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Hupacasath opens Hiits Hišimyit'yuk (House of Gathering)

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Ahaswinis - After a year of construction and planning, the Hupacasath Nation has a grand new complex to call home. So many people came out on Saturday April 5th to witness the official opening of the House of Gathering, that surrounding roads were blocked off and made into overflow parking lots. Close to a thousand people gathered outside listening to a welcoming by Ed 'Tat' Tatoosh and a ciquaa (blessing chant) by Ernie Chester before Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers and Elder Jessie Hamilton cut the cedar-bark ribbon and led everyone inside.

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Once inside the \$2.4 million complex, guests toured the Hupacasath government and administration offices, the new health center wing, a museum-like foyer filled with contemporary art and archaeological finds, and the cavernous community hall.

"In life, you do not choose your cause, you are born into it. We at Hupacasath

were born to once again be a self-governing, self-determining Nation," said Sayers before the crowd of invited guests, dignitaries and community members. "This is a giant step for us as we open the doors of our Hupacasath House of Government," she said.

"We as a Nation are gathering strength and developing capacity. We are becoming once again the caretakers of our land. We are here to maintain our rights and our titles," said Sayers. "It is for our people that we built this building. It is for our children, our grandchildren, and our future generations," she said.

Throughout the celebration many people were thanked by the Hupacasath Nation for their assistance, and many people congratulated Hupacasath for their accomplishments.

The highlight of the day came when the Huu-ay-aht First Nation danced in a 16-foot totem pole through the foyer and into the main hall. Weighing around a thousand pounds, it took a dozen men to carefully bring the pole through the large double-doors at the entrance way, the wide wings of the Thunderbird atop the pole barely making it through.

The pole, by Huu-ay-aht master carver Ed Johnson Sr., took two months to carve with the assistance of a pair of apprentices.

"We share similar roots so we present this pole to you today to show how close our relationships are," said Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert Dennis.

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Huu-ay-aht Ha'wiih Victor Williams, Steven Peters, and Chief Councillor Robert Dennis, present Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers, Elder Edward Tatoosh, and the Hupacasath Nation with a totem pole carved by Ed Johnson Sr. for the opening of the new Hupacasath House of Gathering.

Hundreds say goodbye to Tsaqwasupp

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Maht Mahs - An estimated crowd of more than 1600 people jammed into Maht Mahs gymnasium and spilled out into the parking lot to pay their respects to the late Tsaqwasupp (Art Thompson) and offer their condolences and support to his family.

Every inch of space inside Maht Mahs was used as people came from all around the province to say goodbye to the inspirational artist.

Two of Art's curtains hung behind the casket covered in flowers; one curtain documenting his family's history, the other showing his belonging to the tluuk-waana.

"Art Thompson has taken the pain suffered from being an abused child and turned it into astonishing beauty," said Ke-ke-in (Ron Hamilton) in his eulogy.

Born 10th of December 1948 in the Ditidaht Village of Whyac, he was the son of Ida Modeste Thompson and

Webster Thompson. A survivor of 9 years at the Alberni Indian Residential School where he suffered horrendous abuses, he ran away from the school for the last time at the age of 13 and secured work as a logger.

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More recently, Art successfully sued Canada and the United Church in a widely publicized case for the trauma he suffered as a student at AIRS.

Tsaqwasupp eventually found his gift in 1967 when he enrolled in Camosun College in Victoria to study art.

From an early age he showed an interest in carving and began learning from

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Simon Lucas receives National Aboriginal Achievement Award

By David Wiwchar
 Southern Region Reporter

Ottawa - Having recently received an honorary doctorate from the University of British Columbia, you would think Hesquiaht's Simon Lucas must be getting quite used to major awards and accolades. "I'm still amazed I was allowed to share the stage with so many incredible people," said Simon Lucas a few days after receiving the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for his work promoting the Environment. "It was more than what I expected; a real gala event! I was amazed by the organization and complexity of the event and I was in awe of the other honourees," he said.

Fourteen of Canada's most powerful Aboriginal role models were honoured before a sold-out crowd, and a stellar group of talented artists performed at the 10th Annual National Aboriginal Achievement Awards on Friday, March 28th at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa.

Actor/singer Tom Jackson, who hosted the first awards show in 1994, returned to host the evening's celebrations which featured performances by Canada's top Aboriginal artists, set against a powerful set designed by Mohawk conductor, executive producer and founder of the awards, John Kim Bell. Singers Robbie Robertson, Rita Coolidge, Jackie Bird, Sadie Buck, and Susan Aglukark performed, as did comedians Don Burnstick, Edna Rain, Floyd Favel and Thomas King in a performance shown on CBC TV on Monday April 7th.

"This year's recipients are a tremendous group," said John Kim Bell, founder and president of the National



Simon Lucas receiving his National Aboriginal Achievement Award from Dwight Dorey and Jim Carter of Syncrude Canada

Aboriginal Achievement Foundation. "It is hard to believe that 10 years have passed since Bill Reid received the

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first lifetime achievement award on the stage of the National Arts Centre and since that time 126 individuals have been recognized for their contributions to the betterment of life in Aboriginal communities and the rest of the country."

Simon Lucas received the 2003 National Aboriginal Achievement

Award along with: Saskatchewan Métis master fiddler, John Arcand; Winnipeg physician and Chair of the United Way, Dr. Judith Bartlett; Alberta oil and pipeline expert, Mel E. Benson; University of Victoria legal scholar, John Borrows; Regina based professional engineer and entrepreneur, Gary Bosgoed; Saskatoon engineering student, athlete, actor and community volunteer Matthew Dunn - this year's youth recipient and aspiring astronaut; Ontario-based writer of four best-selling novels, the creative force behind *Dead Dog Café* and numerous television scripts, Thomas King; Northerner Edward Lennie the creator of the Northern Games; University of Lethbridge and Harvard lecturer, Leroy Little Bear; B.C. Chief Sophie Pierre, the builder of the St. Eugene Mission resort; Winnipeg based community worker and language protector, Mary Richard; the lifetime achievement award recipient - rock legend Robbie Robertson; Vancouver based physician and AIDS researcher and advocate, Dr. Jay Wortman.

The awards are a special project of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, a national charity established in 1985 by John Kim Bell. The Foundation provides financial assistance to Aboriginal students to realize their educational goals and dreams with a record \$2 million in individual scholarships awarded to students this year and \$14 million since inception.

"The National Aboriginal Achievement Award and Foundation does an incredible job of promoting individuals and their achievements and showing their value as role models to our young people," said Lucas. "I personally want to thank Dr. David Suzuki for his kind words about me. I'm sure glad that in my lifetime I have been able to learn from so many great Elders, and it's to them that I dedicate these awards," he said.



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, Native American Journalists Association
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Negotiators prepare for governments

By David Wiwchar
 Southern Region Reporter

Tsahahēh - Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) Treaty Negotiators put documents and priorities in order as they looked forward towards three days of intense negotiations with the federal and provincial governments next week (April 11th, 14th and 15th).

Despite distractions outside the treaty table, the negotiators worked to create strategies to help them in negotiating governance and certainty issues at the main treaty table.

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A moment of silence was observed in recognition of the passing of famed Nuu-chah-nulth and Ditidaht artist Art Thompson (Tsaqwasupp). Tla-o-qui-aht Elder Francis Amos offered the opening prayer asking the creator for strength and guidance before Tseshah Chief Councillor Dave Watts welcomed everyone into his Nation's territory.

New Southern Region co-chair David Dennis was introduced and gave a brief opening statement. "I think it's important for us to speak our minds and say what's in our hearts, and what is in my heart and mind is that we have to hold the federal and provincial governments accountable for their actions and inactions," said Dennis. "It's important for us to realize that a lot of these land claims negotiations started as a result of Oka, and we always have to be ready to use various methods of holding the governments to account," he said.

Tla-o-qui-aht negotiators raised numerous concerns about BC and Canada meeting with the Maa-nulth-aht group and referring to them in the media as "the Nuu-chah-nulth", while still meet-

ing with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council treaty table at the same time.

"We need to get a legal opinion about what effect Maa-nulth-aht negotiations are having on our table. We're looking for a legal opinion to tell us whether or not we as Nuu-chah-nulth are being negotiated away," said Tla-o-qui-aht's Elmer Frank. "We told the Maa-nulth-aht Nations that they were free to negotiate on their own but it seems clear to us that their documents reference Nuu-chah-nulth repeatedly so we're quite concerned that any deal they make could be forced on to the rest of us," he said.

"The problems with Maa-nulth-aht is not the process, it's all political," said Tseshah Chief Negotiator Richard Watts. "Regardless of what the Maa-nulth-aht say about how they're not negotiating on our behalf, until they have their own statement of intent and framework agreement instead of using ours, we're still all attached," he said.

"I am Ucluelet but I am not a part of the Maa-nulth-aht group," said Michelle Corfield, representative for Nuu-chah-nulth-aht living away from home in Nanaimo. "There has not been any meetings between our treaty team and our membership. The so-called Maa-nulth-aht treaty team from Ucluelet has no mandate from the community and I want everyone to know that there are a lot of people standing against what they're doing," she said.

Maa-nulth-aht Nations Huu-ay-aht and Uchucklesaht recently announced they would be negotiating their own Funding Transfer Agreement (FTA) with the Department of Indian and Northern Development (DIAND).

"Under our constitution under the societies act we cannot have two tables and two FTAs under the same umbrella so their threats are only threats. Their separation would be illegal," said Dave Watts. "If they're going to break away then they should break away. It should be through due process and done correctly. We will not let them take us down with them," he said.

After lunch, the treaty table divided into three groups and brainstormed on the topics of governance, Nuu-chah-nulth strengths, and collective issues and principles. The exercise brought the negotiators together and solidified their resolve as they work towards a common vision. The next day, with notes prepared from



Shawn Atleo leads a discussion on governance at the treaty meeting

the previous day's exercise, the negotiators started work towards a strategy to address priority issues.

"By looking at what was produced yesterday, it's easy to see the points and issues that all our Nations share, and points and issues that are unique to some Nations," said Shawn Atleo. "By putting this into a concrete report, we will be going into next week's meeting with the government as a solid unit, and we'll be able to show them what we want and where their ideas fall short," he said.

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"We have to be ready to go into the meeting next week and tell the governments that they're not going to govern us anymore," said Hesquiaht Chief Councillor Joe Tom. "We looked after ourselves quite well for thousands of years and we're taking that back," he said.

"We have to be ready to go into the meeting next week and tell the governments that they haven't paid us any rent for the past 150 years and it is now long past due," said Tom. "They've been taking our Ha'wiih's properties out of their hahoulthee's for the past 150 years and there has been no agreements, no royal-

ties, and no consulting as is their fiduciary duties. We need to tell them their rent payment is now due," he said.

"We have a right to economic benefits in forestry and fisheries," said Tseshah Chief Negotiator Richard Watts. "Numerous court decisions affirm our legal basis to not only pick berries and take a bit of cedar bark in the forests, but to take trees, mill them, and earn a livelihood from both the forests and the fisheries," he said.

Numerous negotiators spoke on the importance of an effective communications strategy, and the importance of making things easily understood by all. "We saw after the last AIP that communications is of vital importance," said Nuchalant's Tom Smith. "We tried so hard to give our people all the information on the AIP but the way it was written made it too hard to understand so it was dropped," he said.

A group of negotiators went away to discuss the government's proposal on governance, and bring a Nuu-chah-nulth response back to the table for discussion.

Negotiators made it clear they were unwilling to accept the municipal style of government that the federal and provincial governments have been proposing.

"We don't disrespect the non-Native because of their democratic model of government, so why do they discount our Ha'wiih's democratic system of governments that have been in effect here for thousands and thousands of years," said Ahousaht's Shawn Atleo.

"We made numerous efforts to explain our traditional government structures to the junior governments and still they come back with this municipal style of

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Upcoming Meetings

Meeting	Date	Place
TSC	April 11	TinWis
TSC	April 14-15	Somass Hall, Port Alberni
Treaty Planning	April 22-23	Thunderbird Hall, Campbell River
TSC	April 25	Somass Hall, Port Alberni

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Toll Free Number

1-877-677-1131

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



Cliff Atleo Sr. lists off some of his Nation's priority issues in treaty

NTC Offices will be closed for Friday, April 18th (Good Friday) and Monday, April 21st (Easter Monday)
 We will re-open for regular business hours on **Tuesday April 22nd.**
Have a happy, and safe Easter weekend!

Fisheries - ca-ca-tuk

No Siihmuu for Barkley Sound First Nations

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Toquaht Bay - Huu-ay-aht's Larry Johnson shakes his head in disgust as another cedar tree is plucked from the water near the Stopper Islands, completely bare. This is the sixth tree this morning, and another six will come out of the water as bare as when they went in.

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Larry Johnson helps haul up another cedar tree without any siihmuu on it.

For thousands of years, First Nations all along the coast of British Columbia have been dropping small cedar and hemlock trees in the water just as winter starts to loosen its icy grip.

A bag of rocks is tied to the top of the tree so it hangs in the water upside down, with a small rope running up to the surface buoy to mark its position.

