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'Moving Forward in Unity' rally

By David Wiwchar,
Southern Region Reporter

Victoria - As the canoe carrying Hesquiaht Ha'wiih was lifted onto the shoulders of two-dozen young men, the sound of hundreds of drums echoed across the legislature lawns and the sun-soaked inner harbor.

More than 2000 First Nations people from around British Columbia marched upon the provincial legislature, demanding Premier Gordon Campbell and his cabinet ministers recognize Aboriginal title and rights.

"Today we're going to tell the province who the real owners of this land are," said NTC Northern Region Co-chair Archie Little, who joined more than 200 Nuu-chah-nulth-aht at the May 20th protest. "We own our land and water lock, stock, and barrel," added Jerry Jack. "We never sold it or made an agreement with anybody, and they [the BC Government] have to realize they don't own any part of Nuu-chah-nulth territories," he said.

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The caravan started in the BC interior town of Westbank on May 17th, picking up steam and support as it followed the Fraser River into Coast Salish territories and onto Vancouver Island. Once in Victoria, hundreds gathered at the Pearkes Centre in Esquimalt to listen to a legal review of Aboriginal title and rights case law, and listen to updates on title and rights cases currently before the Canadian courts. Thousands then gathered at the Songhees reserve for a salmon barbeque, video presentation and campout.

According to their press release, the



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Title and Rights Alliance is a new collective initiative among all major provincial and regional First Nations organizations, "standing unified in the face of threats by the provincial Crown and resource industries to Aboriginal Title and Treaty Rights; using all available means to achieve recognition of Aboriginal Title and Rights; resisting divide-and-conquer tactics; and holding the federal Crown accountable for its fiduciary obligations to Aboriginal Peoples."

"We traveled for days to come here to expose the deceit, deception, and lies of this government," said Chief Stewart Phillip, President, Union of BC Indian Chiefs. "Only Aboriginal Peoples can provide the certainty that the provincial Crown and resource industries are craving, and until the just accommodation of our Aboriginal Title occurs, neither businesses nor their investors will have the economic certainty they seek," he said.

"It is time for true, honest, fair negotiations with Aboriginal Peoples about land and resources," said Justa Monk, Co-chair, Northwest Tribal Treaty Nation. "It is shameful for the government of BC to take advantage of the poverty of Aboriginal communities with "take-it or leave-it" accommodation deals that force us to give up the ability to exercise our rights for token economic benefits," she said.

"This is just a beginning," said NTC Southern Region co-chair David Dennis. "We cannot tolerate continuing

government and industry infringement of the resources that belong to our children and grandchildren. Our people are determined to stand together, to carry on actions against the other governments' intent to ignore, submerge and extinguish our rights."

"The junior governments have been negotiating in bad faith, and we're tired of our rights and titles being trampled on," said Cliff Atleo Sr. "The Campbell government is a big fan of the economy, and they have to realize that we have the ability to shut the province down and have a very detrimental impact on that economy," he said.

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Numerous First Nations leaders such as Stewart Phillip, BC First Nations Summit Task Group member Grand Chief Ed John, Council of Haida Nations President Guujaaw, and numerous Nuu-chah-nulth leaders including Cliff Atleo Sr., Simon Lucas, and Darleen Watts

spoke to the hundreds of people gathered on the legislature lawn throughout the early afternoon.

Before the marchers had arrived, BC Forest Minister Mike deJong organized a rare pre-emptive press conference for legislative reporters before the start of the final day of the spring session in the legislature.

Calling the Title and Rights Alliance supporters "misinformed" and "malcontents", deJong said his government is doing more to satisfy First Nations concerns than any previous government.

"To suggest, as some people are, that the government isn't interested in affecting that economic involvement on the part of First Nations and forestry is just BS," said deJong. "If a First Nation takes the approach that these agreements are insufficient or not to their liking, fine, I guess we'll go to court. But the criticism should be factual, not fanciful, not based in rhetoric around accusations of bad faith. To do so, suggests that 50 First Nations [who have signed 5-year forestry agreements with the BC Government] somehow don't have the intelligence to properly negotiate, and they do; they have negotiated hard," he said. "That, I think, is a much healthier attitude, than to simply say: it's all BC, and the government's trying to screw us again - which, unfortunately, is what you tend to hear from people who don't have, apparently, the interest or the

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

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DFO to move Cuu'xiit next week

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Gold River - Vancouver Aquarium staff along with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) are preparing to capture one of the area's famous residents, and transport him to his family in the San Juan Islands, Cuu'xiit, also known as Luna or L-98 has been the focus of much attention since taking residence in Nootka Sound, playing with boats like bathtub toys, and attracting attention from tourists and media outlets from around the globe. Cuu'xiit separated from his pod three years ago, some say after the death of his uncle with whom he was traveling, others believe it was because of an ancient relationship.

Ambrose Maquinna: Ambrose Maquinna was a well-loved and highly respected Tyee Ha'wilth of the Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nations, and recognized as one of the head chiefs of all Nuu-chah-nulth.

In July 2001, at the age of 74, Ambrose passed away of complications from diabetes. Shortly before his passing, he told a number of ha'wilh gathered at a meeting, that he wanted to come back as kakawin (Killer Whale). Traditionally, it is believed chiefs come back as either wolves or killer whales, which are believed to be the same animal, the only difference is one lives on land, and the other in the sea.

Only one week after Chief Maquinna's passing, the year-old male kakawin L-98 (Luna) arrived in Nootka Sound, spending most of his time thereafter feeding in areas where Ambrose loved to fish or spend quiet moments.

"We're not saying the whale is my late father," said 46-year old Mowachaht / Muchalaht Tyee Ha'wilth Mike Maquinna. "But certainly the spirit of my father is in that whale as it is in other things within his haboulthee," he said.

In 2003, L-98 was given Ambrose Maquinna's name Cuu'xiit (pronounced Tsu-xiit), by the Maquinna family.

Recently, Mowachaht / Muchalaht community and council members were in the area near Mooya Bay, and upon sighting Cuu'xiit they shut their boat engine off and watched the whale from a kilometer away. One of the people then brought out a drum, and the group began singing Ambrose Maquinna's song. Cuu'xiit immediately swam over to the boat, and rubbed against it until the boat left for Yuquot.

Boat / boat traffic: Shortly after Cuu'xiit's arrival, many people became concerned about the whales safety when it started rubbing against boats, float planes, and docks, where people would pet the whale and feed it fish. Soon, concerns grew even louder as Cuu'xiit suffered cuts and lacerations believed to have come from boat propellers and broken transponders. Fisheries and Oceans Canada said they were concerned about boater safety and

the safety of Luna around boats, so discussions began on ways to reunite the whale with his 42-member pod, similar to the way Springer was taken from Puget Sound and reunited with its pod three years before. L pod represents more than half of the entire southern population of killer whales, which is considered an endangered species.

"To protect the public and the whale, the one tonne mammal will be moved from Nootka Sound to Juan de Fuca Strait with the hope that he will cease his interactions with boats and people if given the opportunity to reunite with his pod," DFO officials stated in a recent press release.

"DFO says they're concerned about Cuu'xiit's safety around boaters, and the safety of boaters around Cuu'xiit yet they're moving him out of quiet Nootka Sound into an area with the highest boat density on the west coast of the continent," said Mike Maquinna.

DFO officials are hopeful Cuu'xiit will have the same experience as Springer, who was reunited with her pod three years ago. Springer had taken to bumping and rubbing boats in Puget Sound, but after being reunited with her pod, was pushed away from boats by other whales after she bumped them, quickly learning that boats were to be left alone.

Luna has knocked a few transponders off boat hulls, and some believe the whale is irritated by the sonar emitted from these depth sounders and fish finders.

According to NTC Northern Region Biologist Roger Dunlop, when a team of underwater surveyors were sonar scanning the ocean floor in preparation for a fish farm to move in, Cuu'xiit became highly irritated, breaching frequently, and making clearly audible high pitch cries.

Fish farms: Mike Maquinna feels part of DFO's motivation for moving Luna is to protect fish farms, and remove a possible impediment to their ability to activate new tenures in the area.

"The timing of the decision to move the whale came shortly after fish farm companies received a permits for an open net-cage fishfarm in Muchalaht Inlet," said Maquinna.

There are three open net pen fish farms in Muchalaht Inlet, and the Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nations are pursuing legal action against the governments and fish farms in an effort to keep seven other fish farm tenures from being activated.

Community consultation: Everywhere you go in Gold River, there are signs of Luna; from official government poster warning boaters to stay away from the whale, to tourist postcards and brochures. One local softball team has named themselves the LUNA-tics, with uniforms depicting a killer whale pitching softball out its

blowhole, and the scientific designation "L-98" emblazoned on their sleeves. Although the whale was considered overly mischievous at one point in this community, it has since kept away from the Gold River dock, preferring to feed on Chinook salmon a few kilometers up Muchalaht Inlet at Mooyah Bay.

Luna has become a local celebrity, and is being used in promotional campaigns designed to attract tourist dollars to this beautiful, but economically depressed town of 1800.

"So what happens when the tourists come up to see Luna and he's been moved down to Puget Sound," said one Gold River resident who didn't want to be named. "Pretty much everyone here thinks the whale should just be left alone, and instead of wasting all that money on moving him, pay somebody eight or ten bucks an hour to monitor him and keep people from bothering him," he said.

Although the American government has put up \$100,000 (US\$) and the Canadian government has matched that with \$130,000, the Vancouver Aquarium it is still a long way from the half-million needed to fund the operation.

Operation Re-unite Luna: This coming week, DFO and Vancouver Aquarium officials hope to go into action, now that Cuu'xiit's mother (L-67) has been identified along with two dozen other pod members in Juan de Fuca Strait.

DFO Officer Ed Thorburn, who has been using a small buoy on a rope to lure Cuu'xiit into following him, will hopefully lead the whale into an 80'x80' octagonal net pen.

The 14' long, 2000-lb whale would have blood samples taken, which will be sent to a lab in Oklahoma specializing in studying whale diseases. Cuu'xiit will spend five days in the pen while scientists test for the deadly Mobila virus, which, according to Thorburn is a deadly virus which could "wipe out all of L-pod". While in the net pen, biologists will send live Chinook down through a tube, so the whale does not associate people with food, and food with people.

If test results clear Cuu'xiit, he will be transported by truck to Pedder Bay, and put back into a netpen. Once communication is established between Cuu'xiit and his pod, he will be fitted with a temporary tracking device and released.

What happens if reunification fails? There is a lot of public pressure for a successful reunification. Reporters have given Cuu'xiit many names: Luna the loneliest orca, wayward whale, lovable, curious, wandering, stray, alone, etc.

"While it is hoped that he will reunite with his family group and no longer be a public risk, scientists agree the likelihood of success is unknown," DFO stated in a press release. DFO says they are responsible for "translocation,

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Ahousaht performs traditional Cleansing Ceremony

By Denise August,
Central Region Reporter

Ahousaht- Nuu-chah-nulth (NCN) Treaty Teams, NTC support staff and Ahousaht community members gathered at the Thunderbird Hall on May 26th to participate in a traditional Cleansing Ceremony.

The lack of progress in treaty negotiations, money issues and frustration at federal and provincial government positions each factored into the table's decision to look to traditional methods to cleanse their spirits.

Cliff Atleo Sr. said it is now time to look to the Creator for strength because we are "facing the biggest challenge, we've ever had...we are marching to the beat of the junior governments and we can't have that. Our Ha'wilh own the resources and we've never ever given that up!"

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After welcoming the people Atleo said, "We are here to 'Yaax mashilth' with those that are willing to take part in the highly sacred ceremony." NCN Treaty Teams, NTC staff and Ahousaht members willing to participate were adorned with spruce boughs then cleansed by Ahousaht spiritual leaders, as singers chanted, praying for strength from the Creator.

People were reminded frequently about the seriousness and sanctity of the ceremony and were asked not to participate if they didn't truly believe in the power of such things. They were instructed to communicate with Nas 'from their hearts' during the cleansing.

Lunch was served before delegates got back to business. Chairman Archie Little referred to a motion to name NCN Chief Negotiators. It was pointed out that before such a motion could be dealt with budgetary issues and Chief Negotiators' Terms of Reference should be put in place.

NTC Treaty Manager, Cliff Atleo Jr. delivered the BCTC Funding update. He reported that all preliminary funding requirements have been met and offices can anticipate funding from BCTC within the next couple of weeks followed by another allocation shortly after.

Atleo also delivered the NCN Chief Negotiators' recommendations. He said the recommendations came out of a meeting held May 5 and the delegation came up with seven recommendations

including the cleansing ceremony held today.

He said steps are being taken to build a case against the government illustrating examples of their bad faith negotiations. The NCN Treaty Office will compile examples of such things in a report, which will be presented at the next NCN Treaty Planning Meeting.

Tseshah Treaty Negotiator Richard Watts pointed out the inequities in resources for NCN as opposed to the federal and provincial government. They have experts at their disposal that can come in and explain different aspects of the treaty. Their Chief negotiators are being paid almost double that of NCN Treaty Negotiators. He also pointed out that NCN Chief Negotiators haven't been paid as Negotiators because there have been no actual negotiations for almost a year.

The table accepted the NCN Treaty Table Chief Negotiators Draft Terms of Reference dated May 3 along with the Chief Negotiators Recommendations dated May 5. The NCN Chief Negotiators are Wickaninnish (Cliff Atleo Sr., Ahousaht), Kla-kish Ke-iss (Simon Lucas, Hesquiaht), Yaalthuu'a (Mike Maquinna, Mowachaht/Muchalaht), and Weelth-Tsah (Richard Watts, Tseshah).

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The 'Away From Home' Terms of Reference draft document was reviewed. It was recommended the document be amended to indicate specifically which Nations represent the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Table. A suggestion made by Hesquiaht regarding selection of urban representatives was misinterpreted and sparked a lengthy discussion.

Feeling threatened, Urban Representatives fervently defended their positions. Gwen David, Vancouver Urban Representative, focussed on the importance of the work she does with little compensation. A job, she says, nobody wants to do, but needs to be done in order to keep the flow of treaty information going to Nuu-chah-nulth members living in the urban centres.

The draft "Away From Home" Delegate Terms of Reference was eventually passed by motion. Nuu-chah-nulth-aht living in Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo will elect or appoint a



Tom Smith, Archie Little and Cliff Atleo Jr. at the Treaty Planning Meeting held in Ahousaht.

representative living in the same city. One Urban Representative will work with Nuu-chah-nulth-aht living in Seattle, Port Alberni and Campbell River.

