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Keitlahs' commitment celebrated at feast

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Tsahahēh - Hundreds gathered at Maht Mahs to honour former Central Region Co Chair, Nelson Keitlah and his family on Saturday, June 14th.

Tom Curley of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation acknowledged families of those that recently lost loved ones after the introduction of emcees, Dave Jacobson and Darlene Watts.

In his own language, Cliff Atleo Sr. spoke on Keitlah's progression from Ahousaht Chief Councillor to Secretary Treasurer of the Native Brotherhood of BC to NTC Central Region Co-chair. "He is a master diplomat and master negotiator," said Atleo.

Those that arrived to honour Nelson included Nuu-chah-nulth (NCN) Ha'wiih, other leaders, muschim as well as prominent people from the non-native community including: Denny Grisdale, former Treaty Chairman; Gillian Trumper, MLA; Bill Cafferata and Linda Coady former executive of MacMillan Bloedel/Weyerhaeuser; Heinz Dyck, Provincial Treaty Negotiator; and Ken McRae, Port Alberni Mayor.

Tseshah Elder Bob Thomas and Chief Councillor Dave Watts offered words of welcome to the people gathered in their traditional territory. "We are honoured

that the Central Region is hosting this celebration in our community because we are equally proud of Nelson as he has always acknowledged his roots from here. He leaves a great legacy and we are honoured to have you here in our community," said Watts.

The singing of Nuu-chah-nulth song led by Keitlah officially marked the beginning of the celebration of his long and fruitful career in politics.

Richard Lucas presented gifts on behalf of the Central Region to former Southern Region Co Chair, Richard Watts and his wife Faith. In his remarks, Lucas said Watts fought for the rights of not only Tseshah but also all NCN nations. "He fights hard and he sticks to his principles no matter how unpopular they may be," said Lucas.

The Central Region leadership went on to present gifts to Nelson and Ruby Keitlah on behalf of the region's Ha'wiih.

In his own language, Cliff Atleo Sr. described the various roles Keitlah has fulfilled over the years on behalf of NCN people. From Chief Councillor in Ahousaht during the 1960's to Secretary Treasurer of the Native Brotherhood of B.C. to Central Region Co-chair, Atleo told of the many accomplishments of Keitlah's political career. "He is a master diplomat and master negotiator," said Atleo, alluding to Keitlah's role in the negotiation of the Clayoquot Sound Interim Measures Agreement.

Nelson and Ruby were presented with cedar bark woven capes, hats and a beautifully carved cedar box made by artists of the region.



Nelson Keitlah (standing) and wife Ruby (seated) were saluted by all Nuu-chah-nulth for their many years of service to Nuu-chah-nulth-aht.

Both Nelson and Ruby thanked the people. Ruby said it has been hard over the years and she spent a lot of time praying for her husband. She thanked the people of the region for their kindness and the show of love and respect for her husband. "I ask all of you who are married to a leader pray for them and support them," she concluded.

Many more gift presentations, stories of Keitlah's involvement in politics and words of praise and gratitude followed. Mayor Ken McRae said he knew and interacted with many NCN leaders from grade school days. He congratulated Nelson and presented a gift on behalf of Port Alberni.

Northern Region Co-chair Archie Little thanked Tseshah, the Ha'wiih, all NCN and all non-NCN that answered the call to come and pay respects to a great man. He thanked Keitlah for guiding and assisting him when he first started as Northern Region Co-chair. "He was there in the beginning when we first started to wrestle power away from DIA and prove to them that we can manage and today we have one of the strongest tribal councils, one that Nelson helped to build," said Little.

"Thank you to Nelson and his family for all that he's accomplished in serving NCN citizens. He has been a crutch to lean on, someone with seniority in the organization to guide the new ones along," said Southern Region Co-chair David Dennis. "There are many young ones here to rise up to the challenge of taking over leadership, and Nelson said it is them who have to live with the con-

sequences of political decisions and that is testament to his foresight," he said.

NTC Executive Director Florence Wylie thanked Tseshah Ha'wiih and community members for allowing others to share in this Central Region celebration in their territory. She also thanked the Central Region Ha'wiih for acknowledging a wonderful human being. "Many of the staff at NTC appreciate the work and dedication Nelson and Richard have put in for us. He (Nelson) gave encouragement, advice, a shoulder to lean on and prayers for strength. He is appreciated for empowering the staff and standing up for NCN issues. I will be relying on the lessons from Nelson and Richard in my work in the days to come," said Wylie.

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Speaking on behalf of newly elected Central Region Co-chair, Shawn Atleo, Dr. Richard Atleo acknowledged Keitlah and thanked people for coming to pay honour to him. Shawn was unable to attend due to prior commitments. "His contributions," said Dr. Atleo, "are not only to the people of Ahousaht or to

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Ahousaht's Tim Sutherland leads the singing of a dinner song.

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Keitlah celebration

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the region but to all NTC and even all BC and Canadian First Nations."

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"Instead of great speeches at funerals we should be doing what we are doing now, saying great things about our people while they are still here. Thank you Nelson and Ruby for all that you have given to the people," said George Watts. "As Tommy Douglas said, you cannot go around telling the young to get involved then hang onto the power. We need time to enjoy our lives because we



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deserve it. Let the young ones take over and enjoy your retirement Nelson," he said.

Group after group came forward to shower gifts and accolades upon Keitlah. There were presentations from Ruby Keitlah's family from Kwagwiltz; Alec and Sarah Short on behalf of Kyoquot/Checklesah; Earl Smith on behalf of Ehattesah; Alban Michael on behalf of Nuchatlats; Minister of Sustainable Resource Management, Stan Hagan delivered a gift on behalf of the provincial Liberals and all British

Columbians; MLA Gillian Trumper read a letter from Premier Gordon Campbell, who was unable to attend; Edward "Tat" Tatoosh and Judy Sayers on behalf of Hupacasath; Ernie Chester and Arnold Shaw on behalf of Ditidaht; Each presentation was accompanied by words of admiration for and appreciation of Keitlah and his family. Guests enjoyed a late dinner followed by more speeches and presentations late into the night.

It seemed not enough could be said not only about Nelson's political contributions, but also his strong commitment to his cultural ties and his kindness in his personal relationships. Ruby was also praised repeatedly for her sacrifice of her husband's time on behalf of all NCN as well as her spiritual and moral support of Nelson. The vast numbers that turned out is a testament to the many lives Nelson has touched.



Southern Region Co-chair David Dennis offers a tribute to Nelson Keitlah, as Dave Jacobson, NTC Northern Region Co-chair Archie Little and NTC Executive Director Florence Wylie listen.



Ha-Shilth-Sa belongs to every Nuu-chah-nulth person including those who have passed on, and those who are not yet born.

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This year is *Ha-Shilth-Sa's* 29th year of serving the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. We look forward to your continued input and support.

Kleco! Kleco! David Wiwchar, Editor / Manager

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NTC Office Closure

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council will be closed on Friday, June 20, in celebration of **National Aboriginal Day** and will re-open for regular business on Monday, June 23, at 8 a.m.

The office will be also closed on Tuesday, July 1, 2003, for **Canada Day** and will re-open for regular business on Wednesday, July 2nd at 8 a.m.

Away-from-home meetings begin in Victoria

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Victoria - Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council treaty table representatives spoke to more than two dozen Nuu-chah-nulth-ah at the first in a series of treaty update meetings for those living away from home.

An overview of the entire treaty process was explained through The BC Treaty Commission video "What's the deal with treaties". The video offers a basic understanding of the forces driving the treaty negotiation process and the issues being negotiated.

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After the video ended, Michelle Corfield facilitated a question and answer session.

"The video shows that the general public in BC doesn't have a clue what we're doing," said Corfield. "We've been in this process for ten years and we're still not finished, but this process has been a long time coming so it will take a while to settle," she said.

"NCN have been working extremely hard these past few months to re-group and re-build. These months have been extremely long and the accomplishments are great in the sense that the NCN table has taken the time to incorporate all the concerns that were expressed in the first Agreement-in-principle (A.I.P.). It is no secret that the NCN table is different than it initially was as we now have a

sub-group called Ma-nulth-ah and they have initialled an AIP," she said. "What does this mean for NCN? Well at this moment NCN are working hard to find out if any conflicts exist in the Ma-nulth-ah AIP and if there are any concerns for NCN. Once this comparative analysis is done we then can either offer our support or express our concerns. What we are doing is being very cautious," she continued. "What is the difference between the two groups? One NCN is made up of First Nations that had concerns with the first agreement and wanted to negotiate a different deal addressing those concerns. Big concerns were fisheries, governance, land, taxation and certainty. Ma-nulth-ah was ready and willing to negotiate based on the old AIP, so they have," she said, before introducing the two NTC co-chairs in attendance.

"I spent most of my life living off-reserve, away from home, in Vancouver and elsewhere," said Southern Region Co-chair David Dennis, explaining how he understands the feeling of disconnect many people described. "This process is about our children and grandchildren's future, and their children and grandchildren," he said.

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Northern Region co-chair Archie Little spoke on the political structure of the tribal council and the treaty table. "Our Chiefs own their hahoulthee and they have the rights and jurisdiction on those lands, but that has gone unrecognized over the past 150 years," said Little. "Treaty is about wrestling power back, so we can be part of management once again," he said.

With more than 60% of Nuu-chah-nulth members living in urban centres such as Victoria, Vancouver, Campbell River, Nanaimo, and Port Alberni, NTC treaty leaders host update meetings in these centres so everyone can learn about issues being negotiated on their behalf.

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Michelle Corfield, Willard Gallic, Archie Little, Cliff Atleo Jr. and David Dennis lead a discussion on treaty issues at the New Horizons Centre in Victoria.

es, NTC Treaty Manager Cliff Atleo Jr. spoke on the current issues facing the Nuu-chah-nulth in treaty negotiations, including the Maa-nulth Nation.

"The troubling thing is that the provincial government is saying the Ma-nulth, Snu-ney-muxw and Sliammon AIP is the height of their mandate," said Atleo. "Self government agreements are being negotiated outside the treaty so are not constitutionally protected as the nations at the NTC table want," he said, as he gave an overview of the politics that led to the division of the NTC nations involved in treaty negotiations.

David Dennis led a discussion on oil and gas issues, which he said will be the next large issue facing Nuu-chah-nulth.

"Experts say the Tofino basin off the west coast holds billions of barrels of crude oil, which until now has been too hard for the companies to get to," said Dennis. "Now that the technology is available, the moratorium on offshore oil and gas exploration could be lifted by the province so drilling could begin soon," he said. "We need to unite on this issue to protect our fisheries, our rights, title, and our children's children."

Dennis also spoke on the development of the War Council, recognition of rights and title, Maa-nulth, and many other issues.

Archie Little then spoke on fisheries negotiations and the importance of a healthy fishery to Nuu-chah-nulth-ah. "We have always traded our fish and other resources with Nations from up and down the coast of this continent," said Little. "We have a right to sell fish and we are still fighting for that and many, many other rights that we know we have," he said.

Little also spoke of the recent Supreme Court challenge that ruled against Ahousaht's Tom Paul, and opens the door for the provincial government to dictate Aboriginal rights.

Corfield then spoke on governance issues, before Michael McCarthy from the NCN Residential School Healing Project gave a presentation on the things available for NCN living in the Victoria area.

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Atleo, Corfield and other NTC treaty representatives are traveling to Nanaimo, Seattle, Vancouver, Campbell River and Port Alberni over the next week, and invite all Nuu-chah-nulth-ah living in the area to come out, share a meal, and discuss the future of treaty negotiations.

NTC Membership Clerk Rosie Little will also be traveling to the update meetings, updating status cards for Nuu-chah-nulth-ah with expired status

Nuu-chah-nulth-ah Living Away From Home Scheduled Urban Update Meetings - June, 2003

Please be informed that the next set of Urban Update meeting dates have been finalized as per following:

Location	Date	Time	Venue
Vancouver	June 19	3 pm - 8 pm	Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Centre 1607 East Hastings
Port Alberni	June 23	3 pm - 8 pm	Port Alberni Friendship Centre 3555 4th Avenue
Campbell River	June 24	3 pm - 8 pm	Coast Discovery Inn 975 Shoppers Row

A light dinner will be provided at each location. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Gus at 1-877-677-1131 or email: gailgus@nuuchahmulth.org. Chuuc.



Archie Little speaks about recent court decisions.

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Fisheries - ca'ca'ruk

Scientists focus blame on everyone

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Vancouver - Scientists from around the globe gathered with BC First Nations leaders, and representatives from the commercial and recreational fishing industries for the World Summit on Salmon last week.

Hoping to find the reason for dwindling world salmon stocks, participants discussed everything from the value of wild salmon, to aquaculture, and everything in between.

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According to a recent report, the world's oceans hold only 10% of the life it supported a century ago, and the blame has been put on every imaginable human group and natural force.

Fishermen, First Nations, fish farmers, politicians, seals, bureaucrats, El Nino, hatcheries, cities, loggers, climate change, oil rigs, miners, ranchers; it seems as if everyone and everything has been blamed for the collapse of salmon stocks at one time or another.

"Every person in this room, and every person out there walking the planet has to take the blame for what's happened," said UBC professor Bill Rees. "The simple fact of the matter is that there are too many people on this planet right now," he said.

"There are so many levels of bureaucracy," added Gerald Amos of the Haisla First Nation. "So many graphs and charts that the simple things get lost is a sea of paperwork," he said.

According to Rees, humans have "a natural predisposition to expand into every ecological space available" and then destroy it. Unlike any other species, humans will knowingly destroy their own habitat.

"Human societies rise to the point of collapse because they've surpassed the limits of their environments," said Rees. "And there's no sign whatsoever that

we've learned a damned thing. If we faced the truth we would have to change and we don't want to change," he said to a stunned audience.

Over the next three days, numerous scientists and industry representatives added to Rees sentiments, taking the fisheries blame game to a new, unprecedented level.

The Summit, part of the "Speaking for Salmon" series, examines the current status of global fisheries, the recent collapse of coastal ecosystems, and the future prospects of endangered and depleted fish stocks, and apply the lessons learned to improve the prognosis for wild salmon in the Atlantic and Pacific.

"We're so close to the edge of losing all wild stocks right now, and we keep doing things to make the situation worse instead of better," said Alaska Science Center fisheries supervisor and research biologist Jennifer Nielsen. "We think we can control nature and the environment but the truth is, we can't," she said.

According to Nielsen, the entire salmon fishery is nothing more than ocean ranching as 6 billion salmon smolts are raised in hatcheries and dumped into the Pacific annually, which account for more than half of the total salmon biomass. "We are subsidizing fishermen and the fishing culture," she said.

Government departments did not escape the wrath usually brought upon them at such fisheries conferences, but this time the sharpest accusations came from their former boss.

"Where is the leadership in DFO?" asked former Fisheries Minister, Member of Parliament and Speaker of the House John Fraser. "The public service in Canada militates against decision making and when something goes wrong no one is accountable," he said. "People score more professional points by saving pennies than by providing answers. We have got to find a way to wake them up."

