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Ehattesah blocks logging road

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

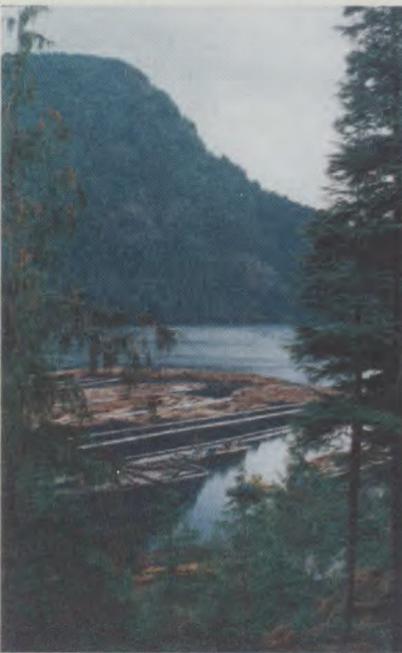
Zeballos - Millions of dollars worth of logs float in booms in Zeballos Harbour, and lie stacked in piles on the dryland sort. Huge grapple yarders, log movers and boom boats sit silently as the only movement in the area comes from a cormorant, occasionally stretching his wings to catch the sun.

Nothing has moved here for the past week, as the Ehattesah First Nation, whose main reserve borders the log sort area, has blocked the only road as they try to restart negotiations with logging giant Western Forest Products.

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According to Ehattesah Chief Councilor Ernie Smith, the blockade came as a result of numerous issues, from over-harvesting to the lack of economic opportunities within their hahoulthee; Smith said his Nation cannot stand silent any longer.

"We're very concerned about our resources and our territory. The rate of extraction has increased at an alarming rate," said Smith. "We commissioned an independent resource study last year, and it showed that at the current rate of



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Ehattesah and Western Forest Products (WFP) signed an agreement in 1997, shortly after they took over Tree Farm Licence (TFL) 19 from Pacific Forest Products, with whom agreements had also been in place.

"They haven't lived up to the agreement," said Smith, adding that he could not elaborate on the various parts of the agreement or negotiations for a new agreement. "We've been really patient with them when they were going through financial difficulties. Now they have new owners and their company is strong again, so we want them to sit down with us like they're supposed to do," he said.

At the beginning of the short paved road through the reserve, Ehattesah erected a sign requesting commercial vehicles using the road obtain a permit from the band office. That was three years ago, and to this day, no one has visited the office to request permission, said Smith.

According to Rick Delves, manager of WFP's Zeballos operation, 15 to 20 logging trucks travel on the road through Ehattis each day, and other commercial vehicles belonging to Marine Harvest also travel the road as they have a dock at the far end of the log dump.

"WFP Zeballos has been shut down, and our biggest concern is getting our 60 people back to work," said Delves. "We're giving the band a 30-day cooling off period before we restart talks with them," he said.

The road, which runs along the water's edge on the north side of the harbour directly across from the town of Zeballos, is not blocked by logs or burning cars as has been seen in other protests across Canada. There are no people blocking traffic, waving placards, or handing out pamphlets. Companies were served with notice from Ehattesah that commercial vehicles would not be permitted to use the road, but recreational and non-commercial vehicles were free to pass unhindered. Neither WFP, Marine Harvest, or any other companies dare to test Ehattesah's position, as they would not want to cause an escalation in direct action.

Ehattesah is also concerned that WFP recently subcontracted Beban Logging to work in the area, despite the fact that Ehattesah has their own trained logging and heli-logging crews in Hecate Logging Company.

"They brought in a new contractor without consulting us, and they're supposed to be supplying us with a



Ehattesah erected a sign three years ago requesting commercial vehicles using the Ehattis road obtain a permit from the band office, and no one has visited the office to request permission yet, according to Chief Councilor Ernie Smith.

certain amount of wood," said Smith. "We have some major issues with WFP, and if things aren't resolved, then they won't be able to use our road, which we have a legal right to close," he said.

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Meanwhile, over in Gold River, WFP regional manager Trevor Boniface is hopeful that some agreement can be reached with Ehattesah, even though he's not entirely sure what their concerns are.

"I think they're looking for more economic opportunities," said Boniface, adding he could not discuss what type of opportunities WFP is proposing. "We provide substantial opportunities right now, and we've had a really good relationship with Ehattesah and I hope that will carry on," he said.

According to Boniface, WFP and Ehattesah have been meeting periodically for the past four months, and more meetings are being planned for this week. Ehattesah has requested a meeting in Zeballos with WFP President

and CEO Reynold Hert, who recently took over the position from Rick Doman. Hert has responded that Ehattesah should continue to meet with area managers Boniface and Delves in resolving these issues since he is new to the company.

"We are managing the TFL in a sustainable manner, and we have honoured past agreements we had with them. We discussed the sign with them when it first went up, and we were told they weren't concerned about our trucks," said Boniface. "We want to understand Ehattesah's wishes for further economic opportunities, and we want to be respectful of their concerns," he said.

Smith also hopes the situation can be resolved, as two of Ehattesah's 290 members (100 live in Ehattis) are employed as loggers with WFP, and the company is an important part of the area community. Most of Ehattesah's 66,000 hectare hahoulthee lies within WFP's TFL 19.

"We have the full support of the NTC, Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs," said Smith. "The company is losing a lot of money because of this shut-down. We can wait another 7 years if we have to, but they can't."

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Ha-Shilth-Sa Northern Region Reporter Brian Tate and NTC Infant Development Worker Ruby Ambrose are thanked by Mowachah / Muchalaht Tyee Ha'wilth Mike Maquinna.

NTC Northern Region employees bid farewell

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Tsaxana - Wednesday, October 13. Two NTC employees were acknowledged with a luncheon by their co-workers and the Mowachah/Muchalaht First Nation. Ruby Ambrose, the Northern Region Infant Development worker, and Brian Tate, the Northern Region Reporter for Ha-Shilth-Sa were the guests of honour at a luncheon in the Northern Region NTC offices.

Ruby first started her position back in April of 2002, and has now moved back to Port Alberni with her family, and will be working with the West Coast Woman's Resource Center in Ucluelet. "It has been an honour and great pleasure working here," said Ruby. "It has given me great pride to serve these Northern communities, but at the same time I am sad because my family originates from here through my husband Lance," she said. "My children were taken into this community with open arms and acceptance and I

thank you for that," she said. Brian started as the Ha-Shilth-Sa Northern Region Reporter back in December of 2002, and will be moving back to Port Alberni as well, where his children and spouse are waiting.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working up here in the North," said Brian. "It has been a great pleasure meeting so many good people, gaining new friends and learning new things along the way," he said. "I have so many memories to take with me and know that I will be back here to visit one day," said Brian. After the luncheon on the NTC side of the building the crowd moved over to the Mowachah/Muchalaht Band office where they were presented with some gifts and kind words from Chief and Council.

"It has been a pleasure to have you two work here in the North, Ruby with the Infant Development and Brian with Ha-Shilth-Sa," said Mike Maquinna. "I hope that the two of you have success in what ever you do and good health to you and your families," he said.

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Correction

In the story "Tseshaht hosts Cultural Night at NTC AGM" from the October 7th issue of Ha-Shilth-Sa, it was reported: "Gerald Fred, Gail Gus, Marlene Dick and Darlene Watts...Wendy Gus and Willy Sam were acknowledged (with blankets of love)"

Not all of the recipients were in attendance. The writer did not intend to imply that they were all at the event.

The name Wendy Gus is incorrect. Wendy Gallie was given a gift. Our apologies to Wendy.

Treaty Negotiators discuss cancelled meetings

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Tsahaheh - Nuu-chah-nulth treaty negotiators reacted angrily to a letter from Federal Negotiator Eric Denhoff cancelling a negotiating session last week. The Tripartite Standing Committee (TSC) meeting was scheduled in Port Alberni for October 8th to bring federal, provincial, and Nuu-chah-nulth negotiators together to continue negotiations towards an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). Provincial negotiators also sent a letter to the NTC saying they would not be part of a chief negotiators' meeting to be held in Nanaimo on October 7th either.

"The province has no business talking to us about governance anyways. That is an issue that is just between us and the federal government," said Ahousaht Chief Negotiator Nelson Keitlah. "They (BC) have tried to impose themselves into this issue, and they have no right to be there or be complaining about governance discussions," he said. "I don't think BC needs to be involved in treaty negotiations at all," added Tla-o-qui-aht's Elmer Frank. "We allowed BC to be a part of this out of respect, but it's up to Canada to live up to its obligations to First Nations," he said. "A hundred years ago the federal government stuck us on these tiny reserves and told us they'd take care of our housing, education, and health needs: but they haven't," said Tseshaht's Richard Watts. "We were self-sufficient for thousands of years. Give us an agreement that allows us to do that again. We don't want a social program, we want a decent land base and the recognition of our resource and governance rights so we can make a

future for our people," he said.

The main agenda items for discussion at the TSC session were to be about governance and fisheries, but in a detailed letter from Denhoff presented to Nuu-chah-nulth negotiators at their October 6th meeting at Somass Hall, it was clear the governments were not prepared to discuss these issues.

"Their only mandate is to give us a little as possible," said Hesquiaht's Simon Lucas. "We need to move forward with our united plan," he said.

"They say they won't negotiate and litigate at the same time, but they're doing that in at least two other places in BC," said Keitlah. "By presenting us with a poor fisheries offer, and following that up with no negotiations, they've forced us into litigation. When are they going to start talking about a fisheries offer? Once there is no more fish to catch?"

"It's clear they're not going to offer us any more than they did in the AIP we rejected three years ago," said Richard Watts. "Clearly, our only option is to go to court to remind them of our rights under existing legal cases and force them to bring more of our fish to the table," he said. "The courts were very clear in the Sparrow decision that Aboriginal fishing rights are second only to conservation, but DFO still refuses to acknowledge their Supreme Court's decision. We just can't trust these guys," he said.