The seven delegates are expected to attend Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Planning meetings and provide written and/or oral report to both the NTC Treaty Office and Nuu-chah-nulth-aht living away from home.

The delegates may participate in Treaty Planning meetings by effectively

representing the interests of the away from home Nuu-chah-nulth-aht'. They do not have voting power at the meetings.

Chairman Archie Little thanked the delegates for attending and thanked Ahousaht for taking on the responsibility of conducting the Cleansing Ceremony. He urged the people to remain united and send their Chief & Councils to the BC First Nations Summit and vote for Cliff Atleo Sr. as First Nations Summit Task Group member.

Co-chair clarifies comments

By A-in-chut (Shawn Atleo)
Central Region Co-chair

We understand that members of the John family and Ehatesaht were upset by a story presented May 13, 2004 on CHTV News, that sandwiched comments by myself as designated spokesperson for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, with pictures of Kayla John and Zeballos.

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NTC has deliberately avoided specific comment on the situation. When the reporter asked for comment, I referred to the RCMP homicide investigation, which has now resulted in charges being laid. NTC has previously stated that we will not comment on a matter outside our authority unless it is necessary to correct reports that contain misleading information.

Although allegations were reported in the media, NTC did not have information that would support or refute such allegations. If we did, we would refer it to the appropriate authority for investigation, without public comment. To be clear, NTC did not have information to suggest that action by Ministry or NTC social workers would have prevented this tragedy. I was invited by CH News to comment "on the on/off reserve disparity

regarding the Usma Nuu-chah-nulth authority from the Ministry of Children and Family Development and the progress of NTC negotiations with the MCFD..." I emphasized that NTC wants to serve all our members, and has been negotiating with MCFD as one step in that direction.

Again, NTC regrets any confusion created by the way our statements were presented in the CH story, and sincerely apologize to the family of Kayla John and anyone else who was affected by those comments.

Following are Shawn's words exactly as quoted in the CH News story:

"IT'S VERY FRUSTRATING THAT WE WERE STUCK WITH THIS JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEM, THAT AS SOON AS OUR PEOPLE ARE OFF RESERVES WE DON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO HELP THEM FALL WITHIN PROVINCE'S JURISDICTION."
"WE WANT TO SEE THAT EXTENDED AND OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OUR PEOPLE EXTENDED BEYOND BOUNDARIES OF RESERVE."
"WE HOPE WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO FINALIZE SOMETHING THAT'S RESPECTFUL AND MEANINGFUL FOR PEOPLE, THAT ISN'T GOING TO PLACE US IN POSITION WHERE ONCE AGAIN WE DON'T HAVE KINDS OF RESOURCES TO PROPERLY SERVE OUR PEOPLE."
"WE ARE CONCERNED THAT AGREEMENTS LIKE THE ONE WE ARE PURSUING, ARE GOING TO BE SUBJECT TO ARBITRARY BUDGET CUTS."
"WE CAN'T ALLOW TRAGEDY LIKE THIS TO GO WITHOUT HEEDING THAT SOME LESSONS HAVE TO BE LEARNED."

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

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Tsuux-iit (Luna) Update

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

During the last month or so hopes have been high on the natural reunion of Tsuux-iit (Luna) back with his family L-pod. But due to bad weather conditions and the lack of sightings of L-pod are starting to make DFO and the Vancouver Aquarium look more and more at the possibility of capturing Tsuux-iit (Luna) and transporting him to Pedder Bay and attempting to reunite him with his family there.

A May 22nd press release states that plans are going ahead for the capture of Luna. Experts and scientists from the aquarium and DFO will take up residence Tuesday in a building beside the net pen on the old mill property in Gold River. The entire area will be closed to media and tourists. If Luna is captured, the harbour will be roped off. Cameron Forbes of Critter Cove Marina is coordinating efforts to catch fish for Luna, which are being kept in a live net pen. DFO's Gold River Officer Ed Thorburn has been monitoring Tsuux-iit (Luna) for the last few years and seems to have a grasp as to what the killer whale's food of choice is. "We've got to get about 1,000 pounds of fish, and right now, we've only got a couple of hundred pounds," Forbes said.

"Chinook are Luna's fish of choice, but in a pinch he will also eat other salmon, sardines, herring and ling cod as long as they are alive. I have told Luna we have food for him -- now I just have to figure out how to get the fish here," said Thorburn.

John Nightingale, the Vancouver Aquarium president, is leading the fundraising drive to move the lonely Orca. The Canadian and U.S. governments have donated \$260,000 and another \$200,000 was needed in cash and donated services. The money is coming in slowly but steadily, Nightingale said Friday. "We're not quite there yet, but we are optimistic."

The setup for the capture is worrying Paul Spong, of the whale research station OrcaLab, who fears that because everything is in place, the capture will go ahead even if there is still a chance for a natural reunion. Spong believes the L and K Pod whales are probably still circling off Tofino, waiting for other whales to join them from the north -- meaning they would have to pass the entrance to Nootka Sound. "I am concerned that these guys (DFO) are getting so very prepared (for the capture) that it will drive the agenda,"

said Spong.

"Luna is extremely vocal and, because he is now in an area of the Sound where noise will carry to the open ocean, it is possible passing pods will hear him, increasing the chance of a natural reunion," Wood said.

On May 25th DFO and the Vancouver Aquarium had received some good news from the Canadian Coastguard vessel Tully that turned out to be for naught because the 20 killer whales that were spotted off Esperanza a few weeks ago turned out to be transient killer whales and not L-pod as was hoped. The Canadian Coast Guard vessel was completing a two-week research journey from as far North in Hecate Strait to Juan de Fuca in the South and was on its journey home when they had spotted the transients.

Gold River's senior DFO Officer Ed Thorburn has been attempting to lure Tsuux-iit (Luna) out to open waters where the goal is to have him hear his family and hopefully communicate and leading to a reunion. Thorburn took Tsuux-iit (Luna) on a second "trial run" to the entrance of Nootka Sound. This exercise was aimed at getting Luna used to following the DFO vessel so that he can be led nearer to his pod if the opportunity arises, and also to help him become more familiar with the sounds of the open ocean. The trial run was again successful in taking Luna to a position where his acoustic field includes the open ocean in front of Nootka Sound. From there, Luna will be able to hear any vocal Orcas that are within acoustic range, thought by scientists to be at least 15km.

"If Luna hears L or K pod calls, or if they hear his calls, there is a good chance that a natural reunion will occur," said Dr. Paul Spong who directs the OrcaLab/Anon.org research and sightings effort aimed at keeping track of Luna and locating his Orca family. The sailing vessel Anon and its skipper Keith Wood and crewmember Colin Baird, leader of the Keiko project during its last 2 years, joined the excitement, listening on a hydrophone and observing from a distance for L-pod if they come in to the area.

According to a press release from the OrcaLab: "Shortly before 5pm May 27th, 20-25 members of Tsuux-iits (Luna) Orca family, L Pod of the Southern Resident Orca community, headed south through Blackney Pass and on into Johnstone Strait, southbound via the "inside" route to their summer range off southern Vancouver Island. Positive identification of 3 members of the pod, L41, L7, and L72, was made by whale



Tsuux-iit (Luna, L-98)

watcher/photographer Jim Borrowman who shot several rolls of "ID" photographs. The sighting diminishes the chances of a "natural" reunion for Tsuux-iit (Luna), though it does not exclude it.

"There are about 42 members in L pod, so we do not believe this was the entire group," said Dr. Paul Spong, who observed the Orcas through spotting scopes from Hanson Island's OrcaLab with his wife and research partner Helena Symonds. "But it does mean that the whales are now returning for the summer."

For the past several weeks, considerable effort has been put into sightings off Nootka Sound and the west coast of Vancouver Island with a view to assisting a natural reunion for Luna.

The sailing vessel Anon has sailed daily off Nootka Sound for 12-14 hours, with its crew constantly scanning the ocean through binoculars and listening to underwater sounds via hydrophones. The Anon's vigil may now be coming to an end. However, the news about the L

Pod sighting on the opposite side of Vancouver Island left Anon's skipper Keith Wood undeterred. "The game isn't over yet," said Wood speaking over his donated Global Star/Network Innovations satellite phone while at anchor over Bajo Reef just north of Nootka Sound. "Until we get the word that all of the Southern Resident community is accounted for we are going to keep looking and listening," Mr. Wood added.

"It is going to be a very exciting few days. Time will soon tell if Luna still has a chance for a natural reunion," said Dr. Spong.

Mowachht/Muchalaht Tyee Ha' with Mike Maquinna has been standing his ground all along with his First Nation, saying that Tsuux-iit (Luna) should be left to nature's decision and not that of man (DFO/Vancouver Aquarium).

"If the killer whale decides to leave then so be it, but let it go on its own accord and not by force," said Mike Maquinna.

Book Review:

Whaling Around the World

By Hazel Cook,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter



Five years ago, the Makah caught their first whale in 70 years.

Noticing there was little information available to those interested in reading about whaling cultures, Kathy Happynook, World Council of Whalers Secretariat, had an idea that led to the printing of a book titled "Whaling Around the World".

With the help of many individuals, Kathy was able to produce a 74-page book, which takes a look at the coastal communities who rely on all that whaling provides.

The book was created by the World Council of Whalers (WCW) to inform all those who have an interest in whaling communities.

Contributions from the Institute of Cetacean Research in Japan, Greenland Home Rule Government, Department of Fisheries and hunting, and the Indigenous Survival International in

Greenland have made the publication of this book possible.

A little over six years ago the non-profit organization World Council of Whalers was established. With its home office in Brentwood Bay, Chairman Tom Mexsis Happynook, whaling Ha' with for the Huu-ay-aht First Nation, has successfully informed many people with whaling facts.

Copies of this book are available for purchase at \$10 plus shipping and handling, by selecting the order form link at the WCW website or by contacting Kathy Happynook at any of the contact numbers/addresses, which may be found at www.worldcouncilofwhalers.com

New Name, New Fish

Clayoquot Sound fish farms restock

By Denise August,
Central Region Reporter

Tofino - Mainstream Canada, a multi-national aquaculture company once known as Pacific National Aquaculture, is restocking net pens after more than a year of inactivity following a salmon disease outbreak. In March 2002, Pacific National Aquaculture Operations Manager, Kevin Onclin issued a memo to PNA staff informing them that IHN (Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus) had been discovered in the farmed Atlantic Salmon in Ahousaht area net pens.

PNA responded by implementing strict quarantine procedures in order to minimize the spread of the disease to neighbouring salmon farms. These measures included: enforcement of strict disinfection procedures; limiting the movement of all personnel, equipment and boats; separate dive teams to survey sites; special procedures for removal and disposal of dead fish; and special precautions for harvesting to prevent spread of disease.

Despite all their efforts, the virus spread from net pen to net pen, infecting almost all of PNA's tenures in the area. The outbreak resulted in the immediate shutdown of several farms to allow them to fallow (a period of inactivity to allow the site to cleanse itself). One hundred and seventy employees were laid off and private charter boats and other businesses that relied on the company for their livelihoods were deeply impacted.

Alistair Haughton is the Chief Operating Officer for Mainstream Canada, formerly PNA. He says PNA changed its name because the parent company, Cermaq Group, made a decision in May 2003 to join together their farming industry under one common name, 'Mainstream' followed by their geographical location (i.e. Mainstream Scotland, Mainstream Chile).

He says while Mainstream Canada started restocking net pens this year, "We are approaching this area with caution and due-diligence, carefully assessing each operational area to ensure the fallow time is well beyond government standards and that the area has had plenty of time to remediate."

According to government guidelines, sites that have experienced an IHN outbreak should remain fallow for a minimum of three months prior to restocking fish into the site.

Haughton says some sites have been fallow for over one year. "We will not restock just for the sake of putting fish in the water, it will be done based on market demand, environmental considerations, and other things," he wrote. In regard to stocking, he says all sites must be designed by marine engineer and anchored by professionals. "We will stock under the government-rated capacity for the site and now have a no-handling policy, thus reducing stress on the fish and promoting a healthy stock," he said, adding they are in the process of getting ISO 14000 certification.

Mainstream Canada now has eight sites stocked and may stock two or three more this year. Two sites are currently being harvested.

The company is also proud to announce that two of its current sites are stocked with Chinook, an indigenous species of salmon. Haughton advises that one of those sites are currently being harvested and this site 'has never received an antibiotic or any treatment of any sort,' he claims.

Haughton says the company is slowly and carefully moving forward. "We laid off approximately 170 employees and are now operating with 70 (employees) on the sea-sites, management and operations crews." He says they have another 30 employees at the plant and 20 at their hatchery. Mainstream Canada has been recalling employees as of March 2004.

Tseshaht First Nation 10 Day Sports Extravaganza 2004!

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15 Team Entry/fee

All teams must pay half of registration fee prior to tournament dates, the balance is to be paid before first game commences. Cheques for registration fees can be made out to the Tseshaht First Nation Recreation Department. Locations for play times will be provided the day before each event (meeting will be held the night before with coaches). Contact Tseshaht Recreation Coordinator - Gina Pearson by phone: 250-724-1225 or fax: 250-724-4385

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Haa-Huu-Payak hosts Union Lake First Nation

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Tseshaht – The Haa-Huu-Payak School had special guests from Union Lake First Nation visit them for a cultural exchange on May 20th & 21st.

Union Lake First Nation are from Saskatchewan and they are of the Cree Nation and traveled to Port Alberni to show some of their traditional dancing styles at the Haa-Huu-Payak School and to experience a little bit of the West Coast ways of life.

Prior to the Union Lake dancing Jessie Stevens and Martin Fred on behalf of Haa-Huu-Payak welcomed the group to the school and then recognized two families that had lost a loved one recently.

“On behalf of Tseshaht we welcome Union Lake in to our traditional territory,” said Richard Watts. “We understand that you treated our children well when they visited your area and school. This school originated in a run down trailer and has grown in to this nice facility. It was built to teach our children language and songs because at one time we thought our culture was dying,” said Watts.

A touching moment came when a picture of the late Tyece Hawiith Adam Shewish was presented to the Haa-Huu-Payak School and its Board of Directors by the Fred family.

“As many of you are aware my father is half brother to Adam and that is the reason why we are standing here today.