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"The Department is not to blame; we all are," said Terry Glavin from the Sierra Club. "Where were the environmentalists when all these problems started?"

We are all partially at fault," he said. The cause of the collapse of wild salmon stocks is the same force that caused the crash of the eastern cod stocks, prairie buffalo herds, and the decrease in every other animal and plant species on earth except for one. The billions of humans require billions of tonnes of protein sources to stay alive, and it is our insatiable hunger for food, shelter, land, and homes full of gadgets,



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gizmos and technological marvels that is the cause of our planets ills. And although Summit participants were not prepared to offer any solutions to human overpopulation, they were prepared to debate the benefits and inefficiencies of various fisheries management models around the world.

"The cost of limited or poor information is greater than the cost of acquiring adequate information," said Brian Riddell, science advisor to the Pacific Resource Conservation Council. "In this age of cost cutting, this is a significant issue," he said.

"We've got the money and anyone who says otherwise has been ill-informed by departmental bean-counters," Fraser shot back. "The problem is that we do not



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have a single senior DFO member here at this important conference, and if they don't know what we're talking about they're not going to do anything," he said. "The probability is that the deputy minister doesn't know anything about fish, and unless we're able to get our messages to the top people it's shrugged off."

"We have the data but we are not paying attention to what is going on in the big picture," said Rees, who called for an international meeting of fisheries ministers to address salmon supply and

demand issues. "What the hell is going on when a report shows 90% of the fish are gone and it rates only a few hours of public attention?" he said.

"Despite the occasional newspaper headline trumpeting 'largest run in history', the fact is that salmon are on a 150 year downward trajectory," said Robert Lackey, Chief of the Watershed Ecology Branch of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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According to numerous speakers, the key issues driving all fisheries today are the rules of commerce (supply and demand), human population increases, and individual and collective lifestyle choices. "No solution is possible until we acknowledge these root causes, our genetic predisposition to consume everything, and learn to collectively over ride them collectively," said Rees.

The 176 delegates at the sold-out conference agreed the conference encouraged a global perspective to fisheries science and management as opposed to the "salmon-centric" views that plagued the industry in the past.

"You can't manage the Pacific salmon fishery from behind a desk in Ottawa, and you can't understand the science of the fishery by staring through a microscope in a lab," said Fraser.

The conference then moved from the discussion center in Vancouver to the west coast fishing village of Bamfield where scientists, First Nations leaders and commercial and recreational fishery representatives continued their discussions in "the real world" where the effects of fisheries decisions are felt first, and with the most impact (see story on next page).

Huu-ay-aht hosts World Summit on Salmon

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Bamfield - The second leg of the World Summit on Salmon was in Bamfield, where many of the Vancouver conference participants came to see the issues they discussed in action.

21 scientists and researchers traveled to Port Alberni then on to Bamfield aboard the MV Lady Rose packet freighter. During the voyage, guests learned about local fisheries issues during a talk from Andrew Day, Executive Director of the West Coast Vancouver Island Aquatic Management Board (WCVI AMB). Using the NTC / WCVI AMB Aquatic Resources map as a basis for further discussion on salmon, halibut and shellfish issues, Day answered questions on a variety of local issues.

Ahousaht fisherman Errol Sam, a Nuu-chah-nulth AMB representative spoke of the changes in the commercial fishing industry, and his families' connection to the industry. "I'm afraid I might be the last generation of my family to work in the commercial fishing industry," said Sam. "We've been salmon fisherman since the beginning of time, and I don't want to see that end with me," he said.

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Sam then spoke on the collective shareholder groups who belong to the WCVI AMB and the consensus-based approach based on the Nuu-chah-nulth beliefs of Hishuk iits'awak (everything is one) and iisaak (respect).

Fisheries and Oceans Canada South Coast area director Ron Kadowaki added to Sam's presentation at the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, saying the WCVI AMB is about making the fishery and the fisheries economy sustainable for decades to come.

"The Aquatic Management Board is a new way of doing business. It's a way of including a much broader range of views in our management process," said Kadowaki. "We're going to have to look at managing our fishery from a local perspective with all user groups represented at the table," he said.

"Does anyone in New York or Toronto care about the things happening in



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Bamfield or Ahousaht?" asked Wilf Caron from the Area G Troller's Association. "We want to be able to make recommendations to the federal fisheries minister in the hopes we can have a voice in making our lives better," he said. "This is not a pilot project anymore," added Maureen Sager from the Alberni Environmental Coalition and WCVI AMB. "This is forever now."

Huu-ay-aht Fisheries Manager Stefan Ochman then took the delegates on a tour of Huu-ay-aht fisheries restoration projects including the Sarita River side channel. In the evening, the Huu-ay-aht Nation hosted a seafood feast and cultural display at their longhouse community centre.

Conference delegates marvelled at the huge beams of the House of Huu-ay-aht while they feasted on salmon, halibut, crabs and clams, listening to and watching Robert Dennis Jr. leading a group of young Huu-ay-aht singers and dancers.



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Maa-nulth counters secrecy claim

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - The Maa-nulth First Nations rejected allegations made in the *Victoria Times-Colonist* and *Vancouver Province* that negotiations toward their Agreement-in-principle (AIP) were conducted in secret.

"The Maa-nulth have had an open door ever since our negotiations began over a year ago," said Chief Negotiator Robert Dennis.

"Observers from three Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations have come to our table at various times, and in addition, Maa-nulth put together information binders containing detailed information about their negotiating process and goals," he said.

The comments were attributed to Hupacasath Chief Councilor Judy Sayers, who said her Nation was not consulted about overlapping interests such as land, fish, and timber. "This agreement has been reached contrary to BC Treaty Commission rules which stipulate other bands must be informed and consulted because there are huge issues of overlap of lands and of course in fisheries — the same fish swim past all our territories and can't be allocated to one group over another," she said.

"The Maa-nulth negotiation process has been open to observers from other First Nations on the west coast of Vancouver Island," said Dennis. "The door is still open," he said.

Maa-nulth negotiators are currently involved in a community consultation campaign as they seek their members approval to continue negotiations towards a final agreement and signed treaty based on the outline of the AIP.

Negotiating teams from Maa-nulth member nations Huu-ay-aht, Ka'yuu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h, Toquaht, Uchucklesaht and Uchelet will be meeting with their members in urban areas as well as in their home communities seeking consensus approval of the AIP.

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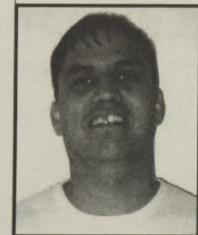


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Seagull Egg Harvesting at Bare Island

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Near Ahousaht – Harvesting seagull eggs is a practice several families in Ahousaht have engaged in for generations. On a warm June 11th afternoon, a herring skiff bounces over the ocean waves carrying its eight occupants to Bare Island.

Located about halfway between Ahousaht and Tofino, Bare Island is one of the western most islets off of Vargas Island. Barren of trees, Bare Island is mostly rock jutting out of the ocean capped with tufts of grass, weeds and shrubs. A favoured nesting site, seagulls swirl around the island, white washing the black rock with their excrement.

The skiff noses toward a barnacle encrusted rock as everyone takes turns leaping to the island. Barrie Titian along with his teenaged grand nieces and nephews scramble up the rocks carrying cooking pots and buckets in search of seagull eggs.

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It is not long before the pails start filling with the warm, dark green and black speckled eggs; they are everywhere. Eggs were being found almost immediately above the high water mark. Most are in nests thinly lined with grasses and leaves with one to three eggs per nest. Some are lying on bare rock and on the crushed mussel shell beach, as though a seagull just laid its egg as an afterthought. A few are broken and empty, evidence that minks visited recently.

The proper way to harvest eggs is debatable, depending on who you ask. Some say always leave at least one egg in the nest, others say leave one egg in the nests that contain three, and still others say take them all, seagulls are good at replacing them.

It seems the seagulls at Bare Island are highly efficient at laying eggs. It was only two days earlier that the eggs were harvested there and yet, more than an estimated 700 eggs were collected in this days harvest.

The kids had a great time scurrying over the rocks to fill their pails, trying to avoid a 'whitewashing'. About half the group were soiled along the way. Henderson Charlie, who forgot to bring

a hat needed to wash his hair when he got home.

One highlight of the afternoon was when Henderson discovered a baby seal wedged tightly in a crevice, separated from his mother. In an attempt to help the seal, Titian managed to move the pup, its umbilical cord still fresh, to a tidal pool closer to its mother. The seal moved in closer but would not collect her pup until the group left, which we did.

After collecting eggs, the girls Melissa Dick, Adrienne Dick, Chrissy Dick and Inez Paul set about collecting small sea urchins and chitons.

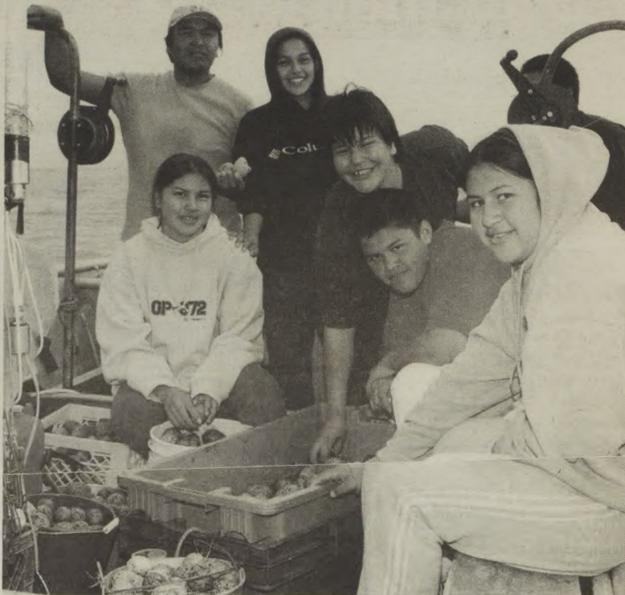
The group loaded the eggs onto the skiff for the trip home. Stops were made along the way to collect more tutsup and ha-ishtup and to pull up a couple of crab traps. The girls pounded ha-ishtup on the way home, happily munching on their fresh seafood.

Upon arrival at Ahousaht, the eggs were carried through the village and offered to anyone who wanted some. The eggs are large, probably twice the size of a chicken egg. The yolks are deep orange, almost red. Most scramble and fry them but some have been used in cooking and baking anywhere a chicken egg would be used. Scrambled seagull eggs are orange, not yellow and look something like a cheese omelet.

As for the taste, Bob Titian, who loves seagull eggs, says 'it's an egg, it tastes like an egg'. He admits it has a slightly different flavor from chicken eggs but the difference, he says, is something he cannot put his finger on. All he can say is that he likes seagull eggs.



Wearing white won't hide the mess as Adrienne Dick found out after being unable to dodge a dive-bombing seagull.



Adrienne Dick, Barrie Titian, Inez Paul, Melissa Dick, Henderson Paul and Chrissy Dick show off their seagull eggs.

Open letter to Minister of Fisheries

RE: Practicing our Rights in our waters and denial of reasonable access

Dear Mr. Minister;

The majority of our Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen have caught their fishery and selectively "one at a time" by hook and line. We taught this skill to our early "guests" in our land. These "guests" have welcomed and purchased our commercial harvest since Captain Cook and we have never given up our right to sell our fish.

Our fleet, only fifty years ago, which numbered over 200 proud, skilled fishermen has now been eroded down to 16 boats by resource destruction and being selectively denied fish allocations. WE have been overlooked while millions of pounds of fish quota has been handed over to the rich investors that sit in Vancouver and don't fish. They now offer to "rent us our own fish, at tow thirds of its value, like feudal lords.

Unemployment now exceeds 80% where only a few decades ago all worked with fish. Almost all of this fish is processed of our area now.

Your Government, after taking access to all other fisheries told us (against our will) we could not leave our area or net fish in our traditional areas, which used to give us fall income. We were told this was for "conservation" and as the fleet got smaller we would be more "economically viable", but when we selected our area your creative officials decided to simply transfer our sockeye access to

another area without asking or consulting...disregarding our policy and recent court decisions.

This year, we are now told that using figures that they have known for years to be wrong, we will have now access to Barclay Sound Sockeye or other passing runs! At the same time large seiners will be allowed in to catch **hundreds of thousands of our fish** and foreigners will be allowed to catch **four fish a day** with no boat limit. This so-called "sport" is estimated to take more than the 60,000 fish last year. Just cutting this back to a reasonable **one fish a day** would free up tens of thousands of fish to make a living for our small fleet and still allow "real" sport.

While we watch your officials lobbied by outside lobby groups to change the rules and bend the numbers that push us off our oceans and into unemployment, we are being told to "**accept this system as a basis for a fair and honorable system for a future treaty**". Are we fools?

Mr. Minister, this is the last straw. We are waiting for you to correct this system that keeps us from fishing in our own waters while rich outsiders have **exclusive** access. If no change takes place I will ask my fellow Chiefs to join me in harvesting our fish and to take whatever steps necessary to ensure my grandchildren do not have to beg to do what we have always done...long before we shared our rivers and ocean with newcomers.

Yours truly,
Yaa-Thluu (Andy Amos)

NTC Disability Access Awareness Committee invites NCN Members to attend the 2003 Health Ability Fair

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- Find out more about various Resources
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- Banquet – 1st night with Keynote Speaker - Nelson Keitlah, Former Co-chair and enjoy Performance of Animal Kingdom by Ha-ho-pay-uk Students

Education - ha-ho-pa A Night of Celebration

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

On the evening of June 11 the Mowachaht/Muchalaht celebrated their students that have completed or achieved a goal for the past school year. Students from kindergarten, elementary school, secondary school and adult education were all recognized. Not to be left out, the Teachers, Teacher Assistants and Native Education Workers were also recognized by the students themselves. The evening started out with freshly barbequed and fried Sockeye salmon, coleslaw, fresh veggies and home made bread for the supper and the Mowachat/Muchalaht singers provided some dinner songs and entertainment songs while everyone ate.

"The awards started in 1993 for Mowachaht/Muchalaht Tribe, and this was to recognize each and every First Nation student at GRSS and RWES," said Marge Amos. "They are honoured for their effort, achievements, attitude, athletics, and improvement in one or all of their classes. Each teacher decides as to who will receive an award, and this year we have thirty-four students at GRSS and fifty-six students at RWES."

The following students were chosen as top student in their grade class: grade eight – Stephanie Wilson, grade nine – Pricilla Paul, grade ten – Wayne Berekust, grade eleven – Shane



Christissen, and grade twelve Jordan James. The Top Junior female student was Stephanie Wilson; Top Senior Female student was Pricilla Paul. The Top Junior Male student was Dwight Dick, The Top Senior Male student, with best attendance all year round, and Class Valedictorian was Jordan James.

Marge Amos and Marilyn Brown are the Native Education Workers for Gold River and each were given a basket of flowers from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Education Department in appreciation of their work throughout the year. In turn, the Education Department received a basket of flowers from the Chief and Council.