NTC Treaty Manager Cliff Atleo Jr. is attempting to schedule a fisheries meeting with DFO area manager Ron Kadowake, and he will also work with Canada and BC to have agenda items from the October 8th meeting put onto the agenda for a proposed TSC meeting on October 26th.



Tseshaht Treaty Negotiators Richard Watts and Darleen Watts offer their input at the treaty planning meeting at Somass Hall.

Upcoming Meetings

Treaty Planning	Oct. 25 - 26	Somass Hall
Museum Negotiating Team	Nov. 17	Coast Discovery Hotel, Campbell River
NTC Special Meeting	Nov. 18 - 19	Campbell River

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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.



Protocol meetings held in Snuneymuxw

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Snuneymuxw - The Vancouver Island Region Wildlife Management Society held its update meetings at the Snuneymuxw offices in Nanaimo on October 7 to review protocols from a First Nations perspective and the B.C. Provincial position. Presentations were also given by BC Wildlife Federation and the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation from the Prince George area.

Jeff Thomas of the Snuneymuxw Council welcomed everyone into their territory and wished everyone a good day before saying the opening prayers. Ron Frank and Willard Gallie then spoke on the history of this group that it is in transition from an Association to a Society, and how it started out as Nuu-chah-nulth and broadened out to the whole island representing First Nations and non-First Nation wildlife user groups.

"The history of this group has always wanted all user groups of wildlife at this table," said Willard Gallie. "This group started out as Nuu-chah-nulth but grew into so much more and quickly, and we soon realized that this issue needed input from all First Nations and user groups of wildlife here on Vancouver Island because Elk migrate in and out of each of our territories," said Willard. "If we as a people do not follow protocols of a First Nation, things would then run amuck," he said.

"The funding for this originally came through Treaty Related Measures from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and we thank them greatly for their support," said Ron Frank. "We are now in a transition period and have received funding from the Province for one year," he said. "This group will be a non-profit society and the Terms of Reference came from the work of Cliff Atleo Sr., Darleen

Watts and myself," said Ron.

Next on the agenda was the Province of British Columbia's position on First Nation and Wildlife protocols followed by Wildlife Harvest Agreements by specific First Nations, Tribal Councils, and Treaty groups.

"B.C. sees these kinds of groups that involve First Nations as a positive thing. This group is actually leading the way in regards to policy and procedure for this type of Society for the Province," said Chris Hamilton the Manager of First Nations Relations for the Province. "A B.C. First Nation individual can hunt anytime anywhere in their traditional territory. Hunting licenses and tags do not apply to First Nations," said Chris. "First Nations hunting outside their traditional territory are expected to follow all hunting regulations but do not need a tag or license," he said.

Rod Seymour an Assistant Negotiator and Treaty Researcher of the Lheidli T'enni First Nation spoke next and explained how his tribe and the Snuneymuxw First Nation have a protocol agreement in place regarding resources within each others territories. The Snuneymuxw people can go hunt in the North for Elk or other game by informing and gaining permission from the Lheidli T'enni, and when the the Lheidli T'enni need seafood resources they just need to inform and gain permission from the Snuneymuxw. If a guide is needed either way in harvesting a resource a band member will be available to them.

After Rod's presentation the Snuneymuxw Chief and Council presented him with a plaque carved by a local carver.

The day ended with wrap ups from the Working Group Sessions and presentations by each group. The next meetings to be set in Tseshaht First Nations territory on October 27.

West Coast residents are invited to

Clayoquot Biosphere Trust General Meeting (rescheduled)

Sat., Nov. 6, 2004
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Ahousaht Youth Centre
(upstairs)
Ahousaht

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For more information please call Craig Paskin 266-0049
Regular water taxi service departs 1st Dock 10:30am
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Ucluelet First Nation

Next scheduled General Band Meeting is
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Dinner: 5:00 p.m.
Meeting: 6:00 p.m.

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A day in the life of Tsu-xiit's guardians

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Gold River – October 12, 7 a.m. Jamie James and Jamie Jack load their thermoses and lunches on to the Mowachaht / Muchalaht fisheries boat Wi-hut-si-nup. As James fires up the motor, Jack unties the 28' steel boat and pushes off from the Gold River commercial dock.

As they head up Muchalaht Inlet, it only takes a few minutes of peering through high-powered binoculars before they see the tell-tale spray. On the lee side of Victor Island, the area's most famous resident killer whale feeds on a few of the thousands of chum salmon heading towards their natal spawning grounds up the Gold River.

They shut down their engines a few hundred metres away from Tsuxiit (aka 'Luna', 'L-98'), not wanting to disrupt his breakfast. The Wi-hut-si-nup is one of his favourite boats, and he'll make a bee-line for it if he knows it's around.

James and Jack pour their first cups of coffee, wipe the cold condensation off the windows and watch. James opens a white binder against the steering wheel and starts writing. "7:15 am. Tsu-xiit feeding on inside of Victor Island. Swimming in circles."

Every 15 minutes they make another journal entry, monitoring all of Tsu-xiit's actions from sunrise to sunset. "7:30 am. Feeding on inside of Victor Island. Echo locating. Swimming in circles."

For the past two weeks, Tsu-xiit has stayed near the end of Muchalaht Inlet, swimming a triangle from Victor Island, to the Gold River docks, to an underwater rock shelf across the inlet from the docks. Even though there is a gillnet fishery further up Nootka Sound in Thupana Inlet, Tsu-xiit has stayed in this area, feeding on chum, playing with a few local boats he is familiar with, and entertaining the many tourists who still come to Gold River, lining the shore and wharf, hoping to see him.

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"It's just amazing to see him just swimming around," said Darleen Kroeker from Coquitlam, who came to



Mowachaht / Muchalaht Kakawin guardians
Jamie Jack and Jamie James

Gold River with her husband and friends Bernie and Marge Noel. "We thought we'd bring them up here to see the sights and hopefully see the whale too," said Marge Noel, who lives in Black Creek. "It's sad to see the way Gold River has suffered from all the shut downs, but it's great to see the way Luna is bringing people in," she said.

Out on the water, the barge A.G. Ford makes its daily trip into the Gold River docks, bringing fuel trucks back from the Jackala Bay logging camp. Along with the Wi-hut-si-nup, the barge is one of Tsu-xiit's favourite vessels.



Tsu-xiit plays alongside a boom boat. "He likes to go in there, but every time he comes out with new cuts or gouges," said James.

Jack spots the barge heading towards them out of Jackala Bay and immediately alerts James, who is busy reviewing journal entries from the past few days. Together they watch as Tsu-xiit makes his usual dash towards the barge, playing alongside and behind it as it slowly motors towards the dock. Mid channel, the AG Ford stops, and crew members lean over the guard rails to watch Tsu-xiit rub his white belly along the side of the barge.

When Tsu-xiit first arrived in Nootka Sound, he followed the transport ship Uchuck III up and down Nootka Sound as it dropped supplies at various fish farms, logging camps, and fishing lodges. On this day, the Uchuck passes close behind the motionless Ford heading towards the wharf, and Tsu-xiit pays it no attention as he continues to frolic around the black steel barge.

After the Ford goes in to offload beside the Uchuck, Tsu-xiit swims back and forth behind the two large vessels, past the Coast Guard ship Atlin Post, also tied up at the wharf, over to the small vessel dock, then back to the larger ships. A few small boats pass by as they head in and out of the dock, but again Tsu-xiit pays them little attention.

Tourists happily snap photos before Tsu-xiit slaps his tail on the surface and heads into the log booming ground,

where small boom boats are bashing bundles of logs around.

"He likes to go in there, but every time he comes out with new cuts or gouges," said James. "He's got a cut on his chin, his snout, his cheek, and his left flipper has a three-by-one inch chunk missing off the end, but it seems to be healing now," he said.

Tsu-xiit plays around the pair of boom boats, while a grapple yarder wildly swings telephone-pole sized logs directly above him. Only a few metres away, round bundles of more than a dozen logs careen down steel beams,

crashing into the water, sending a wall of white water 20 feet into the air. After a harrowing half hour watching him swim around the booms, the crew watches as Tsu-xiit heads back to the wharf, and back to the small boats at the dock.

Tourists continue to watch Tsu-xiit bump against the few crew boats

and Bayliners tied up, but no one heads down to the dock with the Atlin Post tied up nearby. As part of the stewardship agreement signed with the Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nation, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) was supposed to put new signs up around the dock, but that hasn't happened yet. Nor has the \$10,000 payment promised by DFO for part of the cost of the stewardship crew materialized, even though the Tsu-xiit logbook was taken on at the government departments' request.

As Tsu-xiit emerges from the dock, his whistles and clicking noises are clearly audible. "Can you hear him echo locating?" asks James. "He's looking for us."

After an hour of bobbing in the Wi-hut-si-nup 50 metres away from the dock, watching Tsu-xiit interact with the various ships, boats, and barges, James fires up the motor and quickly heads across the inlet. Tsu-xiit tries to follow but the boat is too fast for him. Three-quarters of the way across the inlet, and more than a kilometre away from the docks, James skilfully spins the boat around and kills the engine. Jack watches for Tsu-xiit's plume through the binoculars.

"We try not to interact with him unless we need to," says James. "If he starts following a boat, we'll just hang back and watch, making sure the boat continues on at a good speed towards their destination. If the boater gets nervous, or Tsu-xiit starts playing with the boat, we'll intervene," he said.

James said their usual tactic is to go alongside the boat Tsu-xiit is following, and get his attention with a buoy or by banging on their boat, and they'll keep him occupied until the other boat is able to get away. If the boat is disabled, James and Jack will lead Tsu-xiit away, radio the Coast Guard to alert them of the situation, then speed away from Tsu-xiit once they feel he is far enough away that he won't return to the disabled boat.