Within a few days, the annual herring migration will come into the small sheltered bays along the coast, and the small silver fish will deposit billions and billions of eggs on the sunken trees, kelp leaves, eel-grass, and anything that eggs will stick to.

The water in these areas will turn white from the milk, and the huge gray whales time their spring migration northwards with the spawn, gorging themselves on the abundant protein source provided by herring stocks from California up into Alaska.

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But the abundant supply gathered by Barkley Sound Nations for millennia failed this year. The herring came, but a fleet of 28 seiners, government observation boats, and Canadian Princess Resort whale-watching boats raced around the area, forcing the herring to spawn in deep water, well away from the boat engines, seine nets, and near-shore sunken trees.

"DFO really screwed things up," said Toquaht Tyee Ha'wiltz Keets-kee-supp (Bert Mack). "The Princess tour boats were allowed to run all over top of the spawning grounds and that should never have happened. The areas where the fish spawn are not to be disturbed by anyone," he said.

Traditionally, people were not allowed



Huu-ay-aht's 33' converted herring skiff Reef Dancer hoists another bare cedar tree out of the water near the Stopper Islands.

in or around the spawning areas so as not to disturb the important event. Canoe paddling routes would be altered at this time of year to avoid sensitive spawning areas.

"Having herring spawning areas in your territory was a very valuable asset," said Toquaht Elder Archie Thompson. "Not only do we eat the herring and their eggs, but we also eat all the things that follow them and eat them such as salmon, cod, seals, whales, and everything else edible," he said.

According to NTC Fisheries Program Manager Dr. Don Hall, the DFO WCVI herring forecast for 2003 for the combined area of Barkley Sound, Clayoquot Sound, and Nootka/Esperanza was 33,100 tons. Using a 20% harvest rate, the potential 2003 herring harvest was 6,625 tons.

From in-season soundings DFO estimated that 19,000 tons of herring returned to Barkley Sound, where the seine fishery started on March 10 with a quota of 2,200 tonnes. The first major Barkley Sound spawn started March 11 along Macoah near the Toquaht village and southward for approximately 2.5 miles. The fishery continued through March 14 with a catch of 2,285 tons.

"It took them 3 days to catch their 2,200 ton quota which is saying something considering it usually takes the seine fleet only a few hours to do that," said Johnson, whose Huu-ay-aht name *Aniitsachist* means "keeper of the sea". Last year, the siihmuu was plentiful. DFO cancelled the herring fishery because of low stock assessments and an overabundance of young fish.

"The general observation was of small fish in Barkley Sound this year," said Hall. "Usually a large proportion of small fish is a good sign of an upcoming strong year class of 3 year old herring. Herring populations are very dependent on periodic strong year-classes that effectively carry the population between relatively less abundant year classes," he said.

According to Johnson, Huu-ay-aht collected 3.5 tons of siihmuu last year, which was shared with the Uchucklesaht and Toquaht Nations. "It was the most we'd seen in quite a long time, but even that wasn't enough," he said.

This year, only a small amount of siihmuu was collected despite a huge effort by all Southern Region Nations.

Luckily, the Huu-ay-aht fishery crew sunk a tree exceptionally deep, and the few layers of siihmuu it produced was eaten within 10 minutes once it was brought back to the community in Anacla. "It was a big disappointment when I had to tell our people we didn't get hardly anything," said Johnson with a sigh. "Our ability to gather siihmuu is a key Aboriginal Right. We don't ask permission to do it like we have to do in everything else. We just go out, drop a few trees in the water, then pull them out after a spawn and eat," he said as his tone of voice started to grow louder, reflecting his concern and passion about siihmuu. "The Elders love to eat it. It's part of our traditional diet. It's one of the last threads of our culture. We hunt at Safeway now for God's sake!"

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DFO offered Huu-ay-aht two totes filled with roe laden herring, but the offer was refused.

"Our way of gathering herring eggs is totally different from theirs as our way is sustainable," said Johnson. "We let the herring lay their eggs, and gather some as quickly as we can while letting most of it hatch into fish that will keep the cycle going. They on the other hand, scoop up huge schools of herring, killing the fish and wasting the meat simply so they can take the skein of eggs from inside the female herring's belly," he said.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Nations have been calling for a closure of the herring fishery for the past few years, arguing

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Province gives money to Abalone Project

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

The Huu-ay-aht First Nation will receive \$530,000 from the province's Economic Measures Fund to help revitalize commercial production of Pinto abalone in the Bamfield area, a project that has been shared between the Huu-ay-aht Nation and the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre for the past few years. "Over the next three years these funds will help the Huu-ay-aht First Nation participate more fully in B.C.'s economy by expanding into the shellfish aquaculture industry," said Geoff Plant, Minister Responsible for Treaty Negotiations. "Economic measures are part of our New Era commitment to tangibly improve the quality of life for Aboriginal people".

The funding will create up to 15 full time jobs for First Nations and will help revitalize and diversify the local economy through the development and construction of a permanent aquaculture facility. The project will result in partnerships between First Nations, local communities and industry.

"This project is a positive step in the right direction with regard to the preservation, enhancement and reintroduction of our natural resources, i.e. abalone," said Huu-ay-aht Tyee Ha'wiltz Tlii-shin (Spencer Peters). "It fits in with our objectives and goals for sustainability of our natural resources for our future generations."

Malaspina University College's Fisheries and Aquaculture Department will provide training in shellfish aquaculture development to Huu-ay-aht First Nation members. "We applaud the important agreement between the

Province and the Huu-ay-aht with regards to Pinto abalone," said Richard Johnston, President of Malaspina University-College. "This is an important but threatened resource and this agreement marks an important step in its conservation."

Pinto abalone is a high-value shellfish that was harvested in British Columbia for commercial purposes until the early 1990's. It is now closed to all fishing because of dramatic stock declines. The funding will enable the Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Community Abalone Project (launched in 2001) to produce Pinto abalone through aquaculture and enhance stocks.

The Huu-ay-aht First Nation has already successfully completed a pilot hatchery assessment for the culture of abalone. The next phase of the project includes a strategy to construct a permanent, high-output, low-cost facility to operate as an ongoing business. As well as growing abalone for the marketplace, the facility will provide abalone for work on recovery of wild stocks.

The Economic Measures Fund, managed by the provincial government's Treaty Negotiations Office, was announced in April 2002, and provides \$10 million per year to create new economic opportunities for First Nations.

To date, \$24,852,744 has been awarded to First Nations in 110 projects throughout BC. Recently announced economic measures include: \$257,850 for the Ditidaht and Pacheedaht First Nations to establish a forest training program and pursue economic opportunities for a timber licence, and \$375,000 for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council to develop skills to launch a new shellfish operation.

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that stocks need to be allowed time to recover.

Hall has advised Nations to document the efforts put into setting trees/boughs, when checked, etc.), and the resulting poor harvest.

"We had a deep spawn (10 fathoms) on February 21st before any boats were on the grounds so I can't say that that is a reason why they spawned deep," said fishery officer Alistair Thompson, adding "there was a substantial spawn along the shoreline". "We had the storm of the year out there, and after talking with Tom Tatoosh of Hupacasath, most of their gear was lost because of the

storm, so the reason for First Nations not getting their product could be weather related," he said.

According to Johnson, the lawsuit launched against DFO by Huu-ay-aht in 1999 is still outstanding and being negotiated, but ultimately nothing short of a shut-down will do.

"Historical records show the incredible abundance of the herring stocks that fed our Nations since the beginning of time, and in the past fifty years those stocks have dwindled to almost nothing," said Johnson. "The Barkley Sound commercial herring fishery should be shut down for one complete herring life-cycle which is about seven years. Anything else would be a half-measure," he said.

New Freight Boat to Serve Ahousaht

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Ahousaht - Edwin Frank Senior is proud to announce that he has purchased a new boat to serve Ahousaht and the neighboring area's freight needs. The new boat named Command Performance was purchased in January of this year and has already begun delivering freight to the stores in the community.

Frank's former boat, the MV Solander served the community for almost 30 years until its final sinking in August 2001. The Solander sank more than a couple of times but the August 2001 sinking, which took place in front of Opitsaht, was the last straw. The crew was saved by the fast-acting community members of Opitsaht.

The boat was eventually brought to the surface and towed to Ahousaht where it was stripped of anything of value. It was later towed out to sea where it was sunk for a final time.

Frank leased the Island Gold for 18 months while searching for a freight boat to purchase.

The Command Performance is currently running on its summer schedule. It runs to Tofino from Ahousaht every Wednesday and Friday and will return to its winter schedule in October. Frank says charter runs are available seven



The Solander, stripped of its valuables, awaits its final voyage to the bottom of the sea.

days a week. For more information contact Edwin at 250-670-9584.



Mark Jack, Eddy Frank Junior and Edwin Frank Senior proudly pose aboard the Command Performance.

Hundreds say goodbye to Tsaqwasupp

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his father and grandfather, George Thompson. He rose to international attention as a graphic artist and a master carver. He designed the logos for the 1997 Commonwealth Games, BC Hydro, the Camosun College First Nations Education Society, and the Ditidaht First Nation. His masks, rattles, bowls, poles, spoons, feast dishes, canoes, and many other creations are in galleries, museums, embassies and private collections around the world.

Over the span of 35 years he produced one of the largest bodies of Northwest Coast art by any single artist. One of the high points of his career was carving the memorial pole erected in honour of his late father Webster Thompson. He also replicated several significant masks belonging to Nuu-chah-nulth chiefly families, and these are shown at potlatches from time to time.

In 1995 he was given a special Citizen Award from the City of Victoria, and in 2000 he received the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for his work in arts and culture. As a philanthropist he raised thousands of dollars for a variety of civic

causes, especially First Nations education programs.

Deeply involved in Nuu-chah-nulth ceremony and ritual, Tsaqwasupp was initiated at a young age into the highest ranked secret society, the *tluukwaana*. As he grew older he participated in various dances and was given the right to dance with a *hinkitsim*.

Tsaqwasupp passed away peacefully in his sleep 8:30 pm Sunday, March 30, 2003 at his home in Victoria.

He leaves 10 children: Lana, Sugar, Paul, Carmen, Alisha, Katherine, Jimmy, Crystal, Jeannie and Evelyn and loving wife Charlene, his mother Ida, as well as his brothers Charlie and Jack, and sisters Ida and Sharon. He was pre-deceased by his father, Webster Thompson, a younger sister Iris, and his daughter Marie. He had family roots he was proud of in Ditidaht, Hiikukthah-h, Tsesaht, Cowichan, and Nanaimo. Although he is gone, he will remain with us always through his family as well as through countless paintings, engravings and carvings.

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Volunteer Group Seeks to Improve Child/Family Services in Clayoquot Sound

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - Noreen Messer, a Tofino resident and working mom, comforts her daughter who is lying on the couch battling the flu. It is Messer's day off from her job at the Day Care Centre and she sits down to a cup of tea to talk about what she does in her spare time: she fights to improve services for young children and their families in the Tofino/Ucluelet area.

Messer and a group of about twelve volunteers, some from the First Nations communities, meet regularly in order to plan workshops and strategize for improved family services. They received limited funding from the provincial government in order to carry out their work. "It is a BC-funded initiative that seeks to identify gaps in services for families of children aged newborn to six years old," explains Messer.

One such gap identified in the Tofino

area is the high cost of accessing services for remote communities. Ahousaht and Hot Springs Cove, for example, face the high cost of boat or plane transportation in order to access medical services for their children. Many people in those communities live with low incomes and often don't have vehicles. These families need boat fare, bus fare, and meals and accommodations away from home when taking their children for appointments in the city.

Another aspect of the program, says Messer is to promote awareness of the developmental needs of children under the age of six. "It is an important time, developmentally, to begin reading readiness, for example," says Messer.

"It is important to identify special needs early in order to get children the help they need early on," she added. She confides that one of her children is dealing with a development issue that is being treated. Fortunately for her child, the problem was identified relatively early. Speech, vision or hearing problems are some examples of developmental issues a child may be facing.

The Family Ties Program is run by a small group of volunteers. Operating out of Tofino and Ucluelet, the committee intends to build capacity for families in the local communities by doing such things as training local facilitators to teach parenting programs. The trained facilitators based in the community would be available to offer parenting programs in the Clayoquot Sound communities on a regular basis, avoiding the additional costs of bringing in an outsider.

The committee is preparing to train facilitators for Focus Groups. The trainees will go to each community (Tofino, Ucluelet, Ittatsoo, Tla-o-qui-aht, Hot Springs Cove and Ahousaht) to meet with community members. Once there, parents and service providers will be encouraged to discuss needs and service gaps for families.

All information gathered from each community will be compiled in a report that will include recommendations to the provincial government. A copy of each report will go to each Chief and Council. "Hopefully," says Messer, "it will result in improved services for children and their families."

Family Ties Program offers workshops on a regular basis. Some topics include bullying prevention (designed for pre-schoolers), nutrition and early literacy. Due to limited funding, the workshops can only be offered in Tofino and Ucluelet.