Nuu-chah-nulth Scholarships

Once again the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council will be offering Scholarships to Nuu-chah-nulth students in Grades one – twelve. The scholarship selection is based on high academic achievement and overall participation in school activities. At least two scholarships will be awarded per grade. The 2003 Scholarship application forms can be obtained from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Office at 5000 Mission Road, Port Alberni or by contacting the office at 724-5757 to request that a form be faxed to you. You can also download the application form off the NTC website at www.nuuchahnulth.org For successful applicants the NTC Scholarships will be presented on Friday, July 18, 2003 at the Maht Mahs Gym, Port Alberni. Presentations and speeches will begin at 6:00pm followed by a light snack and closing.

The deadline for applications in Noon July 4, 2003 – 4:30pm.

All applications **must be complete** when submitted or they will be placed in a rejection file. **(It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure the application is complete and that it is delivered to the NTC by the deadline).** For further information please do not hesitate to call Blair Thompson or Eileen Haggard at 724-5757.

Jordan James' Valedictorian Speech for Class of 2003

By Lydia Skilton and Jordan James

Good evening ladies and gentlemen
Bonsoir Mesdames ET messieurs
(French)
Señoras y caballeros de la Buena tarde
(Spanish). Which actually
Translates into "ladies and horsemen in the good afternoon". Never use
Computer translators!
- Buena sera signore e signori (Italian)
- Guten abend damen und herren
(German)
- Noite boa senhoras e homens
(Portuguese)
- Kleco kleco (Local First Nations)
- Hyvaa Iltaa (Finnish)

Well, enough of that!! Our past few years here at Gold River Secondary School have been very memorable, to say the least. When we first started five or so years ago in grade eight, we were anxious, scared, and excited all at the same time. Back then we were the little guys dodging our ways through the halls in order to avoid the terror of being locker-shoved by the huge and menacing grade twelve's. But by grade nine we started to get into the "groove" of the school, since we were no longer the "young'uns," but had a whole other younger grade to wreak havoc upon. Then in grade ten we were moving on up in the "pecking order," not quite seniors yet, but positioned somewhere along the middle line. Finally, in grade eleven we made the big transition from "junior-hood" to "senior-hood", anxiously awaiting our final year to arrive. Now, here we are in grade twelve, at the top, the major role models for our school.

We, the locker shoved have become the shoves. Or not, since I'd like to hope that we have not only gained a top-notch Education at this institution, but also a sense of self and a little bit of maturity as well on our journey. Now that we're almost out of high school, I hope our memories aren't plagued by the thoughts of an educational prison, but rather we all remember the good times that we've shared with one-another. For example, who could ever forget Mr. Kellington's incessant rambling as we led him off-topic to avoid doing work for the majority of our classes. Or, Mr. Meise, who so obviously favors the grade twelve's! And, how many times have we walked down the halls towards English class listening to the familiar sound of Ms. Folkins bellowing for us to hand in our paragraphs and essays. Those were all great (and sometimes scary) times, but they will remain wonderful memories for us to cherish for the rest of our lives. Now, we would like to thank everyone for being here on this special occasion. Next, we would like to give a great big thank-you to all of our dignitaries. Especially since the majority of them are providing us with scholarships and bursaries tonight! Thank you to all of our



GRSS Valedictorians Lydia Skilton and Jordan James

teachers, you have been great to work with. And out of everyone you've had to tolerate us the most! Thank you Mr. Prong, our prestigious principal; Mr. Lake, our extremely busy counselor; and the rest of the high school staff, especially Mrs. Mann for all the hard work she has done for us. How many late slips have you handed out in the past year? Here's a rough estimate brought to you by Dave Bakker, (Dave releases notes) the recipient of many of these pink slips! Without all of your help and educational efforts, we would not have made it here today. Also, we would like to give a special thank you to Mrs. Krueger who has helped us so much this year, not only by helping us get organized in our fundraising and events, but for being our number one motivator as well as a friend. Last, but definitely not least on our list, we would like to thank our families, especially our parents. Now, we all know that without you, we would definitely not be here today, but as well; we would not be who we are right now- who you have stood by and watched as we grew into these past years. You have always been there for us, and we thank you for that. Yet, now it is the time for you to let go. We are no longer kids, but have grown into young adults, all ready to try and conquer the world on our own. This is not only a major step in our lives, but a great accomplishment as well. Through all of our hard work these past twelve or so years, we have finally reached our goal- GRADUATION- and now it is time to celebrate our moving on. So, "So Long To Yesterday". Hello tomorrow! Congratulations Class of 2003!



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We "D.A.R.E."

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

On Thursday June 12 the Ray Watkins Elementary School in Gold River celebrated its grade-five student completion of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.).

This program was led by Constable Swain and grade-five teacher Ms. Wiseman, with thirty students participating. Of these thirty students there were twelve First Nations students participating. All the students had to write an essay on how to say "No" to Drugs and Alcohol and four of the top essays were chosen to be read at the ceremonies.

Kathleen Ambrose (Mowachahat / Muchalaht and Ahousah), daughter of Lance and Ruby Ambrose, had her story chosen to be read at the ceremonies. Her story goes like this:

"My name is Kathleen Ambrose, I'm a D.A.R.E student. My D.A.R.E teacher is Constable Swain, I learned the eight ways to say no and they are "No thanks," give a reason or excuse, repeated refusal or keep saying no, walk away, changing the subject, avoiding the situation, cold shoulder and strength in numbers," Kathleen read.

"You can die from drugs and get horrible things, like some kind of diseases and cancer. Some people that have cancer can lose their hair and get gray ones too. You can get ugly teeth, your breath will stink like smoke and you can give

other people cancer. The smell and look of smoke is gross it's all sticky and stuff and it's all from smoking. Then once you smoke you can't play sports. It's really dumb once you start to smoke. It's hard when ladies are pregnant when they smoke, because of the side effects that can harm the baby. The mother could give birth to a premature baby, unhealthy, and under weight. Also it is tough to stop smoking! Some people can stop smoking easily because they don't really like to smoke or just don't smoke that much as other people do. If you were in the hospital because of smoking you probably would wish you never started. I'm happy I chose to stay smoke free so I can be outside playing sports and having fun," said Kathleen.

"If you didn't smoke you would be stronger and healthy and have lots of friends. You would be happy you didn't start smoking, you would be happy you have a long lifetime and you would still be with your family, friends, and kids."

"If I had a choice I would choose to stay drug free because of all the things that could happen to you. You could lose friends, because smoking and taking drugs can cause all kinds of diseases. I have made a choice to stay drug free all my life," Kathleen concluded.

The Royal Canadian Legion Ladies Auxiliary and the Village of Gold River sponsored the thirteen-week D.A.R.E Program were thanked by the Mayor of Gold River along with the Constable Swain.



Nuu-chah-nulth student Brasil bound

I am Annette Samuel, I am Nuu-chah-nulth from the Ditidaht First Nation, my father is Ahousah and I have been traditionally adopted into Hesquiaht Nation, I have Salish roots in both Cowichan and Nanaimo, and throughout Nuu-chah-nulth. I am seventeen years old in grade 11 attending Alberni District Secondary School in Port Alberni. My parents are Iris & Richard Lucas, Danny and Desiree Samuel as a family we are working together fundraising for my upcoming student exchange. My Grandparents are Jack & Nona Thompson from Ditidaht, Ray Samuel (late Myrtle), Charlie and Gert Lucas.

About one year ago, I began the process of researching and applying to various student exchange programs, and about three weeks ago I have received confirmation that I have been accepted into "Student Travel Schools". And will be leaving for Brazil in July 2003. I want to experience what teenagers my age do, experience their culture. I am excited about learning their language, which at times will also include Spanish.

It is my goal to share what I have learned throughout my life, not only about whom I am, and my experiences with my culture, but what I know about Nuu-chah-nulth people.

I would like to gather as much information as I can, and my family has

agreed to assist me with putting together a brochure or pamphlet, and work at translating it into Portuguese, which I will hand out.

I would also like to hand out on behalf of each nation who have internet web address for the Brazilians, so may see pictures of our people.

I would also like to bring with me some pins, magnets or t-shirts that I may exchange with other Brazilians to show friendship of Nuu-chah-nulth.

This is both exciting and scary for me; I will be away from my home, my family and my friends for one year. I feel that the experience will only bring me closer to who I am, closer to my culture and people, especially closer to my family. While I am away I still plan on taking some courses through correspondence so that when I return finishing my education will not seem overwhelming. I know that some of my courses can be done through the internet, which will be very helpful. I have been very serious at wanting to travel, that ever since I sent my first application out, I have risen on my own \$2400 as a commitment to my goal. This trip will cost \$9050 therefore; I have, along with my family committed to raise together \$6650 (As of June 16 - 1/2 the fair has been raised). Together we will have various fundraising events like - loonie toonie auctions, raffles, 50/50,

FNGA fight continues

By Ruth Ogilvie
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

The First Nations Governance Act (FNGA) continues to stir controversy and emotions, as shown at protests and lectures throughout BC and Canada.

Halie Bruce, University of British Columbia psychology student originally from the Namgis Nation and Ardith Walkem, a lawyer formerly of the UBCIC presented an educational workshop, *Deconstructing the First Nations Governance Act*.

Malaspina University's (MALU) Student Union invited Ardith and Halie to illuminate the reasons for Indigenous peoples opposition to the new legislation.

"It is legislation that is imposed without Indigenous people's consent," said Ardith. She differentiates between what Robert Nault, Minister for the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, considers consultation and what Indigenous peoples consider 'informed consent'. Nault claims he consulted with 10,000 First Nation people across Canada about the FNGA. The consultation sessions were not designed to gauge whether those that attended were in agreement with the FNGA or not.

Equally grievous and problematic to people who oppose this legislation is Canada's lack of recognition of Indigenous peoples as sovereign nations. Once implemented, the FNGA will impose Canada's municipal style of government, based in a corporate structure. The Canadian government created the term self-government, implying independence through adopting Canada's municipal, corporate style of government. 'Self-government' does not recognize traditional forms of governance and requires that Indigenous peoples recognize Canada's sovereignty without Canada recognizing Indigenous peoples' sovereignty.

Ardith explained the intent of the FNGA is to alter the Indian Act, the main piece of legislation binding us to the Canadian government. The Indian Act states that Canada has a legal and moral obligation to uphold their fiduciary and financial responsibility to Indigenous peoples. The FNGA will no longer bind Canada

to its fiduciary and financial obligations to Indigenous peoples.

Nault claims the FNGA will improve the economic conditions of Indigenous peoples on and off reserve. "Yet this corporate-based, municipal style of government may do the opposite," retorts Ardith, "especially for small communities." For example, under the FNGA there will be third party agreements in which a third party, other than the band or federal and provincial government, will step in and have the power to say how monies are administered. This will be particularly troublesome for the smaller bands.

Halie and Ardith are part of the newly formed Indigenous Peoples Grassroots Movement (IPGM). This group was created as a result of vehemently opposing the Prime Minister Chretien's legacy of termination that is being imposed through the FNGA. This legacy is Chretien's White Paper. Indigenous Peoples rose together and defeated this piece of legislation in 1969.

The White Paper is similar to the FNGA in its attempt to legalize the extinguishment of aboriginal title and rights to the land. These rights flow from the land and are lived out by the Indigenous peoples who occupy and utilize it.

Two weeks ago, the IPGM and their supporters led a rally and march through downtown Vancouver to protest the FNGA. What had originally started out as a small group of 100 quickly grew to 350 people marching from Grandview Park to Commercial Drive. Another anti-FNGA rally and march is in being planned in Nanaimo by the MALU Student Union representative Lee Wittman. The date, time and location of this event are yet to be announced.

Ardith and Halie will support the Nanaimo rally. "We believe with this kind of momentum we can demonstrate to Chretien we are vehemently and adamantly opposed to the FNGA." For more information you can contact the government website: www.fng.gpnc.ca For more info on the Nanaimo rally and march contact Lee Wittman at: (250) 753-3245.

garage sales, clean-ups and dinners. Some of my family members have already made cash donations to my account that I have setup as fundraising account. My parents have committed and will continue to assist me with my expenses while away for the entire year. I am specifically asking for assistance (donations) ideally a cash donation, small gifts that I can exchange, items so that I may use in either a raffle or loonie toonie

auction, or garage sales. Further, while I am away, I do commit to keeping my family and Nuu-chah-nulth updated on my trip at least four times during the year. If you have any questions please call me at 250-723-5503 or send me an email at . Thank you, on behalf of my parents Iris and Richard Lucas, Danny and Desiree Samuel and myself. P.S. We are planning a Loonie Toonie for July 8 at the PAFC...



Seven Graduate from Maaqtusiis

By Denise Ambrose
Central Region Reporter

Ahousah - Seven Ahousah students took to the stage at the Maaqtusiis Gymnasium to receive their well-deserved high school diplomas on June 13th. Wally Thomas, Mark 'Tubby' Jack, Melissa Charlie, Kyle Adams, Amy Jack, Scott Frank and Daniel John donned their royal blue graduation gowns and listened to words of praise from their families and teachers.

Louie Frank Senior offered the opening prayer followed by the grand entrance of the graduates to a Victory Song sung by Marshall Thomas. The students were each presented their diplomas by the Ahousah Education Authority Board of Directors and principal Greg Louie presented the Honour Stole to Amy Jack, the student who achieved the highest marks.

Parents and family of each of the graduates were called forward, each saying a heartfelt thank you to all that played a role in their child's educational achievement. They also offered words of congratulations and encouragement to further education to the graduates.

In her Valedictorian address, Amy Jack congratulated her fellow students and encouraged them to follow their dreams, "Dream big and the same goes for the younger generations too."

Ahousah Tyee Ha' w'ldh, Corbett George expressed his pride in the 2003 graduates. He thanked the teachers,

school staff, parents and graduation committee. He congratulated the grads and encouraged them to go after their dreams; "it's up to you!"

The graduates were the guests of honour at a community dinner later that evening where family speeches and gifts were delivered.

A screen dance, paid for by the graduates due to their fundraising success, marked the grand finale on their day of celebration.



Crest Creek Review

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Tsaxana - The plan to restore the natural flow of Crest Creek is dead after engineers calculated the huge cost of such a project.

The creek, which originally flowed into the Heber River, which fed into the Gold River and drained into Nootka Sound, currently runs into the Elk River and drains into Johnstone Strait on the east coast of Vancouver Island.

After two days of meetings at Tsaxana ersion process proves to be too costly, in the neighborhood of four million dollars to divert the lake and raise highway.

During two days of meetings between BC Hydro, DFO, Parks Canada, Gold River Council, Campbell River WUP, NTC Biologist and the Mowachahat/ Muchalaht First Nation held at Tsaxana, it was revealed that a diversion would cost more than \$4 Million and put homes and highways at risk.