Although there have been a few highly publicized incidents involving disabled boats and Tsu-xiit over the past year, no incidents have been reported within the



Tsu-xiit arches towards the boat when performing a huge spyhop, and James pushes his snout away to prevent him from hitting the boat's cleat.

last month. And although the five-year old, 22 foot long, 3,000 lb. Tsu-xiit has been dubbed a troublesome teenager in some media reports, the number of incidents between boats and Tsu-xiit this year (42) are similar to last year (39).

"Here he comes," Jack says, as James tidies up the boat cabin. Tsu-xiit is 300 metres away and heading straight towards the Wi-hut-si-nup, his whistles and clicks becoming audible again. He surfaces again 200 metres away, blows a plume into the air, then disappears beneath the calm surface of the inlet. Seconds pass by, agonizingly slowly, as we watch for him to surface again. Did he go down to feed? Get distracted by a school of silver chum? Is he headed towards us after all or going back out to Victor Island?

"Wait for it," Jamie whispers in an ominous tone.

"PHOOSH!!" Tsu-xiit jumps straight out of the water inches from the starboard side of the boat, almost causing Jack to drop his egg salad sandwich. "Heeere's Tsu-xiit," laughs James, mimicking the famous line from The Shining.

For the next hour, keeping tabs on Tsu-xiit is almost effortless as he plays around the Wi-hut-si-nup, bobbing six feet out of the water as his whole upper body, including flippers, rises up and slides back down into the water beside

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Tsu-xiit has a few injuries, including a cut on his chin, his snout, his cheek, and his left flipper has a three-by-one inch chunk missing off the end.

DFO backs stewardship guardians

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is satisfied with the job Mowachaht / Muchalaht has done in keeping Tsu-xiit away from commercial fishing vessels and pleasure boats, according to Acting Regional Director Don Radford.

"Things were going quite well, and people were working well together and were fairly successful at keeping Luna away from the commercial fishing fleet, although he seemed to be having quite a bit of fun entertaining the vessel crews when they came back to the Gold River docks," said Radford, adding he hasn't heard any complaints about the stewards or the stewardship plan.

The Luna Stewardship Plan, signed in early October, spells out the objectives, activities, and funding for a stewardship crew to protect Luna and the boating public from each other. The agreement expires on October 31st, and with only



Tourists and workers watch Tsu-xiit swim around Gold River docks.

A Day in the life continued from previous page

the boat. A few times he arches towards the boat when performing these huge spyhops, and James has to push his snout away to prevent him from hitting himself on the boat's cleat as he heads back down from the force of gravity. He turns over and rubs his white underbelly against the bottom of the boat, pops up at the stern and smacks the top of the outboard cowling with his chin, snapping off a few pieces of rubber in the process. Jack and James laugh uproariously as Tsu-xiit makes long, loud farting noises through his blowhole much the same way children enjoy making noises by putting their face partially in the water when taking a bath. As he swims alongside the boat, James takes special notice of the various wounds and scars Tsu-xiit is sporting. His snout is mottled like a used dragster tire: small, thin flakes of first-layer skin peeling in places. The pink and gray exposed flesh at the tip of his left flipper is looking a bit better, James reports, as he points out a number of loonie-sized lesions and six-inch long scrapes and scars from log boom cables, broken transducers, and propellers.

Tsu-xiit continues to play, nosing the stern of the boat up, or suddenly spinning the boat around with only two strokes of his powerful tail and 4-foot wide tail fluke. "He loves to play," said James. "The other day he had a strip of cedar bark hanging out of his mouth and he played with it for hours. The same with sticks. He'll be swimming along with a stick in his mouth, drop it, and go back and get it again," he said.

It's clear that James and Jack love their

days left in the deal, DFO has still not paid the \$10,000 they promised to put towards the project.

Radford is unsure about the future of the agreement, and says he wants to discuss the issue with Mowachaht / Muchalaht Chief Mike Maquinna before committing to anything.

The agreement expires on October 31st, and with only days left in the deal, DFO has still not paid the \$10,000 they promised to put towards the project.

"There's a bunch of things we need to have a discussion with Chief Maquinna about," said Radford. "We need to follow up on some of the things we committed to as part of the stewardship agreement that have now taken place, and we now need to get together with Mowachaht - Muchalaht to figure out what the next steps are," he said, adding he doesn't know what will happen after agreement



Tsu-xiit nudges the motor of the MMFN Fisheries boat Wi-hut-si-nup

expires. "Things are going relatively well, as we've been able to curb some public interaction, but it's been hard to do that with slow-traveling commercial fishing boats when they're in the whale's habitat," said Mowachaht / Muchalaht Tyce Ha'wilt Mike Maquinna. "We will be having a community meeting on November 9th, and after that we'll probably be asking for an extension of the agreement," he said.

DFO and Mowachaht / Muchalaht leaders will discuss advice generated from recent scientific panel discussions on Tsu-xiit, and according to Radford, a meeting will be scheduled soon to "talk about the next steps".

The Kakawin Guardians are currently funded by the Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nations, and through donors. This past week, Dr. Paul Spong of OrcaLab contributed \$5000 towards the continued operation of the stewardship group. "We think the program is going well and that a sincere and effective effort is being made. However, it is underfunded and

Scientific Panel includes First Nations

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Representatives of the Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nation have begun participating in the scientific panel discussions on the future of Tsu-xiit (Luna).

The scientific panel, which has been meeting periodically over the past three years, had a major impact and influence on the attempted capture of Tsu-xiit in June, and is now meeting again to discuss the next steps following the failure of that plan.

The scientific panel, chaired by DFO's Marine Mammal Coordinator Marilyn Joyce, includes whale experts, scientists, trainers, and behaviour specialists.

The group met via teleconference at the end of September to discuss areas of concern such as Tsu-xiit's highly publicized interactions with boats, and whether or not measures can be taken to prevent future interactions.

The consensus amongst scientists was that interactions will increase as Tsu-xiit gets older, peaking in his "teen years". "At this age they are very interactive, trying to find a place in the pod, thriving on social contact and he will get it wherever he can," said one scientist.

The panel then discussed how an "accident" is likely given Tsu-xiit's size and strength, but it will not be an intentionally malicious event.

The group's biggest concern was about Tsu-xiit's fate as his time in Nootka Sound away from his pod increases. "Solitary sociables do not have a good

therefore cannot be full time," said Spong. "We think a full time (every day) presence on the water is necessary during the summer and fall, and that the DFO should fund it. The funds we contributed to the stewardship plan (on behalf of NGO groups concerned with Luna's welfare) are intended to help bridge the gap between what is on hand and what is needed," he said.

"We will be having a community meeting, and after that we'll probably be asking for an extension of the agreement," said Mike Maquinna.

"We appreciate OrcaLab's donation that is at our discretion how we use," said Maquinna, who was at the BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission in Vancouver showing a video documentary his Nation put together to show what they went through during the 9 days in June when they worked to help Tsu-xiit evade capture.

track record in surviving," said one panelist. "He will get hurt inadvertently or deliberately and this was the greatest risk to solitary sociables: a frustrated or angry person taking matters into their own hands".

If a reunification between Tsu-xiit and L-pod does occur, scientists believe interactions will decrease, but not disappear.

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The group also discussed the stewardship plan and the acoustic deterrent devices (ADDs), agreeing they could be useful, but more time, money and study were needed.

If Tsu-xiit becomes a danger to the public, panelists believe a capture must occur, but unlike past efforts, some panelists now agree it would be unwise to release Luna into Puget Sound during summer boating season.

The panel addressed a total of 22 questions, six of which were posed by Mowachaht / Muchalaht. The scientific panel will continue to discuss issues of concern surrounding Tsu-xiit over the next few months, and as issues arise.



Minister of Forests Mike deJong signs Forest Range Agreement along with Tseshaht Chief Councilor Les Sam, Elder Kathy Robinson, Alberni MLA Gillian Trumper, and Tseshaht Vice-Chief Deb Foxcroft. Tseshaht signs Forest Range Agreement

By David Wivchar
Southern Region Reporter

Port Alberni - As the historic steam-powered McLean Mill hissed and rumbled, cutting lumber for specialty markets, Tseshaht leaders inked a deal with the Minister of Forests that will see them participating in similar niche markets.

"Six years ago, Tseshaht started developing a strong forestry program, and this will help us reach our goal," said Tseshaht Chief Councilor Les Sam. **"My concern is for Tseshaht people and how we can conduct business, generate wealth, and stand tall and proud,"** he said.

"The Tseshaht First Nation signed a forestry agreement with the Province, bringing greater economic diversity and certainty to the forest sector on the west coast of Vancouver Island," said Alberni-Qualicum MLA Gillian Trumper. "This government is fulfilling its promise to involve B.C.'s First Nations in forestry. This will not only create employment for the Tseshaht people, but will result in new economic activity that will benefit the entire Alberni valley."

"Through the Forestry Revitalization Plan and timber reallocation, the Tseshaht will gain an opportunity to become significantly involved in forestry on Vancouver Island," said Forests Minister Michael de Jong. "With Alberni region particularly hard-hit in recent years, today's agreement will be a valuable tool in creating local jobs and providing timber for local industry."

"Through this agreement, this government has provided a building block toward creating a sustainable economy for the Tseshaht people," said Tseshaht Chief Councilor Les Sam. "It is our vision to create employment and wealth for members of the Tseshaht community - this agreement will help us reach that goal."