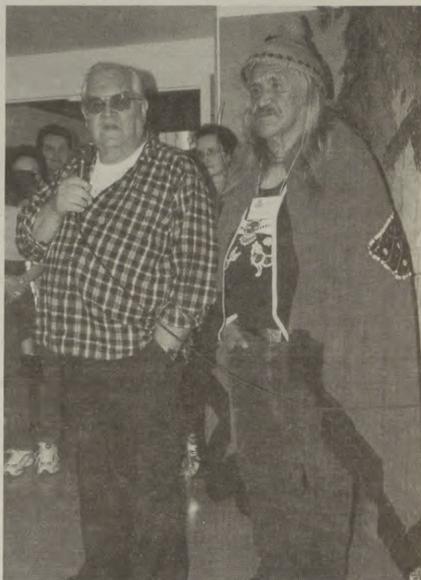
Hupacasath House of Government

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"Many Nuu-chah-nulth communities are constructing their own long-houses again, and we want you to know that we are very proud of your people and all your efforts and accomplishments," he said.

Huu-ay-aht and Hupacasath joined together in song as the pole was shuffled back against one of the huge longhouse poles, making it seem as if the Thunderbird pole was dancing too.

"I'm totally blown away by the support we've received from everyone today," said Sayers, fighting back tears. "I was really moved by Huu-ay-aht's gift. It has been a really exciting day, and a great way to open our House of Gathering," she said.



Hupacasath Ha'wiih Hugh Watts and Ed Tatoosh welcome dignitaries.



(r-l) MLAss Gillian Trumper and Stan Hagen sit beside Lieutenant Governor Iona Campagnolo and her guardsman at the opening of the Hupacasath House of Gathering.



New NTC Southern Region Co-chair David Dennis congratulates the Hupacasath Nation as (l-r) Tat, Nelson Keitlah, Judy Sayers and Irene Tatoosh listen, after presenting them with a framed print.



A dozen men joined together to help carry Huu-ay-aht's gift

Hupacasath hosts NTC Budget Meeting at new House of Gathering

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Ahaswinis - Surrounded by freshly painted walls and all new fixtures, close to 150 people attended the March 27-28 NTC Budget Meeting, which was the first large meeting to be held in the new Hupacasath House of Gathering.

After the singing of the Nuu-chah-nulth song, Central Region Co-chair Nelson Keitlah offered the opening prayer before Hupacasath Chief Councilor Judy Sayers welcomed everyone to the new Hupacasath House of Gathering.

"This place is part of our next step forward as we have a new place to show our government and show who we are as Hupacasath people," said Sayers. "We have worked long and hard for this new building and are honoured to welcome you all here today," she said before announcing the singing of the Hupacasath song before the start of proceedings.

"I'd like to congratulate Hupacasath for everything that you've achieved," said Keitlah. "Everyone is in awe looking at your beautiful building that you have constructed for your future generations," he said.

Uchucklesaht, Ahousaht, Tseshaht, Ucluelet, Tla-o-qui-aht, Hesquiaht, Huu-ay-aht, Ehatesaht, Nuchatlaht, Kyuquot/Chekleset, Ditidaht, Mowachah/Muchalaht, and Toquaht rose to offer their congratulations to Hupacasath for the construction of their new facility, with many saying they would be bringing their Ha'wiih to the official opening on Saturday, April 5th. NTC Executive Director Florence Wylie presented her follow-up report from the last two NTC meetings, giving a status report on all action items created at the NTC table.

Much of the March 27th - 28th NTC Budget meeting would be spent discussing one particular motion from the last NTC meeting, that motion being about the formation of a transition committee.

"Part of being a leader is to take your knocks while maintaining focus on the tasks at hand," said new NTC Southern Region Co-chair David Dennis. "The biggest issue facing us today is the split between the NTC and Maa-nulth-aht nations, and I will not shy away from any of the debate that is needed on this," he said.

The motion states: "a Transition Committee would be formed to work with the First Nations that would choose

to leave the NTC INAC funding agreement, and also the Transition Committee look at restructuring the NTC Administration and Services to meet the needs of the member First Nations".

To ensure that all NTC members have an understanding of the complexity of a First Nations' withdrawal, the NTC Executive arranged for legal presentation by Hugh Braker scheduled for the second day of the meeting. Braker would report on the legal implications of the considerations of when a First Nation withdraws from the NTC funding agreement.

Wylie then reported on the results of the Southern Region Co-chair by-election results, and Huu-ay-aht's David Dennis was confirmed as the new Co-chair.

Dennis thanked his running mates, all who supported him, all who didn't support him, and those who didn't participate in the election.

Dennis, who was the commanding officer of the West Coast Warrior Society admitted that he was "the official opposition to the treaty process for some time",



NTC lawyer Hugh Braker offers a legal opinion on what a Maa-nulth-aht split could mean to the tribal council.

and apologized for his past confrontational methods of communicating his concerns.

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NTC Treaty Manager Cliff Atleo Jr. offered a treaty update, "There's been a lot of volatility and uncertainty over the past year," said Atleo. "There were a number of delays following the federal election, provincial election, and the provincial referendum on treaty issues. We continue to meet with the governments as a united table, although gestures have been made to



The NTC Budget Meeting was the first large gathering to be held inside the main hall of the new Hupacasath House of Gathering.



NTC Treaty Manager Cliff Atleo Jr. offers his thoughts to the table.

establish a clearer understanding amongst all Nuu-chah-nulth Nations as to how we proceed as individual Nations and as a collective. The next couple of months are set to be very intense with a concerted push to engage with governments to gain a better understanding of their mandates as well as a strong desire to push them and determine whether they are flexible enough to meet the needs of Nuu-chah-nulth," he said.

Wylie gave an overview of discussions the NTC Executive has had with the Department of Indian and Northern Development (DIAND) towards finalizing a funding agreement.

"We are recognized as the lead tribal council in the country, but we also need to pay attention to what is happening across the country (National Tribal Council Review, Governance Act Initiative, etc.) as it has an effect on what happens to us," she said.

According to Wylie, there are many more reporting requirements and pressures being created by DIAND at all levels. DIAND is putting more emphasis on targeted funding agreements for greater accountability nationally, regionally, within tribal councils, and within local First Nations.

"Because of some financial mismanagement by a few First Nations back east somewhere, all First Nations in the country are being tarred by the same brush by DIA (Department of Indian Affairs)," said Northern Region Co-Chair Archie Little. "We do not fear accountability or transparency as we are an example of good financial organization."

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"It's important to understand that the governments want to replace core funding with targeted funding so they bog us down in administrative reports and take our focus away from our fight for rights and title," said David Dennis.

NTC Community and Human Services



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Director Simon Read led a discussion on changes in federal priorities and processes over the past few years, and described

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Sports - Ćim-ĉap-mis



Jack Cook introduces a pair of star Nuu-ĉah-nulth athletes at the recent NTC Budget Meeting. (l-r) Hazel Cook (Huu-ay-aht) and Carol-Ann Hilton (Hesĉiaht) are National soccer stars on First Nations' womens soccer teams. Hilton, who has traveled with National Aboriginal Women's soccer teams to Europe, has been offering advice to Cook who is preparing for her trip with the National team, who will be playing against women's soccer clubs in Spain and Portugal.

The results of the Youth Baller co-ed tournament, which took place in Tofino, April 4 and 5, 2003 are as follows:
 1st: Robbie's Team
 2nd: Megan's Team
 3rd: Nellie's Team
 4th: Gold River
 All-Star's:
 Dwight and Natasha from Gold River
 Derek Chum and Natalee Dennis from Megan's Team
 Jeremy Sam and Katrina Sam from Robbie's Team
 Jeff Tom and Nellie Frank-Atleo from Nellie's Team
 Most Inspirational Player: Dwight (Gold

River)
 Most Sportsman Like Player: Bundy (Nellie's Team)
 Top Scorer: Jeremy Sam (Robbie's Team)
 MVP: Shayne Frank (Robbie's Team)
 Thank you to all the players and spectators who made this tournament so much fun. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Grace George who was the scorekeeper for the whole tournament and helped in every way she could. Also thank you to Ashley, Nicole Frank, Jeffrey David, Moe-hap, Michelle, Stevie-Ray, Blair, and Chum for all your help with time-keeping, concession, and clean up.

Way to go Fredrick Cook!
 Congratulations on your successful first year in Ice Hockey and Soccer. Good luck with Lacrosse and softball during the summer. Love Mom and Dad.



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Baby Boys Named at Ahousaht Potlatch

By Denise Ambrose
 Central Region Reporter

Ahousaht - T-Bird Hall was filled to capacity as friends and family turned out to witness the naming of two baby boys at a feast hosted by Chief Kanopit, Rocky Titian. Volunteer servers bustled trays of food through the crowds as Hesĉiaht and Ahousaht singers performed their dinner songs.

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As always, there was plenty food to go around; from turkey and roast beef, to herring eggs and sea urchins, there was something for everybody. A canoe song was sung immediately following the dinner. Led by David Frank Senior, canoe pullers guided the canoe through imaginary waters, hailing the arrival of the baby boys and their mothers.

Chief Kanopit hosted the party in honour of his grandnephew, Joshua Frank and great grandnephew, Jermaine Bulwer.

Jermaine, the son of Inez Paul and Blair Bulwer was introduced along with Blair's family from Hesĉiaht. Bulwer's father, Ralph, and grandfather, Charlie Lucas expressed their great pleasure that Titian would honour Jermaine with this party. Jermaine was then given a name from the Lucas family.

Joshua, son of June Titian and Peter Frank Junior was introduced along with his grandparents, Peter and Rose Frank. He too received a name from his father's side of the family.

The rest of the evening and early morning was filled with singing and dancing in celebration of the naming of the two little boys. The people of Hesĉiaht put on a particularly lively performance with dances from the Lucas and Ambrose families along with the ever-popular Sparrow Dance.

A Hesĉiaht speaker explained the family roots that tie the little boys to their First Nation. Jermaine is a descendent of the Lucas family and Josh has connections to the Sabbas and Ambrose families.

Another highlight of the evening was the presentation of a drum by Chief



Proud grandmother Denise Ambrose with a sleepy Josh Frank.

Kanopit to Percy Campbell. Known for his active participation as a singer for Ahousaht, Campbell recently came home from the hospital after suffering a life-threatening illness. Eddy Frank, speaking on behalf of Kanopit, encouraged an emotional Campbell to return to singing when he regains his strength.

Ron Hamilton was also called forward to receive a very special gift from the host: a finely woven Maquinna hat made by Lena Jumbo. Hamilton, who stood before the curtain that he made for Kanopit, praised the Chief and the people of Ahousaht. He explained that he worked in Ahousaht during the 1980's as a Cultural Education teacher and got to know many people during his time in the community. He complemented the people for their community spirit and Kanopit for his generous hospitality.



Ron Hamilton, standing in front of the curtain he created for Chief Kanopit, Rocky Titian, accepts a Maquinna hat from the host.

Singing, dancing and presentations went on throughout the night and into the morning. The Chief and his family handed out gifts and money to the guests who were still there at six in the morning.



A canoe brings the babies to their naming party: Josh Frank held by his mom, June Titian. Jermaine Bulwer held by his mom Inez Paul. The babies fathers Peter Frank Jr. and Blair Bulwer seated in rear.

Hupacasath Hydro receives recognition

By David Wiwchar
 Southern Region Reporter

Ahaswinis - Qu'aas Power could take on a whole new meaning if the Hupacasath First Nation gets its way. The Hupacasath First Nation has been shortlisted by BC Hydro for their "green-energy plan" that would generate 9.5 billion watts of hydro power every year, without doing any damage to the environment, or contributing to greenhouse gas emissions in any way.

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"I've become really interested in environmentally friendly energy sources over the past few years," said Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers. "When BC Hydro wanted to bring the COGEN project into the Alberni Valley we started to get really nervous. But we thought, it we were going to be against it, we should have a better plan to replace it," she said. Hupacasath turned to the Pembina Institute, who has been working extensively with First Nations in western Canada on the implementation of sustainable energy options.

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"Now is the time for the Alberni Valley to plan for its own energy needs and Hupacasath is leading the way. First Nation communities are increasingly becoming empowered to play a role in planning for their energy needs, including managing their energy demand and developing energy supplies," said Andrew Pape-Salmon, Pembina's Director of Sustainable Energy.

"Sustainable energy options provide for the needs of the community without compromising the environment, society, or the economy over many generations. We try to create opportunities from local resources, and the Alberni Valley has abundance energy sources such as water, wind, wood, and solar," he said. With BC Hydro preparing to retire one of its main underwater transmission lines that supplies electricity to Vancouver Island, the crown corporation is looking for local power supply sources.

"Because there is such a great need on Vancouver Island, there is a rationale for BC Hydro to pay a higher price for power generated here," said Pape-Salmon. "The power consumption needs are large, and to be quite honest, they [BC Hydro] are desperate," he said.