To divert the creek, a dam or weir would have to be constructed which would then create the need to raise the

highway several meters to avoid flooding and erosion. In creating a dam or weir there would be the added cost of operation and maintenance and constant monitoring of the habitat surrounding the return of water flow from Crest Lake into the Heber River.

With Fisheries and Parks being able to commit some dollars with the amount to be determined later all supported the restoration of the Lower Elk River. The Lower Elk has been impacted with the added water flow from the Crest Lake and the outflow from the Heber Dam, which is to be decommissioned by the year 2010.

Five recommendations were made to help restore the Lower Elk System: (1) define goals and objectives (2) form a committee to locate funding for restoration (3) Water Use Planning studies in and around the Heber Dam decommission, Drum/Crest/Mud Lakes (4) Monitor fish population in the three lakes Drum, Crest and Mud (5) A Traditional Use study of the Elk River, Heber River, Crest River and the three lakes.



Helijet offers new service: Campbell River to Seattle

By David Wivchar
Southern Region Reporter

Campbell River - A new travel option is available to people on Northern Vancouver Island as Helijet International has launched thrice daily flights from Campbell River to Seattle and back.

Imagine, only an hour after leaving Campbell River you could be slurping a cup of *Seattle's Best* at the Pike Place Public Market or watching a Mariners, Sonics or Seahawks game. Seattle has never been so close. And with the current summer seat sale, Seattle has never been as affordable either as flights from Campbell River to Seattle are only \$93 each way (plus taxes and fees) from June 27th to September 14th.

As a large American center, Seattle is a world-class tourist destination, and Sea-Tac airport is a regional center offering flights to every world center and direct flights to all American metropolises.

In the past, North Island residents would have to drive four hours to Victoria to fly to Seattle, or drive the whole way to Seattle, which would take more than 8 hours. Now, through Helijet, Campbell River offers convenient connections to every major US city and a world of international destinations.

Flights leave Campbell River at 8:40 am, 11:50 am and 3:20 pm and fly to Boeing Field just south of downtown Seattle and just north of Sea-Tac airport. Flying aboard a Beechcraft 1900D dual-prop plane, you fly over Courtenay,

Nanaimo, Victoria and the San Juan islands at 20,000 feet, and after only 50 minutes land in Seattle. Helijet offers a shuttle service to Sea-Tac, and it's a \$20 cab fare to downtown Seattle. For reservations or more information, call Helijet at 1-800-665-4354, or surf to www.helijet.com.



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A Province-wide First Nations basketball league?

A province-wide First Nations Basketball league may be coming to a town near you. Peter Wortman of Mt. Currie, (just north of Whistler/Pemberton) is currently laying the foundations for the 36 team, six zone provincial league that will compete for \$5000 and bragging rights for the title of the best First Nations team in British Columbia.

"The BCFNBL will provide an unparalleled opportunity for First Nations Men's basketball players to pursue their hoop dreams, by playing in a highly competitive league, against all-star calibre talent, on a weekly basis", says Wortman, Father of 4, and a former National amateur soccer and baseball champion. With progress already ahead of schedule, the only problem Wortman foresees is who to pick

for a team among all the talented First Nations players in BC. "Here in Mt. Currie, we have at least 50 decent players to choose from, but that's a good thing, it will motivate a lot of people."

The BCFNBL is taking a professional approach, and franchises will be sold for \$500. League requirements include having a gymnasium capable of holding at least 75 fans, concession facilities and proper uniforms. Starting on October 17th, 2003, teams will play a 20 game inter-zone league schedule, with teams playing doubleheader week-ends, rotating between home and away. The top four teams in each zone will playoff to determine a zone champion, who will then travel to the Provincial Championships, which will be held in April of 2004 at a site TBA. "We are taking six months to play our league schedule, as we don't want to interfere

with the various tournaments throughout B.C. especially the March ALL-NATIVE in Prince Rupert", Wortman respectfully declares, "they are an integral part of First Nations basketball in B.C."

The league mandate is to provide a fun filled, family atmosphere, where First Nations peoples of all ages can cheer on their team. Tickets are \$5 and there will be door prizes, contests, raffles and meet the player sessions, where the kids can get their favourite players autographs. "We are thinking down the road, and by starting the BCFNBL now, we will be giving youth something to aim for, and role models to emulate". Wortman states, "This league is a starting point, and by improving itself every year, we will provide an opportunity for any First Nations basketball player to excel, and grow, both as an athlete, and as a human being."

They are also putting out the call to all First Nations carvers and artists, hoping they will donate a piece of their work for a silent auction, planned in late June. As well, any company or individual, willing to help them out with a donation of a service or goods, would be greatly appreciated. Wortman closes by saying, "every little piece of the puzzle helps, every little phone call, I can't wait till next April so we can apply the finishing touches. Thank you all that have helped, and thank you all that can, and will help. All my Relations."

For more information phone Peter Wortman at: 604-894-6715 or: 604 905-9175, or e-mail pwortman@telus.net

Slow Pitch Tournament hosted by TFN Days

June 20th - 22nd

Deadline for Registration June 18, 2003 @ 4:00pm
\$100 Deposit is required @ Deadline of Registration
3 Ladies on Field at all Times

Cash Prizes: 1st Place \$1000, 2nd Place \$500, 3rd Place \$250

Also Trophies for Sportsmanlike, 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Home Run Derby: Standard Bats to use for Derby.
Contact Jan or Francis @ 725-2175 or 725-3233

Ice Hockey Players Wanted

I am looking for individuals for coaching, trainers, volunteers to help put together a ice hockey team in each of these levels if possible mites/pee wee/atom/bantam/midget for a All Native Hockey Tournament that is held in Prince George every year. I would like to hear from you if you are interested for next year's tournament.

Any Nuu-cha-nulth Ice Hockey players between the ages of 6 - 17 years of age that participate in a Minor Hockey program in your town please contact Brian Tate, #5 - 3737 Bruce St., Port Alberni, B.C., V9Y 8E1, Phone 1-250-283-2012 (work), 1-250-731-9207 (cell)
e-mail: hbtate@nuuchahnulth.org

All Native Slo-pitch Tournament

July 18th, 19th & 20th, 2003

Tseshah First Nation, Port Alberni, BC

Prize Money to be determined by # of Teams. (Max. 9 Teams)

6 Men and 4 Ladies, All Players Must be 1/4 Native,

\$300 Entry Fee to Be Paid in Full by July 12th, 2003

Contact Ron Dick Sr. (250) 723-8340 Evenings or
Sherri Cook/Thomas Dick (250) 720-0923

Memorial Bike Ride

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Port Hardy - This journey was to start at 9 am on the morning of Saturday, June 7 from Port Hardy. But due to various hosts of emotions the cyclists for this journey started earlier than expected. The cyclists left their camping site at Quatse (pronounced- Kate-see) River Campground on the outer edge of Port Hardy at 7:30 in the morning, so upon my arrival at 8:15 thinking I was early, they had already traveled eighteen kilometers.

During their first fifteen-minute rest I had a chance to talk to Molly Haipee about this journey she and her family have undertaken.

"I feel very sad because this is something my daughter (Darlene Klotz) wanted to do for awhile and due to the complications with having diabetes she never had the chance to do it," Molly said. "It is very hard to watch your daughter die slowly. In the last four months of her life



The Haipee family poses for a photo during their fundraising trip

2003 Nuu-cha-nulth Tlu-piich Games

Hi there!! I am April Charleson, the Tlu-piich Games Coordinator. I am from the Hesquiaht nation. I have recently finished my second year of business at Malaspina University College. I will obtain my Business Diploma, in Management by this December and I plan to continue my education and acquire a Degree in Business Management. I am pleased to be back for a second time to organize the Games.

Games Committee Reps. The Games committee held their first meeting Monday, June 9. The main agenda was discussing the calendar of events and the dates of the Games. Nations represented at the meeting were as follows: Ahousah - Wally Samuel SR., Hesquiaht - Stanley Lucas SR., Hupacasath - Carolina Tatoosh, Huu-ay-aht - Jane Peters, Tseshah - Gina Pearson and Karli Van vliet, Uchucklesaht - Pam Watts.

Other contacts for the nations are: Ditidaht - Kelly Edgar and Tricia Thorne, Mowachah/Muchalaht - Lance Ambrose, Tla-o-qui-aht - Agnes Brown, Ucluellet - Gloria Valentine

The Nuu-cha-nulth Tlu-piich Games will be a gathering of seven days for sporting and traditional events in Port Alberni. The games start Friday, July 25 and end Thursday, July 31.

The games are early this year and have been condensed out of consideration of a variety of other Nuu-cha-nulth events happening.

Volunteers. Volunteers play a very important role for the Games to be well organized and successful, please sign up

she had one internal organ failure after another before she lost her battle. My daughter lived with Type 1 Diabetes for twenty years before losing her life," she said.

"The young ones were up at 7 this morning; too excited to sleep and anxious to get going, so we left earlier than scheduled," Phyllis Shaw said.

The Haipee Family would like to thank all the sponsors, all the individuals who donated equipment, first aid packages, and to those who donated their vehicles for the support crews to be on hand for the cyclists.

The cyclists will be selling raffle tickets for a 24 speed, 17" adult Hard Rock mountain bike. At the end of the journey Maureen Dennis will raffle off her ladies mountain bike, which was donated by the Hu-ay-aht First Nation. All proceeds from these raffles will go towards the Canadian Diabetes Research Fund. Donations can be given to them on their journey or mailed to: Molly Haipee, PO. Box 264, Ucluellet, B.C. V0R 3A0.

Tyee Ha'wiltth receives Coast Guard Award



35-year Coast Guard veteran Clifford Charles

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Bamfield - Uchucklesaht Tyee Ha'wiltth Clifford Charles (Tootapooth) was honoured in Vancouver this past Monday for his 35 years of service to the Canadian Coast Guard.

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"I was fresh out of high school and all I wanted to do was to have fun and party," Charles recalls. "But you have to have money to party, so I thought logging and fishing were my only options, since I didn't know what I wanted to do career-wise," he laughed.

"Then one day I heard one of the Coast Guard crewmen had fallen down, breaking his leg in three places. So I phoned up the Officer-in-charge and was hired on as a temporary replacement," he said. The 61-year old injured crewman's leg didn't heal properly, so he took an early retirement, and at the young age of 18, Charles' temporary job became a permanent career.

Lahal. Stanley Lucas will be your host this year at Lahal. Lahal will be in the evenings starting on Friday, July 25 to Sunday July 27. Venue to be confirmed. **Junior Ball Hockey.** This event is scheduled for Monday, July 28 and Tuesday, July 29. If you plan on registering a team please confirm with us the age group(s) so that we can accommodate with the venues. If interested in helping coordinate this event please contact April at the games office.

Soccer and Slo-pitch Challenge. These will be fun games in the late afternoon/early evening starting Monday, July 28 to Wednesday, July 30. Please contact the Games office and leave a message with April if you need more info or want your team to participate in one of these events. Venues to be

35 years later, Charles is now one of the two Officers in charge at the Bamfield Coast Guard Station and is receiving his longtime service award at the Hyatt Regency in Vancouver.

"The Canadian Government has started recognizing people for work done," said Charles in his calm, quiet manner, making it sound as if his 35 years saving lives on the high seas was like a quiet desk job. "When I started I decided that I wanted to be a Captain before I retired, and I attained that," he said.

"In the beginning, most of the calls we'd receive were from disabled commercial fishing vessels, and now the calls mostly come from pleasure boats," said Charles. "We do a lot of medivacs

(medical evacuations), towing disabled boats, searching for overdue vessels, and maintaining navigational aids," he said.

One of the missions of high drama within the past few years was the rescue of a stolen sailboat. Taken from a marina in Vancouver, thieves sailed the 40' boat out into the open Pacific but got into trouble off Cape Beale. When the call came in from the disabled "Caloni", Charles and others recognized the boat from a Coast Guard bulletin issued days before. Charles captained the Coast Guard vessel Cape Calvert out to the Caloni, where they rescued the crew and brought them into Bamfield, where they were promptly arrested by the RCMP.

"We've had rough calls but it's just part of the job," said Charles. "Others might see it as harrowing or whatever, but it's just everyday work," he said.

Clifford and wife Rose have 4 daughters, and also operate "Rose's B&B" in Bamfield, where guest accommodations are adorned with pictures of Charles' Coast Guard ship.

Given the Officer-in-charge ranking four years ago (a title he shares with Clay Evans) Charles is looking to retire in 2007 after 37 years of service.



Cultural Nights. Wally Samuel Sr. and Stanley Lucas SR. will be your hosts. Bring your drums and shawls and join us for some songs and dances. Dance groups interested in performing please contact us to confirm your attendance. More information to follow.

Track and Field. At the Bob Dailey Stadium, Track and Field will be by "Participation" there is no registration required, just show up with your runners and water.

Closing ceremonies and Picnic. Closing ceremonies will be on Thursday afternoon at the picnic. Sponsorship and Track and Field presentations will be done then. More information to follow. Venue to be confirmed.

Tseshah Beautification Coalition



If you have seen a tremendous change to the look of the Tseshah First Nation's reserve, this is the crew that is responsible for it. Over the past 3 months, the Tseshah Beautification Coalition; a group of twelve youth, have been working on a variety of projects throughout the Tseshah reserve. These young people have been building a community garden, landscaping a variety of areas, making improvements to the Youth Centre, fundraising, proposal writing, building job and life skills, and having lots of fun in the process. To celebrate the mid-point of their 6 month project, the Tseshah community picnic was held at Papermill Dam off Hector Road on Saturday, June 7, 2003 from 11:00am to 2pm. This event was organized by, and run by this group of young folks, included were games, food and a loonie/toonie auction.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR June 21, 2003

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL DAY!

Pacific Rim National Park Reserve
Rain OR Shine, Wickaninnish Beach & Centre

GALA DINNER & LOONIE TOONIE AUCTION
JUNE 20, 2003

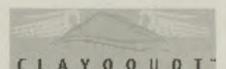
Tin Wis Resort and Lodge, Tofino
\$40.00 per ticket



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Language group



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First Nation



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Parcs Canada

For more information contact: Anne @ 250-726-4230,
Maureen @ 250-726-2414, Nadine or Sandra @ 250-726-7721

Haahuupayak School

We are now accepting Registration Forms for
September 2003 classes
Spaces are limited for Kindergarten - Grade 6.
Register early if you would like Your child/ren to attend
2003/2004 School Year at Haahuupayak

2003 Tlu-piich Games - Schedule of Events

July 25
Opening Ceremonies
Senior Men's Fast-pitch
Lahal in the evening
July 26
Senior Men's Fast-pitch
Lahal in the evening
July 27
Senior Men's Fast-pitch
Lahal in the evening
July 28
Junior Ball-hockey
Soccer challenge (early evening)

Cultural Night
July 29
Junior Ball-hockey
Slo-pitch Challenge (early evening)
Cultural Night
July 30
Track and Field at Bob Dailey
Soccer or Slo-pitch challenge
Cultural Nights
July 31
Track and Field (AM only) Picnic
and Closing Ceremonies
Venues to be confirmed

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PAFC News

It is time to celebrate with the Port Alberni Friendship Center! On Friday, June 20th, the Center will celebrate National Aboriginal Day! As has happened in previous years, there will be a traditional feast, complete with seafood, bannock and lots of other goodies. Joyce Little will also be providing a fashion show, with clothes modeled by some of the Center's friendly faces. Also performing will be dancers from haahuupayak, as well as a special guest, actor and musician Swil Kanim. Swil Kanim is a talented violinist who has appeared on the television show *North of 60* and is featured in the film "The Business of Fancy Dancing". Winner of the 2000 Bellingham Mayor's Art Award, Kanim is a classically trained violinist, who is known for "his original solos and technical dash". You won't want to miss this celebration of our culture and heritage, so come on out and bring the whole family. Also, check out the Center's June newsletter for more info on other events happening around the Island on Saturday, June 21st. The youth have other activities happening in June, like Nights Alive on June 21st at the Center, from 9:30pm to midnight. Then, June 27th is the monthly Youth Dance from 9:00pm to midnight. Tickets are just \$4 and are available at the door. There will be no drop-ins on June 20th (due to National Aboriginal Day celebrations) or June 26th (due to the fundraising dinner). There is a Jam Session with Jason Titian scheduled on Saturday June 28th from 4pm to 8pm.