Tseshaht First Nation will gain access to 236,250 cubic metres of timber over

five years from Tree Farm Licence 44 near Port Alberni. As well, the Tseshaht will receive \$2.18 million in revenue sharing over five years. About half the timber in today's agreement is undercut volume; the remainder will be available once the province-wide timber reallocation process is complete. Under the Forestry Revitalization Plan, government committed to reallocate timber to communities, woodlot operators and First Nations to diversify the forest economy. The estimated value of the timber is between \$17 and \$25 million.

With this agreement, the Province receives acknowledgement from the Tseshaht First Nation that the economic benefits are a workable interim accommodation with respect to the economic component of potential infringements of their Aboriginal interests regarding forestry decisions and operations. The agreement also sets out a streamlined consultation process and provides certainty to forest operations within the band's asserted traditional territories.

"Six years ago, Tseshaht started developing a strong forestry program, and this will help us reach our goal," said Sam. "This deal is long overdue as millions of dollars worth of timber has been pulled out of our territory over the past many years. We get a nice package of wood and money, and we need the timber for employment and capacity building. We need to create real jobs, not just short term positions," he said.

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Last month, the Huu-ay-aht First Nation refused B.C.'s Forest Range Agreement (FRA), and launched legal action against the government.

"I agree they're probably not getting the agreement they want, but this deal is right for us," said Sam. "My concern is for Tseshaht people and how we can

Artifacts in Photo form given to Mowachaht/Muchalaht

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Tsaxana - Thousands of photos from various Spanish museums and other collections were put into DVD format and handed over to the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations on October 13 from Leoncio Carretero Collado.

Leoncio is an anthropologist from Madrid, Spain and has been researching Yuquot history for some time now, and decided to hand over the high quality photographs of the artifacts that are spread throughout Spain.

"All these photograph on this DVD that I present to you contain the information of their whereabouts and when they were collected and by whom," said Leoncio.

"This DVD saves us thousands of hours of research and is a valuable contribution," said Margarita James.

"The history of Leoncio and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht people began eight years ago when Leoncio came to see my father," said Mike Maquinna. "This man Leoncio had very broken english and my late father could not understand a word he was saying so he was directed to me. When he found me I could not understand his broken english either so I sent him back to my father," said Mike. "Leoncio was being sent back and forth and it was frustrating for Leoncio until we both sat with this man and finally understood what this man was trying to do," he said. "Leoncio has been doing all this research with his own money, without any funding from anyone at all. For this we are grateful for all that he has done," said Mike.

"I have been trying to catalogue and



Spanish anthropologist Leoncio Carretero and Mike Maquinna

research for all people to understand Natives, because in Europe they think that Natives are still the same as long ago, but in fact they still have their culture but have changed with the times," said Leoncio. "So my goal is to educate people on all levels from schools to Universities on First Nations culture and that it still exists today," he said. "So with that I give to you this DVD that has all the photos of artifacts and the information that pertains to each artifact," said Leoncio.

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht have been researching museums and various private collections on the whereabouts of the many artifacts that were taken throughout time and hope to house them in their own museum one day.

conduct business, generate wealth, and stand tall and proud," he said.

According to Huu-ay-aht Chief Councilor Robert Dennis, two of their main complaints against the FRA they were offered was the lack of consultation built into the agreement, and the First Nations' inability to speak out against anything that happened in the forests during the life of the agreement.

"There's no gag order. No one has to sign," said deJong. "It's better that we move quickly through the courts with Huu-ay-aht than let the issue languish," he said. "These are not lengthy agreements, but there are specific consultation requirements and either side can terminate the agreement at any time. Both parties have a stake in making the agreement work, and all we're asking for is an acknowledgement that their Aboriginal rights have been accommodated," he said.

According to Sam, Tseshaht, which has Aboriginal rights interests at Sprout Lake, Taylor River, East Side Franklin, Effingham Inlet, and logging camps all the way down to Equis and Tsartus Island, wrote exit clauses into the agreement, so if aspects of the deal weren't being respected, they could cancel it and take other action if necessary.

"This is just the start of the negotiations process," said Sam. "We'll now be sitting down with the various licensees (Weyerhaeuser, Interfor), build a relationship with them and negotiate a piece of the pie," he said.

At the signing ceremony, Tseshaht presented deJong with a carved mask. DeJong then presented Tseshaht with a carved plaque, a large satellite photo of their traditional territory, and a cheque for more than \$109,000, which is the first quarterly revenue sharing payment.

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Fisheries - ca'ca'ruk
Elk River gets stability

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Elk River - The Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation have had 11 members participating in a Work Opportunity Program since the beginning of July. The crew have worked out at Yuquot, Tsaxana, and now Elk River doing river bank

stabilization so that the river will no longer meander and will eventually flow along its original path.

This Elk River program was funded through BC Hydro Bridge Coastal Fish and Wildlife Restoration Program and led by Ian Redding of Streamline Environmental Consulting Ltd in Nanaimo.

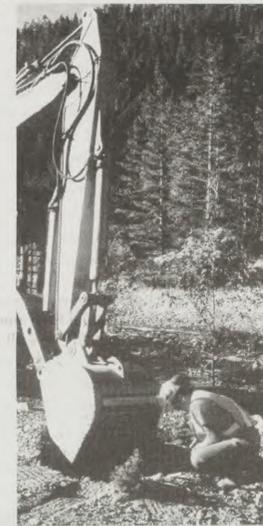
Once Ian found out that there was a First Nation in the area participating in the WOP program he consulted with them and eventually their workers were out on the river learning how to do gravel bar staking, where small willows are planted deep into the ground, rooting themselves and stabilizing the river banks.

Willow is chosen for its ability to quickly grow large networks of roots and take hold into the ground.

This program on the Elk River has three sites to be worked on totaling two hectares and will finish near the end of October. Although the Elk River project will be ending soon the Mowachaht/Muchalaht WOP program will continue through to early December cleaning the shrubs and bushes from the sides of the village roads, cleaning chimneys, repairing buildings, and pruning and girdling trees so underneath the tree line can be visible and any unwanted predators can be seen clearly.



(above l-r) Dorothy Savey, Michelle James, Paul Johnson, Anthony Mark, Wayne Hinchcliffe, Eddy Mark and Ian Redding. (below) Paul Johnson plants willows in holes dug by backhoe.



Calling All Nuu-chah-nulth Kids Aged Ten and Under!!
The Drawing Contest has been extended - so get your drawings in!

Assignment: Draw a picture, and tell us:

"what fishing means to you and your family".

Size: Please make sure that your drawing is no larger than a standard piece of writing paper.

Prizes: 1st Prize- \$100.00 3rd Prize- \$25.00
2nd Prize- \$50.00 4th/5th/6th Prizes: \$10.00

Please mail your drawings by OCTOBER 27th, 2004 to:

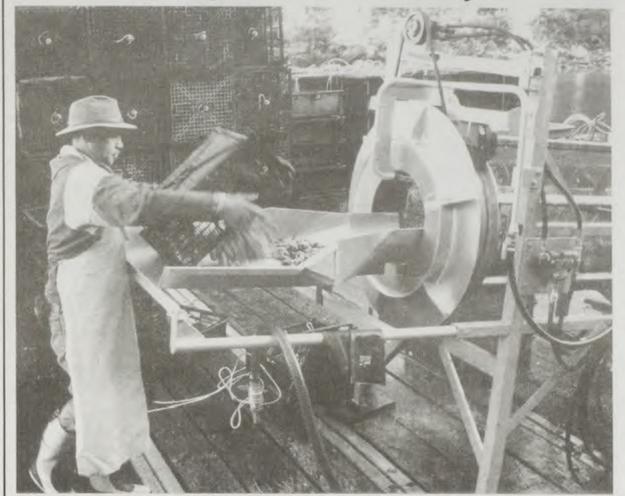
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Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, PO Box 1383,
Port Alberni, B.C V9Y 7M2

Parents and Children: The winning drawings will be displayed as part of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Fisheries Litigation Strategy current fundraising campaign.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call Emily at (250) 248-8959.

DON'T FORGET TO INCLUDE YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS, AGE, AND FIRST NATION ON THE BACK OF YOUR ENTRY !

Mowachaht/Muchalaht Shellfish program underway



By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Edwin Jack empties oysters into a cleaning machine.

Ous Point - The Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation now have a shellfish

program under the Nuu-chah-nulth Shellfish Corporation with the help of Roberta Stevenson of the NTC. This shellfish operation is headed up by Edwin Jack and his crew of Rudy Dick, Sam Johnson and Brandon Jack.

They have been steadily working since March and built six rafts that have the ability to hold 88 stacks and each stack contains seven trays and each tray started out with approximately 150 oysters.

All of their rafts that are under way are located at Ous Point with oyster seeding at Bodega Beach.

"When this project goes on its own it will be called M&M Shellfish Corporation," said Edwin Jack.

They first dropped oysters back in June and will be ready for harvest next winter according to Edwin.

Sam Johnson Jr. and Rudy Dick lifting stacks of market-ready oysters at Ous Point.



The Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Port Alberni

He is the Compassionate, the All-Bountiful! O God, my God! Thou se'est me, Thou knowest me; Thou art my Haven and my Refuge. None have I sought nor any will I seek save Thee; no path have I trodden nor any will I tread but the path of Thy love. In the darksome night of despair, my eye turneth expectant and full of hope to the morn of Thy boundless favor and at the hour of dawn my drooping soul is refreshed and strengthened in remembrance of Thy beauty and perfection. He whom the grace of Thy mercy aideth, though he be but a drop, shall become the boundless ocean, and the merest atom which the outpouring of Thy loving-kindness assisteth, shall shine even as the radiant star. Shelter under Thy protection, O Thou Spirit of purity, Thou Who art the All-Bountiful Provider, this enthralled, enkindled servant of Thine. Aid him in this world of being to remain steadfast and firm in Thy love and grant that this broken-winged bird attain a refuge and shelter in Thy divine nest, that abideth upon the celestial tree. - 'Abdu'l-Bahá -

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Education - ha-ho-pa



Jeff Savey, Matt Savey and Jimmy Johnson work on a roof frame. **Carpentry Apprenticeship program**

By Brian Tate
Northern Region Reporter

Gold River - A Carpentry program with Discovery College in Campbell River is underway for four individuals from Mowachaht/Muchalalt First Nation. These individuals are Jimmy Johnson, Jeff Savey, Matt Savey, and Sam Mayer and have been participating since the middle of June and will complete their training in November.