Hupacasath's plan is to install a PVC pipe alongside the City of Port Alberni's large water intake pipe at the China Creek Dam, taking a thousand litres per second out of the dam, and running down a kilometre-long pipe that drops 66 metres (217 feet) into a generating station. The water returns back into China Creek above the waterfalls, so no fish habitat will be affected, as there are no salmon above the 60' high falls.

"China Creek was the best option," said Pape-Salmon. "The existing Dam could benefit the project and there are already roads and infrastructure in place so there would be little disruption to the natural eco-system," he said.

The China Creek Green Hydroelectric project would generate 2.3 megawatts of electricity, and 9.5 gigawatts of power per year, which is enough to power 950 homes.

"And since there are only 50 Hupacasath homes that means we're taking care of our own needs and earning revenue on the surplus power we pump into BC Hydro's power grid," said Sayers.

The Hupacasath proposal is one of 30 projects short listed for approval by BC Hydro. Although the 2.3 MW project is small (the largest proposals would generate 100 MW of power) it is one of only six Vancouver Island proposals,



Darren Willis of EcoTrust Canada points at picturesque China Creek Falls, which will be unaffected by the Hupacasath Hydro Project

and is the only First Nations' project on the list.

"The project really fits well with our Hupacasath social and environmental values as well as our economic hopes for the future," said Sayers. "There will be no emissions of greenhouse gases, it will not impact our fisheries resources, and the project has involved the co-operation of many different agencies such as Weyerhaeuser, TimberWest and the City of Port Alberni," she said.

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The project will cost \$5.5 million to build, and Hupacasath has already secured \$3.5 million through Eco-Trust, VanCity Capital, and the Western Economic Diversification Fund. "We're still researching where the remaining \$2 million will come from, but Hupacasath could get at least one million from a number of First Nations' initiatives," said Sayers, who believes the project will have a funding advantage because both the federal and provincial governments are promoting First Nations initiatives. "The project



Hupacasath Chief Councillor Judy Sayers, Port Alberni Mayor Ken McRae, EcoTrust's Darren Willis, and Pembina Institute's Andrew Pape-Salmon look over computerized design options.

should take between ten and twenty years to pay off, depending on the power price we're able to negotiate," she said. First constructed in 1912, the original China Creek dam was rebuilt of concrete in the 1940's. The China Creek Dam is a water retention facility that supplies Port Alberni's drinking water. During low flow times, the hydro-project would not be running as water supply to Port Alberni would take priority.

periods where there will be little water for six to ten week out of the year so we were able to budget for that and work it into our feasibility studies," he said.

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With the feasibility studies completed and the project having made the BC Hydro shortlist, Hupacasath is now preparing an engineering study and will begin negotiations with BC Hydro within the next few weeks that will hopefully conclude by July according to Jones.

"Their price is within our scope, but we're trying to improve our margin," said Jones. "I'm hoping we can make it a little more attractive for our investors and our community," he said. Hupacasath Hydro hopes to market 800 giga-watt hours to BC Hydro starting in December 2004 if everything goes smoothly.

"This is the perfect project for us and would be a great value to our Hupacasath Nation because it's self-sustaining, environmentally friendly, and we're creating power for our own community," said Sayers. "We're creating a wonderfully diverse economy; we've got an aggregates business, tourism ventures, a new community center, and now this power company. We've made great strides towards a brighter future for Hupacasath," she said.

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Stewardship Program at GRSS

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Gold River - Mowachah/Muchalaht Fisheries Program (M/MFP) along with the Gold River Stream Keepers Society (GRSKS) began a Stewardship Program on April 3/03 for what is to be the first of a four-part session at the Gold River Secondary School (G.R.S.S.).

This first session was to introduce typical salmon life histories, Nootka Sound streams, and western civilization fisheries to the students of G.R.S.S. The instructors for the afternoon were Jamie James of the Mowachah/Muchalaht Fisheries Program and Paul Smith along with Jim Mitchell of the Gold River Stream Keepers Society.

"We are a non-profit society, and one of our goals is to introduce Stream Keeping to the youth and teach them about the salmon habitat and their life-cycles" Paul Smith says. "We wanted to teach the children about Stewardship, but we could not do it without the First Nations participation and knowledge. The First Nations people have been stewards of the salmon and their habitat for about ten thousand years so who better to teach us than them?" says Paul. "So we contacted Roger Dunlop of the NTC Fisheries and Jamie of the M/MFP and asked if they could help us in the development of this program, as well as talking to the school to find out if they would be interested in such a program," he said.

The Stewardship program was put together by M/MFP and GRSKS along with Sherry Fishwick who is the Youth and Child Care worker and coordinator for the Stay in School program at G.R.S.S.

The Stewardship program consists of four sessions; Session 1- Nootka Sound streams, typical salmon life history, western civilization fisheries. Session 2- Species habitat preferences, which rivers in Nootka Sound support salmon and why, Harvesting/Management (Muchalaht terminal fishery in Gold River), Spears/Weirs & Traps, and Canadian/International Management. Session 3 - Habitat and Stewardship - The Key to it all, Habitat primer, Importance of Habitat, Degradation of habitat and its impacts, Water quality and its importance, respecting water and habitat. Session 4 - To be announced (Field Trip).

To begin this afternoon session



Paul Smith of the Gold River Streamkeeper's Society (seated behind desk) speaks to students while Sherry Fishwick of GRSS and Jamie James of Mowachah/Muchalaht Fisheries distribute materials.

ADSS Chronicles

Read with your child everyday! This is one way to participate in your child's education. No matter what level you are at, just take the time and read. If you are uncomfortable with your reading skills phone your child's Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker or the Nuu-chah-nulth Infant Development Worker, Jackie Watts, and they may be able to direct you to a literacy program that may be available and suitable to your needs.

It is clear that reading is the most important skill needed for success. Whether it is Dr Suess' "Green Eggs and Ham" or the Nuu-chah-nulth phonetic system it is important to know what you are reading in order to help your child improve their reading skills. Every room in your house should have at least one book! READ READ READ!

The semester system is starting to have a positive affect on First Nations' students at ADSS. There is more effort in making sure that assignments are handed in on time and more homework is being done. Thank you to those parents who are helping in this cause.

The Hurtin' Nerd Club: At ADSS the First Nations' students have adopted the phrase Hurtin' Nerd. This term is not used as a put down, but rather a congratulatory gesture to recognize the hard work students do in order to achieve a passing mark in a course or test. Be on

the lookout for the tee shirts soon on those members who are achieving passing marks.

Students shining: Congratulations, go to Kyle Erickson (Tseshaht) and Lee Lucas (Hesquiaht), both playing guards, for being a part of the Senior Boys basketball program. Also to Savannah Sam from the Ahousaht First Nation for being a member of the Senior Girls Basketball program. She was a key member of the team and saw quality playing time with the team. Finally, to Alicia Jimmy and Lorraine Leger for being members of the ADSS cheerleading team.

Following are the students who have been put onto the ADSS 2003 grad list:

Lynsey Amos
Celestine Andrews
Scott Courtenay
Amanda M Francoeur
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Brian Joseph
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Lorraine Leger
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Natasha Marshall
Lindsay Shannon
Brad Watts
Sarah Wright

If your student has not yet made the grad list give Linus a call at 723-6251 and he can find the answer for you.

Ha-Shilth-Sa redesign

You may have noticed this issue of your Ha-Shilth-Sa newspaper looks a little different. We have switched from using PageMaker software to the industry standard QuarkXpress so that we can now file the paper to the press in Nanaimo over the Internet, saving time, paper, and money. If the pictures on the front page are in colour, then everything has worked. If not, we'll just have to keep trying. Thanks to Annie Watts for all her work setting the new system up. If you have any suggestions on things we could do to make your newspaper more reflective of you and your community, please let us know.

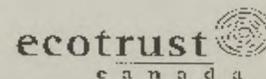
PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE AND PUBLIC MEETING TO ESTABLISH A VOLUNTARY NO DISCHARGE ZONE IN LEMMENS INLET, CLAYOQUOT SOUND

OPEN HOUSE, Tuesday April 22 - Thursday April 24th, 10-3 pm, Raincoast Interpretive Centre, 451 Main Street, Tofino

PUBLIC MEETING, Tuesday April 29, 7-8 pm, Raincoast Interpretive Centre, 451 Main Street, Tofino

The Working Sound Shellfish Committee in partnership with the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and the Clayoquot Sound Oyster Growers Association is pursuing a no discharge zone for Lemmens Inlet because of its importance as a food production area. Designating an area for 'no discharge' requires proof that citizens and user groups have been informed and consulted and that their concerns have been recorded and if possible, addressed. The public information series and public meeting provides an opportunity for interested parties to learn more about this initiative and to discuss with members of the Committee any concerns arising.

For further information, contact Committee Chair, Scott Fraser, 725-3140



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Hupacasath hosts NTC Budget Meeting ... continued from page 7



The Hupacasath Nation joins in welcoming all NTC delegates into their new facility, and Judy Sayers thanks leaders for their encouraging comments.

the background to current negotiations.

"The FTA (Federal Transfer Agreement) is now called the CFNFA (Canada First Nations Funding Agreement) and could change to something else within the next few years," said Reid. "Regional staff have no latitude to deviate from the national template in negotiations, which restricts us in many new ways," he said.

The five year (2003 - 2008) CFNFA was accepted by motion, and discussions on how Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations would allocate that funding into actual programs and services was discussed.

The CFNFA is a total budget of more than \$45.1 million, up 3% (\$1.3 M) from the previous FTA budget of more than 43.7 million (\$28.5 M is core funding, \$9.3 M is targeted funding, and \$7.2 M is non-CFNFA funds).

Of the total budget amount, \$24.8 M (56%) goes directly to the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations and \$20.2 M (44%) is administered on behalf of programs and services to Nuu-chah-nulth members.

The second day of meetings began with a contentious presentation from Uchucklesaht and Huu-ay-aht regarding a proposal for a terms of reference for the NTC transition committee. According to Charlie Cootes Jr. the role of the transition committee is to "examine the efficiencies, effectiveness and finances of the NTC", and he asked that \$100,000 be allocated to fund the committee's efforts.

"If the proposal for development of a transition committee is accepted, and if the accepted strategy is acceptable to our two Nations on the issue of the level of control of our affairs, we may be in a position to withdraw this notice of our intentions and to remain as a part of NTC's Federal Transfer Agreement," said Cootes.

"We have sacrificed to keep a collective table, and we're really disappointed that those sacrifices are not working," said Tseshaht's Dave Watts. "Political leaders should not be allowed to undermine the tribal council, but that is what is happening, and we're very discouraged about what's going on here," he said.

NTC lawyer Hugh Braker gave his opinion on the legalities for consideration of Nations possibly breaking away from the tribal council. "The tribal council is a very complicated entity," said Braker. "Given the current structure of the NTC, we cannot envision any structure where a First Nation could remain a member for political purposes but not administration," he said.

According to Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert Dennis, Huu-ay-aht and Uchucklesaht have no intention of withdrawing from the tribal council, but seek only to negotiate their own funding agreement while still being a part of the NTC as a whole.

Huu-ay-aht and Uchucklesaht, as part of the Maa-nulth-aht group, claim to be very close to an Agreement-in-principle offer from the federal and provincial governments. If such an offer is accepted, Huu-ay-aht and Uchucklesaht argue the tribal council will be a different organization with different funding arrangements, and the work should start now to examine the various NTC departments and services and their importance to the NTC member nations.

A safe place to practise the bagpipes



Fred Tarasoff of East Earlton, Nova Scotia attracted quite a crowd in Ahousaht last week as he played his bagpipes outside T-bird hall before the start of Rocky Titian's naming potlatch. Tarasoff denied he was conducting a hearing test for deaf children, or that he was trying to become the Pied Piper of rez dogs.

"I played my bagpipes the last time I was here and received permission to do it again," he said.

Many people gathered along the roadside, or stuck their heads outside the doors and windows of their homes to listen to the bagpipe music seldom heard drifting along the dirt roads and lanes of Maaqtusiis.

Corrections

The article submitted by Rose Mary Ruff regarding Bradley Dennis received Social Worker Award should have said "Bradly is the son of Clarence Dennis and Myrna Marie Dennis."

In the March 27, 2003 issue we incorrectly identified a conference participant as Holly Braker, in fact it was a picture of Jennifer Amos. NEDC apologizes for any inconvenience caused by this error.

Correction: In an article submitted on the Kakawis cleansing, Kanupat (Rocky Titian) was introduced as the "Ahousaht beach-keeper". According to Billy Keitlah, Titian is the Kelsemaht beach-keeper.

Bamfield man is really Set for Life

Richmond, April 8, 2003 - James Nookemus of Bamfield has won \$675,000 on BC's Set for Life. Nookemus found out he'd won after scratching the ticket on Sunday afternoon and his legs began shaking so badly he couldn't stand up. Nookemus, a 40-year-old father of two, was with his 19-year-old daughter, Michelle, when he revealed three CASH 25 YEARS symbols on his ticket. He thought his eyes were playing a trick on him. He looked at his daughter and both of their eyes got really big.