When this school was built it needed a name, and because Adam was a strong believer in education and was instrumental in this building it became ‘The Shewish House of Learning’. Now we have a facility that will assist our future leaders for generations to come, we have been taught to look after, teach, and guide our children in our language and culture. Myself and others my age and older never had that opportunity because we were sent off to Residential Schools,” said Al Fred. “My family and myself noticed there was something missing and that was our father and grand fathers picture to go with the name of this school,” he said. “So we the descendants of Shewish would like to present this picture of Adam Shewish to the Haa-Huu-Payak School and its Board of Directors.”

Sid Pauls, the Principal of Haa-Huu-Payak along with the Board of Directors stepped forward to accept the picture from the Fred family.

“We have waited a long time for this moment and we are very happy to receive this picture that goes with the name of this building for whom it was named for,” said Pauls.

The Union Lake First Nation then took the floor with Grant Whitstone acting as master of ceremonies during their time on the floor.

“It is always a great pleasure to see other cultures and it is a great pleasure to see yours,” said Grant. “Where we come from is across the mountains and three provinces over and are of the Cree

Nation. The regalia that you see the dancers wearing are traditional wears and the colors and are handed down from generation to generation, the colors are not just any color they are handed down as well they help identify which family and tribe we are from. The drum that is being used by ‘The Spear Point Singers’ is a pow-wow drum, but we also use other sizes like the hand drums you use here we use for ceremonial purposes. Our culture is similar in how we live for example we learned to respect Mother Earth and to take only what we need from the animals we harvest,” said Whitstone. “Back home our population is around 5000 plus and 50% of that is under the age of 25. So we teach them protocols and practices of our culture like you do here,” said Grant. “The struggles you have here we also have back home,” he said.

The Spear Point Singers then started the ‘Prayer Song’ and explained “it is for each and everyone of us here and at home, to those who are sick or in various institutions, for those who are struggling in life”.

After the opening song, 23 more were sung and with each song came an explanation about the dance identifying where they come from and what they represent starting with the Grand Entry song where all the dancers male and female, young and old paraded into the gymnasium in a spectacle of colors and variety of dance.

The first dance was a ‘Jingle Dance’ and originated out of Ontario and is a healing dance Ojibway style. “At one time an elderly lady named Mrs. White dreamt of this dress and in this dream a young lady approached her and Mrs. White advised her to put this dress on and it would heal her, as this young lady was ill and nothing could help her. After putting this jingle dress on she became healed, and so this is where the Jingle Dance started,” said Grant.

Next was the ‘Grass Dance’ the moves are close to the ground and is an imitation of how the wind moves through the grass. The two young boys that danced have bead work on their regalia that come from their families and are of the Great Plains Cree Style, the foot work that they did is also of the Great Plains Cree People.

The Girls Fancy Shawl dance followed and is more contemporary and the work is fast and again the patterns and colors are family traditions and each has a spirit.

A dance called ‘The Chicken Dance’ was performed and resembles the prairie or bush chicken during the mating season they do a special ruffle of their feathers and is what the dancer imitates. “This dance is not a contemporary one like the Jingle Dance and at one time this chicken dance was lost and has returned again. We try to teach our children the wisdom left to us by our Elders and is a



way of life for you and I,” said Whitstone.

Up next was a stunning performance by a 12 year old boy named Bronson Cook who performed a dance called ‘The Hoop Dance’ and obvious by the name he used hoops in his performance. This young man started hoop dancing at the age of seven according to Grant Whitstone.

The ladies dance called ‘Fancy or Bustle Dance’ was then performed by several ladies and the dance was explained to come from Oklahoma and adopted into Union Lake community and is now known as Northern Straight Style.

The last dance that was performed was called ‘The Owl Dance’ and everyone was asked to join in and participate. “The Owl Dance is one of the original dances where you dance with your partner, friend or family member and today signifies two cultures coming together,” said Grant.

After the dancing was over Grant Whitstone and the principal of Chief Pender Fred Dillon presented moccasins to Sid Pauls, Jessie Stevens, Stan Lucas, Trevor Little, Judy Joseph, Linda Watts, Ron Dick Sr., Marlene Dick, and Jean Thomas.

“This is just a small piece of our heritage and we hope you had great pleasure in watching as we did in performing for you. I am glad you had a chance to see a bit ours and we hope our paths cross again. In our culture there is no good bye only see you again. So with that have a safe journey home and ‘Hai Hai’ thank you,” said Grant Whitstone.

During the final day of May 21st the Union Lake elders were able to travel to Tofino and experience for the first time ever on the Pacific Ocean and see the vast openness and the many wild life that the West Coast has to offer, their tour guide for the day was John Hayes of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation.

Tseshaht First Nation’s Aboriginal Day Celebration and Band Picnic!!

The Tseshaht First Nation cordially invites you to participate in showing who we are as First Nation’s People. We are sending you this special invitation to join us on: **June 21, 2004 - 12:00 PM - PAPERMILL DAM – TSESHAHT SIDE** Throughout the day our nations will provide you with: Displays of Tseshaht History and Culture, Welcome and Opening ceremony, Dancing Spirit Performance, Traditional Canoe Rides, Traditional Salmon BBQ, Kayak rides, Dunk Tank and lots of other Fun Activities! As well, we feel that it is important to provide strong support to our community members fundraising ventures, so some members will be hosting a *Loonie/Twoonie Auction, 50/50 draws, Raffles and Craft displays/sales.* We would love to have you come out and join in our festivities.

Please RSVP to Gina Pearson – Tseshaht Recreation @ 724-1225 between the hours of 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Mon.-Fri.

Thlaaktuuthla for Nuukmiis

Submitted by Ron Martin
for Ha-Shilth-Sa

Many people accepted the invitation from Hawithlwinis to witness the thlaaktuuthla, end of grieving for the late Chief Nuukmiis, Bobby Martin Sr., on Saturday, March 20, 2004 at the Wickininihsh Community School in Tofino. The gymnasium and the balcony were filled to capacity as people traveled from communities throughout Nuu-Chah-Nulth country, other communities on Vancouver Island, the lower mainland and the United States. A few of the guests traveled from Germany. Cedar boughs and two beautiful ceremonial screens necessarily set the tone for the day to be feasting on the rich history, culture and food so typical of Nuu-Chah-Nulth traditions and ceremonies.

Before the thlaaktuuthla started, Hawithlwinis acknowledged families and relatives who are grieving their recent losses. Jerry Jack serving as the speaker for Hawithlwinis, opened the ceremony with a tsiiikaa and introduced Hathlwinis. He identified Hayuusinapshiithl, where Nan Wiinuk comes from and Hiiskooshinapshiithl, where Nan Nuukmiis came from, on the old curtain as a brief introduction to Hawithlwinis. He welcomed the Ha’wiith and the people into Tla-o-qui-aht territory and into Hawithlwinis’ house, liwaasaht. After letting the people know where they were, tsilthlaen, eagle down, was spread out on the floor to create a sacred for thlaaktuuthla.

As soon as the tsilthlaen was on the floor, Hawithlwinis’ ancestor, Nuukmiis, entered a very quiet hall. Nuukmiis circled Hawithlwinis four times and left the floor. After the Nuukmiis left the hall, Hawithlwinis changed his name to Nuukmiis. It was explained that Hawithlwinis grandfather Nuukmiis (George Martin), his father was Kamahthchiiiaah, his father was Nupitachitl, his father was Hiiskooshinapshiithl, his father was Nuukmiis. This is the ancestor that entered the hall. Hawithlwinis’ late father also carried the name Nuukmiis.

As soon as this work was finished, Nuukmiis treated the people to a delicious luncheon of sockeye, fresh clams and homemade bread. After lunch, Tsuxid, Barney Williams Jr., Tla-o-qui-aht hiitinkis, welcomed people to Naachaks part of the Tla-o-qui-aht territory and welcomed them to Nuukmiis house, liwaasaht. After welcoming the Ha’wiith and the people, and honouring them with his tlasxaatem, Tsuxid turned to the host and

acknowledged his family’s relationship ties by introducing his children and grandchildren. Following the welcome by the host and the Tla-o-qui-aht beach keeper, Nuukmiis had his speaker explain why he invited them to his house on the beautiful day. His speaker explained that the Martin family was formally ending their public grief over the loss of their father and acknowledged those who were still grieving. At the end of the night, he would thank the many people that helped his family prepare for the memorial.

Ki-ke-in, speaking for Nuukmiis, explained that the family in addition to ending their grief, was also honouring their father’s teachings and his life. He told the people that they would be feasted n the history and the songs and dances that Nuukmiis was planning to show on this day. He explained that the family was honouring their father for his apology to them for the difficult life that he put them through due to his abuse of alcohol. This was a pivotal time for the family as their late father, grandfather, great grandfather began seriously rebuilding his family after that. It was pointed out that he named over 220 of his family members in the last ten years of his life. Linda Martin summarized is



Tlaaksaadem were shown

all when she wrote that “Grandpa was a caring, gentle yet strong, quiet, generous, loving man.” This is why he was being honoured on this day.

Ki-ke-in went on to say “many gifted people from the late Chief’s direct family have special talents and work in community health, providing traditional foods in their community, carve canoes, are actively involved in community development work, tourism hospitality, fire fighting, and fishing. These people are all lined up before you, Chief Nuukmiis family, are a testament to the good teachings and a good example of the late Chief.”

Ten of Nuukmiis’ wolves were shown



Nuukmiis entered the hall



Nora Martin and Louise Martin

prior to Nuukmiis’ bringing out him haats-huuthla. After the Nuu-thlim came out, it was explained that the dance came from Nitinat and the name Shiiwish came with it. At this point the name Hawithlpihltsio was put onto Spencer Martin, Nuukmiis oldest grandson. Spencer is next in line to be the head of the Martin family. He asked people to be good to Hawithlpihltsio be encouraging him and reminding him of the responsibility he will inherit. It was also explained that when Robert Martin Sr. was 15 years old, his older brother Simon died. At Simon’s funeral, Bobby Sr. was put onto the seat and this name was put onto him. Agnes Martin was introduced as the descendant of Simon. Spencer is almost 15 years old now. After the second dance Ron Martin and

grandparents side, Nuukmiis and Wiinukinuxx. The Names came from Kiishkiimoox-aht, Che:k’tles7et’h’, Mowachaht, Ootsoosaht, and his ancestors at Tla-o-qui-aht. Many names were also brought out that were hisookt (taken in war) from Hiisaawistaah by Hiis-koosh-in-apshiithl. The mood of the hall was very solemn and quiet and Nuukmiis and his family conducted their work. After the work was finished, the floor was opened and many relatives and friends took the floor to show their relationship ties and respect for the late Chief Bob Martin. The solemn and respectful mood in the hall was uplifted at just the right time when Nelson Keitlah led the signing of the huuya huuyaa to begin the celebration.

Tseshaht Chief Bob Thomas, Nupitichitl, said that he knew Bob Martin since the 1930’s and that Bob was always respectful to him and always acknowledged him as a relative. He said that he was honoured to be invited to this memorial and to hear some of the history of Chief Bobby Martin. He supported the host with a contribution of cash.

Many other relatives came forward from Hesquiaht, Ahousaht, Ucluelet, Uchucklesaht, Tseshaht, Huu-ay-aht and Nitinat. A special part of the ceremony was when Hawithl Tlaakishtke-iis transferred the names Anitsinaas and Shaaktuuthl to Nuukmiis. He said that these names belonged to Nuukmiis maternal grandfather, Placide Lucas.

The celebration went on until the early hours of Sunday morning when Jerry Jack brought out a song from his house, Tcii-saht, and shared it with Nuukmiis. He explained that the song is used to wrap up important ceremonies such as this one that was just completed. The name Tsaqaayush was shared along with this song. At the same time, Jerry’s sister Claretta, shared her names Xwin-xwin-kwala, with Louise Martin.

Nearing the end of the night, it was clear that the Martin family finished grieving when they all came out with the paddle dance, war dance and the wayii sikii dance. Walter Williams was especially happy because he said “it was the first time I ever danced in my 45 years. It was better because I got to dance for Uncle Bob.” Nuukmiis ended the night with two haats-huuhla dances from his ancestors, Yuu-a-qwii-ap and Hiishqa. He thanked the Ha’wiith and all the people with gifts for witnessing all the work. He gave special thanks to the Ha’wiith who brought out their haats-huuhla to honour his late father and to lift his family up. Nuukmiis said that he was especially indebted to the people at Tla-o-qui-aht for helping him and he would remember their kindness be returning it to them when there were needing to do some work.

As Nuukmiis’ songs and dances continued to come out, names were put on his siblings and nieces/nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. The speaker said that the naming was their late father’s wish that all his descendants have names so that they know they are here in Tla-o-qui-aht territory, because they belong here and another way for Nuukmiis to honour his late father. The names that came out are from Nuukmiis ancestors on his



Al Fred presents a picture of Tyece Hawiith Adam Shewish to Haa-huu-payuk School on behalf of the Fred family.



Annual General Meeting

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust invites West Coast residents to its Annual General Meeting.

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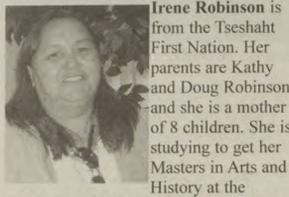
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Education - ha-ho-pa N.T.C. Summer Students

By Hazel Cook,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

If you're wondering who the new faces working at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office are, they are the recently employed summer students. Six students have been hired by NTC and one student hired at Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation.



Irene Robinson is from the Tseshaht First Nation. Her parents are Kathy and Doug Robinson and she is a mother of 8 children. She is studying to get her Masters in Arts and History at the University of Victoria. She has been hired to the Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project. Irene applied at NTC for the job at the Healing Project because she believes it is a healthy, healing, and supportive environment to work in and it is helping bring her life back into balance. After Irene has completed her studies, she hopes to write a book about the history of the Tseshaht First Nation, with some reflections on Nuu-chah-nulth, and make it available for all age groups at the community level.



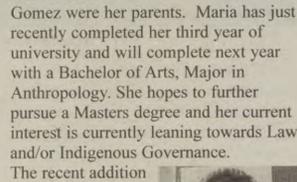
New to the NTC administration department is **Vanessa Gallic**, from the Tseshaht First Nation. Her parents are Diane and Jason Gallic. Vanessa has completed her College Prep. at North Island College. She has applied for the Administration position because she has had previous experience working at the Youth Health center and at the Women's Resource Society. Vanessa wishes that with the new skills she will learn working at NTC would be helpful to reach her career goals in the future as she wishes to take the Bachelor of Education Program at Malaspina starting this coming fall.