According to their instructor this course will take individuals who have never been in construction before and teach them how to build roofs, stairs, and framework.

There are 19 individuals altogether in this program, on the day of the interview half of this crew were building a 10 x 10 shed behind the Gold River RCMP Detachment. This shed will be transported to Kyuquot and used for storing RCMP equipment.

PRIVATE POST SECONDARY TRAINING SCHOOLS

There are a growing number of private Post Secondary (P/S) training schools in BC. Any adults considering enrolling in courses at one of these private schools should be aware of the "complications" listed below:

Costs: Most of these schools do not qualify for provincial funding as public colleges and universities do. The tuition costs, therefore, are **very much higher** than at public schools. These schools are private businesses. The tuition is also high to provide a profit for the schools' owners.

Eligibility: The courses at these private schools do not have transfer credit to a public university or college. The courses at these schools therefore **do not qualify** for NTC Post Secondary (P/S) funding.

First Nations: The First Nations' budgets for adult training are not very large. The First Nations therefore **cannot provide** much if any financial assistance to members wishing to attend private training schools.

Student Loans: Many students attending private training schools must take out student loans. The student loans are set up to mainly support students in public colleges where the tuition costs are much smaller. In many cases, the student loan will barely cover tuition at the private training school and there is little, if any, of the loan left to cover living costs. As above, the First Nation and the NTC can usually not provide living support for these courses. Student loans are **LOANS**. The loan must be paid back, whether the student completes the course or not.

If you are considering enrolling in a private training school, first, please contact Kelly Johnsen, Vicky Watts or Blair Thompson at the NTC, 1-877-677-1131 or 250-724-5757.

ELEMENTARY SECONDARY ACTIVITY, COURSE AND MATERIAL FEES

A reminder to parents as the new school year begins, that the public schools should not be asking you to pay for regular education activities. You have already paid for your children's education through the taxes you pay. Secondary schools usually charge an activity fee for a scheduler and a combination lock. It is optional to pay this fee.

Secondary schools may also want to charge students a textbook fee. A textbook fee or deposit can only be charged if a student did not return all the last year's textbooks. If the student returned all books last June, there should be no textbook charge.

Schools and/or teachers may want to charge fees for course materials or ask students to bring materials from home.

Only if a student wishes to make a project with better than basic materials can there be any material fees charged. The basic materials should be provided by the school.

There should also be no charges for activities that are part of a course such as a field trip or activities away from the school such as swimming or gymnastics.

If you have any questions, please call Eileen Haggard or Blair Thompson at the NTC office, 1.877.677.1131 or 250.724.5757.

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The World Around Us

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2. čisumc soil
3. 7aqmapt grass
4. kuhčaaas pot hole
5. 7u7u7aaas puddles
6. čačak7a7as soggy ground
7. 7um7as uneven ground,
8. čum7as even ground,
9. 7u7u7as comfortable position
10. mačasin flea
11. qičin louse
12. siktin nit
13. maack7in fly
14. haaxic bee, wasp
15. kaackamiñ butterfly
16. puucpu7inwa moth
17. muxsyic caterpillar
18. tanakmis mosquito
19. hiiyi snake
20. 7inmi slug, snail
21. 7itkumc worm
22. siicmin maggot
23. tuxcuup sand fly
24. mumuwačkuk grasshopper
25. 7a7a7ak7i earwig
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We can answer this question by adding the suffix -7is to the end of the word. You can do this with all words listed below.

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Sounds:

- 7 - tla
- 7 - tla plus uh
- č - ch
- ł - t plus uh
- h - as if to breath on glass to clean
- q - like a k made in the throat
- c - ts as in cats
- č - ts plus uh
- x - sound like a cat's hiss
- 7 - as if to clear throat of an object
- ł - put tongue behind teeth and let air Flow out on sides of tongue
- s - sh
- 7 - close throat and open it, releasing air, as in the exclamation uh-oh. A glottal stop.
- 7 - i - made deep in throat, pharyngeal, as in the word for dog - 7iniix
- w - like w in wish
- w - w plus uh
- y - like y in yes
- 7 - y plus uh
- q - k made deep in throat plus w

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MISSING PERSON



Age: 21
Height: 5'4"
Weight: 115 lbs.

Long dark hair, brown eyes.

She was wearing a black skirt, black top, high black boots. A silver hooped necklace.

Tattoo of a band of flowers with a heart in the middle on her right arm.

Last seen in the Jingle Pot area June 17, 2002.

Lisa Marie Young

The TLA-O-QUI-AHT Band is offering a CASH REWARD OF \$11,500 for information leading to the location of LISA MARIE YOUNG

If anyone has seen Lisa or has information as to her possible whereabouts please call RCMP in Nanaimo (250) 754-2345 or any RCMP Detachment.

Donations to the Lisa Marie Young Search Fund can be made at any Bank of Montreal or Coastal Community Credit Union or call Moses Martin at (250) 725-2765 or Carol Martin (250) 725-3389

Ahousaht Youth Centre Receives Grant

By Denise August,
Central Region Reporter

Ahousaht - The Ahousaht Youth Centre, recently renamed Ahousaht Cultural Centre received a Clayoquot Biosphere Trust Grant last summer in the amount of \$1979.44 to start a library and feed volunteers.

The Centre is located in the old DIA School, which was built in the 1930's. In 1982 a new school was built and the old school was renovated and opened as a Youth Centre. Carl Perreca joined the community that year and set out to activate the Centre. In 1987, he applied for funding from DIA to support cultural programs.

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The Band Council supported the idea of a Centre "that will provide an opportunity for our people to pass on the traditions of our culture; traditions such as weaving, Indian dancing and singing, carving, and most especially, Indian Language... We feel that the Ahousaht community requires a centre that will provide opportunities such as education enrichment. Activities such as Alcohol Awareness Workshops, speakers and educational films, as proposed the centre would in fact help to meet the needs of our community." (Band Council Resolution, Nov.1987)

Only partial support was granted for workshops, a recreation coordinator, and some cultural projects. Without funding support, a chumus store was opened in the Centre along with a part-time restaurant, making the Centre self-sufficient.

The centre serves as a place of culture and recreation. It is an after school drop-in centre where youth may

socialize in a healthy atmosphere and play board games or cards. It has provided an opportunity for the Elders in to pass on their wisdom and stories to young people, by way of Elders Nights. It has set aside an evening a week for singers and dancers to practice and has encouraged deeper appreciation of our culture through an Ahousaht Family map, a Native Art Calendar and mirror etching. Two dugout canoes have been carved here by the youth under the direction of Joe Campbell. Cultural videos are often shown. There have been workshops on weaving, carving, alcohol awareness and language.

Perreca left the community in May after 22 years of running the store/restaurant/arcade and organizing teen dances, games, all-nighters and other events for the youth. The building, after more than 70 years is in need of repair and restoration, work Carl started before he left.

The building does not meet building code standards and is unsafe. There is a need for funds, building supplies and volunteers for the cash-strapped society to renovate the building. Old asbestos needs to be removed, a fire sprinkler system installed and the building needs to be rewired, reinsulated, retiled, and painted.

The new Youth Coordinator, Leif Johansen, has big plans for the youth but his number one priority is to get the building up to code standard. Currently Ahousaht has a population on reserve of 580 band members and 30 non-Natives, including 261 youth (ages 19 and under). A new subdivision and high school are being built which will mean there will be a surge in the population within the next year. "The Cultural Centre needs to be in full operation at that time," insists Johansen to avert potential social problems.

From a previous trip to Australia, he learned of an organization of volunteers who, in exchange for sharing our culture, will provide manual labour. International Volunteers for Peace arrived in Ahousaht in two waves over the summer. "We needed people power

and a little cash to fix up the place," says Johansen, "and they worked on insulation, drywall, clean up, renovations and other maintenance."

While the CBT funding criteria would not allow for funds to be used specifically for renovations, it did allow for the feeding of the volunteers as they shared in feasting and other cultural activities.

The volunteers took part in canoe trips, sweat lodges and toured our beautiful territories. They came from places like Sweden, France USA, Japan, Canada, Germany, Italy and Korea. They were men and women ranging in



Carl Perreca helps prepare a meal at the Ahousaht Youth Centre

age from 21 to 58 and they were students, social workers, teachers and other professionals. Each group stayed for eleven days providing much-needed free labour.

The CBT funding also went toward starting a small library at the centre for youngsters to use. The books are mainly about First Nations and/or written by First Nations people.

There were others that volunteered food and services over the summer including Tofino Co-op, Jupiter Juice Bar, Breakers Deli, Common Loaf Bakery, Cover Creek Construction, Dave and Ginger Frank, Louie Joseph, Jimmy Swan, Billy Dennis Jr., Cosmo Louie, Luke Swan Jr., John Paul, Brent Campbell, Nadine Charlie, Byron Charlie, Tanis Frank, Nicole Frank, Peter

Campbell, Evans Thomas, and many, many others.

If you wish to help out with the Centre you may make a donation to Ahousaht Cultural Centre, P.O. Box 141, Ahousaht, BC, V0R-1A0. Phone: 250-670-3550 or email , and they are on the web at .