"What are you going to do?" was Michelle's first question. The first thing Nookemus wanted to do was phone his parents and tell them the great news, but in all the excitement he had completely forgotten their phone number. When he remembered and got through he told his parents, "Mom, Dad, I won. I did it. I won the big one." Nookemus spent the afternoon phoning friends and family and telling them the happy news. His plans for the money include buying back the family's old fishing boat so his Dad can start fishing again and setting up trust funds for his two children. Nookemus is going to treat himself to a brand new truck - something he's always dreamed of - and fix up the house. The winning ticket was purchased at 7-Eleven Convenience Store on 3rd Ave. in Port Alberni. BC's Set for Life is a \$4 Scratch & Win ticket that offers players a top prize of \$1,000 a week for 25 years, or a one-time lump sum of \$675,000. Nookemus has opted to take the lump sum payment of \$675,000.



Nuu-chah-nulth host visitors



A number of First Nations visitors were in town this week. (above) Cliff Atleo Sr. met with Miqmaq delegates from the Bay of Fundy Marine Resource Council who were on the coast to compare resource management organizations, and were given a presentation on the WCVI Aquatic Management Board by Atleo and Andrew Day. (below) Cree leaders from Northern Saskatchewan's Lac La Ronge First Nation met with HaahuuPayuk teachers and students.



Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project



Spring Conference

Tli-musk-tii Model - The KLUQUAANA

"Our Hereditary Chiefs were the power behind our laws and the Kluquaana."

Roy Haiyupis June 27th, 1989,
(Ha-Shilth-Sa July 20th, 1989).

Port Alberni—The Healing Project held the Southern Region Spring Conference on March 21st & 22nd, 2003 at the Somass Hall. The Healing Project would like to acknowledge the Tseshaht Nation for allowing this important Conference to take place on their territory.

There were 60 people in attendance for both days of the conference. On day one the conference began with the cleansing of the floor. This tradition was expressed as being an important Quu'as way of having a gathering begin. Jimmy Chester from Ditidaht shared with Philip and Josephine, of the Healing Project.

The floor opened with a prayer by Elder Stanley Sam, Ahousaht. His son Hutch Sam, Stan Lucas, Josephine Johnston, Ben David, and Phil Lucas helped brush the floor.

The Nuuchah-nulth were welcomed to the two day conference's theme was "re-claiming" your Traditional Roles.

Ben David did a presentation on the mind, behaviours. What can trigger a person? He shared his own journey on Healing. Ben shared he attended Residential School and that his "healing" is a huge role in his life. Ben David carves paddles and Masks. He makes Rattles, Drums, and Totem poles. Ben is asked to teach his knowledge of Culture at junior High Schools in Port Alberni. The Healing Project acknowledges achievements of survivors and their descendants in a Traditional way in small and large gatherings.

Ray Seitcher is the Sr Facilitator/Trainer, and Acting Coordinator for the Nuuchah-nulth Healing Project. Ray identified and connected individuals with extended families. He mentioned that Culture has an important Role for the "Healing" journey.

Southern Region Facilitator, Philip Lucas Chatooth prepared and communicated information on Residential School Abuse and most important the Healing process. He shared existing Counsellors/Facilitators/peers helpers to begin the healing and support.

J'net August Prevention and Community Development Worker for the Southern region supported survivors and descendants in defining and implementing their own resources in "Families".

The participants were asked to visualize the Somass Hall as a Nuuchah-nulth Longhouse. The hawiih were acknowledged and some of the Chief's Advisors, and Chief's Speakers were recognized.

The Kluquaana was presented on huge writings on the wall. Dr Umcek Richard Atleo told Josephine to always give the person who wrote the information credit. Josephine asked Faye Jacob (Haiyupis) and her sister Carol Haiyupis to identify their father's writings.

"Those with responsibilities and roles within the ceremonies itself were required to know their songs, tseeq yuk, and other performances and where they should fit in to the events each day" (Ha-Shilth-Sa, July 20, 1989, pg 12).

Faye shared a beautiful picture of their

Father, Roy Haiyupis with the Nuuchah-nulth people that attended the conference. A presentation was made by Qua-Qua-wilth Josephine Marshall Johnston, Healing Project Southern Region Support Worker to the Men that attended Residential Schools, and the second generation was asked to stand up and the next generation was the baby boys in the Hall. They were presented with a print made by Randy Atleo, Ahousaht of a Muuc (Deer). The Healing Project acknowledged them for their Healing Journey they are all on. Josephine had a vision that seven brothers on seven horses came to her in a dream. The youngest brother got down and helped his oldest brother off his horse. The oldest brother handed a bundle of medicine. He told her you are going to acknowledge MEN one day. You will acknowledge the pain they went through. The healing journey they are on. She noticed the respect the younger brother had for his oldest brother of the seven of them. This was seen through a fast in January 13th, 1992.

Josephine mentioned she was honoured to do this that day and the Singers did a victory song for the survivors, and the second generation and the baby boys. Guest speaker Hutch Sam, Taa-tuu-chiult-tuu-qwiss, Ahousaht did a presentation that went along with the theme "re-claiming Traditional Roles" on Oousmich. WHERE: he told a very sacred place and personal place. "Our people went to sacred pools, in rivers, mountains and caves." WHEN: Before the coming moons 4 days, 8 days. WHY: Clean mind, Body, Spirit. Healing, for guidance. Sacrifice-discipline-will, faith, strength courage and some examples were for Whalers, hunters and War. Talk to Naus (Creator) Understanding: to give us strength, courage and guidance in life. Culture: this gives us IDENTITY and understanding of who we are. We learn to respect the land, the sky, all the animals and ourselves. These teachings we have always had they have just been put to sleep. Through Vision quest, we awaken them. Regaining our identity is our pride in who we are. Through our Songs, our dances, and our History, Hutch Sam March 21st, 2003.

His father Stanley Sam, Ahousaht talked about history and Medicine Indian Doctors, and medicine women. He spoke in his language and then translated his words. He told about Shamans and how our people used this as an important part of our history in our culture.

Through lunch a presentation by Ki-Ke-in Ron Hamilton and Verna Jack from KaKawis Family Development Centre. They shared about a new program Indian Residential School Trauma Healing program: Trauma Healing program for First Nations who suffer the legacy of Indian Residential Schools.

Scott Hall, Lawyer from Victoria, B.C had an information table at the conference as well. The 2-day conference ended with a Lahal game, a challenge from the women to the men. The men side won. The whole two days were fun, celebration, drumming and singing. We all look forward on seeing everyone in the Communities.

NUU-CHAH-NULTH HEALING PROJECT

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Story telling & Cultural Sharing
Tuesday, April 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vancouver Aboriginal Centre - Simon Baker Room, 1607 E. Hastings St.
Everyone Welcome. Lunch provided.

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with Liz Robitaille

Thursday, April 24, 9:00—4:00

Victoria Healing Project Office, 853 Fisgard St., Victoria

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- Put your self first.
- Focus on self.
- Explore your personal issues.
- Self appreciation
- Trust, Forgiveness, Healing.

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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	Last Thurs of ea. month 7 pm	Nanaimo, 204 - 96 Cavan St.
Storytelling, Language, Singing, Dancing, Crafts, etc.		
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, HiIye ya Le Lum Native Friendship Centre, 205 - 5462 Trans Canada Highway

For more information contact Nuuchah-nulth Healing Project Staff: Vina Robinson @250-731-6271, Michael McCarthy @ 604-254-9972 or 604-312-6539, Shawn Sinclair @ 250-616-3674.

Introducing We-nuk (Mary Martin)

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project Central Region Support Worker

My name is We-nuk, I am from Tla-o-qui-aht, and many people know me as Mary Martin. My parents are Willie Sport mit, (Lucas) Sport, Robert Martin Sr mit and Ruth Curley mit.

Recently I have been hired with the Nuuchah-nulth Healing Project as the Support Worker in the Central Region serving Hot Springs Cove, Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, and Ucluellet & Toquaht. My goal in my work is to acknowledge people where they're at on their healing journey, each person is at their own place in their process. To be a witness for people to speak their truth how the residential school affected them and their families, some individuals were traumatized. For some people the residential school may have been a safe place, to encourage everyone to speak their truth and voice what they need to. To empower individuals on their journey of wellness and remind people that they are unique and resilient, who have been through so much in their experiences in their lives.

As a helper in the field of healing, along with the mainstream method of counselling I promote holistic wellness by utilizing our cultural teachings and spirituality. I look forward to continue working with Nuuchah-nulth-aht and say thank you to you for letting me be a part of your journey. 'cuu.



are so important, they help us to continue to learn and grow emotionally and mentally.

Another tool I use in all workshops or groups is the use of artwork to instill the sense of pride in kuu-us. The use of any kind of art helps build self esteem and ever so important is to take time for ourselves since so many of us do so much for others, it is a must to have a balance in our daily lives.

With the help of Levi together, we promote the language and spiritual teachings; this has helped bring many to feel good about learning our language and spirituality.

I look forward to continue working with Nuuchah-nulth-aht and say thank you to you for letting me be a part of your journey. 'cuu.



Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)

This fact sheet is intended to provide general information about preventing the spread of SARS based on current information. Please be advised that as more information about the cause of this illness becomes available, the information provided below may change.

What is SARS?

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) is an illness that causes fever, followed by symptoms such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. In some people with SARS the breathing becomes so difficult that oxygen and machines to assist with breathing are needed. Almost all people with SARS have recovered or are recovering from this illness. There have been very few deaths.

What countries have reported cases of SARS?

To date, most people with SARS live in China (Guangdong province and Hong Kong), Singapore and Vietnam (City of Hanoi). Almost all of the cases of SARS are in people who live in the same home or are health care workers caring for someone who is sick with SARS. In Canada, all cases have been in people who had either recent travel to Asia or very close contact with someone with SARS. Several other countries have reported SARS cases after travel to these locations in Asia or close contact with a person with SARS. Information on the current numbers of people with SARS is available on the World Health Organization's web site at: <http://www.who.int/csr/table/en/index.html>

What is the cause of SARS?

Right now the cause of SARS is not known but international health experts think it may be a virus. Lung infections caused by a virus or bacteria are usually spread from one person to another person by coming into contact with secretions (fluid) from the nose, mouth and throat of a sick person. International health experts think this is how SARS is spread. This may happen when a sick person coughs or sneezes near another person. Viruses and bacteria may also be spread through saliva, usually by kissing, or sharing food, drinking glasses, cigarettes, shaking hands, or other things that have been in the mouth of a sick person. Also, touching things like tissues, toys, masks, or other things that may have been in contact with fluid from the nose, mouth or eyes of a sick person can spread some viruses or bacteria.

Who is considered a suspect case of SARS?

A person with:
Fever (over 38 degrees Celsius)
And
One or more respiratory symptoms including cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
And
One or more of the following:
Close contact* within 10 days of onset of symptoms with a probable case
People who recently traveled to the following countries/cities: China (Guangdong province and Hong Kong), Singapore and Vietnam (City of Hanoi).

And

No other known cause of current illness

*Close contact means having cared for, lived with or had face-to-face (within 1 metre) contact with, or having had direct contact with respiratory secretions and/or body fluids of a person with SARS.

What should I do if I think I have SARS?

If you think you might be a "suspect case of SARS", you should immediately phone your doctor or public health office for advice. When you call, be sure to tell the doctor or nurse your symptoms, whether you have traveled and where you have traveled to, and whether you have had contact with someone with SARS.

For more information on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), please visit the Hand washing is the most important hygiene measure in preventing the spread of infection.

If you have not been around someone with SARS, there is nothing special for you to do.

The following good hygiene practices are always recommended to reduce your risk of catching an infection:
Wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water, especially after close contact like shaking hands.

Promptly throw any tissues or other articles that come in contact with fluid from your nose, mouth or eyes into the garbage.

Use household cleaning products to clean non-disposable items like children's toys that may have saliva or other fluids from the nose, mouth or eyes on them.

Do not share personal items, such as drinking cups and eating utensils with others.

Health Canada website at: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/pphb-dgspss/sars-sras/index.html> or phone 1-800-454-8302.

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Are you or someone you know interested in providing a safe, nurturing and loving home to children who cannot live with their families? It is the responsibility of the Usma Family and Child Services Program to make sure that these children and youth have a safe place to live and people to care for them.

Fostering is guided by legislation outlined in the Child, Family and Community Services Act and Usma Resource Home Practice Standards, but it is also guided by caring, compassion, and common sense.

Fostering requires a willingness and commitment to take on the important job of caring for children who are coping with a very difficult time in their lives.

Fostering requires more understanding and patience than parents are used to giving children. More importantly it may require redefining your expectations because of developmental, emotional or psychological barriers.

The overall goal of foster families is to provide children with a nurturing environment where healing can take place and they have the ability to develop to their fullest potential.

Fostering does not require perfect parents, but adults who are willing to take on challenges and enjoy the reward of caring for them, willing to work as part of a team with the Usma Family and Child Services Program. Teamwork is essential to the process of helping children.