Caroline Thompson is from the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation. Her parents are Archie Thompson Jr. and Marcia Thompson. She has just finished her first year in the Child and Youth Care First Nations at Malaspina University/College at the Duncan campus. She is undecided about whether or not she will go into Social Working, or Counseling but wishes to work for her own band or for NTC. She applied at NTC for the Infant Development position to gain the experience of what an Infant Development worker does. Caroline also enjoyed the friendly working environment that she was a part of as she was working in the administration

department last summer.

Maria Gomez has been hired to work in the Education department this summer. She is from the Tseshaht First Nation, and the late Lillian Watts-Gomez (nee Gus) and Valentine Gomez were her parents. Maria has just recently completed her third year of university and will complete next year with a Bachelor of Arts, Major in Anthropology. She hopes to further pursue a Masters degree and her current interest is currently leaning towards Law and/or Indigenous Governance. The recent addition to the Treaty Department is **Emily Recalma**, from the Hesquiaht First Nation. Emily's mother is Faye Amos and her father is Victor Amos. She is a recent Graduate of Malaspina University/College with a Bachelor degree in History and plans on returning to Malaspina in the fall to complete her Bachelor of Education.



Hazel Cook is a summer student at the NTC. Her parents are Jack and Deborah Cook. She has just finished her first year at Malaspina in the Arts One First Nations Program. Hazel intends on working towards getting her Bachelor of Arts First Nations and then will proceed to obtain her Bachelor of Education. Hazel applied for the Ha-shilth-sa summer student position because she enjoys writing and loves the friendly environment.



Jack Little Jr. has been hired through NEDC and when he applied for the job he had no idea what to expect but says that it has been a great learning experience. It has also been a pleasure working for the Nuu-chah-nulth people and assisting in any way possible, giving back to the communities that have giving so much to him. Jack's parents are Jack Little Sr. and Rosie Little. Jack is from the Ahousaht First Nation and is attending Malaspina University/College with a major in Finance. He is currently undecided about what his plans are after he completes his schooling at Malaspina, but he is hoping to return to NEDC as an intern.



These seven students have been working at NTC and NEDC since May 3rd and will be working until August 6th.

NTC and SD70 hosts Huuhtaksiihap T'atneis (teaching children) Celebration

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - The Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS) auditorium, gymnasium, and connecting hallways were full of students, parents, and teachers, showing off the accomplishments of the various First Nations cultural programs at their schools.

Titled Huuhtaksiihap T'atneis (teaching children) Celebration, students showed off artworks, songs, dances, plays, and other projects designed to teach both Native and non-Native children about the rich history and culture of the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations along the west coast of Vancouver Island.

More than 700 people attended the event which featured students from 13 west coast schools. Bamfield, Wood, Maquinna, Alberni, John Howitt, Eighth Avenue, EJ Dunn, AW Neill, ADSS, VAST, Gill, Ucluelet, and Wickaninnish schools were all represented in various ways at the celebration.

"We'll be showcasing the efforts of First Nations programs throughout the district from K-12," said Linus Lucas, who co-hosted the evening's performances along with Nuu-chah-nulth Role Model Bethany Watts.

Westcoast Winds, from Ucluelet Elementary School performed a Nuu-chah-nulth song using singers, dancers, drummer, guitars and recorders. Bamfield Community School performed



Westcoast Winds, from Ucluelet Elementary School performed a Nuu-chah-nulth song using singers, dancers, drummer, guitars and recorders.

a play on the origins of the Huu-ay-aht First Nations.

"It has been a spectacular event, and a wonderful opportunity to hold our children up and show everyone the great things they've been doing in a variety of school programs, sharing the culture of the Nuu-chah-nulth," said NTC's Eileen Haggard. "This is a very proud day for our students," she said.

Nuu-Chah-Nulth Graduation Celebration

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Graduation Celebration will be held in:
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For further information please call Eileen Haggard at 724-5757. Please remember that due to school regulations schools cannot provide the N.T.C. with graduation information without written parental permission. It is therefore **very important** to bring the Grad form to the school for completion and submission to the N.T.C. as soon as possible.

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Friday July 23, 2004
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For more information call Eileen Haggard or Blair Thompson at 724-5757. Scholarship Applications can be picked up from your band office or the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office. If you are living away from home you can download the application off of the N.T.C website - www.nuuchahnulth.org

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There's Copper in Catface Mining opportunities for Ahousaht?

By Denise August,
Central Region Reporter

Chitaapi - Also known as Catface Mountain, Chitaapi, located in Ahousaht traditional territory is known to contain a large copper deposit that Doublestar Resources, a mining company, is interested in.

Chitaapi has significant cultural and historical importance to the Ahousaht people. It is not located on reserve but is within the traditional territory of the Ahousaht and is the responsibility of the three Hereditary Chiefs 7uuwqaqum (Corbett George), Hayuupinuulth (Bill Keitlah) and A-in-chut (Shawn Atleo).

Doublestar Resources of Vancouver, B.C. currently holds a mining lease over portions of Catface Mountain, which they purchased in 2001 from Falconbridge Limited. Falconbridge Ltd. is "a large multi-national mining company that reportedly spent \$10 million on Catface up until 1990," says a report prepared by Visions First Nations Planning Group.

The VFNPG report to Ahousaht explains this would be a large project. "The open pit mine would require a substantial investment in excess of \$200 million to bring to production and this would take an estimated five to seven years," it reads.

Doublestar has approached Ahousaht in the interest of developing a "strategic alliance" with the Ahousaht First Nation. The exact nature of the alliance will have to be negotiated they say. VFNPG prepared a report on behalf of Ahousaht and await the community of Ahousaht to provide feedback to their leadership. Meanwhile, they are planning to meet with Ahousaht members living in Port Alberni June 10 to provide background information and a project update.

Catface, VFNPG says, is not ready to become a mine. "Much more work is required to fully determine whether it is feasible from an economic standpoint and from an environmental standpoint," says the report. Doublestar estimates that between \$15 - \$20 million would be required to be spent over the next six years to determine if this operation would proceed to development.

According to the report, testing done in 1990 indicated an estimate of 158 million tonnes of copper ore at a .44% grade. This copper grade equates to 1.3 billion pounds of copper at current prices, this could be worth in excess of \$1.5 billion.

The most important consideration for the Ahousaht is this proposed project is the impact to the environment that a large-scale open pit mine would create. This project would require:

- > Moving and removing millions of tonnes impacting on Chitaapi and the entire surrounding area
- > Doublestar has not done the work necessary to assess the impact. This will be a requirement for the project approval.
- > A project of this scope would require approvals from both the provincial and federal governments.
- > Environmental issues such as water management (rainfall water run off from the site can adversely affect quantity and quality of fish-bearing streams); acid rock drainage



Catface Mountain as seen from Tofino Gov't dock. Would this mountain be reduced to a crater if it is mined for copper?

(exposed rock that was previously buried may leach acid, contaminating rivers.); tailings and waste rock; noise pollution, shipping and traffic issues; wildlife impacts, visual impacts and traditional use impacts.

The report says long-term outlook for copper mining is favourable. "World inventory levels of copper have been declining, raising the average copper price to current levels," is says. Industry experts have stated that "demand for primary metals (such as copper) vastly exceeds supply for years"

VFNPG says evolving legal precedents have enabled First Nations to participate to a greater degree in the mining sector and have a greater say in their development and operation. Impact Benefit Agreements (IBA's) have been the mechanism that defines the working relationship between first Nations and mining companies.

They outline employment provisions, economic development and business opportunities, financial and equity provisions, environmental protection, social and cultural issues and the implementation plan.

The Tahltan First Nation and Barrick Gold is one example of First Nations in mining partnerships. It is reported that approximately one third of the Tahltan community members are employed at the Eskay Creek Mine.

The Tahltan have a road maintenance contract valued at \$1 million per year. They also provide trucking, catering and cleaning service contracts.

Ahousaht member, Wally Samuel, is keenly interested in the project and getting information out to members. He is quick to point out that even if given the green light to go ahead with the project, "it won't happen tomorrow" he says. Visions says there are typically five major stages to mining:

1. Exploration and development - (Catface current phase) takes 5 to 10 years
 2. Mine design and construction - 1 to 3 years
 3. Mine operation - Could be operational for 20 to 30 years
 4. Closure and reclamation
 5. Site rehabilitation
- Ahousaht Hereditary Chief Corby George says he is against any proposed open pit mining of Catface but admits that other hereditary Chiefs or their representatives may not share his opinion.

"When they were telling me I was not for it, they said they were going to take 500 yards right off the top!" says George. "I hope that it gets stopped, it's like making a big sore on Mother Earth and she can only do so much to heal and cleanse herself, especially in open pit mining," he said.

Hupacasath prepares welcome poles

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - A huge Cedar log was hauled to the Hupacasath carving shed last week, and carvers are already busy transforming the log into a centerpiece welcome figure.

The 12 ton log was selected by the Hupacasath Nation near View Lake in the Nahmint Valley, cut down by Weyerhaeuser, and hauled to the site by Jack McKay Trucking.

The new log dwarfs the pair of previous logs brought in for the project which unfortunately cracked during transport.

Carvers Rod Sayers and Doug David will spend the next two months carving a large male welcoming figure that will face up Johnston Road, welcoming everyone into the Alberni Valley. A female welcoming figure will be carved later, and will be placed near the male figure, but will face the Somass River welcoming people who come in by boat. "This will be the first real landmark that Hupacasath has in the valley, so we're really excited about it," said Chief Councillor Judy Sayers.

The area at the foot of Johnston between Victoria Quay and Clutesi Haven Marina, has been leased to the Tsu-ma-as Transformation Society, and will eventually feature a First Nations interpretive center for visitors to stop at, and learn a bit about the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations whose territories they will be traveling through.

According to Sayers, Tsu-ma-as is currently made up of representatives from Hupacasath and Ucluelet, but invitations have been set to Tseshaht and Huu-ay-aht to join the project.

Funding for the welcome pole carvings was provided by the Softwood Initiative; a federal program designed to assist communities who suffered because of the softwood lumber tariff fight of the past two years. Tsu-ma-as has already received \$140,000 through the program.

The new log brought in measured 8' at the butt, 6' at the top, and 35' in length. According to Sayers it was the largest log McKay had hauled on a truck. The other logs will be used to carve smaller animal figures, and perhaps a small canoe. Hupacasath hopes to host a pole raising in July.



Tournaments

Andrew David's "Team Opitsaht" will be hosting a

2nd Annual Slow Pitch Tournament
July 16, 17 & 18, 2004

AT WICKANINNIH FIELD, TOFINO

This will consist of 7 male and 3 female on field at all times. The entry fee is \$300.00 per team. There will be trophies and cash prizes. \$100.00 deposit by July 7, 2004 to secure a spot in tournament. Please make cheque or money order payable to Andrew David and mail to PO Box 18, Tofino, B.C. V0R-2Z0

Based on 14 Teams		Based on 12 Teams	
1 st Place-----	\$1800.00	1 st Place-----	\$1500.00
2 nd Place-----	\$1000.00	2 nd Place-----	\$1000.00
3 rd Place-----	\$ 750.00	3 rd Place-----	\$ 500.00
4 th Place-----	\$ 500.00		

To register your team for the tournament please contact Andrew David at 725-4495 or leave message with Vickie Amos at 725-3233.

Northern Region Games 2004

Hosting Tribe: Nuchatlaht

August 19, 20, 21, 2004 In Oclucje

Opening ceremony starts @ 12:00 noon, August 19, 2004

This is a drug and alcohol free event. For any questions or information, you can contact Audrey or Lydia at Nuchatlaht Tribe, P.O. Box 40, Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0. Phone (250) 332-5908 or fax (250) 332-5907. Email: nuchatlaht@hotmail.com.

"Chappy" Tony Fred Memorial -Fastball Tournament

August 21 & 22, 2004

@ Recreation Park, Port Alberni

Further information will be provided in future Ha-Shilth-Sa or contact Matthew Fred @ 720-3921

Men's Fast Pitch Tournament

Wes Thomas Dedication Tournament

July 16, 17 and 18, Recreation Park, Port Alberni

Entry fee: \$350.00 per team
Dead line for entry: July 2, 2004.
First place prize: \$1000.00
Second place prize: \$650.00
Third place prize: \$350.00
Plus place and individual trophies.

For information and registration contact:
Tom Campbell 250-670-2456
Travis Thomas 250-670-2423
Wally Samuel 250-724-5290
E-mail: wally-samuel@shaw.ca
Entry fee by cash or certified cheque.

Je suis *fière*
de mes *origines.*



I am *proud* of
where I *come from.*



J'ai un passé à *honorer*
et un avenir à *bâtir.*



I have a past to *honour*
and a future to *nurture.*

J'ai mes *idées.*



I have a *point of view.*



Je peux *faire*
un geste qui *compte.*

I can *choose*
to make a *difference.*

Je suis Autochtone et j'ai choisi d'exercer mon droit de vote à l'élection fédérale.

Pour savoir si mon nom est sur la liste électorale
et ce que je dois faire si je prévois être absent le jour d'élection,
je n'ai qu'à communiquer avec Élections Canada. C'est tout!

As an Aboriginal, I have chosen to exercise
my right to vote in the federal election.

To know if I am registered to vote
and what to do if I am not going to be here on election day,
I just need to contact Elections Canada. It's that easy!

Je peux voter!

I can vote!

Pour plus de renseignements, communiquez avec votre bureau local d'Élections Canada.
Vous trouverez le numéro sur notre site Web ou en composant notre numéro sans frais.

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Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project

Nuu chah nulth Healing Project
5th Annual Conference

"Ca waak nis" (We are one)

June 22, 23, 24, 2004

Maht Mahs, Port Alberni, B. C.

Arts & Crafts Tables, Singing and Dancing, Lahal, Mini-workshops, Camping, Story telling, Cedar Bark Crafts, Traditional Foods, Traditional Cleansing, Information Booths, Family Fun, Self-care, and much more.....



We hope to see you there!!

For more information and to register, please contact:
Carol Clutesi, Coordinator, phone: (250)724-3233
Vina Robinson, Urban Outreach Worker, phone: (250) 753-8567
Healing Project Staff Member working your region.