A cash donation of \$100.00 or more towards the restoration of the Youth Centre will be formally appreciated on our website and receive a t-shirt with the Ahousaht Cultural Centre Society's logo on it as a token of our appreciation. Anyone who donates \$50.00 or more will receive a flag with the logo symbolizing their contribution to this special place.

Tournaments

RESCHEDULED NEW DATE



SR. MENS & WOMENS Ball Hockey Tournament In Memory of Barry Thompson (Bear) & Arthur Thompson
November 19th, 20th, 21st
Maht Mahs Gym - Port Alberni, BC



MENS Entry Fee: \$450
Prize Payout:
1st Place \$1600 (based on 10 teams)
2nd Place \$ 700
3rd Place \$ 350

WOMENS Entry Fee: \$350
Prize Payout:
1st Place \$1200 (based on 10 teams)
2nd Place \$500
3rd Place \$250

Entry Fee must be paid before first game
Cash or certified check only accepted
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Colleen Thompson @ 250.618.1127 or email - cdt_mail@hotmail.com
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Esquimalt dancers come to town with Ballet

By David Wiwchar
Southern Region Reporter

Ballet Victoria is coming to Port Alberni, and bringing their highly successful production of Peter Pan, which features Esquimalt First Nation singers and dancers.

Ballet Victoria is very proud to present the *Variations* production this fall. This marks the company's first Vancouver / Gulf Island Tour of the 2004/05 season.

This versatile ensemble will showcase a wide range of dance styles: from the romantic ballet *Pas de Quatre*, to excerpts from the smash hit *Peter Pan*, to a brand new contemporary work scheduled for its Vancouver Island World Premiere this January, titled *Medea Metamorphoses*. The *Variations* production will also include solo pieces by company members making for a memorable evening of stellar performances. A cast of 16 will bring *Variations* across Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands with a diverse program appealing to a wide range of audiences and dance aficionados.

Accompanying the tour will be a Youth Outreach Program designed to educate students while examining the art of dance and the art of stage creation. School students will participate in workshops focusing on employment

opportunities in the professional theatre. Students will come to the theatre to experience the preparation of a dance performance. Students will gain on-site experience of what is required of professional dancers, lighting designers, composers, choreographers, costumes designers and rehearsal staff. Serious dance students will be given the opportunity to attend master classes taught by the company's artistic staff and invited professionals. Advanced dancers will be invited to participate in the company class during the *Variations* tour. From time to time apprentice positions will become available.

Ballet Victoria's acclaimed production of *Peter Pan* incorporates a wide range of dance styles and unites First Nations traditional dance with the Western tradition of dance theatre. Workshops will be given to cultural groups who want to explore the dynamic potential in cross-cultural collaboration. The *Esquimalt First Nations Singers & Dancers* will be featured in these workshops.

The group has been traveling the island for the past two weeks, and will visit Alberni District Secondary School on

Thursday, October 21st, with the curtain rising at 7 pm. Tickets are \$18 for adults, and \$15 for seniors, students, and children. For more information call 723-2181, or 724-3412.

Letter to the Editor: Taxpayers Federation 'in the dark'

I am writing about that poor-excuse for an organization called the 'Canadian Taxpayers Federation'. Doesn't anyone in that place have a life? I'm referring to their 'OFL' (Organization's Fearless Leaders or pronounced 'offal' 'cause that's what they amount to!)

Why is it that they just have to smear First Nations every opportunity they get? Don't they realize that "what comes around - goes around"? Ever since the time of European-contact, First Nations have been discriminated against. It takes the Courts to slap the governments in the face for this and I can't help but laugh every time I see this! They keep harping that First Nations 'get special treatment' but has it ever occurred to these 'paralyzed-from-the-neck-up' people that First Nations pay taxes just like everyone else?

First Nations pay taxes such as the PST, gas, income, GST, etc. It is not First Nations fault that apartheid is very much alive and prevalent here in this country called Canada!!! If they really need something to whine about, I would strongly suggest that they look to the billion dollar boondoggles at HRDC, the sponsorship-scandal, not to mention the never-ending pork barrel patronage appointments in both federal and provincial governments!

They say that First Nations are allotted 'billions of dollars' from the federal government but the majority of this 'funding' gets eaten-up by the bureaucracy every year, and by the time any of this funding gets to First Nations, what's left is a pittance. But, I suppose, you could never could accuse these people (C.T.F.) of having even an inkling of intelligence! Enough said. Remi Tom



Melissa Dick and her children Emma, Ethan, and Shakyla

Ten Babies Baptized in Ahousaht

By Denise August,
Central Region Reporter

Ahousaht - Maaqtusiis members gathered at Thunderbird Hall on the evening of October 6th to witness the baptism of ten children.

Organized by Chief Kan-o-pit (Rocky Titian), and his family, guests were invited to witness the baptism of all the babies in his family, something he says his late parents, John and Margaret would have done themselves.

The children, in their fine baptism clothing squirmed in the front row as their parents tried to keep them still and quiet. Reverend Rick Lindholm officiated the ceremony and he thanked Rocky and the parents of the babies for showing their love to their children in this way.

The babies, parents and Godparents were called to the altar after an opening prayer and took part in blessing each child with Holy water. A prayer was said for each child as the Godparents were introduced.

The babies baptized were:

- Melissa Dick's children, Shakyla, Emma and Ethan.
- John Manson and Margaret Titian's daughter, Abigail
- James Frank and Melanie Titian's daughter, Dezrai
- Vern Brown and Adrienne Dick's son, Ashton
- Blair Bulwer and Inez Paul's children, Jermaine and Jamie
- Peter Frank Jr. & June Titian's sons Joshua and Mason

Guests were invited to celebrate the baptisms by sharing in homemade chumus...cakes, pies, cookies, fruit salad, jello and other refreshments.

Titian invited everyone to come back in about one year when he would host a feast to name the babies that haven't yet received names. By that time, he says, he expects there will be at least two new babies.



Adrienne, Vern, and their son Ashton, along with Inez Paul and her children Jermaine and Jamie.

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First Nations Celebration of Life Artist Market in Errington

First Nations Celebration Of Life Nanaimo means "gathering place", that is true, but Errington Market will host the most amazing gathering of First Nations Artists in the history of our Island. Never before have so many facets of native culture come together at one time! And the momentum continues with new artists and elders joining up as the word gets around.

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Virtually every west coast band will be represented at this ultimate gathering.

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This is a unique opportunity for visitors to see, hear, smell, taste and enjoy the First Nations art, crafts, traditions and food first hand. Samples of salmon from the open pit and bannock will be prepared by Elders, in the traditional way it has been for centuries. Elders will be travelling from distant points all over this island to bring their blessings and ceremonies to this place.

We are honoured to have Chief Frank Nelson as Master of Ceremonies Frank Nelson, Kwa-gulth artist, was born at Gilford Island B.C. in 1945.

He is a member of the Musgamagw Tsawataineuk Tribe of Kingcome Inlet. In 1974, Frank Nelson began carving

under the auspices of the gallery "Arts of the Raven", owned by his cousin Chief Tony Hunt. There, he learned his craft from such accomplished artists as Chief Henry Hunt, Ross Hunt, Calvin Hunt, George Hunt Jr., Oscar Matilipi and John Livingston. It was under the wing of "Arts of the Raven" that Frank Nelson began to understand the gift given to us by the Creator (our culture) and all the aspects of the discipline that comes with it. The years spent with "Arts of the Raven" allowed Frank the privilege of participating in countless art shows not only in North America but also in Germany. More info- see www.ihosgallery.com and click on "artists"

Renowned artists will attend. This event will appeal to artists and collectors as well. An unprecedented number of renowned artists will have their art displayed and for sale and will share their knowledge with demonstrations of their unique styles. For the collectors, twice a day, art auctions will provide the opportunity to bid on a wide array of priceless originals and prints.

For two days the doors will be open to visitors from 10 am to 5 pm and through these doors visitors will have a glimpse into another culture and another era. Admission is \$2.00 per person with proceeds going to the Native Youth Suicide Prevention Walk 2005. We are very grateful and would like to publicly thank Volunteer Nanaimo for their help in advertising and recruiting volunteers for the 2 day event.

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Upcoming Events at P.A.F.C

By HollyJoy Massop
Port Alberni Friendship Centre

Free Family Law Workshop at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre

Understanding the major issues involved with Family Law can be very overwhelming. When a relationship ends, decisions have to be made in a number of areas - including: children, property and finances. You need to decide upon which type of legal service will best suit you and your situation. The best way to reduce the fear, uncertainty and doubt that you may feel at this time is to seek legal advice that will help you learn about your rights and obligations through every part of the Family Law process. However, seeking legal advice is often difficult and expensive, and many are unsure of where to even begin on their quest for information.

It is in light of these facts that the Port Alberni Friendship Centre invites all those who are thinking about separating or are already separated from their spouses to attend a FREE Family Law Workshop on October 25th 2004 at 10:00am.

This workshop will examine the many areas that are encompassed under Family Law - including: partnership benefits, child custody & adoption, separation & divorce, common-law relationships and spousal & child violence. As well the workshop will also stress the importance of taking the necessary legal action to protect and provide for yourself and your family.

Three key speakers will be facilitating the Family Law workshop. Forrest Nelson is a renowned lawyer and advocate for the Legal Services Society, will be addressing several topics including: where to begin getting legal assistance from, eligibility for Legal Aid, the court process and appealing court decisions.

During lunch (which is provided to all participants) Marco Costa of the Income Security Programs and Canada Pension Plan will be speaking about financial assistance and benefits. Afterwards participants are encouraged to take part in a question and answer period with John Bennie of the Port Alberni-based law firm Badovinac, Scofield & Mosley. The Port Alberni Friendship Centre invites all those who are facing a Family Law legal matter or issue to attend this informational and educational Family Law Workshop. This workshop is free to everyone. Seating is limited - so please register early by phoning the P.A.F.C at (250) 723-8281 / fax (250) 723-1877. The Port Alberni Friendship Centre is located at 3555 4th Ave., for more information please call Janice Amos at the above phone number.