If you are interested or you know someone who would be able to take on these challenge please call the Resource Social Worker, Debbie Mack. The resource social worker can answer any questions you may have, discuss the application process, and explain the roles and responsibilities for foster parents, the child's social worker and the resource worker. In addition, the resource social worker can provide support, assistance and referrals to workshops/seminars to help build your skills in areas such as Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, Attention Deficit Disorder, grief and loss, etc. You can reach the Resource Social Worker at:

Usma Family and Child Services
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We wish our son Quentin Elijah Brian Tate a very Happy 1st birthday on April 19 from your parents Brian & Glenda.

To our favorite little queen, Jacine Nefania Jacqueline Adams-Charleston, we would like to wish you a very Happy 3rd Birthday on April 17. Our little queen, always remember this one thing: "The road to happiness lies in two simple principles: find out what it is that interests you and that you can do well, and when you find it, put your whole soul into it - every bit of energy and ambition and natural ability you have. You got so much talent, you go girl! The world belongs to the energetic!! Love always, Jeannine and Kevin (mom and dad). To Kevin, remember April 10 1997? Yeah, I know you do. These past 6 years we've had our ups and downs, but heck, so do roller coasters and they're still fun. Just remember Kevin: Even more than ice cream. Love always, Jeannine.

Happy Birthday for my sister Debbie Gus (Jones) for March 31, she will be 1 year older than me. Love sis Liz and family (we never forgot about you).

I would like to say happy belated birth day to my cousin Patsy Mack and my sister Myra Mack in the month of March and a happy birthday to my grandma Rhoda Mack April 13th and hello to all my family @ home in Ahousaht BC (thunder was looking for u chusk-ka she is looking for down in the capital of Washington state was not sure if I should give you # well chusk ka I hope she finds you) take care all from Parker Mack down Seattle.

Happy 14th Birthday to our son Trevor Jack on April 12. Trevor, we are very proud of what you've accomplished and what a great young man you're turning out to be! Thank you for being the best son in the whole world. I love you with all my heart! Love mom Anita and dad Darryl

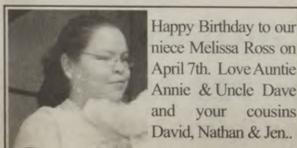
Happy Birthday to my cousin Kathy Jules on April 17. Love Anita.

Happy Belated Birthday to my Dad Wes Thomas Sr. on March 26th. Hope you had a good day! We love you LOTS! From Jessie, Man, JR and Rakaylyn.

Happy 1st Birthday to Jazelle Titian on April 1st. Come visit me sometime. From Rakaylyn.C.

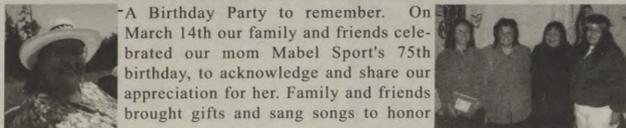
Happy belated 35th Birthday to Norman Rush for April 2. From your whole family. Keep your chin up, you are always in our thoughts and prayers. Love you: Mom, Jim, Shirley and Nathan. We love you too, happy belated birthday Norm. From Al, Pam & Rebecca.

Happy Birthday to my honey Irvin Frank for March 30, 2003. Enjoy your day, honey and many more to come. Love always, Debbie and your

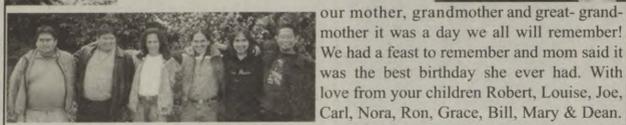


Happy Birthday to our niece Melissa Ross on April 7th. Love Auntie Annie & Uncle Dave and your cousins David, Nathan & Jen.

Birthdays, Anniversaries and Congratulations



A Birthday Party to remember. On March 14th our family and friends celebrated our mom Mabel Sport's 75th birthday, to acknowledge and share our appreciation for her. Family and friends brought gifts and sang songs to honor



our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother it was a day we all will remember! We had a feast to remember and mom said it was the best birthday she ever had. With love from your children Robert, Louise, Joe, Carl, Nora, Ron, Grace, Bill, Mary & Dean.

children and grandchildren.

Happy birthday to Darlene Frank on March 25, 2003. Love nephews and nieces, Debbie and Irvin.

Happy birthday to our nephew Jeffery for March 13, 2003. Lots of love, Auntie Debbie, Irvin and family.

Happy 12th birthday to our lovely daughter Rebecca Cecilia Frank. Enjoy your day, baby. Love Mom & Dad, brothers and sisters, nephew Matthew and Brendan.

Happy Birthday to our dad Larry Thomas for March 12, 2003. Love, your daughter Debbie and family.

Happy birthday to our grandpa Larry. Love from your grandsons Matthew and Brendan.

Happy birthday to niece Kayleigh Frank. Love Auntie Debbie, Uncle Irvin and cousins.

Happy Birthday to our daughters Elizabeth and Susanne Thomas for April 1, 2003. Enjoy your day girls. With lots of love, Mom & Dad, April, Mike, Happy, Vincent, Rebecca.

Happy birthday to our mothers Susanne and Elizabeth. Love you Mom. From your sons, Matthew Michael Lucas and Brendan Alexander Thomas.

Happy 11th birthday to our niece Natasha Frank. Love Auntie Debbie and Uncle Irvin.

April 24th. Very special happy 2nd birthday our sunshine Stanley Q.P.Sam Jr. Sunshine, you're growing very fast, seemed like yesterday you were just learning to walk, now you're running around shooting basketball hoops, yelling Swoosh. You're growing to be very handsome, cute, smart, awesome, friendly, kind & son, most of all you are the BEST. WE LOVE YOU. Enjoy your special cake. Love you Daddy, Mommy, bro Alonzo and sister Kylee.

April 24th. Special happy 5th birthday uncle/bro Dominique Campbell. Enjoy your special day with your nephew Jr. Have a great day and enjoy the big cake. We love you. From Sis Sandy, Stan, Alonzo, Kylee and Jr.

April 24th. Happy birthday Doris Robinson. Enjoy your special day. From Stan Jr.

April 14th. Happy birthday to our mom Colleen Campbell. Have a good day Mom. Love your kiddies Isabella, Carmina, Desmond, Tracy and Edgar Jr.

April 24th. Happy birthday to my favorite cuz Stanley Sam Jr. Have lots of fun on your special day. Love you. From your cousin Isabella Smith.

Happy Birthday to Eddie Ross on April 19. Love from Auntie Annie, Uncle Dave and your cousins.

Happy Birthday to my uncle Vernon Ross on April 30th. Love from your niece Annie, nephew Dave and family.

April 28th. Happy birthday Deanna Jack. Enjoy your day! From Isabella.

I would like to wish my nephews Scott and Shayne a very Happy Birthday on April 10 and April 17. from your Auntie Glenda.

I would like to wish a belated happy birthday to my cousin Janice Thomas on April 1.

April 6 - Happy Birthday auntie Pat (Trish). We miss you and love you. Love Char, Dennis and family.

April 17 - A very Happy Birthday to neph Walter August. Happy day big guy. Love you. Love auntie Char, uncle Den and your cousins.

April 19 - We would like to wish our Mom Charlotte a very Happy Birthday. Lots of love Cory, Erika, Meagan, Brandi and Jr. We love you.

April 19 - Happy Birthday cuz Eddie Ross. Hope you enjoy your day from Charlotte, Dennis and family.

April 26 - An extreme Happy Birthday to our little sista Cherie Dawn. 19 years today (stay out of trouble ha ha). Have a great day sis. We love you. Lotsa love Char, Den and family.

Happy 44th Birthday to my husband David G. Jacobson on March 8. Love you always your wife Pearl Jacobson.

Happy 66th Birthday to my dad Richard Mundy Sr on March 20. Love your baby Pearl Jacobson and son Dave.

Happy 41st Birthday to my sister Connie Mundy on March 16. Love always your baby sis Pearl Jacobson and Dave.

Happy 44th Birthday to Care Atleo on March 8. Love your sister-in-law Pearl and twin brother Dave Jacobson.

Happy 4? Birthday to Violet Blain on March 25. We miss you very much over here can't wait to see you again real soon. You will always in our sister-in-law. Hugs and kisses to kids. Love always Pearl and Dave Jacobson.

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April 25 - Happy Birthday to my sister Raymona Michael hope you had the time of your life in Mexico, the real Mexico that is (LOL).

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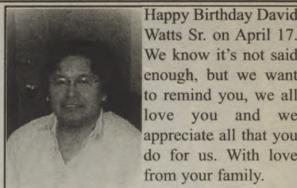
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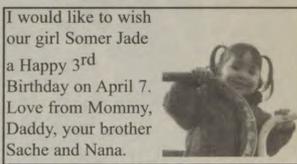
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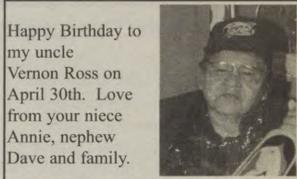
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Happy Birthday David Watts Sr. on April 17. We know it's not said enough, but we want to remind you, we all love you and we appreciate all that you do for us. With love from your family.



I would like to wish our girl Somer Jade a Happy 3rd Birthday on April 7. Love from Mommy, Daddy, your brother Sache and Nana.



Happy Birthday to my uncle Vernon Ross on April 30th. Love from your niece Annie, nephew Dave and family.

April 28 - Happy Birthday to my favorite Cuz Alicia M. hope to see you soon.

I would like to wish a happy belated birthday to my big bro's Hooper on March 10, Jack Moy on March 30, and to my nephew on March 29.

A happy belated birthday to Raenna Jules on March 28 - Thinking of You. To my nephew Collin Miller on March 11 a happy belated birthday. A happy birthday to my baby forever, Keanna her birthday is on February 29. I will keep everyone informed on her leap year birthday next year. Wishing you all the best on your special days, ewe are thinking of you and miss you a whole bunch. We will be seeing you sooner than you think, XOXOXO. From Regina, Keanna & Michelle.

I'd like wish my Best friend Stephen Tom A happy 37th Birthday on April 12, enjoy your B day buddy (Go CANUCKS). Also I would like to Reply on Danial Charlie's message: High Tower said to us that you and Cheryl's kids are fine n wanted to send us Class pictures of lil Daniel n lil Cheryl that are in Jr High and lil Salvina's in gr. 2 awww. Thanks Dan take care cuz. I forgot Davidson (DOOP DOOP) Dick too, who on April 12 turns 36. Have fun Davidson. From Rod C.

I love you to my mom Frances L. Charlie. I miss you everyday. I hope you had a beautiful day on your birthday. I would have loved to be there with you...and happy birthday to my Goddaughter Leandra Elisibeth Nancy. I miss you and love you. Baby Hannah I haven't seen you since you were a baby. Must be a beautiful girl, hugs and to my cousin James W.Wms. happy birthday to you. I know this is rather late but had to let you all know that I think of you and miss you guys... I love you to my sisters.

We would like to wish Alfred and Euphrasia Dick a Happy Anniversary for April 3. Have a good one. Love from Sid, Sharleen and family.

We would like to wish our nephew Richard (Critch) Dick a Happy Birthday for April 29. Love from Uncle Sid, Auntie Sharleen and family.

We would like to send a special birthday wish to our son Sid Dick Jr a Happy 17th Birthday on April 11. You have grown up too fast. I knew that it would never last. You're a handsome young man. Make sure you do the best you can. We will always love you for your beautiful smile. Because it lasts for quite awhile. Love always Dad, Mom, bro's and sis's.

We would like to wish our cousin Cecilia (Cissy) Jenson a Happy Birthday for April 5. Love from Sid, Sharleen and family.

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In Memoriam - ʔatakʷ ap

In Loving Memory of My Mother Veronica Dick April 15, 1942 - April 22, 1997

Your smiles your laughter are still in my heart. To this day mom I wish we didn't have to part I have to be strong for my children Now my grandchildren too. Oh mom how I really miss you. The day god took you home that made me sad. But I know your not alone you're there with dad. Mom I love you, tell dad I love him too Some day I'll see you with my own two eyes Way up there, high above the blue skies I'll do my best to dry my eyes.



Love from Your Daughter Catherine T. Watts & Family

Moses John George Passed away April 11, 2000

Dad has been gone 3 years now, he's always on our minds and we miss him. Our family would like to thank everyone at Kyuquot who helped us when dad passed on. The George family.



Birthdays Continued

Happy Birthday to my April Fool baby Charles Ross Williams on April 1st. You were very special when you were born. I've always been proud of you. I've always loved you with all my heart. Have a special day. Thinking of you always. From your Dad Lyle Williams.

Happy Birthday to my uncle Vernon Ross on April 30. Have a very, very Happy Birthday. Love you lots. From your nephew Lyle Keith Alan Williams, Kathy and Thomas.

Happy Birthday to my sister Laverne on April 28. From your Mom Effie, daughter Lillian and only brother Lyle and Kathy.

Happy Birthday to my brother Vernon Ross on April 30. Love from your sister Effie, nieces Laverne and Lillian.

Happy Birthday to my sister Laverne on April 28. From your Mom Effie, daughter Lillian and only brother Lyle and Kathy.