Registration Deadline: June 14, 2004
(for planning purposes)

Nuu-chah-nulth Healing Project
5th Annual Conference
"Ca waak nis - We Are One"
June 22, 23, 24, 2004

Volunteer Registration Form

Name: _____
Contact Phone #: _____
First Nation: _____
I would like to volunteer: June 22 June 23 June 24
Hours Available: (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
Areas that I am interested in volunteering include:
 Cleanup: _____ tables _____ kitchen _____ dishes
 Cooking: _____ breakfast _____ lunch _____ dinner
 Serving: _____ breakfast _____ lunch _____ dinner
 Decorating the hall
 Crafts: _____ Assist OR _____ Facilitate—specify craft
 Elders attendant
 Entertainment
 First Aid: Yes, I have a First Aid Certificate No, I am not certified
 Transportation: I have a class _____ drivers' license
- I can drive my own vehicle, transporting _____ passengers with seatbelts
 Security
 Set-up

Fax completed registration forms to: Nuuchahnulth Healing Project
Main Office: (250) 723-6010

"ca waak nis" "We are One"
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Vendor / Information Table Registration Form

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
First Nation: _____
Articles for sale or information include: _____

I would like to set up a table:
All 3 days _____ June 22 _____ June 23 _____ June 24 _____
*Note: We are in the process of locating vendor tables but until this is confirmed vendors are responsible for bringing and setting up their own tables and chairs and for keeping their area clean.

Fax completed registration forms to:
Nuu chah nulth Healing Project: (250) 723-6010
For more information phone:
Nuu chah nulth Healing Project: (250) 724-3233

Call for Entertainers

We are looking for family oriented entertainers to sign up to offer their talents at the upcoming up-coming Nuuchahnulth Healing Project Conference June 22-24, 2004 @ Maht Mahs in Port Alberni. Dance Groups, student/theatre performances, magicians, and musicians of all styles! People are welcome to sell their crafts.

Contact J'net August @ 720-1325 to register your talent and add to the success of this cultural event! Or contact Irene Robinson @ 724-3233.

NTC Peer Support Training

Date: June 14 & 16

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The NTC Huupiiistulth (Helping Each Other) Program is offering the summer Peer Support Training for Southern Region Community members.

Learn Basic support & listening skills
Explore problem solving
Discover ways to enhance life when people are down
Summer Peer Support hosted by Tseshaht First Nation in their Treaty Office

To Register Contact:
J'net August
NTC Southern Region Huupiiistulth (Helping Each Other) Worker
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Nuuchahnulth Healing Project Contact List

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Tofino Office (Central Region)
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Tofino B.C. VOR 2Z0
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Toll-free: 1-866-901-3367
Fax: (250) 725-2158

Victoria Urban Office:
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Ph: (250) 413-7303 (Cell)
Fax: (250) 388-5120

Gold River Office (Northern Region)
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Gold River, B.C. V0P 1G0
Ph: (250) 283-2012
Fax: (250) 283-2122

Vancouver Urban Office:
455 East Hastings Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6A 1P5
Ph: (604) 254-9972
Fax: (604) 254-7919

NUUCHAH-NULTH HEALTH PROJECT URBAN EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
VANCOUVER:		
Women's Support Group Meeting	2nd Thursday of each month. 6 - 9 pm	Vancouver Office: #106 - 23 W. Pender
Potluck Dinner	3rd Thursday of each 6 - 9 pm	Vancouver Office: # 106 - 23 W. Pender
CAMPBELL RIVER:		
Campbell River Support Group	2nd and last Tuesday of each month - 6 - 9 pm	St. Peters Anglican Church - 228 S. Dogwood
VICTORIA:		
Support Group Meeting	Last Monday of each month - 6 - 9 pm	Victoria Office: 853 Fisgard St.
Potluck Dinner	Every 2nd Monday of each month	Victoria Office 853 Fisgard St.
DUNCAN:		
Support Group	Last Thursday of each month - 6 - 8 pm	Travel Lodge Silver Bridge Inn - 140 Trans Canada Highway



Crystal Meth -The Drug of Myth and Mystery

By Penny Cowan,
NTC Southern Region Nurse

I didn't think that I could be shocked and amazed any more at my age. But this drug does just that. I had read about crystal meth, (or methamphetamine), in a Toronto newspaper and I wondered if we had that drug here in Port Alberni, and is it having the same effect on people here as it is elsewhere? I have been asking a few questions about it to people that I meet. Here is what I found out. Yes we do have crystal meth here on the street in Port Alberni. People are using it because it lasts longer than cocaine and is therefore cheaper to use. A point of meth or a tenth of a gram costs about ten dollars and lasts up to 12 hours whereas a rock of cocaine costs the same but wears off in about 20 minutes. Keep reading don't stop now.

The main ingredient in crystal meth is ephedrine which when taken in high doses creates a feeling of euphoria, or feeling on a high. It is very addictive (more so than cocaine). Users go on sleepless binges on the drug then they fall into severe depression and can become suicidal. Other ingredients added can be highly toxic including ammonia, paint thinner, battery acid and yes, even Drano. One article on the Internet says, "They use substances that can explode". At first people take it to give them energy and stamina. Some young people are using it to stay awake at night and others to help them lose weight. It dulls hunger and fatigue. (Keep reading)

At first it feels like a good thing. However the longer people use the drug, mental illness can creep in and it may not be fixable because the damage could be permanent. There is increasing evidence that the drug changes the structure of the brain.

The meth craze has swept across the lower mainland of BC sounding a big alarm among police and youth workers because it leads some to become paranoid and/or schizophrenic. Symptoms include being afraid all the

time that someone is after them, or that everyone is carrying a gun, hearing and seeing hallucinations that don't go away, and are very frightening. Young people are being turned away from shelters in Vancouver because they are so disruptive when on this drug. "I've seen the heroin come in, I've seen the crack cocaine come in, but this is the worst I've seen in all my time here," said one of the workers.

Dr MacEwan a psychiatrist who treats meth users in Vancouver says "If you are going to use anything, don't use this, it can ruin your life forever".

Some people here say, "It's hard to tell the difference between cocaine and crystal meth because they look a lot alike, how do you know what you are getting?"

Crystal meth comes in two forms. One is clear and crystal like, "ice" is one of the names it is called. The other is a white powder that can also be injected into a vein. "Crank" is another name it is known as.

Richard Leger from Port Alberni Drug and Alcohol Counselling Service says, "We are not seeing many people who live locally coming in for help with crystal meth. What we are seeing is people coming from bigger centers such as Victoria, Vancouver and Nanaimo who have been on meth and are returning to their families to try to get off it. I feel that the numbers are small here insofar as meth being the drug of choice, but we expect that the number will increase in the future."

He went on to say that people are also mixing cocaine and meth so the only way to really tell what a person is on is by the symptoms. A person can develop a psychosis as described above with cocaine as well as with meth, but with meth the symptoms stay, whereas with cocaine they go away.

My hope in writing this article is that people will be aware of the effects of this drug. Because it is so addictive it is best to never try it. It can have a huge negative impact on anyone who does and on their loved ones.

Tim Manson spreads message on two wheels

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter



Tla-o-qui-aht's Tim Manson is preparing to bicycle through all Nuuchahnulth territories next summer, raising awareness on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE).

Manson, who has lived with FAS throughout his 34-year life, has been traveling the province over the past few years discussing the challenges faced by people with similar conditions. Recently, Manson bicycled from Merritt in the BC Interior, down the Coquihalla Highway back to Vancouver Island. He will also be featured on an upcoming poster publicizing the effects of drinking while pregnant.

Next summer, Manson plans to bicycle from the Northern parts of Nuuchahnulth

territories, through each First Nation, raising awareness and funds for FAS, ending his ride at the Tlu-piich Games.

"I'd like to raise \$25,000 for FAS awareness programs," said Manson, who originally planned to do the ride five years ago, but postponed it after the death of his brother Michael.

Although an exact date for the bike ride hasn't been set, Tim can be contacted through the TFN office (250-725-3233) for more information or to make donations.

Nuuchahnulth Nursing Program Contact List

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Donna Vernon/ Bev Robson	Red Cross Kyuquot	
Central Region		
Mary Mc Keogh Christine Curley Barb Flynn(Casual) Mary Rimmington	Ucluelet/HotSprings Esowista/Optisaht Ahousaht Hot Springs/Ahousaht	Phone: 250-726-2993 Phone: 250-725-1232 or 726-5240 Phone: 250-670-9608 Phone: 250-725-2951
Southern Region		
Liz Thomsen Anette Muller Jody Vos Penny Cowan	Titidah/PAFC/PA Uchucklesaht/PA Tseshaht Bread of Life	Phone: 250-723-2385
All Regions		
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NTC Office		
Jeannette Watts Lisa Sam Melanie Braker Matilda Watts		Phone: 250-724-5757

Central Region Nursing Updates/Schedules

Mary McKeogh - Hot Springs Cove every Tuesday, otherwise at the Ucluelet Health Clinic.
Chris Curley - Tla-o-qui-aht plus one day per week focus on Sex Education and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases for all Nuuchahnulth communities.
Barb Flynn is currently filling in for the Ahousaht nursing services. Barb will be in Ahousaht on April 15 and 28th, and again on May 12th or 13th.

Southern Region Nursing Updates/Schedules

Penny Cowan is moving into a new office/extension at the Bread of Life. This will provide more nursing space for more nursing activities at the Bread of Life. Penny is at the Bread of Life on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Penny is at Hupacasath Tuesdays.
Annet Muller Home Care Nurse for the Southern Region and Community Nurse for Uchucklesaht will be making community visits as needed for client assessment and service.

Jody Vos continues to provide services to Tseshaht and Huu-ay-aht (Thursdays).
Liz Thomsen continues to provide services to Titidah and Kneec-Was.

Northern Region Nursing Updates/Schedules

* **Moira Havelka** CHN Northern Region will be on leave from April 6, 2004 - June 1st 2004
Dan Woodrow will be covering during that period. Please check his schedule for availability, which will be posted in the NTC Northern Office and also at the Gold River Health Clinic.
* **Notice of cancellation of the Nobodies Perfect Parenting Course until further notice.** We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.
Sincerely, Ruby Ambrose / Moira Havelka

Information for Aboriginal People

Are you or a family member a patient in the hospital?

If you would like to see one of us, remember you have to ask for us and we can assist you with the following.

There is a First Nation Advocate Nurse who will visit you and assist you with the following:

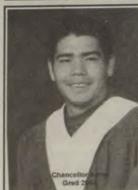
- Assist with discharge planning
- Work with our community for clear communication & ease of discharge
- Be an advocate on your behalf
- Explain health care issues
- Provide support to you and your family during your hospital stay
- Access N.I.H.B. as needed
- Available Monday-Friday 7am - 3:30pm

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Cora Jacks, Aboriginal Liaison Nurse
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Campbell River, BC
Sandy Miller, Aboriginal Liaison Nurse
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Vancouver, BC
David Clellamin First Nation Advocate
Ph: (604) 875-3440



Congratulations Chancellor Amos. Your entire family (Smith, Johnson, Amos & Claxton) are extremely proud of you! Good Luck as you move forward in your life, doing whatever makes you happy (hopefully post secondary, no pressure though)! Love, Mom (Dawn), Dad (Chance), Bryden (brother) and Fran (sister).

Hi...I'd like to wish my grandson Kobe Willis in Auburn Wa. a Happy First Birthday ...on June 18th...same day as my daughter Sugar Thompson ...and would also like send birthday greetings to my other grandson Desean McLaughlin on June 4th a Happy 11th Birthday ...Desean...I hope both of you have a "GREAT" day...both in the U.S.A...love you...your Grandma Ann.

I'd also like to wish Lana Olsen(Thompson) my eldest daughter a Happy Birthday on June 14th...Hope you have a great day Lana...Love always your mom. Ann.

On June 18th I'd like to wish my daughter Sugar Thompson a Happy Birthday. Hope you have a great day ...wayyyyyyyyy up there in Bella Coola, take care, and miss you guys. Love always your mom. Ann.

I'd also like to say Happy Bday to my brother Frank Charlie on June 13th...hope you have a great day...from your sister Ann Shears.

Happy belated Mother's Day to my Mom Maxine Little. My Mothers Love was always there. My Mothers Love, She was the only one who ever cared. My Mothers Love was the first that ever came. My Mothers Love is the one I'll never shame. My Mothers Love never said, "Leave Me" without a doubt. Without my Mothers Love I wouldn't be here to say, "What a wonderful Mother I have today. Love you always Mom, Love Elizabeth Little.

I would like to wish my handsome husband Alex Jules a very happy 26th birthday on June 3rd. Hope ya have an awesome day! Love always, Lelaina.

Happy Father's day to the best dad in the world, Steve Charleson. Thank you for everything you do for us. I love you dad! Love always, Lelaina and Alex.

We would like to wish our daddy (Alex) a very happy father's day. We love you real lots dad. Love Wayne and Tiana.

Happy 24th Anniversary to Gloria & Garry Fred Jr. on May 17th. The legacy we pass to our children is not through words, but actions, they watch each time you bring flowers to a



"June 12th" This msg. goes out to my baby bro... Henry D. Williams "class of 2004". Oh my good-ness. I am so VERY PROUD OF YOU! Enjoy your graduation day ~ you deserve it! I

can't even explain the level of happiness I have for you. You did it!! Your education will open many doors for you. Keep working hard to achieve your goals. All the best to both you and Nikki Garcia (Auntie Auntie) on your graduation day. Big Hugs, we love you both! You sister Molly + Neph. Chris ~ Dorian.

Birthdays and Congratulations



For June 6th, Happy Sweet "16" Birthday Victoria Gallic. We love you Mom, Dad, Allison, Kameron, and Roman.

sick elder, each time you cheer them up, by kind words. One day when they find themselves doing the same caring acts that they have seen, so caring parents like you. This special gift Gloria and Gerry (#1 son) you have given our grandchildren. We could never thank you both enough for giving us our most precious gift you could give to us, our grandchildren. Someday soon when you get, they will give you the greatest gift of loving, caring parent which will always be passed on. We love you both very much (always) Mom and Dad.

Happy 24th Anniversary to sis and bro Gloria and Gerry Fred Jr. Happiness always. Love you sis Angie, Sam, Paula, and Kyra.

Special Anniversary wishes to my dear sister Natalie and your husband Henry, on May 10th, with many more to come. From your little sister Dee.

Happy 24th Anniversary to my cousin Gloria and Gerald on May 17th 2004. I wish you many more. From your cousin Dee.

I would like to congratulate my whole family on our completion of six week treatment at Kakawis. Thank you especially for my children on coming to support mom and dad on our journey of sobriety. Couldn't have done it without you kids. Love you alot, Kids! Thank you to the Tla-o-qui-ah Band Office for all your love and support you gave us. Love & Friendship, Hazel and Joe Curley Jr.

