I hope you have a good day today, Because this is what I have to say...More to love another year! Happy Birthday to you and many more. I love you so much Auntie Winnie John #56. Love from your favourite niece Carol Mattersdorfer and family.

Happy Valentines Day Samantha Mattersdorfer, Heather Frank, Alex Mickey, Skylar Robinson and Abel Robert Johnson Mack February 14th.

I want to say that you are all in my heart today This is what I have to say. . . Keep your heads held up high it's another day! Have fun and merry... I miss you all so much today and every day! Happy Valentine's Day! I love you all and I miss you all so much. Thanks for the letters and telephone calls Love from your mom/auntie/ and friend Carol Mattersdorfer.

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In Loving Memory of

our Dad "Kaanowish" "Allan Charles Ross Sr."
September 30, 1925 - February 20, 2002
and our brother "Lance Dean Ross Sr."
November 26, 1956 - February 25, 2002

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In Memoriam - tatak'w ap

Thinking of you Nan

Since you left us Nan
All my days are so empty
All my nights are so lonely
My dear sweet grandmother (Nan)
There is not one second
When I am not thinking of you
Wherever you are Nan
I hope you are happy and at peace
You will be forever in my heart

Love always your grandson Richard

Rest In Peace, Mom

The morning is slowly easing and the pain and anger is slowly leaving. One day you were here smiling, the next, you disappeared from our lives never to be seen or heard again. We sat and wondered what became of you, but no one would tell us. Our world was rocked to our very core not knowing why you weren't here for the hugs and love which you so freely gave. As we sat with all of the people crying around us, pats on our heads, shushing us, listening to the "don't say anything, the children don't understand," phrases, we wondered why we weren't made to understand.

Life after you were gone was dictated, with a bit of guidance, minus your love. My heart still bleeds for your touch, loving caring ways and especially, our mother, daughter bond. No one who still have their parents understands, for they have the sharing and caring I miss. There are certain times of the year when I am numb and raw within my soul. Birthdays, Mother's Day, X-mas and Mother's/Daughter days. Deep within

my anger builds and builds, causing me to push away the people who care for me the most. I learned to try to bury thoughts of you with anger and alcohol to no avail. Numbing and isolation is all I knew. I know you had no choice as you were summoned. And Mom, know one thing: whatever walks of life your grandchildren take, I'll always be there. This little piece of you is in me, and I always will care. There is no getting over it (as I am often told to do) for me. I'll always Love you Mom, Eva

For you Grandmother

We never really knew you. Our Mom tells us stories but we wish we could have met you too. We all know you were a good mom because we have a good mom too. We will always love you even if we did not get to meet you. Love from your grandchildren Ruth, Alfred and Richard

poets nook

Brothers are unique

Another fine year with my baby brother George Chester John Junior My brother is so special to me He has so much talent, I wish you could see... He is there for me when I need to talk to Especially when I am sad and blue... I really love my baby brother for who he really is today. I am so glad to be in his presence another day... I love you brother so very much, Remember that always in your heart, and give a touch! Because words alone can't say enough, But today don't make it rough... Relax take it easy and smile you're here another day! This is what I have to say... Until than take care of yourself and each other Because to me you're the best brother! Happy 33rd Birthday Bro! Love always your favourite big sister (ha... ha...) Carol Mattersdorfer, Donald, Nick, Fred, Jessica, Baby Dawn and Samantha.

Family Values

I would like to say from the bottom of my heart I have a mom. Dad, sisters and brothers that I can't part... Family time, family chatting, family caring, when the lights go out at night, we like sitting and sharing What we take for granted the stuff we have today! For I wish the lights would go off my often because it's like the past. so much fun again... I feel my family is so precious to me, Their dad reads them stories, and that I see... the candlelight, shinning to one's special eye that night. It was so peaceful, there was no shouting or even a fight... When things go wrong and they sometimes do, I am feeling okay and not feeling so sad and blue.. For family is caring, loving, sharing, and my number one because my kids are all so much fun! When the lights go out at night, Let's celebrate another candle-light. Written by Carol Mattersdorfer My experience of power outage

Want to wish someone a happy birthday or happy anniversary?
Want to share that great poem you just wrote?
Want to recognize someone special who has passed on?
If you tell Ha-Shilth-Sa, we'll tell EVERYONE!!
Contact names, numbers and e-mails are listed on page 2.

In Memory of James Mack

December 4, 1972 - February 17, 2000

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE



Tla-o-qui-aht featured in National Geographic

By David Wivchar
Southern Region Reporter

National Geographic, one of the world's largest magazines, has a 24-page spread on Clayoquot Sound and the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations who live there.