Happy Birthday to Melissa Ross on April 7, Eddie Ross on April 19th and Dave Watts Sr. on April 17th. From your uncle/cousin Lyle Williams.

Happy 15th Birthday to Jeremy Martin on April 14. A handsome young man that belongs to Laura Moras. From Lyle and Kathy.

Happy Birthday to china man Howard Williams on April 22. From Lyle Williams.

Happy 60th Birthday to my Dad Michael J.C. Ambrose on April 23. Love you lots forever. Your daughter Kathy Mark.

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Engagement and Wedding Announcement

Barbra Tate and Paul Sieber would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelita Yvonne Sieber to Donavon Elliot Gate Jr. son of Donavon Elliott Sr. Late Carol Ann Gates (Johnson). Wedding date set for July 12, 2003. By invitation only.



Wills & Estates Workshop

Facilitated by Lois Paul, NAC Wills & Estates Officer Leonie Todd INAC Lands Transaction Officer Debbie Evans, INAC Indian Registration Officer will be on hand if there are membership / registration questions. On April 23, 2003 - Time: 6:00 - 9:00 pm April 24, 2003 - Time: 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Somass Hall 6200 Ekooth Road, Port Alberni, BC. April 23, 2003 - Mini-Workshop: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm April 24, 2003 - Workshop 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

When someone in your family passes away, his or her property (land, bank accounts, personal possessions) must be located, protected and then distributed to those entitled to inherit it. To ensure that not just anyone can take the things owned by the deceased person, the law (in this case, the Indian Act) requires that a personal representative be appointed to administer the estate. Lois Paul, Senior Estates Officer, from the Department of Indian Affairs, will be here April 23-24, 2003 to talk about how a personal representative is appointed and what the duties of a personal representative are. Sponsored by the Hupacasath First Nation Home & Community Care Program, in partnership with Tseshat First Nation and the Ditidaht First Nation. For more information please contact Dorothy A. Wilson at 250-724-6161 or Paulette Tatoosh at 250-724-4041 ext 30.

Wills & Estates Registration Form

There is no workshop fee. Accommodation is the responsibility of the First Nation / individual. This information is required for catering & accommodation only. Please fill in and fax to Dorothy A. Wilson at 250-724-6459 as soon as possible.

Name: _____ First Nation: _____ Telephone: _____

Do you have any special diet concerns? If so, please advise us as soon as possible so we can accommodate your dietary needs.

Please circle the dates you plan to attend.

April 23, 2003	6-9 pm	Yes	No
April 24, 2003	8-3:00 pm	Yes	No

Accommodations:

Best Western Barclay Hotel 4277 Stamp Avenue Port Alberni, B.C. 1-250-724-7171 Fax: 250-724-9691	central location, full service
Coast Hospitality Inn 3835 Redford Port Alberni, BC 250-723-8111 Fax: 250-723-0088 1-800-663-1144	south Port Alberni, full service. \$85.00 (single corporate rate)
Cedar Wood Lodge 5895 River Road Port Alberni, BC 250-724-6800 1-877-314-6800 website: http://www.cedarwood.bc.ca information & video available on web	Quiet, located on River Road, easy to find \$95.00 single (corporate Rate) includes breakfast data ports, 32 jet massage bath

If you require any additional information please contact Dorothy A. Wilson at (h) 724-6161 email: dawilson@albemi.net or Paulette Tatoosh at 724-4041 ext. 30.

Attention Nuu-chah-nulth membership...

- Please notify your First Nation if you have any events that happen in your life such as Marriage, Divorce, Birth, Death, Name Change and especially "Transfers".
- Submitting these documents to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office is just as important as submitting these documents to your First Nation.
- Being on the D.I.A. list does not mean you are on your First Nation's Registry Band List, you must apply for Band Membership.
- Your First Nation needs your current address and phone number so they can contact you regarding Treaty developments, letters and bulletins.
- First Nation phone numbers and addresses are listed below for your convenience.

Ahousaht

(250) 670-9563 - Fax: (250) 670-9696
General Delivery Ahousaht, B.C. V0R 1A0



Titidaht First Nation

1-888-745-3366 - Fax: (250) 745-3332
PO Box 340 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M8

Ehattesaht

1-888-761-4155 - Fax: (250) 761-4156
PO Box 59 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0



Hupacasath First Nation

(250) 724-4041 - Fax: (250) 724-1232
PO Box 211 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7



Huu-ay-aht First Nation

1-888-644-4555 - Fax: (250) 728-1222
PO Box 70 Bamfield, B.C. V0R 1B0

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'des7et'h'

(250) 332-5259 - Fax: (250) 332-5210
General Delivery Kyuquot, B.C. V0P 1J0



Mowachaht / Muchalaht

(250) 283-2015 - Fax: (250) 283-2335
PO Box 459 Gold River, B.C. V0P 1G0

Nuchatlaht First Nation

(250) 332-5908 - Fax: (250) 332-5907
PO Box 40 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0



Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations

(250) 725-3233 - Fax: (250) 725-4233
PO Box 18 Tofino, BC. V0R 2Z0

Toquaht Nation

(250) 726-4230 - Fax: (250) 726-4403
PO Box 759 Ucluelet, B.C. V0R 3A0



Tseshaht First Nation

Toll Free: 1-888-724-1225 - Fax: (250) 724-4385
PO Box 1218 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M1

Uchucklesaht Tribe

(250) 724-1832 - Fax: (250) 724-1806
PO Box 1118 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7



Ucluelet First Nation

(250) 726-7342 - Fax: (250) 726-7552
PO Box 699 Ucluelet, B.C. V0R 3A0

Hello, my name is Gertrude Touchie, daughter of Barb Touchie and late Sam Touchie. I am 32 years old, married with no children. I have recently been diagnosed with Aneurysm. Aneurysm is a weak spot on an artery wall that balloons out due to pressure from the blood. Known as cerebral or intracranial aneurysm. When an Aneurysm bursts, it releases blood into the spaces of the brain, causing a hemorrhagic stroke. This would be known as subarachnoid hemorrhage. Where as intracranial aneurysm rarely ruptures. Last year my family had gone for a check up on possibilities of aneurysm. We had done this because we have had 2 sisters and 1 brother who have had subarachnoid aneurysm. Out of 7 of us that had Ct Scans, 2 of us have what is called intracranial aneurysm. It is rare for both sexes to have this in one family. Normally this hits only the female members. My brother and myself have never had the symptoms of aneurysms. Symptoms are, localized headache, nausea & vomiting, stiff neck or neck pain, blurred vision or double vision, pain above the

eye and behind, dilated pupils, sensitivity to light, loss of sensation. I had been sensitive to light, but never thought of it as a problem. Dr's and researchers say that these form from, smoking, hypertension, traumatic head injury use of alcohol, use of oral contraceptives, family history. We believe ours came from family history, considering how many in our family have this. I had to write this letter for fear of this hitting another family member. As Annie's hit every third and/or fourth generation. I want to try to prevent ruptured aneurysm. As any time a family member turns 20 years of age, they can be provided with a CT Scan. I have been studying more and more on this issue. Mainly because it is what my family has to live through. I have received my information off the internet. If you would like to visit this web site it is (<http://www.bafound.org>) there is a tonne of information on this site. If you have no computer I can fax you this information, or I can also mail this to you. I can be reached at 250-726-2569 at home. Thank you.

Lanny Ross Memorial Ball hockey Tournament

April 11, 12, 13, 2003
Maht Mahs Gym, Port Alberni
Men's - Entry Fee: \$350.00 - Men's all stars
1st Place: \$2,000.00 - Men's based on 12 teams
2nd Place: \$1,000.00
3rd Place: \$600.00
4th Place: \$350.00
Women's - Entry Fee \$300.00 - Women's all stars
1st Place: \$1,200.00 - Based on 8 teams
2nd Place: \$500.00
3rd Place: \$300.00
Roster Men s / Women's - 18 people - 2 non-natives
\$2 - 50/50 * \$10 - 50/50 * Raffle Draws * Concession
Contact Ed Ross (250) 723-6400 or (250) 731-5457

NUUCHAHNULTH LIVING IN CAMPBELL RIVER AREA
Rosie Little-Indian Registry Administrator, will be in Campbell River to issue status cards on Tuesday April 29th 2003 at the Campbell River Band Office. If renewing please bring along your old status card. For appointments please contact Maggie Jackson @ 830-0716.

ATTENTION: AHOUSAHT ADDRESS UPDATES

Ha'with Pa Tuk Ahousaht will be carrying our several important projects in the very near future that require your input. In our attempts to keep Ahousaht informed and for creating opportunities for your involvement in the recent developments, your updated information is very important to our office. If you are over 16 years of age, please ensure that you have submitted your most current address. You can submit your current information through any of the modes listed below.

E-mail: ahousahttreaty@alberni.net
Telephone: 1-800-991-1433 (toll free)
Mail: Ha-wilth Pa Tuk Ahousaht, c/o Ahousaht Administration, General Delivery, Ahousaht BC V0R 1A0

Please submit this information prior to March 7, 2003 to ensure you receive your current information from us. We will accept later submissions but they may miss our first mail outs. Please notify your Ahousaht family and friends about this important matter. (especially if someone has recently moved or had their information changed in some way) If you have any questions, please contact Jacquie or Robert. Thankyou.

Family Ties - Ucluelet

If you are pregnant or have a young baby, come visit our exciting program! We offer weekly drop-ins with topics and guest speakers of interest to new parents. As an expectant mom, you can receive individual counseling and free nutritional supplements. **Where?** Family Ties, Davison's Plaza, Ucluelet. **When?** Every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. **How?** Drop in or call: Sarah Hogan (Outreach Counselor) 726-2224 or Kelly Drabit (Public Health) 726-4242.

Klecko's - ʔekoo



March 13, 2003 - Ha-Shilth-Sa labeler's left to right David, Jen, Julie and Yvonne hard at work labeling each paper, bundling and packing Ha-Shilth-Sa every two weeks. Ha-Shilth-Sa would like to thank all the labelers that take part in getting the paper out to Nuu-chah-nulth members. Klecko Klecko!

Hi, I would like to thank a few people, for being there for my daughters Lana Olsen(Thompson) and Sugar Adair(Thompson) for the loss of their father (Art Thompson)..I want to say thank you to Ida Thompson (kids Grandmother) for always being there for us..thanks..And I would like to say thank you to their late father Art Thompson for giving them life. I will be forever grateful for my beautiful daughters and my son Paul Thompson.. if I didn't have them I would never would have had the pleasure of raising my three grandchildren Web, Denise and Tara.This has for sure been the best gift I could have received. So thanks.. I would like to thank Jack Thompson for loaning my daughters his Van...and also arranging for their rooms in Port Alberni.Thanks Jack...

I will be forever grateful to Elmer & Marion Thompson and my sister Flo Tom, Nooks, Sam & Joyce Chester, also Lea, Barb, & Sharon Louie for going to Port Alberni and being there for Lana And Sugar and all my Grand kids, (Web, Denise, Tara, Jessica, Rosalie, John, Clifford, Charlie, Johnathan) I can't forget my Great-grand daughter *Sugar*... Thanks Hank and Hanna Sam for bring baby up to Port Alberni, Thank you. I will be forever grateful. thanks.

I want to also thank Maggie Charlie, Jackie Charlie, Norman Charlie, Myrna Clutesi, Delia Neopleon, Nooks Chester, Lee Louie and her family and many others that just came and sat with my family and for all the cooking you all did and spending endless hours with us.. thanks ... Thank you for the homemade bread and all the homemade pies and all the great meals....I will always remember all of you..THANKS.. I just want to say thanks to all that were there for my daughters and grand children..and I'm sorry if I missed anyone ...All My Relations: Ann Shears (Charlie)

I would like to thank everyone that made our son Tyrell's 2nd birthday a day that we will never forget. A special thank you to the following people: Bomber, Matthew, Harvey Mark Jr. for helping Leon set up and decorate the daycare room. Thank you to my mom (Marie) and Dione for cooking the food, also to Margarita James, Carol and everyone that stayed behind and helped clean up. Thank you to Dave Munro for allowing us the use of the room on such short notice. Thank you to all the friends and family that were there to celebrate Tyrell's birthday. Klecko, Klecko Jeanine

TO THE FAMILY OF TSAQWASUPP

NTC Education wants to acknowledge the longstanding support of Nuu-chah-nulth Education that was made by Tsaqwasupp. For all of the years that he lived in Victoria, Tsaqwasupp was a strong supporter of the Victoria School District's Grade 12 Graduation Celebration. Tsaqwasupp also supported Nuu-chah-nulth College and university students unceasingly. At most every University of Victoria First Nations' Graduation Celebration, Tsaqwasupp was there with his songs and words. Three years ago, Tsaqwasupp established a scholarship at Camosun College for Nuu-chah-nulth students. These are but a few examples of Tsaqwasupp's support of Nuu-chah-nulth Education. Our thoughts are with the family.