Just a Reminder
The Port Alberni Friendship Centre is located at 3555 4th Ave. Everyone is welcome and for more information on any events or programs please call (250) 723-8281 or fax (250) 723-1877.

Also feel free to visit us on the web at www.pafriendshipcenter.com

Halloween Celebrations For Everyone
Throughout the last weeks of October everyone is invited to come check out the haunted hallways of the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. There are many "spook-tacular" activities taking place for children and families.

Wednesday October 20th and Thursday October 21st from 7-9pm children ages 6 - 12 are welcome to come and play Halloween themed games and make "scare-iffic" wall hangings. The following week children are welcome to come and make Halloween cookies. October 28th promises to be a ghoulishly good time, children can participate in pumpkin carving, making caramel apples, eating popcorn and drinking hot chocolate all free of charge from 7 - 9pm !!

Sunday October 31st the P.A.F.C is hosting a Halloween Party from 6:30pm - 8:30pm!! Join the staff for this "hauntingly" good time !!! For more information on any of these events, please contact the Port Alberni Friendship Centre at (250) 723-8281. All the events are free of charge and everyone is welcome!!

Knee-waas Activities
Knee-waas house is hosting a number of events at their facility located at 3435 4th Avenue. On Friday

October 22nd, Mark Sutherland will be hosting a Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) workshop from 9:00am from 3:00pm. Anyone who wishes to learn more about FAS or share their experiences with this issue are welcome to attend. The workshop is free and prior registration is not required.

On Wednesday October 27th from 10:30am - 11:30am a Women's Support Group will be taking place. This group is drop-in and open to all women. For families, there will be a Halloween Party on Friday October 29th from 1:30pm - 3pm!! Please note that Knee-waas activities taking place between October 27th and November 1st will be held at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre located at 3555 4th ave - please call 723-8281 for more information.

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To all Central Region Communities:

I am asking parents and families to participate in a challenge that I am offering. I am proposing for all families who are willing to take the challenge in their own household to shut the TV off for one hour during suppertime or after supper. I would like the family to talk amongst each other and to do other activities with one another. I am also asking to have a recorder or someone to write down what it is that have come out of this challenge.

1. What was the positive outcome of having no TV during suppertime, or after suppertime?
2. How did it feel between you and your family?
3. Would you continue to do this even though the challenge is over?
4. How was the communication between all the family?

I would like to do this challenge for a month. From October 18/04 to November 18/04. I will read over the outcomes and your name will be put into a barrel for a draw of a Spinoza teddy bear, also I will present your outcome in the HA-SHILTH-SA.

I will be travelling to the communities during the month of October and November. You can give me your outcomes at the Health clinic, band office or holistic centre. Any questions on this challenge please call me @ 725-3367, 725-2396 or I will see you in the community. Good Luck!

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To all to whom these presents shall come – Greeting

WHEREAS thousands of British Columbia foster families provide alternative family care for children temporarily unable to live with their families and extended families, and

WHEREAS foster families work in partnership with birth parents, extended families and community child and family services as an integral and valued part of a team that serves the children and families of British Columbia, and

WHEREAS First Nations, Metis, Inuit and other Aboriginal foster families help preserve the identity and unique culture and heritage of Aboriginal children and youth, and

WHEREAS foster families from various cultures support children and youth to understand and cultivate their heritage, and

WHEREAS foster families provide care and ongoing support to children, while, at the same time, participating in planning to assist children to return to their families, live with extended families, or make the transition to an adoptive family, and

WHEREAS fostering is a community responsibility and provides opportunities for all community members to contribute to the support of children and youth, and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government wishes to recognize the care, compassion and unselfish commitment of British Columbia foster families, and

WHEREAS Our Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has been pleased to enact Order in Council 903 on October 11, 2002;

NOW KNOW YE THAT We do by these presents proclaim and declare that October, 2004, shall be known as

"Foster Family Month"

in British Columbia;

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent and the Great Seal of Our Province to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of Our Province of British Columbia, in Our City of Victoria, in Our Province, this eighth day of September, two thousand four and in the fifty-third year of Our Reign.

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P. Gerry Plas

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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

There is no safe time to drink alcohol while pregnant

All alcoholic beverages – beer, wine, hard liquor – can have the same negative effects during pregnancy. It is safest not to drink any alcohol if you are pregnant. In fact it is best to stop drinking before you get pregnant.

Current research has not been able to determine if there is a 'safe' level of alcohol for pregnant women to drink. The harmful effects of alcohol vary from person to person, at each stage of pregnancy and depending on the amount consumed.

Children who are exposed to alcohol before birth can suffer from Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). These children often experience delayed growth, vision and hearing difficulties, bones, limbs and fingers that are not properly formed, damage to heart, kidney, liver and other organs. Prenatal exposure to alcohol also results in permanent brain damage and can cause learning difficulties, hyperactivity, memory and/or attention deficits, difficulties solving problems and difficulties managing anger.

Why take a chance? Even moderate amounts of alcohol can have long term effects on a baby. Health Canada recommends that if you are pregnant or planning a pregnancy, it is safest not to drink any alcohol.

There is no safe time to drink alcohol while pregnant. The brain and central nervous system of the unborn baby continues to develop throughout the

pregnancy and therefore can be damaged by exposure to alcohol at any time during pregnancy. Alcohol can damage a growing baby's brain, organs and body, affecting how it thinks, acts, looks and learns as a child and as an adult.

When a pregnant woman drinks alcohol, it rapidly crosses the placenta to the fetus. Unlike the mother, the fetus cannot process alcohol at the same rate, and it remains in the baby's body longer than in the mother's. The result – the baby could be born with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). FASD is the term used to describe the birth defects and brain damage that can be caused by prenatal exposure to alcohol.

Children with FASD do not grow out of their problems. In fact many will need a lifetime of extra health care, education and social services. When they get older, children with FASD often have difficulty paying attention and learning at school. They have trouble getting along with others. They may have difficulty remembering and thinking things through. They may struggle with depression or have drug and alcohol problems. They often have trouble holding a job and living independently and may get into trouble with the law.

If you are pregnant and have been drinking alcohol, it's not too late to stop. Call Motherisk at 1-877-FAS-INFO (1-877-327-4636) or visit www.alcoholfreepregnancy.ca.
- News Canada

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Workshop November 8th and 9th

An FASD Workshop will be held November 8th and November 9th in Port Alberni at the Maht Mahs. Beginning 8:30 a.m. both days.
Tentative Agenda

Day 1: November 8th, 2004

8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. to noon
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.
3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Refreshments & Registration
Welcome & Introductions
Guest Speaker, Dr. Robin A. La Due
Refreshment Break
Dr. Robin A. La Due
LUNCH — BREAK
Dr. Robin A. La Due
Refreshment Break
Dialogue, questions, evaluation, closing

Day 2 November 9th, 2004

8:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.
8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Refreshments & Registration
Welcome & Introductions, Jack Cook, AHRDA,
FASD Community up-dates, Ron Jorgenson
Refreshment Break
FASD Community Asset Mapping Projects
LUNCH — BREAK
Dialogue, questions, evaluation, closing

If you are interested in signing up to attend please call Jack Cook or Jackie Watts at 724-5757 or toll free 1-888-407-4888.

* PRE-NATAL DROP IN With Liz Thomsen

Every Monday, 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Immunization clinic every Monday from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Prenatal drop in every Monday from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

* **NINYAKS-HA** - You are invited to celebrate the welcoming of babies born between April to November 2004 into our community. Friday November 5th at 11:30 - 2:00 at the Kneec'waas House 3435 4th Avenue. A partnership between the Nuu-chah-nulth Nursing Program and the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. For more info, please contact: Delavina @ 723-8281

* HEALTH EDUCATION DROP-IN With Liz Thomsen

Every Thursday, 2:30pm – 3:30pm
Knee was House, 3435 4th Avenue, Port Alberni Friendship Centre
For more info, please contact: Delavina @ 723-8281



Singers and dancers from the Ditidaht First Nation show respect and support to the Thompson Family Memorial potlatch last weekend. Hundreds of people jammed into Maht Mahs to witness the events and pay their respects to the Thompson family.

Two brothers from the Mowachaht/Muchalaht Nation are looking for a permanent family. Curtis is fifteen, and likes riding his bike, kayaking, listening to music and reading. He is friendly and outgoing and has a good sense of humour. Chad is eight years old and is a delightful boy who enjoys skiing, skateboarding, bicycling and swimming. If you are interested in knowing more about these boys please contact Darlene Thoen at 250-724-3232 or Kathryn Grant at 250 741-5713. (false names have been used)

Dial – A – Dietician Free Nutritional Information Call Toll-free 1-800-667-3438

A registered dietician/nutritionist (RDN) will answer your general and medical nutrition questions on: Diabetes Allergies Osteoporosis Heart Health Hypertension Weight Control Healthy Eating Vegetarianism Infant Nutrition Pregnancy Vitamins / Minerals www.dialdietitian.org

N.T.C. Nursing Updates/Schedules:

CENTRAL REGION:

Mary McKeogh - Hot Springs Cove every Tuesday, otherwise at the Ucluellet Health Clinic. **Chris Curley** - Tla-o-qui-ah plus one day per week focus on Sex Education and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases for all Nuu-chah-nulth communities. **Barb Flynn** is currently filling in for the Ahoasat nursing services.

SOUTHERN REGION:

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 Tseshah and Huu-ay-aht (Thursdays). **Liz Thomsen** continues to provide services to Ditidaht and Knee-Was.