The mostly pictorial (6 double page photos, 12 partial page photos, and 11 half-pages of text) article mentions a number of issues, ranging from the diversity of life found in Clayoquot Sound, to fish farms, forestry, protests, and banana slugs.

"From ghost shrimp to gray whales, salmon to ancient forests, Clayoquot Sound yields a symphony of life," the article begins. "You can try to understand the living world with your head, but sometimes the heart is a truer field guide. Here in Vancouver Island's Clayoquot Sound, a million-acre (400,000-hectare) natural amphitheater where mountainsides embrace a fjord-fingered, island-strewn reach of the sea, you don't have to choose, for every way

of knowing nature seems to come into play."

The article by Douglas H. Chadwick, with photographs by Joel Sartore and Paul Nicklen also includes a brief overview of Nuu-chah-nulth history in the area, and a short interview with Vera Little.

"The indigenous Nuu-chah-nulth people of Clayoquot currently number around 700, spread among several villages," writes Chadwick. "Since cedars can live for a millennium, to walk in Clayoquot's forests is to be in the company of some scared old veterans that likely sheltered the Nuu-chah-nulth here throughout Europe's middle ages."

The article titled "Pacific Suite" can be found in the February 2003 issue of National Geographic Magazine and is available at most magazine stands. For extra Clayoquot pictures and commentary not featured in the magazine, log on to <http://magma.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0302/feature6/index.html>

Oo-a-suuk (taking care of self)

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Oclacje- Northern Region Residential School Annual Conference was held in Oclacje on January 30/31, sponsored by the NTC Healing Project.

With the main focus on "Grief and Loss" of children lost at Residential Schools or as a result of the Residential School, the Healing Project brought in Sandy Phillips who is of Haida decent for the first day. At the end of the first day a naming ceremony took place for Beach-Keeper Richard Dean and several of his family members. Gifts were given out to all who witnessed this event. The name Richard received is Kle-Sim-Tlith

from Kelly John. A cleansing ceremony took place for several individuals who were in a boating accident recently. Dave Frank, Ray Seitcher, and Kelly John performed the ceremony.

On the second day of the workshop, Darcy Kerr helped the group through a personal wellness and self-care session. This day brought back a lot of emotions for those who had not completely dealt with the loss of a loved one, or held resentment towards others as a result of a loved one being lost. Near the end of the day all was well, and apologies and forgiveness had been done.

The best quote of the two-day workshop was "Pain is inevitable, Misery is by choice".



Clayoquot Sound projects get Vancouver Foundation Grants

Ucluellet/Tofino - Clayoquot Sound, with its magnificent old-growth forests, took another step towards ecological and social sustainability, with help from the Vancouver Foundation. The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT, Iisaak Forest Resources Ltd., and Central Westcoast Forest Society (CWFS) jointly held events Friday thanking the Vancouver Foundation for awarding grants for two important community projects: the Iisaak Sustainable Forestry Project (ISFP) and the Salmon Enhancement Project. Clayoquot Sound was designated as a Biosphere reserve by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 2000. The CBT encourages and facilitates innovative approaches to living sustainably within the natural environment, administering a community trust to that end.

"The Vancouver Foundation is pleased to support these projects, as they represent the next step towards ecosystem-based management for the region," says Mauro Vesceca, Program Director at the Vancouver Foundation. The Foundation administers a permanent endowment with assets of over \$500 million, representing the combined capital of over 600 funds created through bequests and gifts.

While originating and located in Vancouver, the Foundation provides support for projects throughout BC.

The Iisaak Sustainable Forestry Project, sponsored by the CBT and implemented by the First Nations-owned Iisaak Forest Resources, will monitor locally developed indicators of sustainability, while

attaching Central Region First Nations' employment and training to assessment activities. Valuable information and transferable experience relevant to a range of community issues will emerge from the ISFP, above and beyond its contribution to the long-term success of First Nations forestry on the 87,000 hectare Tree Farm License. "On behalf of the Iisaak staff and Board of Directors, I would like to thank the Vancouver Foundation for its recognition and support of the Iisaak Sustainable Forestry Project," said Iisaak General Manager Gary Johnsen.

The Salmon Enhancement Project works with communities and tenure holders in the Clayoquot Sound region in restoring streams and riparian zones disrupted by past logging practices and other human activity. A critical function of the Project has been providing the cross-boundary, watershed-level cooperation needed for full hydrological and habitat restoration. Partnerships facilitated by the CWFS have enabled diverse organizations to work together, to help Pacific salmon runs return to historic levels.

The day's events began with a field tour of the Salmon Enhancement Project's ongoing stream restoration sites in the Pacific Rim national Park and around Kennedy Lake. Visitors then joined Central Region First Nations leadership at the Iisaak offices for a short ceremony and reception to thank the Vancouver Foundation for its grants, and to launch officially the Iisaak community sustainability project.