PAFC Elder's Fundraiser

Port Alberni Friendship Center, Thursday June 26, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Roast Beef Dinner, Fashion Show & Loonie Auction
Tickets are \$15.00 in advance (\$17.00 at the door).
For ticket information call Cheryl at 723-8281.
 All proceeds raised from this event will be put towards the Elders attending the 2003 Elders' Gathering in Coquitlam in August.

NCN Healing Project Upcoming Events

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Vancouver Support Group Meeting	2 nd & last Monday	Vancouver AFC
Women's Support Group Meeting	2 nd & Last Thurs/ea. month	VAFC
Support Group Mtg	6 pm - 9 pm	1607 E. Hastings St.
St. Peter's Anglican Church, 228 S. Dogwood St., Campbell River	2 nd & last Tues. of each month	
Cultural Night	Last Thurs of ea. month	Nanaimo, 204 - 96 Cavan St.
Storytelling, Language, 7 pm	Singing, Dancing, Crafts, etc.	
Support Group Meeting	Every 2 nd & Last Monday, 6-8 pm	Victoria, 853 Figgard St.
Support Group Mtg	second last Thursday of each month, 6 pm	Duncan Native Friendship Center, 205 - 5462 Trans Canada Highway

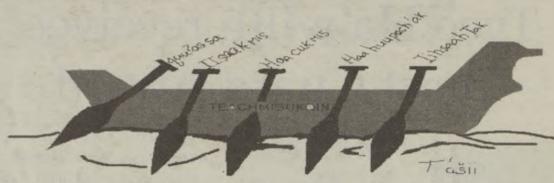
For more information contact Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project Staff: Vina Robinson @250-731-6271, Michael McCarthy @ 250-413-7303 or 604-312-6539, Shawn Sinclair @ 250-616-3674.

Chaa-Maak-Sap Family Trauma Program 2003 Session Dates

Kakawis Trauma Program

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	-	Hawii - Hereditary Chiefs
Oct. 13 to Oct. 24, 2003	-	Youth Program

Bring an instrument or just your voice. Between now and the end of the month, there is just one more family night on June 28th, from 8-10pm where they will be doing some beadwork. A reminder that tutoring will be cancelled on Wednesday, June 25th. The Elders will be holding a fundraising dinner on Thursday, June 26th from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. It will be a roast beef dinner, and will be followed by a fashion show and Loonie Auction, with lots of great prizes to bid on. Many thanks to all of the local businesses who have donated prizes and items to be auctioned off. Tickets for this event are just \$15 in advance (\$17 at the door), and include the fashion show and the right to bid at the Loonie Auction. For ticket information, please phone Mike White or Cheryl Brennan at 723-8281. Also, don't forget to get your ticket for the raffle that the Elders are having. First prize is a Sun Mask, handcrafted from Alder wood by Elder /Artist Ben David. Second prize is a beautifully handcrafted Cedar bark and grass woven basket, with a canoe design, created by Josephine Thompson. Third prize is a superbly handcrafted drum, with a First Nations Octopus design, again created by Elder / Artist Ben David. Tickets are only \$5, and are available by contacting Mike White or Cheryl Brennan at 723-8281. Tickets are limited, so act now! Proceeds from both the dinner and the raffle will go to Elders attending the Elders' Gathering in Coquitlam this August. So, that's all for now! Have a great week and enjoy the sunshine!



Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project

4th Annual Conference

"Huu ʔačink sił" (Reuniting Families)

July 2, 3, 4, Kakawis, Tofino, B.C.

Art & Crafts tables, Singing and Dancing, Lahal, Mini-workshops, Camping, Story telling, Hiking, Cedar Bark crafts, Traditional Foods, Traditional cleansing, Information Booth, *Family Games, Self-Care, and much, much more...*

We hope to see you there!

For more information and to Register, please contact:
 Ray Seitcher, Acting Coordinator, phone: (250) 724-3233.
 Vina Robinson, Urban Outreach Worker, phone: (250) 753-8567 Or the Healing Project staff member working in your region.
Registration Deadline: June 13, 2003
 (For planning purposes)

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project - 4th Annual Conference

"Huu ʔačink sił" (Reuniting Families)

July 2, 3, 4, 2003 @ Kakawis, Tofino, B.C.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Boats to Kakawis:

There will be scheduled boats leaving from the Method Marine Gas dock in Tofino to Kakawis. After we confirm times, schedules will be forwarded to all Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations, and will also be available through Healing Project staff. If you do not catch a scheduled boat to Kakawis, the fee will be your personal responsibility (no reimbursements).

Transportation for Urban Nuu-chah-nulth living away from home:

Transportation will be provided, if needed, from:
 Campbell River & Nanaimo: call (250) 753-8567
 Port Alberni: call (250) 724-3233
 Vancouver: call (604) 254-9972 or (604) 312-6539
 Victoria/Duncan: (250) 413-7303
 Or call Vina Robinson at (250) 731-6271

Transportation for Nuu-chah-nulth living on-reserve:

Please contact your band office if you require assistance with transportation to and from the Conference.

Accommodations during the Conference:

There will be limited shared accommodations available at the Conference. As accommodations are limited, priority will go to Elders and physically disabled persons.

Tent camp sites will be available for other participants.

Don't forget to bring the following:

Bath towels, bathing suit, toiletries (i.e. toothbrush, soap, shampoo etc.)
 Sleeping bag, pillow, hiking shoes, tent & tarp, mosquito repellent, lawn chair
 Shawls, drums, lahla sticks, etc.

Prescription medication if you are taking any; Allergy medication

Craft supplies

Please bring your own chumus, and if possible, 1 or 2 jars of canned fish, and/or any other food donation.

Volunteers are needed!!!

We are looking for volunteers for Kitchen help, Security, First Aid, set-up, clean up, etc. If you are interested please contact a Healing Project worker in your area or call our Main office: (250) 724-3233.

Shawl-Making:

If you are interested in making a shawl at the Conference, please bring the following materials:

1.5 meters of black broad cloth
 fringe for 3 corner of the shawl (optional)
 scissors

1 large spool of each thread- black and white or red

Everyone Welcome! No Registration fee.

To Register, or for more information, please call:
 Vina Robinson, Acting Project Coordinator: (250) 731-6271
 Main Healing Project office: (250) 724-3233
 Or the Healing Project staff member in your area.



Information About West Nile Virus (WNV)

What is West Nile Virus?

West Nile Virus (WNV) is a virus that causes a mild febrile illness (with fever, headache, body aches) in most people who acquire the virus. Some individuals, however, particularly the elderly, may develop permanent neurological damage due to encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), possibly resulting in death.

West Nile virus was first isolated in the West Nile District in Uganda in 1937. Since then it has spread through Africa, Southern Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Oceania and most recently, North America. It propagates in temperate zones of the world and new evidence suggests that it may over-winter in northern climates in birds and animals. The disease is fatal in domestic wild birds. WNV occurred in New York City resulting in 62 cases of encephalitis, including 7 deaths. It has since spread inexorably west and south through the US and, more recently into Canada. During 2002, more than 4,000 people in North America became ill after becoming infected with WNV. This is the largest outbreak of West Nile virus infection ever recorded.

Current Case Count (cumulative cases since August, 2001)

The first human case of WNV in Canada occurred in August, 2002. As of Aril 23, 2003 human test results in Canada have confirmed WNV in Ontario (307, cases, 17 deaths), Quebec (16 cases, 1 death) and Alberta (2 cases, no deaths).

Horse test results show WNV in Manitoba (236 cases), Ontario (107 cases), Saskatchewan (10 cases) and Quebec (3 cases).

Dead Bird testing shows the presence of WNV in birds in all provinces except Newfoundland. The largest numbers are in Ontario (6323 cases) and Manitoba (2624 cases).

Etiologic Agent

West Nile virus belongs to a family of viruses called Flaviviridae. It is spread by mosquitoes that have fed on the blood of infected birds. West Nile virus is closely related to the viruses that cause Dengue fever, Yellow fever and St. Louis encephalitis.

West Nile virus primarily infects birds (particularly crows, ravens, blue jays and magpies), although it has been found in other mammals such as horses and bears. Human cases are still very rare.

Transmission of WNV

Most people get West Nile virus from the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected from feeding on blood of an infected bird. Two weeks later the mosquito is capable of passing the virus to animals and humans by biting them. Other blood-biting insects do not appear to be able to spread the West Nile virus.

In 2002 it became apparent that the West Nile virus could be spread in other ways, such as blood transfusions and organ transplants. There is also evidence that pregnant women can pass on the virus to their unborn babies and that the virus can be passed through breast milk.

Healthcare workers can get West Nile Virus via needlesticks or cuts. West Nile virus is not spread by casual contact or by the respiratory route. It is not airborne. There is no person-to-person spread, or animal-to-person spread. There is no evidence of anyone getting WNV from handling infected carcasses, however it is always recommended that gloves be worn to handle any dead bird or animal remains, to prevent acquisition of other types of infection. **Special precautions are not required for patients who have WNV encephalitis. Symptoms of WNV**

Most infections are mild and symptoms include the sudden onset of fever, headache and body aches, nausea and/or vomiting, occasionally a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands. These symptoms generally last 3 to 6 days. More severe infection may be marked by headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, paralysis and, rarely, death. The incubation period of West Nile virus encephalitis is usually 3 to 14 days.

Treatment of WNV Infection

The best way to protect against WNV is to avoid mosquitoes:

- Consider staying indoors at dawn, dusk and in the early evening.
 - Install or repair window and door screens so that mosquitoes cannot get indoors.
 - Place mosquito netting over infant carriers when you are outdoors with infants.
 - When possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants whenever you are outdoors.
 - Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. Choose a repellent that provides protection for the amount of time that you will be outdoors.
 - To avoid helping mosquitoes breed in your environment, drain standing water. Routinely empty water from flower pots, pet bowls, clogged rain gutters, swimming pool covers, discarded tires, buckets, barrels, cans and other items that collect water in which mosquitoes can lay eggs.
- Canada's Initiatives for the 2003 Season**
 Health Canada is currently waiting for the submission of a screening test to check for West Nile virus in donated blood, which is being developed by industry. Once the test is received, Health Canada will assess it on an urgent basis and, if all goes well, the test will be in place by July 1st, 2003.

Nuu-chah-nulth women enjoy retreat

By Ruth Ogilvie
 Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Nuu-chah-nulth women experienced everything from belly dancing to cedar bark weaving at this year's Urban Women's Retreat. Sponsored by the NCN Healing Project, the theme of the retreat was "empowerment through self-care" and was held at the Seven Springs Retreat in Nanoose.

Workshops included: manicures and pedicures, massage, natural healing, Reiki, NCN crafts and angel card readings. The angel card readings were very popular amongst the women, as was the cedar bark weaving. Elder Elsie Robinson was available to participants for talks and teachings.

Tuesday night was performance night, wrapping up the 3-day event. Participants got to share newly acquired talents. The belly-dancing troupe led by Taissia Sinclair and performed by retreat participants gave a hip shaking performance. Participants modeled J'net August's recycled and refurbished clothing. Following the fashion show there was a staged reading of one part of Drew Hayden Taylor's play *Only Drunks and Children Tell the Truth*. (The full version of the play will be performed during the Nuu-chah-nulth Coming Home Project.) The evening ended with a comedic skit called Gossiping Gals, written and performed by participants.

Julie Joseph and Geraldine Tom taught cedar bark weaving and the talented participants made baskets, pouches, cedar roses and decorations. Geraldine told everyone about the



Conference Elder Elsie Robinson

teachings she received from her grandmother when stripping trees for cedar bark. "I was always taught to be grateful for cedar and the things it can do for us," she said. "Today I am grateful for each and everyone of you."

She also spoke of what she hoped the women would leave the retreat with "strength and hope, to do what you want when you leave here." Vina Robinson, acting coordinator for the NCN Healing Project closed the evening with a "thank you" to the cooks and everyone else for an entertaining evening. The Urban Women's Retreat is an annual event aimed at nurturing the health and well being of our Nuu-chah-nulth women.

For further information please contact Vina Robinson at the NCN Healing Project 724-3233



The belly-dancing troupe led by Taissia Sinclair and performed by retreat participants gave a hip shaking performance.

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project



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 Toll-free: 1-866-901-3367
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 Fax: (250) 388-5120

Gold River Office (Northern Region)
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 Fax: (250) 283-2122

Vancouver Urban Office:
 455 East Hastings Street
 Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1P5
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Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Congratulations

Happy 13th Birthday to Chancellor Alexander Jack. I would like to wish our Man of the House a happy 13th Birthday for July 5, 2003. Many More to come Son. Stay Healthy and Safe; you've come so far we are very proud of you Son. Have an awesome day and summer son. Love Always: Mom, Your Favourite sister Melissa and your #1 Nephew Quentin.

I would like to take this opportunity to say Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful father's in the World!! also, this goes out to my Dear Father Leo Anthony Jack, you mean so very much to me, and I want you to know that you are always in my heart, No matter where I go. You're always giving, always there to help in any way; the loving things you've done for me, I never could repay. I can't imagine what I'd do without the love you give. I'll treasure your sweet heart of gold As long as I shall live. Happy Father's Day Dad, I Love You! Ur daughter Mullits! And to my Handsome Brother's Henry, Leroy, Lavigne, Ric.P, JR. and All my Handsome Nephews Chance, John, Matt, Johnny, Sammy, Wayne, Danny, Charles, Aaron, Alex, Rudy D, numerous more.... The most Important thing a Father can do for his children is to Love their Mother!