I would like to wish my miracle boy "handsome" Lawrence Curley happy 1st birthday on May 29th. Love you son, Mom & Dad.

We would like to wish our miracle brother Lawrence Curley happy 1st birthday on May 29. Love you bro, big bro Joseph, sisters Tara-Lynn, Dee-Dee, Crystal and Carol.

June 12. Happy birthday to me bud "Thomas Tatoosh" and on June 7th my other bud Mercedes. From your friend Dorian Sutherland.

On June 12, our family would like to wish Derek Peters (AKA Uncle-godfather) a HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY. You're the greatest uncle in the world. Lots of Hugs + Kisses your neph's Chris and Dorian and Molly.

June 17th. Happy 10th Birthday to Collin R.C. Hanson. "My fave bud"! Wow "10" already Collin, it seems like yesterday when you were just a baby boy. Many more to come! XOXO Molly + cozzins Chris & Dorian!

Special Happy 3rd Birthday



I would like to wish my daughter Lee Anne Billy a happy 16th Birthday on June 5th. I love you always my beautiful Sweet "Angel". Love mom and Dave Jacobson.



June 12th, I would like to wish my BABY BOY (Dorian Sutherland) A VERY HAPPY 3rd BIRTHDAY! My "bear" enjoy your day! We love you so-so much. XOXO Mommy and Chris.

Sis/Auntie Pearl D.S. Campbell, enjoy your special day June 2nd, Love you. Happy Birthday Grandpa /Uncle Angus Campbell, have a great day June 12th, miss you. Happy Birthday Sophie Hannah, enjoy you day June 12th. From Sandy, Stan & Family.

Congratulations on your Graduation of 2004 to, Tabitha Thomas & Renee Charlie, very proud of you ladies, follow those dreams. Enjoy walking down the stage, "oh yeah ladies don't get stage frightened". Enjoy working with you. From Sandy

Happy Fathers day to our daddy Stanley Sam, dad you are the BEST, you always have time to spare for us, time to make us smile, laugh, play, always there to tell us everything will be fine when we need a cry, you're there to give us that security, you're there to hold us and give us that BIG HUG. Daddy WE LOVE YOU UP TO THE SKY. Love you always and forever. Love your wife Sandy.

Happy Fathers day to my Special Dad Joe Campbell Sr. Dad words never speak how much I love you, always remember I love you. You daughter Sandy.

Happy fathers day to all our grandpa's/uncles, Edward Sam, Joe Campbell, Angus Campbell, Hunter Sam, Jeremy Sam, Joe Campbell Jr., Richard Thomas, Peter Williams, Charles Thomas, Eddie Little, Chris Williams, all enjoy this special day, remember to sit back with those feet up, remote in one hand, "and have your wife cook for you" this day is a day off. Love your grandchildren/niece/nephews, Scottie, Kylee & JR.

April 16 - Happy Belated B-day to our granddaughter Brooke Johnson, Love Ya

Baby! Love Grandma Brenda and Grandpa Sam and your auntie's.

April 29 - Happy Belated B-Day to my cousin and pal Wes Savey, from Brenda J and family.

Happy belated to my son Louie Johnson, Love you son, from Mom, Uncle Sam and

your sisters on April 30th.

May 2nd, 24 & 28 - Happy Belated B-day to my cousins Linda and Mamie

Charleson, Happy Belated B-day to my Aunt Mamie, Love you all and take care, miss you lots from Brenda (Ida) Sam Jr. and girls -Cindy, Samantha and Mabel.

May 30th - Happy Belated B-Day to Hilary Savey, from Brenda, Sam Jr. and girls.

May 31st - Happy Belated B-Day to my baby son Abel Robert Joseph Johnson, love Grandma Joanne and Papa Allan XXXOOXOXO I would like to wish my brother Jacob D. a happy birthday for May 27. Love your sister Jo-Lynn XXOOXOXO.



A very happy 27th Anniversary to my husband Dave Watts on June 11, 2004. It's been 27 happy years already. Kleco once again to all the singers, dancers & family that took part in our wedding. All of you made it a special day to remember!

am in the book, Love Mom, you sisters and brothers and nephews.

June 6th - Happy Birthday to my Cuz Barb Amos from Brenda, Sam Jr. and girls.

June 8th - Happy 22nd B-day to my son Jake Johnson, enjoy your day on my day Birthday Boy. God gave me special gift for my birthday on the same day. Love you so much son. We miss you, baby and Nadine, Love Mom and Uncle Sam Jr. and your Sisters.

June 8th - Happy birthday to our brother Jake Johnson, we love you Bro, have an awesome day. Love your sisters Cindy, Samantha, & Mabel, your brothers Jimmy, Timmy, and all your nephews and nieces.

Congratulations to Hilary Savey and Jimmy Johnson on the arrival of their new born daughter Emma Johnson on May 8th and 6lbs 4oz, Love Mom and Uncle Sam Jr. and girls.

June 25th - Happy 11th Birthday to our baby girl Mabel Johnson, have an awesome day babe, we love you so much. Lots of love Mom and Dad.

June 25th - Happy 11th Birthday to our sister/auntie Mabel Johnson have a good day. Love Cindy, Samantha, Jimmy, Timmy, Louie, Melissa, Hilary and all your nephews and nieces.

Happy Birthday to Tim Manson. Love from your son T.J., Lorissa and Jonathan Manson.

From the mainland, lower Fraser valley, Katzie Reserve: Happy Birthdays: to Daisy George, June 18 Grace George June 19 from Corby & Linda George - to bro Len Leon, June 29.

Congrats: to our new band council: congrats to cuz Keith Atleo, new Chief Councilor for Ahousaht, way to go Keith, wishing you and your new council a successful and happy tenure. From Corby & Linda George

Congrats: to Dave Frank, old buddy, on your new posting as manager for the Ahousaht holistic Centre. I will always have a soft spot in my heart for the Ahousaht holistic Centre, a very cool place to work, all good people but



I would like to wish my grandson Jacob D. a very Happy 2nd Birthday for May 27. I hope you have a good day Grandson - I love you lots. Loads of love Grandma Joanne and Papa Allan XXXOOXOXO I would like to wish my brother Jacob D. a happy birthday for May 27. Love your sister Jo-Lynn XXOOXOXO.

Firefighter competition held in Port Alberni

By Hazel Cook
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni - Mike George and Curtis Dick, Ahousaht Firefighters, both took part in their first fire fighting

Competition on May 29th. Firefighters from all over B.C. came to Port Alberni for the 2004 BC Regional First Nations Firefighter competition. From May 25-29, the First Nations firefighters participated in their Annual Training workshops that coincided with the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Firefighting competition.

Five teams took part in the competition.



Firefighters from all over B.C. came to Port Alberni for the 2004 BC Regional First Nations Firefighter competition.

Birthdays and Congratulations continued

sometimes we get, like too much, like workaholics. Just kidding. I know you will do a good job there Dave, also to Darlene Dick, congrats on your new posting as A&D worker, you & Gail got me homesick when you came. To Katzie, Darlene & Gail, & Roye john I hope to see you again soon. Ilene, Felix and auntie Delores I wish you guys would come back again soon it was so good to just spend time with all of you. Darlene is experienced and will also do a good job as A&D worker. I miss you Karen, Arlene, Barb, Pam, Louie F. Jr., Sal, Marie, Louie J., Dave, auntie Trudy, all of you had an impact in my life. Thank you for allowing me to have been a part of your lives. All of you left me with a good feeling just knowing I had interactions with all of you, it truly left me a lasting impression of good feelings knowing I was in good company when I worked with you. I know it's still a good place to go always & all ways.

I would be telling lies if I said I did not miss Ahousaht. I do miss all the people. I miss just being home. But time moves on. We move on. It was just my time to move on. I miss you Alphonse Richard(s), Sherry, Paul(s), Leona(s) Pat, Harold # 3, Harold, Kathie, so many of you I miss. Doreen Sam, rod Sam, Sid Sr., Percy, Joey Benson, Agnes, miss Karen, lil Wes, my good neighbors Greg, Steve, Kim. I keep all of you in my prayers. Keon, john Fk, john f jr., Johnny o, Gloria, Dave, Virgil, ginger Stan, Katie, ed, Ruth, so many, I would not be able to name all of you but I miss you all so much. tom Paul, I am the new wahousman with you tom of course. I miss the john family, Johnny john, moo mook, both Winnie, Roseanne, our workers, Martha, carol, Maxine, Freda, so many of you we miss. Someday we will come home and visit but right now we are still busing settling in &

Mt. Currie, Fort St. James, Fountain Lake, Greenville and a Bella Bella-Ahousaht combined team. Each year the Fire fighting competition is hosted by different nations in their home territory throughout B.C. This year the Host nation was the Tseshaht First Nation. Next year the competition is scheduled to be held in Prince George. The Competition was held in the N.T.C parking lot. After many team races, the winners of the competition was team Xaxli'p from Fountain Lake. They are going to the National Firefighters Competition in Vancouver in September 2004.

Moving Forward in Unity rally continued from page 1



Ed John, David Watts Sr., Richard Watts and Cliff Atleo Jr stand beside Darleen Watts who spoke to the people gathered on the legislature lawn.

leadership required to sit down and negotiate. Yeah, I think for some First Nations it's much easier just to fight and hurl words of abuse. It's just an easier way to lead. It's easier to pick an external enemy and say, "Those guys don't care about this," when the evidence is very much to the contrary. Yeah, I think there are some First Nations and some First Nations leaders, unfortunately, who are mired in the old ways of confrontation," said delong.

"We are sick and tired of the beads and trinkets and nickel and dime approach of the Campbell government," said Phillip.

"They call us ignorant and malcontents," committee member, and First Nations Summit Task Group member Grand Chief Ed John told the booing crowd

gathered on the legislative steps and lawns. "We are at the Legislature today to demonstrate our complete disappointment with the federal and provincial governments' continued denial of the existence of Aboriginal Peoples, Aboriginal Title and Aboriginal Rights," he said.

"We are sick and tired of the beads and trinkets and nickel and dime approach of the Campbell government," said Phillip. "We've been trying to get successive governments for over 150 years to deal with our First Nations in an honourable fashion but that has not happened. Today, solidarity is sweeping the province like we haven't seen for decades, and today is only the beginning," he said. "If the Gordon Campbell government continues to pursue its policy of denial and delay as opposed to recognition and accommodation, we shall be forced to close this province down."

In Memoriam - ʔaʔakʷ ap

Nan Nora Jack
May 20th, 1923- April 28, 2004

May 20, 2004 - today would have been your birthday...and I know your especially missed today. I can't stop thinking of you, and how much my life has changed now that you're gone. You were the greatest inspiration ever in my life. I will never forget your encouragement you always gave me. You believed in me, when no one else could bother. You nurtured me with love, patience and respect. You always made me feel extra special. and you were extra special to me too. I love you Nan always. Even if tomorrow has found me without you. You're always in my heart and I will never forget you. Your granddaughter Tania Bob.

Danny Gus

May 17, 1923 - May 19, 2002

Burst, crash, smash, ripple, roll, run, surge waves that broke our hearts he is gone but his spirit dances on to the eternal song, but still live on in the hearts of the family that loved him. Ever missed. Gloria, Gerry Fred Jr., Samantha Gus and Girls, Angie, Bertha, and Cody Gus

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Gold River Secondary School Mentor Program

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

During the past year Gold River Secondary School has once again had a 'Mentor Program' in place. A mentor program is where a student works with an individual from the community and works with them twice a month during the school year.

Cindy Johnson who is in grades 9 & 10 and the daughter of Sam Johnson Jr. and Brenda Johnson started her mentor program at a hair salon called 'Little Off the Top' in September with the owner operator Renee Skinner.

During this interview, Cindy and her Mentor Renee were very busy doing many hairstyles for the graduating young ladies from GRSS and were in the process of the last persons hair do before grad ceremonies at 5 pm.

Cindy has caught on so well that she



has received a lot of praise from her instructors and from some of the other students at GRSS.

"Cindy has improved greatly from the start of the year and has a keen interest," said Renee.

"A hot roller up is her specialty," said student worker Desiree Maddocks. Cindy is very quiet and shy and had very few words to say like, "This is pretty good, I like it and it is fun. I have really enjoyed this program."

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Nuu-chah-nulth Teechuktl (mental health) Program Somatic Experience® Trauma Training 2004 – 2005

The Trauma Counselling Training being offered by Nuu-chah-nulth Teechuktl is a combination of Somatic Experience® and Nuu-chah-nulth traditional ways of healing which will enhance the skills of those providing culturally appropriate healing.

Beginning Level NCN SE® Trauma Training – NEW DATES
We are now accepting calls of interest.

Module I Wednesday, June 2nd to Saturday June 5th, 2004

Module II Tuesday, October 26th to Friday the 29th, 2004

Module III Tuesday, November 30th to Saturday, December 4th, 2004

OR Wednesday, March 2nd to Saturday, March 5th, 2005 (tentative)

All Beginning Modules will be at the Gyro Youth Centre, 3245 Seventh Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

Please contact Louise Tatoosh at 250.724.5757 for further information.

Intermediate Level NCN SE® Trauma Training
Registration is now closed for the Intermediate Level.

Module I Tuesday, May 11th to Friday the 14th, 2004

Module II Wednesday, September 8th to Saturday the 11th, 2004

Module III Tuesday, November 16th to Friday the 19th, 2004

Closing Ceremony Saturday, November 20th, 2004

All Intermediate Modules will be at the Gyro Youth Centre, 3245 Seventh Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

TSOW-TUN LE LUM SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Tsow-Tun Le Lum Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, June 26, 2004 at 12:00 Noon at the Tsow-Tun Le Lum Treatment Center beginning with lunch; at 669 Capilano Road, Lantzville. All are invited to attend. For more information, please call (250) 390-3123.

Attention Ahousaht Community Members: A documentary film crew from France is making a film about sea otters and their impacts. They plan to compare sea otter management methods in California and Vancouver Island's coast.

They will arrive in Ahousaht on the afternoon of June 25th and wish to meet with community members who are interested in sharing their knowledge about Nuu-chah-nulth culture, all aspects of seafood (harvesting, cooking, changes since the otter came back).

They plan to begin filming on July 1 and the following are examples of scenes they would like to include: a traditional canoe being paddled, traditional hunting/fishing gear, an artist carving a sea otter, an elder speaking about sea otters, youth harvesting sea food, a re-enactment of a potlatch or an actual one with dancing and feasting. For more information please call Denise August at 725-2120 and leave a message.