Families Unite to Celebrate Baby Naming

By Denise Ambrose,
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - The Atleo/Frank family hosted a dinner on Saturday, February 8 to celebrate the birth and naming of four month-old Gregory August. Born to Christina August and Randall Atleo, baby Gregory was welcomed into the family with a name coming from his father's side of the family.

The evening started with an introduction to Gregory's large family. His paternal grandparents are George and Marie Atleo and his great grandmother is Nellie Frank. His maternal grandparents are Jacqueline August and Harry James. Frank and Christina August and Mabel Swan are his great grandparents.

The Frank family from Tla-o-qui-aht sang a dinner song and served a feast to their guests.

Cliff Atleo Senior, speaking on behalf of his brother, George, announced the

baby's name is Kiiitq?is, meaning 'little bird'. He said the name comes from Chief Ahinchit, Shawn Atleo's house.

Keith Atleo delivered a message from Shawn, who could not attend the dinner. "Shawn regrets not being able to attend but he says he wishes this child a long and healthy life. He said he will pray for him to help him through his new life and he is happy that this naming is happening."

Frank August and his family stood to thank the Franks and Atleo's for loving and accepting baby Gregory into their lives, and for caring enough to host this feast on Gregory's behalf.

He spoke of the historical connection between the Atleo and Frank families saying how his father and George's were closely related being First cousins. "We have come full circle," he said in his own language, "four or five generations later we come back and start a new branch in our families, this is how it has always been."

NTC Capacity Building Workshop
"Social Development - Building Better Services to Communities"

We are pleased to inform you that a new workshop is being developed, called "Social Development - Building Better Services to Communities" This two day workshop will be free for two participants, and NTC will again reimburse each First Nation the travel/lodging costs for two participants per workshop.

Date Feb. 25th & 26th **Location** Hansen Hall - Port Alberni

Workshop starts 9:00 a.m. sharp - 4:30 p.m. daily
Doors Open at 8:15 a.m. Daily
Refreshments & Chumas served at 8:30 a.m. daily

Workshops Highlights:
Human Resources Inventory - UIMEEK (Shawn Atleo)
How to Develop a Successful Work Opportunity Program
Financial Statements & Budgeting
Community Initiatives vs. SA Basic
Social Assistance Policy Manual Review

Learn about:

- Capacity Building
- Why, Who, When & How to Plan for your Community
- Policy Making at the Community Level
- Organizational & Economic Development Planning
- FTA Obligations & Responsibilities
- Social Assistance Policy Manual Updates
- The NTC Human Resources Inventory Resource Manual
- Financial Statements & Budgeting
- Strategic Planning
- AND MORE...

WIN PRIZES!

Enjoy fabulous food prepared by our Nuu-chah-nulth students from ADSS & VAST
REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS
REGISTRATION ACCEPTED ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

NTC CAPACITY BUILDING - REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Title: _____
First Nation: _____
Phone: _____

RSVP **ATTN: Melissa Gus**
Feb. 25 & 26, 2003
"Social Development - Building Better Services to Communities"
Location: Hansen Hall
Port Alberni
Fax to: (250) 723-0463

Client Questionnaire

Located at your right is a Social Assistance Client questionnaire →. NTC is conducting this questionnaire to seek input from people most impacted by changes to Social Development.

By completing the questionnaire you will provide valuable information to assist in guiding future programs, policies and procedures in the area of Social Development. Funds to conduct this questionnaire are from the Income Security Reform Project. (ISR)

You can complete the survey and remain anonymous or you can complete this form and have your name entered into the ISR draw for several gift certificates.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED AT NTC BY:

Wednesday, February 19th, 2003, 4pm.

Entries may be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to:

ATTN: Nene Van Volsen, Social Development Coordinator
Box 1383
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I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks to the many people of Ahousaht who offered their support and sympathy following the death in my family. I really appreciate all the words of condolence and the generous donations that helped cover my travelling expenses to Calgary. Nancy and I were surprised, honoured and touched by this gesture.

It was important for me to be with my family in Calgary, and your kindness helped make it easier. While it was a very sad time for me, the community's thoughtfulness truly lifted my spirits. I will always be grateful for the consideration shown to me by my family and

Thank You

I Willy Sam Sr. would like to thank all my brother's and sister, relatives, cousins and nieces, nephews and many other friends of family and friends of Phyllis Sam for standing beside my family at the time of need for support. I want all you people to know the support you gave my family was very much appreciated. I can't thank you enough.