On behalf of the Tate family, we would like to congratulate the Newly Weds of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tate. They were married on the evening of May 30, 2003 at the Timberlodge Hotel in Port Alberni, B.C. Mellisa is the youngest daughter of Cheryl Amos (Fred) and the Late Tony (Chappy) Fred of the Tshahat First Nation. Wayne is the son of David and Francis Tate of the Ditidat First Nation. Mellisa's Maid of Honour was her twin sister Renee, and the Best Man for Wayne was his brother Darryl,



Congratulations to my son Frederick John Mattersdorfer (picture right). He celebrated Grad' 2003 from Elementary to High school June 4, 2003 with his classmates of 20 students. I would like to share with all readers that the picture you see of my two gorgeous boys Nicholas and Frederick Mattersdorfer proud sons for Mr and Mrs Donald Mattersdorfer. Fred is the 3rd child, and a very thoughtful, caring, smart, intelligent, loving, thoughtful. He was very much encouraged, by his big brother Nicholas to go to school and he always looks up to his big brother Nick, never goes a day where he leaves him behind. I am so proud of you Nick, for helping your little brother out. I would like to recognize, my aunt Betty Keitlah for been there for the past two years for native language, he talked highly about your values, beliefs and teachings. Thank you and to Dave Miller P.E. teacher, for been pretty active with my boy! To Bev Nelson, always on top of things and very well structured teacher you are. Thank you and to the rest of the staff that played a role, to Ginger Frank especially, for coaching and guiding my son! into education. From the bottom of my heart thank you kleco kleco. Grade 8 now hey son! Love from mom, dad, Samantha, Nick, Jessica, and baby Dawn Mattersdorfer.

I would like to congratulate Michael MacDonald on his recent graduation from the Building Envelope Technical Assistant Program (BETA Program). Mike graduated with near perfect attendance, missing only one day, and double congratulations on landing his first construction job. Yeah Mike!

the Wedding took place in front of approximately thirty-five immediate family members, with the reception following in the dining area of the Timberlodge who also provided the Catering services. Once again congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tate from the Tate Family.

Happy Fathers Day to Bob and Happy Birthday to Keifer Samuel on June 5 love Grampa Bob, Pauline, uncles Jody and Ricky and your aunties Evelyn, Marlene and Latisa.

Happy Fathers Day to Ernest, love your daughter Pauline.

Happy Birthday to my beautiful niece Shannon Daphne on June 17th. Hope your day is as wonderful as you. Give Marieloh a big hug and kiss from us! We Love You! Love, Anita, Darryl and Trevor.

Happy Birthday to my cuz Liz Hansen on June 17th! I hope you get everything you want! Love ya! Love, Anita J.

Congratulations to my brother Leo Jack Jr. and Tracy G. on their upcoming WEDDING in Kyuquot, July 2003! May God Bless you both for the rest of your life! I am very proud of you both for making this awesome decision. Love you sis, Slim.

Happy Birthday Marilyn Lucas on June 2nd Hope you have the best day ever Marilyn. Thank you very much in all that you do. Love your son Man, Jessie, Jr and Rakaylyn.

Happy Birthday Pat Charleson III (man) on June 22nd. Hope you enjoy your day! We love you lots! From Jessie, Heman and Rakaylyn.

Happy 2nd Birthday Mauricio Mosue-Lopez, my sweet Lil baby is a toddler, as we know it the terrible two's. Mommy & Daddy Love you Mauricio.

Special Happy Birthday to our Baby Molina Rose Dick, June 12, hope you have an awesome day, love Mom & Dad & Joseph Jr.

June 12: Special Happy Birthday to "Babes" Denise Sam, enjoy your day girl. Love from Auntie Darl.

To Uncle Angus: You deserve the best, Uncle, well we love you, Happy Birthday!! Also to Sophie Hannah, Arlene Paul, Simon Frank and Geneva Haiupis. Hope you all have a good day. June 14th: Happy Birthday to Sheila Babes Dick, hop you have a good day. June 18th: Happy Birthday Justin Dick, Luv from Auntie Darl.

June 21st: Happy Birthday to Margaret Ann Dick, Enjoy your day! Love from Darl, Alec & Tribe. June 22nd: Happy Birthday to Courtenay Columba Louie and Ms. Anne...June 25th: Happy Anniversary to Sal & Louie Frank Jr. (lots of years eh?) We would like to wish our Daughter, Sister Ellen Rose Joanne Irene Delilah Titian a Happy 5th Birthday on June 3, 2003. Hope you enjoy your special day. Love you forever from Mon, Dad, Brothers Mike Jr. Joseph, sisters Carl, Darlene, Michelle and Erica. Also a very Happy 2nd Birthday to our baby, sister Darlene Joyce Titian on June 29, 20003 Love you 8 mile,



Congratulations Jack & Jasmine! They recently attended the Western Canadian Taekwon-do Invitational tournament in Kelowna, BC. Jack won two silver medals - one for sparring and the other for patterns. Jasmine won a bronze medal in sparring. Thank you grammar for your support. Love always, mom.

hop you also have a great day. Love from Mom Cica, Dad Mike, Brothers: Mike Jr., Joseph, Sisters Ellen, Carla, Michelle, Erica and your other Mom & Dad.

A Happy 6th Birthday to our son, brother Mike Anthony Titian Jr. on June 30, 2003. Love you forever son, bro. Hope you enjoy your special day. Love from Mom, Dad, Ellen, Carla Joseph, Darlene Michelle, and Erica.

A very Happy Birthday to our Grandma, Great Grandpa Carl Grant Jumbo on June 2, 2003. We love you Grandpa Carl. Hope you enjoy your special day. Lotsa love from your Grandchildren Mike Titian, Cica John, Great Grandchildren Mike Jr., Ellen, Carla, Joe, Darlene, Michell & Erica.

Happy 10th Anniversary to Suzanne and Roman Frank Sr. on June 12, 2003, hope your day goes will for the both of you. We all love you from Mike, Cica, Michelle, Erica, Mike Jr., Ellen, Carla, Joe, Darlene.

Happy Birthday to Steven Michael Ambrose Titian on June 15, 2003, from Uncle Mike Auntie Cica, Little Brothers, Sisters.

Happy Birthday to my niece Sunshine Savey on June 26, 2003. Miss you, love you always niece. From Auntie Cica and Family.

Happy Birthday to our baby Margaret Titian on June 20, 2003. Love you Baby, hop you enjoy your special day, getting up there hey baby, give Abigail a great big hug and kiss from all of us, do it every day please. Love from Uncle Mike, Auntie Cica, Mike Jr., Ellen, Carla, Joe and Darlene.

Happy Father's Day to a very special man in my life Mike Titian Sr., hope you have a very special day. Love you forever, lots love from your wife, girlfriend Cica John.

Happy Father's Day to my one and only Dad Lloyd Billy Sr. Love you too Dad. From your daughter in Ahousaht BC.

Happy Father's Day to all my brothers Joseph, Thomas, Tim, Simon, Russell, Richard, Steve John, Lloyd Sr., Eric John, Christopher, Douglas Sr. From your Sister Cica John and Family.

To my long lost friend, cousin Kathy Mark, miss you bud, you better come home and visit me sometime real soon. Take Care. Happy Father's Day Lyle Williams, From

Happy Birthday to Ryan and Mauricio Lopez my two boys, Daddy loves you both. Ryan my big son, and Mauricio my baby boy have a Great Day both of you. Ryan 13, on June 25 and Mauricio 2 on June 20. Lots of love from Dad Hector.



Happy 1st Birthday to Quentin Isaiah Daytona Jack-Little For My Son Quentin When I seen you come into this world all I did was cry, Looking into your eyes that glow like the stars in the sky. It's just me and you son, Listening to your laugh I know we'll have a lot of fun. We will learn from each other every day, You know I love you in every way. I sit up and watch you sleep late at night, Your face brightens the room better than a light. I love running my fingers through your soft hair, I would do anything for you I'd give you my last breathe of air. Watching you smile fills my heart with joy, No matter what you will always be my little boy. Love Always Mom

Mike, Cica and Children. Happy Father's Day to all my uncles and Grandpa, Cousins, Friends you know who you all are. Choo. From Cica John & Family.

Happy Birthday to my sister in Zeballos, Lorraine Julia John on June 17, 2003. Miss you, love you. From your sister in Ahousaht, Cica John.

Jennifer John, Tim John Congratulations on completing 6 weeks up in Esperanza, give Jeff a great big hug & kiss for me. From you Lil sis Cica John and Family. Write to me sometime, Cica John, PO Box 132 Ahousaht, BC, V0R 1A0.

We would like send a very happy birthday shout out to Kalvin Charlie holy moly a big 14 on June 14th. Also we would especially like to congratulate him for his continual efforts in his academic achievements along with his sports achievements. keep up the hard work "kal" we are soooooo proud of you! luv mom, dad & Shanny. We would also like send our "fathers day" shout out to Chief Hanaquii, hope you have a great one! Love Freda, Daniel, Kalvin & Shanny. Oh yeah Rod, Sam, Parker, Gipper, Muskie, Nathan, Steve Tom, Reese Jr, Bear Cliff I wish you gentlemen a "Happy Fathers Day" Rod- I am so ecstatic you'd name your boy after me, thank you! Give hightower our regards, take care for now, peace! PS give Beaver a call ASAP.

This is for my wonderful husband Ron M. Johnson- through all the changes life and love have brought us, one thing remains the same- you are my everything and you mean the world to me! Happy Father's Day Honey! Love always & 4-ever your lovely wife April J.

June 12 - A quarter century hey girl! Well Denise your never to old, but "happy birthday my friend! Hope you had a good one. From your friend and neighbour Carol Mattersdorfer and family

To Moe Dick - Tom June 12, Happy 29th Birthday to you! and many

Happy Birthday to Peter Frank Sr! And A lot more to come. I just want to say I love you. Dad and I hope you have fun on June 15th. I wish we could have been there with you. Love always, Robyn, Allen, Carmen, Krystal Allen Jr., Jordan and Dianna.

Happy Father's Day to a special man in our lives, Mr Wesley Thomas Sr. We love you dad/ Grampa Thank you for being here for us always, and enjoy your day!! Love always, Janey and Shauntay.

Happy Father's Day to my Uncles Wes Thomas Jr in Victoria, Richard M Thomas, Luke Swan, Man Charleson, Eddie Smith, Geno, Parker, Wally, Sammy, grampas; Hudson, Oye, Felix, Robert, Amie, Jenzen, Larry, Qaamina, Dad Stan, Grampa Stan, Rich love from Shauntay.

Happy birthday to Gladys Swan on June 12th, Happy birthday to Francine Frank & Mr Parker "Spark" Mack in Seattle on June 18th/03. Happy birthday to Robyn

more. From C. Mattersdorfer. Baby of the Week - Faith Samantha Rose 7lbs 14ozs, born June 12, 2003 at 3:00 a.m. at Victoria Hospital. Proud grandparents are Greta John and Jackson Frank. Wow she is a proud grandmother alright. Heather's a girl is a gift of drug free, alcohol free, and smoke free! Way to go my god-daughter Heather Ashley Carol Debbie Frank and Skylar Robinson. You will enjoy your girl so much, when you held your girls little hand you won't let go you will bond for the rest of your life. Love always your god-mother Carol Mattersdorfer, uncle Don, your proud sis Samantha, Nick, Fred, Jessica and baby Dawn Mattersdorfer.

Happy 19th Birthday to a very special nephew Peter. C. John Jr on June 11 and to Rachel on the same day 18 years old. Happy Birthday. From the Mattersdorfer's. Fifteen Years of looking at each other, and waking up to each other... Mr and Mrs Lawrence Swan. June 18th, 2003 they will celebrate their anniversary. Congratulations. ah ... ah... stutter... giggle ah Larry, see I didn't forget. Love you both you make a perfect couple. Your cousin Carl Mattersdorfer.

Congratulations to my darling sister Rose-Anne John she delivered a 6lbs 5ozs baby boy on June 11, 2003 at Nanaimo, B.C. Lil' Cecil George Jr. proud grandparents are Julia George and Lorraine John. From the John family and George family. oops and Mattersdorfer family.

Farewell to all the Ahousat Teachers that will be leaving the Maaqtusiis Elementary High School. You will be sadly missed. Hope your future looks brighter for you all and good luck in your jobs ahead of you. Especially to my friends Patricia (Tate) Dick - you were an excellent teacher and friend for my daughter Jessica and to Bev Nelson thanks for been there for Fred you were awesome. I will miss the both of you. From a parent Carol Mattersdorfer on behalf of my children.

June 3, 2003 to Kyle Adams, Happy 18th Birthday! I know you had a good one. Many more to come. From your relatives the Mattersdorfer's.

Congratulations to all the grad's of Ahousat Maaqtusiis Elementary High School. Gramma's Little Angel turned One years old on May 14. Happy Birthday Jermaine Bulwer! We love you so much! Gramma Crystal, Uncle Jack, Uncle Matthew and Auntie Cara-Mia.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Roman G. Frank who will be 3? on June 30th. Wish all the best for you cousin. Love always, Robyn M. Frank.

Happy Father's Day to all my uncle's (Archie, Danny, Russell, Wayne, Bishop, Paul Sr) Hope you have a wonderful day. You guys deserve it. Love always Robyn, Allen and family.

Happy Father's Day, Allen SR! I love you with all my heart and all my soul. forever and forever. I hope you have a joyous day on June 15th. Love always, Robyn M. Frank.

Happy belated birthday on June 12th to Arlene Paul. With love, from your kids Angel, John, Carlene, your grand children and your great grandchildren. We hope you had fun on your day!

Happy Birthday Arl...Denise was thinking about you on June 12 :-)

Happy birthday to Gregory Charlie on June 28. Love Grandma Arl, mom Carlene, Henderson, Inez and Germaine.

Happy 1st Birthday Quentin For July 8th. Love Grandma & Uncle Son. Happy Birthday to Molina Rose Dick on June 12. (Trust me... its ok to eat the icing. Luv ya! Cuz Queen.

June 19 - Happy 11th Birthday to Brianna. AK (All the way). I hope you have the most wonderful day. You deserve it because you're the best! Love you forever, from Mom, Thomas, and Lyle.

Congratulations to Jessica Titian and her classmates for graduating Grade 7. I wish you all the best in the future. Love Mom & Thomas & Lyle.

Speaking of Graduation - there were 19 of us that graduated the Cross Roads Program at Horizon Management. It was a wonderful 12-week course involving OFA Level 1 Traffic Control, WHMIS, Computer Training and money management. As for me, I am continuing training in Food Safe

more. From C. Mattersdorfer. Happy birthday to Jennifer Mack on June 28th Love from Shauntay & Jane Thomas.

Congratulations to my mom/ grandma Lil Webster on her sobriety of 16 years on June 21st 2003. We love you, keep up the good work in everything you do. Thank you for being here for us, Love always Shauntay & Janey Thomas.

June 24 - Happy Birthday to Larry Mitchell Jr; June 28 - Happy Birthday Granny Louisa Watts; June 29 - Happy Birthday to Arnold Thomas. Love Marvin, Pearl and kids.