AHOUSAHT Elections Code

Ahousaht has been actively engaged in the finalizing of the Ahousaht Elections Regulations and Procedures. (Elections Code) Within the next few weeks we will be mailing out a copy of the Code and holding consultation meetings in the communities where large numbers of Ahousaht's reside. (Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver and Tofino/Ucluelet)

In order for you to receive this information – you must ensure that Ahousaht Administration has your most recent address and contact numbers. Please contact Robert or Gena at Ahousaht Administration to update your information. 1-800-991-1433 or email your updated information to ahousahttreaty@alberni.net

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation now has a toll free phone number.

If you wish to contact our office, you don't have to call long distance or collect any longer. The toll free number is: (800) 238 - 2933. Our Office hours are: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Attention Tseshaht Membership Re: Updating Address list for the up coming Election

We are once again updating our mailing list and this list will also include mailing address's for membership who also live in Port Alberni. Please send me your mailing address and those family members who live out of town. So that we can send you information on this up coming election and meetings on this election. Thank - You. Gloria Fred. please reply to: satsma@yahoo.com or call 250-723-7134 or leave a message at the Tseshaht Band Office 250-724-1225 or toll free 1-888-724-1225

TLA-O-QUI-AHT TRIBE MEMBERS

If you are not receiving "Inside Tla-o-qui-aht" newsletter please call your address in ASAP. This mailing list is also used for important tribal mailouts you may not want to miss. Forward your address to: Carla Moss c/o Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Box 18, Tofino, B.C., V0R 2Z0. Phone: 250-725-2765, email: cmoss@island.net Fax: 250-725-4233 attn: Carla Moss

ATTENTION UCHUCKLESAHT DESCENDANTS

Will all of those people, who are descendants of the Uchucklesaht First Nation, PLEASE contact Pam Watts at the Uchucklesaht Office. As a part of our pre-treaty process, we are contacting people who have a direct bloodline and seeking their interest in transferring into the Uchucklesaht Tribe for the purpose of gaining treaty rights. **Phone – 250.724.1832 - Toll Free – 1.888.724.1832** We need names, addresses and phone numbers of all Uchucklesaht descendants. 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

TO ALL TSESHAHT MEMBERSHIP:

Please remember when you register your child(ren) with NTC you must still register your child(ren) to the Band. I do not have names that NTC has so if you're one of these members please contact me for Band membership papers as we administer our own membership and only those people on our list is Tseshaht. I do not issue status cards this is done only with Rosie Little or Mel Braker. Feel free to contact me at lisagallic@shaw.ca or call me at 1-866-724-4229.

TSESHAHT FIRST NATION CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTRE

Open to anyone interested in learning more about Tseshaht history. 5000 Mission Rd. – Chi-chu-aht House/ Tseshaht Treaty office.

We have a toll free number available for Tseshaht members (which also houses our membership and Natural Resources Office. If you want your addresses included for treaty updates and Tribal bulletins call us (email: cap@tseshaht.com) with your address. 1-866-724-4225.

Hours of operation: Monday – Friday 8:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Except holidays)
For more information contact us at (250) 724-4229 or toll free at 1-866-724-4229.

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



Proposal Request

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) is pleased to announce the third allocation of funds that will be used to fund projects in the Biosphere Reserve region for the 2004 fiscal year. If your organization is interested in submitting a proposal to be considered for funding, the proposal must be consistent with the goals of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and meet the funding criteria outlined below. Projects will be funded up to a maximum \$10,000.

The goals of CBT are to promote

- Modelling of ecosystem-based management and sustainable development;
- Research that gathers information, organizes knowledge and achieves wisdom for conservation and sustainable development;
- Educational initiatives that benefit the region in achieving its goals;
- Training initiatives that benefit the community and the region in its pursuit of conservation, sustainable development and community health;
- Cultural initiatives that promote and support cross-cultural understanding to create strong vibrant cultures and united communities;
- Building capacity to work within the framework of the Man and Biosphere programme.

Proposals must meet the following criteria to be considered for funding:

- Research Projects should be based on scientific, socio-economic or traditional knowledge principles.
- Strong preference for locally based proponents.
- Preference for projects that have matching resources (e.g., money and/or in-kind contributions).
- Long-term benefits.
- Respect local protocols and regulations.
- Develop local capacity.
- Consider both short- and long-term environmental impacts. Effective local communication of results.
- Conform to the above goals of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.

The CBT does not fund:

- Capital acquisitions (e.g., computers, scanners, office furniture, etc.)
- Core activities for the operation of organizations
- Individuals.

Two Stage Application Process

Stage 1: Letter of Intent Deadline: June 9, 2004

The letter of intent should be no more than 2 or 3 pages that outlines the following information:

- Introduction of organization
- Statement of issues, priorities or activities that the project will address or undertake
- Start-up and completion dates
- Project budget – indicating contribution in human capital or funding from other sources
- Amount requested from CBT

Stage 2: Formal Application Deadline: July 14, 2004

Once the proposals have been reviewed, those which meet the criteria, goals and are appropriate for CBT to fund will be invited to submit a more detailed proposal which must contain the following:

- Concise description of activities to be undertaken
- Community support for the project/program – letters of support
- Formalized budget itemizing all potential and confirmed expenditures and revenues

All proposals submitted will be assessed on their merit. Approval of funding will be announced by July 26, 2004.

Proposals can be submitted to:
Clayoquot Biosphere Trust
Box 67
Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0
Or by e-mail

Stan.Boychuk@clayoquotbiosphere.org

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your proposal, call Craig Paskin, CBT Community Coordinator at 725-2219 or 726-2086

Help Wanted

Ucluelet First Nation is looking for a certified Care-Aide to help our elders. Please send cover letter and resume to Ucluelet First Nation Personnel Committee, P.O. Box 699, Ucluelet B.C. V0R 3A0 or fax to Attention: Personnel Committee at (250) 726-7552. Deadline for applications is Monday May 24, 2004.

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council Education Department is accepting bids for the Scholarship celebration set up & clean up of the Maht Mahs Gym on Friday July 23, 2004 Port Alberni.

Please mark all bids "Scholarship Celebration" and send it to the N.T.C. – Attention: E. Haggard

For further information please call B. Thompson or E. Haggard at 724-5757.

Deadline for Bids – July 5, 2004

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR FUNDRAISERS

Bids are being accepted for the clean up of Maht Mahs gym for three days. Nuu chah nulth Healing Project Main Conference.

June 22 – events estimated finish time is 9:00/9:30 p.m.

June 23 – events estimated to be finished by midnight, following the family dance.*

June 24 – events estimated to be finished by 3:00 p.m.

*note: breakfast will be served starting at 7:30 on the 24 but the meeting will not resume until 9:00 a.m. We will be in the kitchen by 6:00 a.m. If you wish, morning clean up is a possibility and, of course, you would be more than welcome to join us for breakfast.

Please submit your bid by June 10:

5120 Argyle Street or fax: 723-6010
attention: Irene Robinson.

Also include the reason you are raising funds.

Successful applicant will be notified by June 14.

Caterer Wanted

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council will be hosting the Grad Ceremonies on Saturday June 26, 2004 at the Maht Mahs Gym, Port Alberni beginning at 3:00 P.M.

We are accepting bids for the following:

A Nuu-Chah-nulth contractor (with a Food Safe Certificate) to provide:

- Dinner including the serving of the meal (please provide a sample menu – based on 400 and a variety of beverages (all dishes, napkins, cups, etc.)
- set up according to N.T.C. requirement
- clean up of kitchen and main hall as per Tseshaht guidelines.
- Decorating tables and hall according to theme
- Based on 400

Please submit your bid by fax to the N.T.C. by June 15, 2004 addressed to the attention of B. Thompson or E. Haggard.

Attention Caterers

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council will once again be accepting bids from caterers to provide chumus, coffee, tea and juice for the N.T.C. Scholarship presentations on July 23, '04 beginning at 6:00 P.M., Maht Mahs Gym.

Caterers will be expected to provide the following:

Chumus (Cakes, Fresh Fruit, Etc.)
Coffee, Tea, Juices (Cups, Sug/Cr., Stir S.)

Water

Napkins and Plates

Serving the above

Rental of the kitchen facility

(Clean up as related to above)

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

Tel. 724-5757. Based on 400... Deadline for bids – July 5, 2004



Summer Student Employment

Ucluelet First Nation will be hiring students to assist with Summer Camp for children/youth ages 6 - 15yrs.

Students must be returning to school full time in the fall, 2004.

Qualifications: Grade 11 / 12 ; College / University students. Experience working with children/youth ages 6-15yrs. First Aid/CPR, Driver's License an asset.

Positions are 40 hrs/wk, to begin June 28th, for eight weeks.

Hourly rate STARTS at \$8.00/hr.

Resume and cover letter must be submitted by 4:00pm , Thursday, June 17th, 2004

to:

Ucluelet First Nation, PO BOX 699, Ucluelet , B.C. V0R 3A0. Attn: Gloria

Valentine

If you have any questions, you may contact Gloria at :

Phone: 250-726-7343 FAX: 250-726-7396

email: gloriav@alberni.net

Volunteers needed for Healing Project Conference

To do Arts & Crafts

Indicating the 22,23,24 & the time you'll be available

If anyone has any sewing, weaving, drawing, carving, beading, knitting, techniques and is willing to share your skills with others. Please contact Mary Martin at 725-3367.

Klecko's - ʔekoo

A Big Heartfelt Thank You

I would like to say a very special thank you to my children for helping me since the fire our house and for the time that I was sick.

To Gloria Dennis. It meant alot to me that you came from New York to be with me when I was sick. I'm sure it was hard for you to be away from your family. Please know that I appreciated all that you did and your time with me meant alot. I do miss you and love you lots. To Hutch Sam and Nadine McGee, Annie, Michael and Savannah. Thanks so much for your kindness and generosity. Your thoughtfulness and caring was certainly appreciated. Thank you for taking such great care of me and Dad. You all have a very special place in my heart.

To John and Mary Duncan and my grandchildren, Ian, Natalie and Scotti.

Thanks so much for your hospitality and making me feel right at home. My time spend with you all was precious and I will always treasure those special times with you all.

To Ginger and Dave Frank. Thank you so much for everything that you've done for me and Stanley. We have appreciated all that you've done to help us both. To Jake Duncan...it meant a lot to me to have your company every morning and throughout the day. I will miss you and look forward to seeing you soon. And finally, thanks to John and Mary, Ian, Natalie Duncan, Scotti Sam, Adrienne Duncan and Mike Edison for making my birthday celebration a wonderful time. The ongoing celebration was great and the grand finale in Cumberland being a guest of honour at the luncheon was memorable.

Klecko klecko,
Katie Sam (Mom and Grandma)

Would like to thank everyone that was there for the Jack/Atleo family in the time of my grandmother's passing: Nora Mary Jack. A thank you to the staff of Victoria General Hospital 6th floor, north wing. Especially "Amber" who, although the staff was on strike, and overloaded, and under staffed.... showed so much concern and respect for my granny, while taking care of her. It really meant alot to see nurses that care enough about the comfort of their patients, and the family going through grief of sickness and death. To the family pulling together. To pick up other family members, who had no transportation...making sure everyone got to the hospital to visit. To my uncle Bishop for making the arrangements, to the Esquimalt Nation for the use of their big house. To Rick Lindholm (hope I spelled that correct) for your services, and support to the entire family. A

My name is Lynette Lucas-Barbosa and I am a member of the Hesquiaht First Nation. On June 1, 2004, I will be graduating with my M.Ed in Counselling from the University of Victoria. I would just like to take this time to thank the many people who have made it possible for me to make it as far as I have in my Education. Thank you to my mother and step-father Cyndi and Landy Stevens for raising me to believe that I could do anything I put my mind to. To my father and step-mother Linus and Donna Lucas for always being there to assist me with my children while I was going to school.

To my uncle Matthew and auntie Gerri for always asking me "what I learned" in school. To my auntie Claudette for always taking me into her house with open arms and giving me company while I was living away from home. To my grandparents Simon and Julia Lucas for always giving me endless love and support. Thank you to Nuu-chah-nulth Chief and Council for making Educational support a priority for their members. Last but not least, thank you to Blair Thompson, Vicky Watts and Kelly Johnston who were always there to provide endless support for their students and always advocate on our behalf.

Tanner Jack holding sea urchin's for the first time. The Ahousaht's came to Kyuquot for Cathy Jules dinner and they brought us sea urchin's. Most of our kids have never seen a sea urchin before,

since the sea otter wiped out all our sea food. Most people in Kyuquot haven't had sea urchin's for about 15 years and it sure a nice treat we all thank the Ahousaht's very much. Submitted by Leo Jack.

I'd like to thank a very special person in my life. My Loving Auntie Bertha. I appreciate all that you've done for me, and all that you are. And thank you for just being you. Your love and

kindness will always be treasured. You're always in my thoughts and prayers. With love always your Niece, Dee.

I want to thank all the people that helped Maggie Jackson and her sister Betty Nicolaye. From auntie Clotilda Gus. To William Swan this is to you

from Clotilda Gus. I would like you to come see me or call me @ 723-9894. Thank you.

FOR SALE:

Hand Weaved Shopping baskets.
Huu-ay-aht Irene M. Williams.
Phone 723-8450
or cell 720-7494.



Community Events and Celebrations

PUBLIC NOTICE:



On behalf of Veronica Dick, Michelle James, Chuck Jack and their families, we would like to invite you and your family to join us as we CELEBRATE the MEMORY of H. Thomas Dick (July 20, 1942 - Aug. 24, 2002) and Tyson Jack (June 3, 2000-Jan. 26, 2002).



SATURDAY AUGUST 28th, 2004

Tsaxana, Gold River, Wah-meesh Gym (Time yet to be determined)

ADAM FRED MEMORIAL POTLATCH

As our son/brother focused a lot of his personal life to his culture, we feel that it is important to say good-bye to his presence here on earth, but to also celebrate the joining of him with ancestors. Knowing our son/brother would want us to feed our people and thank all those who came and shared stories, hugs, tears during the time of our loss, we feel that it is important to set this special day as early as possible. We therefore have decided to hold a feast for our family, friends and ask that each of you join us to remember our young man for who we all knew him. On January 29, 2005 at the Maht Mahs Gym, beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will close the doors to hold our opening ceremonies; we will then serve lunch at 12:00 noon. If you have any further questions regarding this feast, please feel free to contact one of the following family members: Gina Pearson (mom) at 723-4727, or Darleen Watts (grandma) 724-4873, or Josie Watts (auntie) 724-4987, or Alfred Fred (father) at 723-2042, Marie Johnny (Duncan) 746-8445 grandma, granny Florrie (Alert Bay) 974-2485, or Deane Wadhams, aunt, 974-5472.