Notice to the Southern Region Tribes: I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to those who nominated me to run for Co-Chair of the Southern Region. And to those who voted for me, THANK YOU for your support. At this time, I would like to acknowledge the new Southern Region Co-Chair, David Dennis. Congratulations David, I wish you all the best in your new position. Cuu Darleen Watts (She Sha)

Naachaks Adventure Center in Tofino will have job openings in both the cafe/bakery and the booking office in June 2003. We will train. Please send resumes or questions to: NAACHAKS ADVENTURE CENTER General Delivery Tofino VOR 2Z0

Career Opportunities - q'w'i-cah-ta-mis

TSESHAHT FIRST NATION EMPLOYMENT OPORTUNITY Job Posting - Tseshaht Recreation Coordinator



Applicants must have the following qualifications:

- Have completed grade 12 or hold a GED
- Must possess good communication skills, both written and verbal
- Be assertive
- Basic computer skills
- Must have awareness of recreational programming needs
- Good physical condition
- Ability to work with minimum supervision
- Valid BC driver's license and vehicle a prerequisite
- Ability to plan and prioritize workload
- Ability to work with all age groups
- Flexible hours
- Attend all Staff and Band meetings

Job Responsibilities:

- Coordinate recreational activities for all age groups, supervise and advertise variety of regularly scheduled and special recreational activities
- Coordinate band holiday functions
- Coordinate the Elder's conference trip
- Coordinate and enlist volunteers to prepare for annual Tlu-Piich Games and attend required committee meetings
- Maintain and store recreational equipment properly.
- Maintain recreational office files
- Coordinate gym time schedule and open / close gym Monday - Friday (and as required)
- Must have valid drivers license and a reliable vehicle.
- Agree to a criminal check

Complete any other assignment as required or requested by the supervisor. Work within the guidelines as set forth in the Tseshaht Policies. **Starting date** - immediately or soon as possible **Reports to** : C.E.O. **Resumes must be in the Tseshaht administration office by April 18th by 4:00 P.M. Attention: H. Rezansoff, C.E.O.**

Position to Hire: Senior Research Associate



Clayoquot Alliance for Research, Education, and Training
Term position: May 2003 - May 2004
Salary: \$50,000 per annum, benefits are not provided
The CLARET Senior Research Associate resides in the Clayoquot Sound region and performs three main functions:

- works with communities of the Clayoquot Sound region to develop and implement research projects with a high degree of local relevance and credibility
- develops networks with academic researchers in order to bring additional resources to bear on needed projects
- educates the general public about questions of science and sustainable development

Required Qualifications

- PhD in any field related to ecosystem conservation and sustainable development
- extensive knowledge of the ecosystems and communities of the Clayoquot Sound region
- strong background in interdisciplinary research and planning
- strong cross-cultural skills and experience working collaboratively with First Nation communities
- excellent oral and written communication skills
- excellent project management skills
- excellent interpersonal manner
- willingness to serve the priorities of communities over one's own research priorities

Desired Qualifications:

- knowledge of the Nuu-chah-nulth culture and communities of the Clayoquot Sound region
- network of contacts among researchers in ecosystem sciences and sustainable development
- experience in public education and multimedia displays

A detailed job description is available upon request from Stan Boychuk, 726-4715.
Applications must be received before 4:00 p.m. on April 18, 2003 at: Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, P.O. Box 67, Tofino, BC, V0R 2Z0 or by email at Stan.Boychuk@clayoquotbiosphere.org

Attention: Ucluelet First Nation Members

There will be a
TREATY INFORMATION MEETING
On Sunday, April 13th, at the
Hupacasath Hall - 5323 RIVER ROAD, Port Alberni, BC
Doors open at 12 noon with light lunch
Meeting at 1:00pm

Ucluelet First Nation Members

We need your; Addresses, Phone Numbers,
Fax Numbers and Email Addresses for
Newsletters/Announcements
Please Send To;
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P.O. Box 1120, Ucluelet, B.C., V0R 3A0
Or e-mail to: vmundy@island.net

Chaa-Maak-Sap Family Trauma Program
2003 Session Dates
Kakawis Trauma Program

April 7 to April 18, 2003	- Elders Group
April 20th to May 23, 2003	- Five week Program for families
June 2 to June 13, 2003	- Couples Program
June 22 to July 25, 2003	- Five week Program for families
Aug. 3 to Sept. 5, 2003	- Five Week Program for families
Sept. 15 to Sept. 26, 2003	- Women's Program
Sept. 29 to Oct. 10, 2003	- Hawaii - Hereditary Chiefs
Oct. 13 to Oct. 24, 2003	- Youth Program

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

MEDICAL COVERAGE NOT AUTOMATIC

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

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

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

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

Normally, a child reaching 19 years of age requires (her or his) own medical care card. A child can maintain medical coverage up to age 25 when in full-time attendance at a post secondary institution, that is approved by the provincial medical commission. It takes 6 - 8 weeks to obtain these coverage cards! Start the process immediately! Do not assume it is done! Follow up with this until you have both cards! Questions to be directed to the Band Membership Clerks, or the NTC Registry Office 724-5757.

Robert Cluett, CD - NTC NIHB Program Supervisor

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

Ha-Shilth-Sa is looking for addresses of Nuu-chah-nulth (NCN) members who are NOT receiving the paper. Ha-Shilth-Sa is free for Nuu-chah-nulth members. If you want to receive Ha-Shilth-Sa please send name (including your middle name or initials) to: Ha-Shilth-Sa, P.O. Box 1383, Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 7M2

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Contact information and deadlines are listed on page 2.

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 Ahousesat**. 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! From Rebecca V.R. Atleo.

Chief Kanubit, Rocky Titian invites all Nuu-chah-nulth-ah't to witness the naming of his grand nephew and great grand nephew, Joshua Frank and Germain Bulwer on **March 29, 2003 in Ahousesat, B.C.**

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!

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

The family of q'aaq'inakcisit - 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-ah't First Nation @ Work (250) 728-3414 or Toll Free 1-888-644-4555, Home (250) 724-0169. Or Email c_c_huuayaht_first_nation@hotmail.com

uuu haeekoo - uutisii-cultural coordinator H.F.N.

There has been a change of date
for Barry Wayne McCarthy (Bear) Memorial Potlatch
from October 25 to **November 29, 2003**
at the Alberni Athletic Hall

Starting at 12:00 noon.

We would like to acknowledge the people that came close to us in the time of need.
Hosts: Laura McCarthy and Johnny McCarthy Sr.

Tseshah't First Nation Cultural Resource Centre

Open to anyone interested in learning more about Tseshah't history.

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Chi-chu-ah't House/ Tseshah't Treaty office.

We have a toll free number available for Tseshah't members (which also houses our membership and Natural Resources Office. If you want your addresses included for treaty updates and Tribal bulletins call us (email: cap@tseshah't.com) with your address.

1-866-724-4225.

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N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NUU-CHAH-NULTH TOURISM?

Tourism is a diverse and competitive industry offering many opportunities for those willing to work hard. It is one of the fastest growing business sectors in Nuu-chah-nulth territory. Each year about this time and even earlier tourism operators start to get ready for the season – planning, refreshing, hiring, training, purchasing – there seems no end to preparation.

Tourism is one of the fastest growing business sectors in Nuu-chah-nulth territory, having developed considerably over the past decade.

In the past 10 years the Nuu-chah-nulth tourism industry has grown and developed considerably. So at this time of year there's lots of activity as operators from Barclay Sound to Nootka Sound gear up for the 2003 tourism season. Lets take a look.

In Bamfield the Huu-ay-aht are preparing their world class, **Pacheena Bay Campgrounds** for the season by brushing the trails, cleaning fire pits, collecting fire wood and clearing the beaches. This 110-unit campground is famous for its pristine, natural beauty, ocean access and sense of peace even though during the summer months it becomes a hive of activity hosting tourists from all over the world. The campground opens on April 16, 2003, to reserve your site call Stella at (250) 728-1287.

In Port Alberni the Hupacasath are preparing **Choo-Kwa Ventures** for its first full season. Choo-Kwa is a combination of gift store, cultural interpretive canoe tours and a traditional salmon BBC. Look for Choo-Kwa to be opening in June 2003.

Further up Pacific Rim Highway **Tsashaht Market** is also getting ready for the 2003 tourist season by sprucing up the grounds, hiring and training additional staff and planning their annual customer appreciation celebration for July 19&20.

In Ucluelet, **Mountain Boy** owned by Vi and Crystal Mundy is happily looking forward to a busy summer season serving delicious hot and cold fast food. While across the street Kyla Atkinson's **Bakers' Corner**, bakery and coffee shop is looking to expand their hours to accommodate the tourist business. And the anchor of First Nations' tourism in Ucluelet, **Du Quah Gallery** offering authentic First Nation art, jewellery, weaving and clothing as well as quality prints and framing all presented with a friendly smile and old fashioned hospitality by Gale Johnsen.

In Tofino Wilfred Atleo's **Clayoquot Sound Adventures Ltd.** a cultural whale watch and nature tour company is also looking at its first full season. To reserve your charter for the best guided tour on the West Coast call Wilfred at (250) 725-2521.

Another new business to Tofino is the Tla-o-qui-aht owned, **Naachaks Adventure Centre**, a booking agent for First Nation tour operators and guides. Good luck on your first season. To contact Naachaks call 1-866-701-1230 or visit them at 316 Main Street .

Giselle Martin is going into her second year with **Tla-ook Cultural Adventures**, a canoe tour offered in the traditional style via dugout canoe. To join Giselle you can visit her web site at or call (250) 725-2656.

Next to Tla-ook is **Atleo River Air**, a First Nation owned airline offering scenic tours of Clayoquot Sound and the surrounding areas.

And last but not least, the three flag ships of First Nation tourism in Tofino: **Himwitsa Enterprises**, **Duffin Cove** and **Seaside Adventures** and **Tin Wis Resort and Conference Centre**.

Himwitsa Enterprises, owned by Lewis and Cathy George includes: House of Himwitsa, a beautiful gallery containing authentic First Nation art, jewellery, clothing, moccasins, tapes and cd's, giftware, some Inuit art and much more; their five room lodge with self contained rooms and outdoor hot tubs; the Sea

Shanty restaurant with great salads and the best fish and chips and two retail space areas currently occupied by a soap store and a whale watch business.

Duffin Cove Resort and Seaside Adventures are owned by Cindy and Steve Dennis. Duffin Cove Resort is located at the end of Campbell Street on the edge of the ocean and boasts beautiful grounds, two private cabins and total privacy. Partner that with **Seaside Adventures**, a whale watch business located in the Himwitsa complex, and you can offer your guests an unforgettable experience

Tin Wis Resort and Conference Centre, this beautiful 85 room resort is owned by the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and features a full service restaurant and lounge, exercise facility, hot tub and sauna, a small meeting room and complete conference centre all set in natural landscaping and situated on beautiful MacKenzie Beach – breathtaking.

This year Tin Wis will have the honour of hosting the Tourism Association of Vancouver Island's (TAVI) 2003 annual general meeting, and will host the conference, co-ordinate events, partner a banquet called The Tastes of Clayoquot Sound and present its own gala feast featuring traditional fare.

This year Tin Wis will have the honour of hosting the Tourism Association of Vancouver Island's (TAVI) 2003 annual general meeting. This is the first time that the TAVI annual general meeting has been held in Tofino since 1989, so the whole tourism community is preparing to welcome their guests in style. Tin Wis will host the conference, co-ordinate events, partner a banquet called The Tastes of Clayoquot Sound and present its own gala feast also featuring the traditional fare of the West Coast.

Another honour for Tin Wis in 2003 relates to their franchise with

the Best Western marketing and reservations system. For the third year in a row Tin Wis will receive the Best Western Directors Award for excellence have received 955 out of a possible 1000 points in their annual evaluation.

Congratulations to the staff and management – good work.

Off shore on Flores Island in the community of Ahousaht **Kathy's Diner**, owned by Kathy Dennis is looking forward to a busy tourism season as is Vera Little who owns **Vera's Bed & Breakfast** and make s the best bread in town. Eileen and Felix Thomas owners of **Cougar Island Water Taxi** provide transportation and guiding services to anywhere in the Sound and Peter Frank of **White Star Enterprises** offers fishing charters and nature tours.

A little further on in Hot Springs Cove you'll find **Hoomis Enterprises**, a tourism company owned by the Hesquiaht First Nation. Hoomis is comprised of three parts: a six-unit lodge, campgrounds and a water taxi. The remoteness of the accommodations offer a unique opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the West Coast.

Leaving Clayoquot Sound we travel north to Nootka Sound and Yuquot the traditional home of the Mowachaht. Here the Mowachaht First Nation has established **Yuquot Enterprises** to develop their tourism products and potential. There are guided interpretive tours, hiking trails, six camping cabins, a historic church with beautiful stained glass and under development a cultural interpretive centre. Yuquot has received federal designation as a National Historic Site both for its First Nations and non-First Nation importance. Each year the Mowachaht celebrate Summer Fest by inviting everyone to Yuquot for a traditional feast – this year the feast will be held on August 10, 2003 and you are all welcome.

NEDC would like to take this opportunity to wish all First Nation tourism operators a busy and successful season.

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