Happy 15th anniversary to my wife, Gena Swan, on June 18th. Have a good day. With love, your husband, Larry Swan. Wedding Announcement: Joe, (late) Cheryl Swan and Anita Campbell would like to announce the wedding of their daughter Sandra Cambell to Stanley Sam, son of Edward and Ruth Sam. The wedding date is set for November 8th, 2003 in Ahousaht. All family and friends welcome. I'd like to wish my sister Mouse-Anne Dick a happy 31st birthday on June 21st. No more d-thirty!! Have to behave now...enjoy your day sister-love...from Molina Rose and Children

In Memoriam - ʔaʔakʷap

In loving memory of Robert Watts Jr (Bobby) August 23, 1976 - to June 22, 2001

To Bobby...

It broke our hearts to lose you But you did not go alone. A part of us went with you The day God took you home, On Angels wings you left us To watch us from above. Though we're filled with sadness We feel your endless love. The memories we cling to Help us get through the day. Sometime the tears start flowing Because we wanted you to stay. Our circle is now broken A link is gone from the chain. But although we are parted Forever in our hearts. We know we'll meet again.



Love from your Dad.

"Bobby" - August 23, 1976 to June 22, 2001

To our only brother Although you are gone Our love for you is everlasting, And we thought you should know you were our only brother... Now we're hurting so we can't believe you're Gone We will always Have that happiness and joy in our Hearts forever. We will really miss you, I and Milla-ann All the angels in heaven will take Good care of you Until we meet again our brother Lots of love and kisses from Your Sisters Martha and Mila-Ann

and customer service. I would like to thank Trish McCool and Adrienne for their hard work and patience with us all. I'm sure it was worth it. Also to the rest of the staff, thank you. Good Luck to you in the future. From Kathy Mark.

June 23 - Happy Birthday to my kid brother Alex Mark Sr. and to my handsome nephew Alex Jr.

June 16 - Happy Birthday to my other brother Dwayne "Mickey" Ambrose. *(I guess it doesn't matter what kind of cake, he? Cause Mickey eats anything!) Have a good day Luv you both. Your Sis Kathy.

Happy Birthday to Roman G. Frank Sr. on June 30th. You have a wonderful Father's Day too! You deserve it! From Kathy M & Thomas.

Happy Father's Day to Lyle Williams. Thank you for being there for me when need. Many more years to come. From Thomas. C. M. Mark.

Happy Father's Day to my dearest Lyle. I love you so much - you've been so wonderful to me and my son. We are so lucky to have a guy like you in our lives. From Kathy M.

Happy 40th Birthday to John Barry Watts for June 20th. Love from Mom & Waate.

Happy Birthday to June Billy for June 17th. From Auntie Anita & Waate.

John B. Watts, Born June 20, 1963, Age 40 Years Today. We are so happy to see that you are doing so much better. So here you are turning 40 Yrs over the Hill (ha! ha! ha!). Hope you have a Great Day John. Happy Birthday to you! With all our Love, Sis Rita, Jay, Starla, Lorne, Darryl, Jolene, Tamara & Taniessa. XOXOXO.

Happy Birthday to our big sis Tasheena (Georgina) Livingstone on June 23. Take it easy on your birthday sis! Have fun and win some big \$ on your b-day. Happy Birthday to niece Erin Ross on June 21st. From Annie and Dave.

Happy Belated Birthday to John Gomez, who turned 30 on June 13/03. We love you lots and forever. From all your family and friends. Elephant Juice.

June 4: Me and my family would like

to wish my Mom a very Happy belated 40th Birthday. Love and miss you Mom!! Love your daughter Jolene, granddaughter Jolene, granddaughter McKayla and son-in-law Mike Joseph.

June 18, 2003: I'm sending this special birthday wish out to my Bro Les AKA Fester Happy 24th Bro. Love always your Sis Jolene and family, miss you lots, xoxo.

June 21: Happy 13th B-day to my Baby Sis Anna Lynn. Love your Bro Mike, niece McKala and Jolene.

June 25: We would like to wish our long lost sis from the States a very happy 22nd B-Day, we love and miss you guys lots. Take Care. From Jolene and Mike and McKayla.

Happy Birthday Sister Delores Touchie on July 6. From Sister Lavern, niece Lillian & her mom.

Happy Birthday Brother Lyle Touchie on July 26. From Lavern, Mom, & niece Lillian.

Happy Birthday Winston Curley on July 23. From Lavern, My mom Jud, & Larry.

Happy Anniversary to my husband Larry Swan, on June 18th, I love you always and forever, you'll never know how much what a joy and happiness you have made in my life, and what a treasure you will always be to me. I LOVE YOU, love always your wife Gena

Happy birthday to a very special niece pie Gladys Swan, June 12th, love u niece hope you enjoyed your day!! love always your uncle Larry Auntie Gena and Family.

Happy birthday to Parker Mack, Francine Frank on June 18th, My cousin Strawb Frank in Victoria June 25th, Jennifer Mack on June 28th, hope you all have a great day you deserve it. From Gena, Larry and family

Congratulations to my Sister Ketchkie Charleson, who Graduated from UBC, Way to there Sista. We are so Proud of all your great Accomplishments in your life, now you go girl and always remember that we are here for you as well as you are for us. Love always your Sister Gena, Larry and family.

Happy Belated Birthday to John Gomez, who turned 30 on June 13/03. We love you lots and forever. From all your family and friends. Elephant Juice.

June 4: Me and my family would like

Attention Nuuchah-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 Nuuchah-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



Ditidaht 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



Hesquiaht First Nation

1-877-232-1100 - Fax: (250) 670-1102
PO Box 2000 Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0

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'yuu:k't'h'/Che:k'des'tet'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



Tseshah 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

**Treaty Planning Meeting
July 2nd - 3rd, Victoria
Traveller's Inn City Center, 1961 Douglas St.**

Career Opportunities - q^wi-cah-ta-mis

**Job Posting: Counsellor
Contract to end of February 2004**

The project "Sharing My Story: Indian Residential School" requires a Counsellor to deliver services and reside in Nitinaht Lake. The Counsellor will be responsible to work with individuals, small groups, families and the community on issues specific to residential school trauma that will lead to healing and reconciliation. A flexible schedule is required to meet the needs of the clients. The successful applicant will assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the project and report to the Sharing My Story Committee.

Qualifications:

- Diploma or degree in counseling or equivalent
- Minimum 5 years experience
- Proven experience in facilitating groups
- Must have knowledge of and experience in working with survivors and later generations impacted
- Effective in dealing with stresses
- Ability to organize and implement programs and workshops
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Recent RCMP Criminal Record Check
- Valid BC Driver Licence

Please reply to:

Ditidaht First Nation, Attn: Sharing My Story Counsellor Posting
Box 340 Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M8
or by fax (250) 745-3332, or by e-mail: administration@ditidaht.ca
Deadline: Noon Friday, June 27, 2003

Make Children First

**West Coast Aboriginal Community Facilitator
Ucluelet - Tofino**

To provide support, information and assistance to Make Children First Network as a First Nations Community Consultant. The position is a one year contract (work for up to 15 hour per week) with the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, under the direction of the Make Children First Aboriginal Committee.

Please submit covering letter, resume and the names of three references by June 9th, 2003 to:
Cindy Stevens, Executive Director, Port Alberni Friendship Center
3555 - 4th Avenue, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 4H3
For further information on qualifications and responsibilities, please contact Jeff at (250) 723-8281.

Attention: Caterers

The Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council will once again be accepting bids from caterers to provide Chumas, coffee, tea and juice for the NTC Scholarship Presentations on July 18, 2003 beginning at 6:00pm, Maht Mahs Gym. Caterers will be expected to provide the following:
Chunas (Cakes, Fresh Fruit etc.); Coffee, Tea, Juices (Cups, sugar, cream, stir sticks); Water; Napkins and plates; Serving the above; Rental of the Kitchen Facility; Clean up as related to above
Please send in your bid to the NTC office
c/o Eileen Haggard, Fax: 723-0463 Telephone: 724-5757
Deadline for Bids - July, 4 2003
*Reminder - Scholarship Applications must be in by Friday, July 4, 2003, 4:30 pm.



**Kakawis Family Development Centre
Box 17, Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0
Phone: (250) 725-3951,
Fax: (250) 725-4285
E-mail - kakawis@tofino-bc.com**

Kakawis Family Development Centre is accepting applications for a self motivated/experienced Youth Worker for a 7 week period beginning approximately June 30, 2003.

Location: Meares Island
Hours: Average of 35 hour/week/5 day/week
Wages: \$10/hr

Basic Requirements: To be considered, all applicants must:

1. be a student returning to school
2. have a minimum of at least two years experience working with children/youth
3. be physically active
4. be willing to have criminal record check

Skills & Abilities: All applicants must:

- have excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- have conflict resolution skills
- be responsible
- have the ability to cooperate with team members

To be considered, applications must be received no later than 12pm, Thursday, June 26th, 2003. Interviews will be offered to eligible, qualified applicants on Friday, June 27th, 2003.

Kakawis Family Development Centre, Attention: Melody Charlie
PO Box 17, Tofino, BC, Fax: 725-4285

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR
LISA MARIE YOUNG**

It has been one year since Lisa's disappearance. The Young Family invites you to join them in keeping their daughter's name alive: June 29th, 2003
Swyalana, Waterfront Park in Nanaimo
Arrive at Dusk. Candles will be provided.

On June 30th it will be a year since our loved one Lisa Marie Young has been missing. Lisa is a member of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations. Words cannot describe the pain we feel inside, since the day you went missing from our lives. Remembering you is the easy part - the memories and the love we have for you is what keep us going. This is what gives us the strength to carry on and keep your story alive. Even though we still have no answers we will never give up till we do. Our love and prayers is with you always our sweet girl. We love you so much! You are forever in our thoughts and prayers. Love your Auntie Carol Martin.

On Monday, June 30th (at dusk) my sister Joe-ann Young is having a candle light vigil in Nanaimo. It will be held at the Swy-a-lana Lagoon. It is located behind the Nanaimo Civic Arena on the waterfront. (Near downtown) Everyone is welcome!

Kuu-us Crisis Line C.A.R.E. Workshop

**Critical Incident Stress Management/Debriefing for Front-Line Workers
June 25/03, 10am - 3pm**

**NTC Healing Project Boardroom 5120 Argyle St.
Facilitator: Kuu-us Crisis Line E.D. Elia Nicholson-Nave**



The June workshop will be Critical Incident Stress Management/Debriefing for FRONT-LINE WORKERS, June 25/03 form 10am-3pm at the Nuuchah-nulth Healing Project Boardroom 5120 Argyle St. Facilitator will be KUU-US Crisis Line: Elia Nicholson-Nave. The theme is to learn techniques on handling stress management as well as debriefing process when dealing with historical and traumatic incidents in their role as Front-Line Workers. For more information or to register call the business office 723-2323 or voice mail 731-3206.

Important notice to all Mowachaht/Muchalaht members

We are in recruit of our members to participate in a Band Meeting scheduled for Friday, June 27, 2003 at 10:00 am in the Wahmeesh Centre, Tsaxana. The Mowachaht/Muchalaht members are asked to vote:

- 1) To remain in the Hereditary System or
- 2) To return to the Election System and begin the election process.

If you have any further questions, please contact Sandy Howard at 1-250-283-7628 or e-mail: or contact Margarita James at the Band Office 1-250-283-2015 or e-mail: mjames@yuquot.ca

ATTENTION ALL UCHUCKLESAHT MEMBERSHIP

We need names, addresses & phone numbers of all Uchucklesaht Decedents. The Tribe has now initialled an Agreement in Principle with BC Canada. Now we need to hear from you!

Please contact the office at:
Phone: (250) 724-1832 Fax: (250) 724-8106
Address: PO Box 1118, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 7L9

Ucluelet First Nation Members

**The will be a General Band Meeting on
Monday, July 7, 2003**

Dinner @ 5:00 pm, Meeting @ 6:00pm

**There will be door prizes, for those are in full attendance
Congratulations to the following people for winning June 2 door prizes**

- 1st - Darrin Williams - Gift Certificate for Number One Market
- 2nd - Gordon Taylor Sr. - Dinner for two Mountain Boy
- 3rd - Yani Barney - Gift Certificate for Crow's Nest
- 4th - Anita Charlie - Fruit Basket

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped me with my upcoming soccer trip to Spain and Portugal this summer. Thank you to my parents Jack and Deb for their constant support. Also to my Brother Dan (Herbie) and sister Susan for their support. Thanks to my aunty Laverne, uncle Jeff, cousins Sherri and Thomas, and friend Evelyn Steinbach



for their help with my fundraising. I'd also like to thank my best friend Amanda Allen for her support and time with my fundraising and training sessions. A big thank you to Mike Matilpi for his generous donations of the beautiful silver jewellery auctioned off at my fundraisers and to Ben Nookemus for his donation of a cedar box which donned a design by Ron Hamilton. A big thanks also goes out to uncle Art for his donation of a cedar bear mask, which was also auctioned at one of my fundraisers. I also thank uncle Ron for his many hours of working on designs in support of my trip. Also, I thank all those who had attended any of my fundraising events. Thank you so much for your help. If there is anyone I have forgotten to mention, I thank you kindly for your support.

Nuuchah-nulth Education Worker

Nuuchah-nulth Community and Human Services (CHS) is seeking a Nuuchah-nulth Education Worker for the A.W. Neill Middle School. This is a full-time position, which is under the direction of the NTC Education/Cultural Supervisor and general supervision of the principal in the school.

Responsibilities will include:

- To liaison with parents and community agencies;
- To act as a role model, and to provide emotional and academic support to First Nations' students;
- To assist in the instruction of Nuuchah-nulth culture to all students;
- To work with teaching staff and administration to provide Nuuchah-nulth perspective on educational tools, teaching methods and cultural differences.

Qualifications:

- Grade 12 plus a strong desire to work with elementary/secondary students;
- An understanding of Nuuchah-nulth language and culture;
- Good communication and problem-solving skills;
- Must have a car and valid drivers licence;
- Provide acceptable references and criminal record check.

For further information contact Blair Thompson at: (250) 724-5757.

Send applications by **June 23rd, 2003** to:



Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council
PO Box 1383
Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2
Fax: (250) 723-0463
Email: hr@nuuchahnulth.org
(Word97 accepted)

Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society

Port Alberni, BC

Ph. (250) 724-4041

Fax (250) 724-1232

trevor@hupacasath.ca

**REQUEST FOR SUBMISSIONS OF INTEREST
FROM NUUCHAH-NULTH CARVERS**

The Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society is seeking submissions of interest from qualified Nuuchah-nulth artists for the carving of two welcome figures that will be located at a new waterfront development in Port Alberni.