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W. Sam Sr.

friends in Ahousaht. Klecko! With respect and appreciation,
David Miller

Invitation to NCN Members in Port Alberni Area To Attend NTC Southern Region

Disability Access Committee Information Session

At the September 2002 NTC Annual Assembly, there was a commitment made by the DAC Coordinator to present an information session on the Ministry of Children & Families "Age of Majority Policy". We have now confirmed arrangements for this information session, and have arranged for other guest speakers to present on topics where interest has been indicated.

On behalf of NTC Disability Access Committee, we invite Nuu-chah-nulth members living in the Port Alberni area to join us at our upcoming Information Session.

When: February 20, 21, 2003

Where: Port Alberni Friendship Centre

Time: Day 1 - Thursday @ 12 Noon - 4 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

Guest Speakers: Graham Ramsey, Formerly of Ministry of Children & Families, "MCF Policy on Age of Majority", Ian Hinksman, Past President, BCANDS, Advocate for Aboriginal People Living with Disabilities, "Empowering Self through Information".

Day 2 Friday @ 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Lunch Provided)

Guest Speaker: Louise Tatoosh, Supervisor NTC Mental Health Program, "Understanding Grief & Loss, & Importance of Self Care in the Healing Process".

For planning purposes, we ask that you register in advance. Please phone Florence @ 724-5757, local 245 or Arlene @ local 244.



The NTC Disability Access Committee members, along with NTC Executive, extend our Congratulations to Ian Hinksman, Past President of BCANDS, for his recent recognition by BC's Premier Gordon Campbell, and Lt. Governor Iona Campagnolo in receiving the Commemorative Medal for the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Ian has worked very closely with Nuu-chah-nulth leadership for many years, to heighten the awareness of the issues affecting people living with disabilities. He continues to speak out on behalf of many people who are very much in need of being heard - people living with disabilities. Ian will be one of the DAC Guest Speakers at upcoming Information Session, February 20, 21, 2003, at PAFC. See separate notice for more details.

Community Events and Celebrations

Families of Shamrock Atleo / Alexander Sutherland/ Douglas Titian/Edna Joseph

Hello Family Members, we have had one meeting about our upcoming reunion. The date has been set for **April 26, 2003 at the New Gym in Ahousaht**. We would like input from as many family members, please forward any info to my e-mail atleo@cedar.alberni.net or give us a call at Keith's 670-9614 or Anne's 670-9580 or Rebecca's 670-2390. We would also like to do a Family tree and would appreciate all info about your family, i.e. birth dates, marriages etc. Please let us know if you will be attending, so we can organize billets as well as boat rides from Tofino. We are all looking forward to this memorable event and hope to hear from you! Rebecca V.R.Atleo.

Mack Family Reunion August 2003!

The Toquaht Mack family is planning a reunion on the weekend of August 2003. It's been too long since we all got together. And would like everyone's input on our upcoming reunion. So far, we are aiming for the weekend in August and location will be Port Alberni.

We would like to gather, renew family ties and meet new family members. We need to connect! Any members from the late Chief Cecil Mack our late grandmother Jesse Mack please contact via email. Gjmack@hotmail.com or dgmack@show.ca or you can mail me at: Gloria Mack, 65-4061 Larchwood Dr, Victoria, BC, V8N-4P1. Hope to hear from you soon! Lets get started!

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Wedding Announcement

Craig and Lisa Devine from Fraser Lake, B.C. and Vern and Elaine Reimer also from Fraser Lake, B.C. are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their children Lasha Mae Devine and Ryan Vern Reimer. Both currently making their home in Kamloops, B.C. The wedding will take place in Fraser Lake, B.C. on August 2, 2003.

Q'aaq'inaköis - faaktuufa - Joey Dennis' - Memorial

The family of q'aaq'inaköisit - late Joey Dennis will be having a faaktuufa (memorial feast) to put to rest our mourning and celebrate the life he lived! We the Dennis/Haipee Family invite you all to witness the ceremonies/events we have planned for this special day.
Date: October 18 2003.

This is an announcement of the date only we will be going around to various First Nations to formally invite in a traditional manner. If you would like to suggest a good day for our family to visit your Community during the summer, contact uut-sii (Rob Dennis JR) Cultural coordinator Huu-ay-aht First Nation @ Work (250) 728-3414 or Toll Free 1-888-644-4555, Home (250) 724-0169.

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To all Nuu-chah-nulth: My name is Daniel McClurg and I'm Ditidaht. I am wondering what the people of Nuu-chah-nulth think of having our own First Nation's anthem. I know Canada has their own anthem and the USA has their own National anthem. Is it possible for all the Nuu-chah-nulth tribes to come together and put together somehow an anthem that all First Nations people could be proud of. Please call 1-888-231-1110 and leave a message for Dan McClurg on yes or no on our First Nations anthem. Dan McClurg, Home phone: 250-647-5580

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