Chieftainship Seating of the Rush Family on November 27, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. at the Alberni Athletic Hall

Memorial Potlatch - The House of the late Saiyatchapis (Chuck Sam), Invite you to the Maht Mahs Gym, Saturday, February 5, 2005 10:00 a.m. To honour the lives of family: Saiyatchapis, Harry Sam, Phyllis Sam, Stephanie Sam, Dakkota Rain McFarlane.

Loonie Toonie Auction

Tseshah Determination Crew

Where: Cultural Centre on Sprout Lake Road, Port Alberni

When: June 26, 2004 @ 12:00 noon

Fundraising for the Tseshah Cemetary

Door Prizes - Concession - 50/50 & lots of fun!

Donations needed.

Contact the Tseshah Band office 724-1225

National Aboriginal Day

Where: Port Alberni Friendship Centre, 3555 4th Avenue

Time: 10:00- 4:00 PM

Activities: Traditional food, Dancers and Singers, Fashion Show by Joyce Little, Swil Kanim - Actor/Musician, 50/50 tickets, Local Native Artists

Loonie Toonie Auction

June 5, 2004 - 12:00 p.m.

Cultural Centre - Pacific Rim Highway - Port Alberni

Doreen Charleson will be helping her daughter, Natasha, fundraise for Basketball camps this coming summer:

S.E.U. Summer Camp - June 21 - 25 - \$260.00

U.B.C. Summer Camp - July 19 - 25 - \$195.00

Trinity Shooting Camp - July 29 - 30 - \$90.00

Malaspina Summer Camp - August 3 - 6 - \$95.00

Concession by Nancy and Cal, they will be selling smoked fish plates with prawns, etc to fundraise baseball costs for Bryceon & Robin McCarthy.

Items donated to date and many more to be collected!!! Door prizes too! Mink wolf blanket, cedar hummingbird box, prints, silver earrings, feather printed placemat, certificates, silver bracelet, smoked fish, beaded feather, first nations vest, jarred fish, prawns, first nations photo album, lawn chair, first nations coffee mug and ceramic eagle.

To All Tribes

To anyone who has borrowed any medical equipment from Tseshah First Nation Loan cupboard please return the equipment if you are finished with it.

Remember this medical equipment is on a short term loan basis and there are many people in need. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Tseshah First Nation Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard:

- Wheel Chairs
- Walkers
- Canes & crutches
- Commodes
- Raised toilet seats
- Bath boards & chairs
- Hospital beds

To anyone who wishes to donate any medical equipment to Tseshah First Nation loan cupboard would greatly be appreciated you can bring any equipment to our band office. Located at 5000 Mission Rd. Port Alberni BC call 724-1225.

Iverson Fire Service Inc is offering the S-100or S10A Basic Fire Suppression & Safety to First Nations Cost \$140.00 per person. For further inquiries and registration contact at Warren Robinson at (250) 715- 1037.

SIMPTTEW SMOKED SALMON: Combining Tradition With Modern Technology

Nanosee Indian Reserve, Lantzville BC is home to a brand new Nuu chah nulth salmon processing business. "We are combining traditional salmon smoking techniques with modern technology," stated Edith Fred, owner and manager of Simptew Smoked Salmon.

Edith is a member of the Tseshah First Nation with roots in Ahousat. "I learned from my mother, aunts, and mother-in-law how to cut and smoke fish." She spent many years perfecting her recipes for both hot and cold smoked salmon. After several years of favourable market testing she decided to apply to the Nuu chah nulth Economic Development Corporation for a loan.

As a resident of Nanaimo, the Nanosee Reserve site is a convenient location for her. "The Nanosee people are related to us through the late Emma Fred, who married Wilson Bob Sr. and through Fran Touchie (Ucluelet), who married Wilson Bob Jr., the current hereditary chief." The smokehouse plant is situated on Wilson and Fran's son, Brian Bob's property. "We are grateful to Wilson and his elected Chief & Council for allowing us to conduct business in their territory and we are grateful to Brian for encouraging aboriginal business."

Arrangements have been made to park a concession cart at Naesgaard's Farm & Market, on River Road in Port Alberni. Simptew will have a booth Friday mornings at the Nanaimo Downtown Farmers Market. Saturdays they will have a booth at the Farmers Market in Duncan.

Katie Johnson is retailing for Simptew in Vancouver. For now she is focusing her efforts on First Nations organizations. She is available to bring samples to taste and product to sell.

Simptew Smoked Salmon was officially launched at BC Place for the Eat! Vancouver, The Everything Food & Kitchen Show, April 23 - 25. Despite there being several other booths offering smoked salmon, Simptew's products were highly praised. Some people claimed Simptew's products were the best at the show; others claimed Simptew's products were the best they had ever tasted. One person claiming to be an expert on lox stated Simptew's lox is the best anywhere.

Edith's gourmet hot smoked sockeye has been very well received, especially by tourists. The sockeye is brined in white wine, spices, and honey, then it is hot smoked using several kinds of wood chips. The wine prevents a bitter taste and the honey gives it a mild sweetness. She conducted a small survey where she asked customers to comment on her hot smoked sockeye and the responses were all positive. People would have one taste and they would have to buy some. This was the case even when customers told her they already had their own supply of hot smoked salmon. She recalled, "I used to sell strawberries in Parksville next to Tony, a Ukranian man, who sold his smoked salmon out of his van. Slowly he shared his recipe and technique with me. That's how I got started with hot smoking." She has spent the past couple decades improving the recipe and deciding on the best combination of wood for the smoking.

Food safety is an important issue today. Simptew Smoked



Randy and Edith Fred

Salmon operates an extremely clean and sanitary processing plant. Health inspections focused on the plant, equipment, processing procedures, ingredients, and storage. Laboratory tests were conducted on smoked salmon and the vacuum packaging. Approvals by the BC Centre for Disease Control resulted in a license being issued to Simptew.

Edith's 12-month Chef's Training course at Malaspina College taught her much about the proper handling and serving of food. She scored high in her marks with the course winning several medals at a Food Olympics, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Vancouver. The course and competition taught her the importance of food presentation. She worked as cook at Tsoo tun le lum Alcohol & Drug Treatment Centre and organized many banquets. As a foster mother, she cooked for many children over the past twenty years.

Simptew Smoked Salmon handles only wild Pacific salmon. Some of Simptew's specialty products include: gourmet sockeye or spring; 'upskwee', or traditional cold smoked jerky done plain, lightly salted, lightly salted with sugar, or in a variety of other flavours; traditional half-smoked (cold smoked) salmon; Scotch lox; 'Indian candy', a lightly sweetened hot smoked salmon; hot smoked salmon with novelty flavours such as lemon pepper, tropical, maple Jalapeno, honey & garlic & chili pepper; barbecued salmon; and raspberry or lightly salted treats (bellies, fins & cheeks). Simptew will also retail fresh and frozen salmon either whole or cut into filets.

Custom smoking of salmon is an important part of the business. Simptew's rates for custom smoking are competitive. For \$2 per pound plus a nominal charge for vacuum packaging, Simptew will smoke a customer's salmon to their liking. Vacuum packaging is available as another service at a reasonable cost.

Simptew Smoked Salmon is small in comparison to other commercial smokers. Thus, it can afford to put more care into ensuring its products are of the highest quality. An advantage of being small is the ability to be flexible in satisfying the tastes of customers.

Simptew uses natural ingredients and does not use any chemical preservatives or dyes. All Simptew's products, except the traditional half-smoked salmon, are ready to eat so can be considered as First Nations fast food. Nevertheless, some non-First Nations people have been observed enjoying the half-smoked salmon without cooking it first. This is safe as, by health regulations, Simptew must freeze its fish for cold smoking a minimum of seven days.

Combining the old with the new does have advantages - Simptew's temperature and humidity controlled stainless steel commercial smoker can process half-smoked salmon in only four hours instead of the twelve it takes in a traditional smokehouse. Upskwee takes only twelve hours instead of the usual three days. The taste is excellent even without the hint of cedar from sticks. However, because the fish is laid flat on stainless steel racks there is no rancid or smelly pieces from fish being covered by cedar sticks. But the biggest advantage is Simptew does all its processing in a sanitary environment. Simptew's customers of custom half-smoked and upskwee have been very happy with their product.

'Simptew' is a Nuu chah nulth word for the old traditional means of smoking for winter preservation. The salmon would be cut and cleaned from the back so it could be spread and hung in the smokehouse. The majority of the flesh would be cut off for 'upskwee', leaving a thin layer of flesh on the skin. The skins would be hung and smoked for three days. As there was little moisture content remaining, they kept quite well when stored in cedar boxes before refrigeration was available.

A favourite way of preparing simptew for eating was to hold the skin over an open fire so the simptew would be scorched. As the skin would be oily yet, it would catch on fire immediately. The simptew would be allowed to burn for only a few seconds then it would be eaten. It was crunchy and tasty. "My late father used to heat his simptew up in our toaster," said Edith, "but we don't recommend this." Simptew could be heated the same way as any fresh fish - boiling, frying, baking etc.

Edith Fred can be contacted at Simptew Smoked Salmon, 109-B Snaw-naw-as Road, Lantzville BC V0R 2H0, Tel: 250-741-0153; Fax: 250-753-2382; e-mail: randyfred@shaw.ca.



DFO to move Cuu'xiit next week

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monitoring and stewardship, and implementation of the contingency plan if reintroduction fails". Their plan calls for the "capture and captive placement, or other permanent means of dealing with L-98".

With the Vancouver Aquarium heading up the reunification effort, there is some concern over conflict of interest or suspicion the aquarium might take ownership of the whale for captivity.

In a letter from DFO to NMFS it was suggested that if funds could not be raised to remove Luna from Nootka Sound, DFO "may have no choice but to seek a captive placement".

Place of birth:

The American National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) was quick to claim L-98 as an American-born orca, calling for an effort to return the whale to its "Washington home". But not so, according to Ray and Terry Williams of Yuquot, who claim to have witnessed the whale's birth in the Spring of 2000 near their Friendly Cove home.

The southern resident killer whales of J, K and L pods spend their summer chasing salmon in the Strait of Georgia (Canada), San Juan Island (U.S.), and the shared waters of Juan de Fuca Strait. Scientists don't know where they go in the winter, as sightings have been reported from Baja California north to Haida Gwaii and Alaska.

According to Paul Spang of Orca Lab, there are only three mature males in L-pod capable of breeding. Cuu'xiit will be desperately needed if L-pod is to recover from a decreasing population.

RCMP:

DFO has confirmed that RCMP recently offered local nurses a special course on how to deal with pepper spray and taser injuries, and extra officers have been called in from Campbell River, some of whom were on scheduled days off. With no groups except Mowachah / Muchalalt speaking out against the move, people are left to wonder who the RCMP are anticipating will protest violently?

Relations with DFO:

Mike Maquinna has asked DFO to leave Cuu'xiit alone, at least until after Ambrose Maquinna's potlatch in the Autumn of 2005. DFO has continued planning for reunification regardless of Mowachah / Muchalalt concerns.

Maquinna, along with most Native and non-Native community members, are suggesting that Cuu'xiit be left alone, and instead of spending a half-million dollars on moving the whale, that money be used to employ people to keep boaters away from the whale.

Maquinna has stated publicly that his Nation does not trust DFO and questions their motives given the contradictory messages they have made around the Luna issue.

Maquinna did however successfully negotiate for an independent monitor / photographer, and videographer to document the operation, reporting directly to the Mowachah / Muchalalt ha'wiih.

As of press-time, all indications were that DFO and Vancouver Aquarium staff would be attempting to capture Cuu'xiit on Tuesday, June 9th.

Although DFO and the Vancouver Aquarium will be providing information to most media organizations, Ha-Shilth-Sa will be the only media outlet reporting independently gathered information, in the next issue.



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BUSINESS NEWS



NEDC TAXATION WORKSHOP

On May 28, 2004 NEDC hosted a one-day taxation workshop at the Hupacasath House of Gathering. NEDC's chair, Darleen Watts opened the workshop and emceed the day's program while Judith Sayers; elected Chief of the Hupacasath was on hand to welcome the participants and wish them well.

The five workshop sessions were facilitated by: Nuuchahnulth lawyer, Hugh Braker, QC and an Associate from his firm, Debra Hanuse; Peter Ranson, B.A., C.A of KPMG and Randy Swanson, B.A. of Myers Norris Penny (MNP). NEDC was very pleased to be able to bring this group of facilitators together as they are widely recognized as some of the most knowledgeable practitioners in Aboriginal taxation.

The underlying message from all facilitators is that there is a steady deterioration of First Nation tax exemptions.

Hugh Braker, QC explained that 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.

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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



Workshop facilitators L-R: Randy Swanson, MNP, Hugh Braker, QC, Braker's Assoc., Peter Ranson, KPMG

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 the appetite of the tax authorities for increasing tax revenues appears insatiable.

Randy Swanson shared some statistics that his firm, MNP has compiled concerning First Nations, the myth that they do not pay taxes and the amount of taxes they pay:

- § 52% of all First Nations People Live off Reserve
- § Average income = \$ 19,132.00 (2001)
- § Income Tax=\$ 650,000,000.00

§ Excise Taxes = \$ 75 – 100 Million

§ GST = \$ 250 – 275 Million

§ Provincial Fuel Taxes = \$ 50 Million

§ Provincial Tobacco Taxes = \$ 100 Million

§ Provincial Sales Taxes = \$ 225 Million

Debra Hanuse wrapped up the day with an overview of Provincial taxation including what it is, what is exempt and who is eligible for exemptions.

NEDC would like to thank the facilitators, the participants and the caterers who provided a wonderful lunch.



L-R: Lawyer Debra Hanuse, NEDC Chair Darleen Watts and Hugh Braker, QC

CONGRATULATIONS CALEDONIA FRED NEDC Youth Business Coordinator



NEDC Board of Directors and staff would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Caledonia on completing the BMO C-100 Financial Analysis course at the Institute for Learning. Caledonia received a certificate and a 'pass with distinction' in completing this challenging program.

Nuuchahnulth Economic Development Corporation

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The purpose of NEDC is to promote and assist the development, establishment and expansion of the business enterprises of the Tribes and Tribal members of the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council.