Project Overview:

- Carving two welcome figures, approximately 20-25 ft. tall each
- Work to be completed at a site determined by the Society, with work anticipated to start in July 2003
- Carving design will include the artist's interpretation, guided by an Elder's panel

Typed Submissions Must Include:

- Cost of carver's services
- Provisions for training assistant carvers
- Summary of artist's design style
- Examples of relevant work
- Statement of availability

The Successful Proponent Will Be Responsible For:

- Providing all necessary tools
- Own accommodations and personal expenses

This request for submissions does not constitute an offer of contract or employment. The Society retains the right to follow-up on any or none of the submissions as it sees appropriate.

Submissions of interest must be received by Friday, June 27, 2003 at 2pm local time. Send submissions to Trevor Jones at (fax) 250-724-1232, or (email) trevor@hupacasath.ca



Klecko's - ʔekoo

This is more than "THANK YOU" to our Chief Mike Tom and his wife Sheila... This is like the royal red carpet rolled out to your presence for giving the most fabulous dinner on Saturday May 17, 2003 to give thanks to the singers and dancers who performed for Chief Mike Tom at Neah Bay. I have to tell you Mike & Sheila that you both honoured yourselves as well... Chief Mike, you brought tears of happiness, love & a lot of respect from me and my family as well from the community because of the way you took care of your people. It was not the gifts you gave away that pleased us, it was your heart and your wide open arms which

welcomed the SABBAS FAMILIES into your family. It was the food that fed your people to make sure that we were full through evening. Mike, it shows that this had to come from your heart and not from your seat in Chiefmanship. I know that cause you took the time to see if I was ok before you made your way inside the hall. Mike, I could not let this go by without letting the whole world know of what kind of hear and respect you have for US! So, again thank you from my heart to yours for the wonderful dinner you put on. WE LOVE YOU BOTH, ALWAYS!!!!!! Love & Prayers Nora, Kayla & Edward Lucas.

A letter of Thanks to all of you who supported us on our new healing journey. I would like to express our gratitude to alot of special people in our life, we will never be able to thank you enough for all you have done for our family. First, I would like to thank the Esperanza staff for all the work you have done to help us in our journey to a better life, Tim & Cindy, Kevin & Carol, Julie, Art, Ralph & Wendy, we already miss all the laughter and joy you brought into our lives Wendy, you are one special lady. To Steve Y thank you for everything you taught us, allowing God into our hearts only made our life better. Also to Robin, you brought laughter into our life that we will always remember. A heartfelt thanks to my sister Valerie & Bro Mark Jack, thank you for making the long trip to drop off & pick up our stuff, we will never be able to express in words how much we appreciate everything you did for us. Also thank you to Alice & Murrey John Jr. for the support you showed us, I missed you so much "Bud". To my mom Irene thank you for coming up and staying with us during our last week, you came at a time when I really needed you, "I LOVE YOU MOM", you really made my mothers day special and you made the kids so happy. To my Family, thank you for all you support

The family of the late Tommy N. Bill would like to thank the following: The Dr. Peter Aids Foundation for providing a caring home for Tommy for the last three years. The Chapel of Memories for your care and compassion during this time of grief. Ron Hamilton for the beautiful personal eulogy. Rev. Kathy Hogman for your comforting words. Edward Tatoosh for your spiritual support. Gloria and Gerald Fred Jr. & family for preparing the lovely dinner. Renee Newman for providing the chumus. The many family and friends who reached out and supported us through this difficult time: Darleen Watts, Gina Pearson, Camille Fred, Rosie Tatoosh & Family, Jack & Ethel Billy & Family, Alfred Fred, Marianne Fred, Samantha Gus, Raymond & Josie Watts, Ray Watts Jr., Tobias "Bear" Watts, Sterling Watts, Luke George, Adam Fred, Gary Johnny, Cody & Bertha Gus, Bessie Sam, Mike Watts & Renee, Lynn Plouffe, Calvin

Message from Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada on National Aboriginal Day
Canada's Aboriginal peoples are integral to the evolution of our country. Actively participating in every facet of Canadian life, our First Nations, Inuit and Métis reflect the proud heritage we all share. Their innovative vision in the areas of culture, business and governance highlights the unity, understanding and respect for all citizens that underpin Canadian society. As we mark National Aboriginal Day, we recognize the lasting and ongoing contributions of Canada's Indigenous peoples in our society. Our Aboriginal identity is fundamental to our history, our place in the global community and our future as a prosperous and decent nation.

Community Events and Celebrations

Sitting of Kelthmaht Chieftainship and House

All Nuu-chah-nulth are cordially invited to witness in traditionally sitting of the head Chief of the Kelthmaht Nation at Ahousaht on June 28, 2003 starting at noon. Chief Hanuquii

On June 29, 2003 the decedents and the families of, Mary (Smith) and Alec Amos, Joseph and Esther Smith, Moses Smith, Clara and Willy Tyler, Julia Anne Lucas; are invited to a family get together. The location will be at the Hanson Hall in Port Alberni @ 5 pm. We are looking forward to this family get together. This dinner is for a few reasons, one is that we have a relative who is coming up from Yakima for a visit and we would like her and her family to meet the rest of the family. We will also be honoring one of our granddaughters for her recent graduation from Uvic. Josephine and Earl George

The Mickey Family would like to invite you to their Memorial Dinner for their late parents Charlie and Caroline Mickey on August 16th at the Athletic Hall, starting at noon.

Q'aaq'inakčis - ʔaaktuufa - Joey Dennis' - Memorial

The family of q'aaq'inakčisit - late Joey Dennis will be having a ʔaaktuufa (memorial feast) to put to rest our mourning and celebrate the life he lived! We the Dennis/Haipee Family invite you all to witness the ceremonies/events we have planned for this special day. **Date: October 18 2003.** This is an announcement of the date only we will be going around to various First Nations to formally invite in a traditional manner. If you would like to suggest a good day for our family to visit your Community during the summer, contact uut-sii (Rob Dennis JR) Cultural coordinator Huu-ay-aht First Nation @ Work (250) 728-3414 or Toll Free 1-888-644-4555, Home (250) 724-0169. Or Email c_c_huuayaht_first_nation@hotmail.com ʔuu ʔekoo - uut-sii-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.

Mack Family Reunion August 30th 2003! & Bring Your Drums!

The Toquaht Mack family is planning a reunion on the weekend of August 30th, 2003 in Ucluelet. It's been too long since we all got together. The date is now set and would like people to bring their drums, bring your songs and of course bring the dancers! Volunteers for food and cooking urgently required. Suggestions and input greatly appreciated. Let's make this an event to remember! We also require \$10.00 donation towards the cost of the event. We would like to gather and renew family ties and new family members. We need to connect! Any members from the late Chief Cecil Mack our late grandmother



Jesse Mack please contact via email. or you can mail me at: Gloria Mack, 65-4061 Larchwood Dr, Victoria, BC, V8N-4P1.

Hope to hear from you soon! Check out and join our site for updates of the reunion.

Kleco Kleco to the Ahousaht People. This past March, Keenan Andrew was selected to represent his school snowboarding team at the BC Snowboarding Championships. He travelled with his team mates and spent a week competing at the Panorama Ski Resort. Keenan's team came home with a GOLD MEDAL... and ranked 1st in the Province. Keenan ranked 7th overall in the entire Province and we are extremely proud of his accomplishment. Keenan started snowboarding @ 10 years old and has faithfully maintained his commitment to his snowboarding. The only time he left snowboarding was with injuries that prevented him from competition. Last year he had to leave snowboarding due to a concussion but with a lot of healing and a lot of commitment he made it back to the mountain in January of this year which left him a few months to train for the Provincial. We are so glad to have Keenan back on the mountain and we are especially proud of his accomplishments. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Ahousaht for their generous contributions in supporting this fine young man. We would especially like to thank our Dear UNCLE CARL JUMBO and our wonderful AUNTIE

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LENA JUMBO for the beautiful carved paddle that you sent us... and we would also like very much to thank AUNTIE JANET MACK and UNCLE WILLIE MACK and all the LITTLE MACKS. Your contributions mean so much to our family and we are ever grateful for people like you in our lives... we love you very much and we hope to see you all soon. Once again.....Kleco.....Kleco. Keenan, Jamie, Kaleb, Robert and Josephine Andrew (Titian).

Arts

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FREE LANGUAGE CLASSES: at Hupacasath Hall. Language Instructor - Tat Tatoosh. Monday and Wednesday Nights. 7 pm to 9 pm. (Bring your own pen & paper). Parenting Skills for Parents & Tots. Fridays from 3 - 4 pm. EVERYONE IS WELCOME. ʔuu kleco, Edward Tatoosh, Certified Linguist.

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PORT ALBERNI TRANSITION HOUSE: Call 724-2223 or call the nearest local shelter or crisis center.

HELP LINE FOR CHILDREN: 310-1234.

WANTED: Nuu-chah-nulth women that would like to join my exciting team of Mary Kay Independent Sales, not pyramid. For more information please phone me, Rosalee Brown @ (250) 385-9906.

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WANTED: Serger Sewing Machine to buy. Please call 724-4987

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N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



Aboriginal Taxation Workshop answers questions for Nuu-chah-nulth business people

On June 06, 2003 NEDC hosted a one-day taxation workshop at the Barclay Hotel in Port Alberni.

The five workshop sessions were facilitated by Nuu-chah-nulth lawyer, Hugh Braker, QC and Peter Ranson, B.A., C.A of KPMG.

NEDC hosted a one-day taxation workshop facilitated by Nuu-chah-nulth lawyer, Hugh Braker, QC and Peter Ranson, B.A., C.A of KPMG.

Called to the bar in 1984, **Hugh Braker, QC** was the staff lawyer for the NTC until 1989, when he began his private practice. Hugh has specialized in Aboriginal law and legal issues emphasizing these beliefs by volunteering for many Aboriginal and Multicultural Associations. Hugh has extensive experience lecturing both Nationally and Internationally. This is the third NEDC Taxation workshop that he has facilitated.

Peter Ranson, B.A., C.A. is KPMG's National Director of Aboriginal Services and recognized as one of Canada's leading experts in Aboriginal Taxation. He has authored a book for KPMG entitled *First Nations and Canadian Taxation*, now in its second edition. Peter has also lectured and taught extensively; this is the third time he has participated in an NEDC taxation workshop.

The underlying message from both Hugh and Peter is that there is a steady deterioration of First Nation tax exemptions.

Aboriginal tax exemptions arose out of historical factors and the Canadian tax authority (CCRA) has departed from a strict application of Section 87 (of the Indian Act) in their interpretations. Section 87 of the Indian Act reads:

87. (1) **Property exempt from taxation** – Notwithstanding any other Act of the

Parliament of Canada or any Act of the legislature of a province, but subject to section 83, the following property is exempt from taxation, namely:

(a) **the interest of an Indian or a band in reserve or surrendered lands: and**

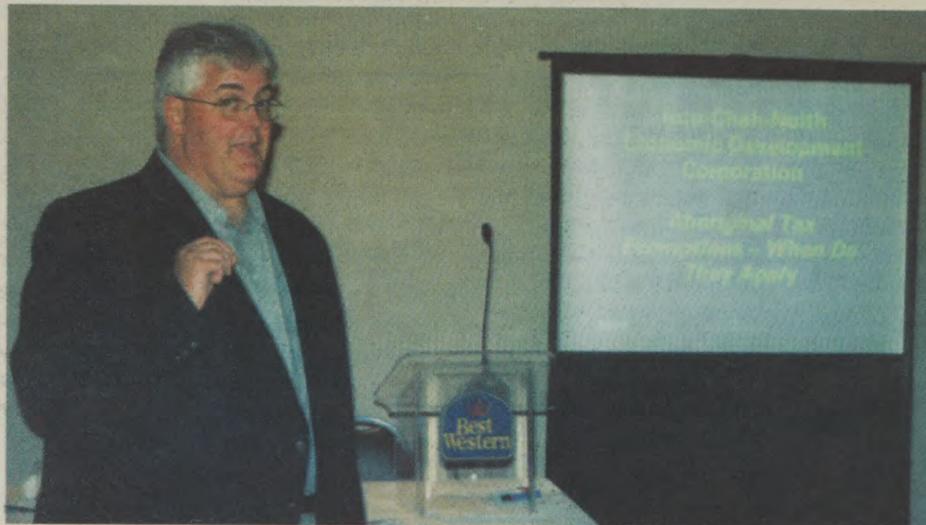
(b) **the personal property of an Indian or band situated on a reserve.** (2) **Idem** – No Indian or band is subject to taxation in respect of the ownership, occupation, possession or use of any property mentioned in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) or is otherwise subject to taxation in respect of any such property.

(3) **Idem** – No succession duty, inheritance tax or estate duty is payable on the death of any Indian in respect of any such property mentioned in paragraphs (1)(a) or (b) or the succession thereto if the property passes to an Indian, nor shall any such property be taken into account in determining the duty payable under the *Dominion Succession Duty Act*, chapter 89 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1952, or the tax payable under the Estate Tax Act, chapter E-9 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1970, on or in respect of other property passing to an Indian.

Historically Aboriginal taxation issues were linked directly to the Indian Act, however more recently courts have been applying other Canadian Acts to Aboriginal taxation and making decisions based on these.

Also the application of Aboriginal income and transaction tax exemptions are subject to constant review by tax authorities and the narrowing scope available to Aboriginals is becoming more evident in light of recent caselaw examples and the emerging impact associated with modern treaties.

Peter emphasized that, 'taxation is not a matter of fairness and appetite of the tax authorities for increasing tax revenues appears insatiable.'



Peter Ranson, KPMG's National Director of Aboriginal Services is recognized as one of Canada's leading experts in Aboriginal Taxation.

NEDC PRESENTS THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH LANGUAGE AND CULTURAL PROGRAM

sponsored by Primates World Relief Development Fund

NEDC in partnership with the Primates World Relief Development Fund is pleased to be able to offer The Nuu-chah-nulth Language and Cultural Program.

This program is designed to assist in the transfer and preservation of the Nuu-chah-nulth language and culture as follows:

Objectives:

To support short-term projects aimed at revitalizing and maintaining the Nuu-chah-nulth language and culture.

Participant Eligibility:

This fund is available to all Nuu-chah-nulth tribes, individuals and companies owned by Nuu-chah-nulth tribes and individuals.

Criteria:

The projects must demonstrate strategies that promote intergenerational transmission of language and/or build upon previous language and culture initiatives.

Priority will be given to projects that demonstrate a reasonable potential for achieving tangible results or targeted goals.

Each project will be required to demonstrate that a minimum of

25% of the total project funding will be secured from sources other than the Nuu-chah-nulth Language and Cultural Fund.

Timeline:

All projects must be complete by March 31, 2004.

Results and/or Impacts:

Projects will result and/or assist in the transfer and preservation of Nuu-chah-nulth language and culture. Community impacts may include enhanced access to language and culture resources.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

To be considered for the first request for proposals your project must be in the NEDC main office no later than July 15, 2003 at 4:30 pm.

Submit to: Mail: PO Box 1384, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2 Fax: (250) 724-9967

Email: nedc@island.net

Hand deliver: 7563 Pacific Rim Highway, Port Alberni

For further information contact Caledonia Fred at (250) 724-3131.



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