Ina Seitcher - First Nation Advocate Nurse- Hours: 7:00am - 3:30pm @ West Coast General Hospital. Phone: 723-2135 ext. 1109

NORTHERN REGION:

Northern Region : **Moiria Havelka** - is providing nursing services in the community of Tsaxana every Tuesday and Thursday, otherwise she can be reached at the Gold River Clinic. This is subject to change according to meetings, workshops etc.

UCLUELET FAMILY TIES HEALTHY BABIES PROGRAM

Family Ties is a program that offers information and support to help you have the healthiest baby possible. Weekly drop-in sessions provide topics and guest speakers of interest to families. Everything from nutrition to childbirth to adjusting to parenthood to infant massage. We are open to your ideas too!

Where? Family Ties, Davison's Plaza, #4-1620 Peninsula Road
When? Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
How? Drop in or call:
Margaret Morrison, Outreach Counselor @ 726-2224 or
Kelly Drabit, Public Health Nurse @ 725-2172

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

October 26th: Lactose Intolerance and Milk Allergies With Sylvie Brousseau, Registered Dietician



TOFINO FAMILY TIES HEALTHY BABIES PROGRAM

Family Ties is a program that offers information and support to help you have the healthiest baby possible. Weekly drop-in sessions provide topics and guest speakers of interest to families. Everything from nutrition to childbirth to adjusting to parenthood to infant massage. We are open to your ideas too!

Where? Coastal Family Place, 265 First Street, Tofino
When? Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
How? Drop in or call:
Laurie Hannah, Outreach Counselor @ 725-2172 Local 2

OCTOBER SCHEDULE

October 28th: Car Seat Safety

Birthdays and Congratulations



Happy 4th Birthday to our precious Squamish Nation Princess Lakisha N.R. Lewis on Oct. 28th. Hope you have a good one. We love you lots. Love from Grandma April Gus and papa Eyes Lucas and favorite uncle Steven Jr.

Happy Birthday to our Neph, Sir Donovan Williams on October 3, hope you had a good day neph, to our brother/uncle Coburn Webster October 6, have a great day son and to a special auntie Lil Webster on October 18, to our neph Gary Swan on October 22 have a great day neph, to our favourite niece pie "tootie" Jenna Webster on October 24, to our niece pie Charity Mack on October 31, and we love you all always! And many more to come!!!! From Genia, Larry Swan & Family.

I would like to say Happy birthday to my nephew Chad on the 18th and also to my brother musk in the 250, happy birthday on the 21st guys enjoy ur day ... also like to say happy b-day to Jodi on the 16th have a wonderful day coz from Jay and Shish and lil Wanyajay.

October 26- Happy 21st Birthday to my lil sis Jenn Webster. I know I'm not going to be there so I wanted to send this special birthday wish from me. I will be thinking of you. I hope you a really joyful day. Remember I love you. Love From your sis Erica

October 5- Happy Birthday to my auntie Mrs. Carrie Tom. And congratulations... i know it's a bit late but ... on yours and my uncle Steve's wedding in august 2004. Love ya both. Love from Erica, Sisa, Dan & your granddaughter Alissa.

October 8- Happy belated Birthday to Tom Morgan. From Sisa, Erica, Dan & Alissa

October 31-Happy 22nd birthday to our cuz/uncle Jeff Sabbas. From Sisa, Dan, Erica & your niece Alissa

Happy 4th Birthday to my Baby boy Daral Dedrick-Dion On October 30 Wow how time flies by Everyday you surprise me with something new I look forward to that with many hugs and kisses my son enjoy your day Love Mom.

Happy 4th birthday to my pretty little niece/cuz Naya in Ahousaht on

I would like to wish my pride and joy Charlie Sam a very Happy 2nd Birthday on Oct. 18. You mean the world to me sweetheart, along with so many other wonderful people in your life. Lots of love from a very proud mother Ruth Sam.

A special Happy 2nd Birthday to Charlie Sam from your Grandpa Kenny, Grandma Norma and papa Jim.



November 3rd Enjoy your day Remember your only 4 days younger than me Wish I could be there to celebrate with you all that home baking and soul food your mom prepares for you miss you love you Tell your mom to give you a great big hug from auntie Larisha and Daral.

Congratulations to My Brother Curtis, Sis Margaret and the Kids For completing your six weeks in Esperanza Hope to see you all son I Miss You guys so so much me and Daral Take care And remember we love u and thinking of you all over here in Victoria Come Visit soon.

Oct12 - Happy Belated Birthday to Ralph Amos. A great husband, father and grandfather. Lots of hugs. Love all of us, Bernie, Deanna & Monica, Chris Athena Abby Zak & Jonesy, and Sylvia.

Oct13 - Happy Belated Birthday to Rylan Amos. Love your Uncle Ralph, Aunt Bernie and Cousins.

Happy 40th birthday to muskie in Matuuni! From hightower & your best pal Beaver.

Happy belated birthday to Donovan Williams, (Oct 3rd) Happy birthday to Tianna Jules over on Winchester Ave, Cecil Mack Jr in Ahousaht, from Shauntay Thomas.

A special birthday wish out to our mother/grandma Lil Webster on October 18th/04. We hope you have a very relaxing day. We love you very much. Love Janey & Shauntay Thomas. HBday to Sabrina Ashley Raven on October 21st, also to Hailey Frank, Happy birthday to Kim Mather on Oct 28th. Enjoy your day bud, to Dorianna Smith in Ahousaht. Happy 4th birthday to Daral Campbell, in Victoria, on October 30th, 2004. Have a good day Daral, we miss you, fr Jane & Tay.

I'd like to wish my grandson Philip Mack for Oct. 4, a Happy Birthday from grandma Anita.

A Happy Birthday to my son Aaron Dean Watts for Oct. 12th. From Mom & Dad.

A belated Happy Birthday to my sister Luxy for Oct. 3rd. From Anita & Waatse.

A Happy 86th Birthday to my mother Martha Fred. From daughter Anita & son-in-law Waatse.

Happy 15th Birthday to my baby Chad Jordan Charlie!! On October 18 have a good day! Love Mom.

Happy 16 Birthday to our brother Chad Charlie on October 18th...from Edgar & Na.

Happy ?? Birthday to our Grandma & Great Grandma LiL in Ahousaht !! whose birthday is on the same day as

Chads...have a great birthday !! from your grandchildren & great grandchildren in Seattle, WA ...Stephanie Edgar Trina &

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Nov 8, Happy 27th Birthday to my son Jim Johnson. Love you, and hope you enjoy your day Love Mom and Uncle Sam.

Happy 27th Birthday to our Bro Jimmy. Love Cindy, Samantha, and Mabel.

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Nov 15th, Happy Birthday to my cousin Margaret Maquinna. Enjoy your day Cuz, from your cousin Brenda Johnson.

Happy ?? Birthday Vinder (Jodi)Binder all the way in Cali...on October 16th have a good day ! your cuz in Seattle...Stephanie, Edgar, Na & Chad...take care you all !

Happy ?? Birthday to Barb Louie in Victoria (getting old there Barb)have a good b-day...from Stephanie, Edgar, Na & Chad.

Happy Birthday to my brother & uncle Marcel (Musk) Charlie in Victoria, have a good day Marcel from your sis Stephanie & Edgar, Na & Chad.

Happy Be-lated Birthday to Diddles "Krystal J. R. Dick" I hope you have a wonderful year. Love always, Dad and Mom.

Happy Birthday to my sister, Kim Frank. I hope have fun on your birthday. Love always, Robyn and Allen Sr and kids.

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Happy Birthday to my baby sis Nay Charlie on October 22! I love ya sis and am happy that you are my sister! Continue to better yourself and your life. Wuff ya big sis, Mel.

Happy Birthday to Chad Charlie "C C", we hope you have a great day for your celebration.....we love ya Daniel, Freda, kal & Shannygirl.

I know I don't have enough fingers or toes to say how many birthdays you have had "Muskie", but any way on October 21 we wish you a very very happy birthday. We hope you enjoy this day which was made especially for you P'S no club Cal'n it either. HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRO with 100 more to come...hehehehhee. we love ya. Daniel, Freda, Kal & Shannygirl. oh & Lil' "E".

Happy Birthday to you Happy Birthday to you all. To Sara Harry Nov. 3rd, Tanya Michael and Julian Michael 5th, Felix Michael Jr. 7th, Nancy Little 8th, to a really beautiful niece Julie Joy Smith on Nov. 12th and to Charlie Mickey, to a brother who I don't see a lot

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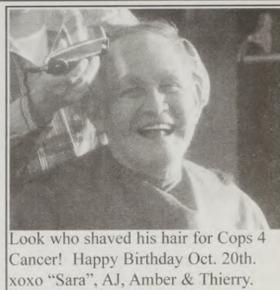
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Look who shaved his hair for Cops 4 Cancer! Happy Birthday Oct. 20th. xoxo "Sara", AJ, Amber & Thierry.

or talk to Clarence Smith on Nov. 13th, Kirsten Dean on Nov. 13th, Kay Lee Miller Nov. 19th, Catherine Swan Nov. 23rd, and to my brother Edgar and Rosalia Michael on Nov. 29th. From Jessie E. Mack, Claudine and baby on the way, Chelsea, Thomas, and Samuel Mack.

Congratulations to Stacey Hansen and Dave Miller with their baby. To my niece Vivian Sutherland with their new baby girl. To my niece Isabella Smith with her baby that's soon on the way, to Annie Michael with her baby that's soon on the way. My daughter Claudine Smith with her baby soon on the way, to my niece Diane Smith with her baby boy, to Nadine Tom with their baby boy. More birthdays to celebrate. From Jessie E. Mack.

Birth Announcement: Gladys Cedar Abrahams was born on July 15, 2004 to proud parents Angel Williams of Ditidalt and Noel Abrahams of Haيدا.

Happy Birthday to my friend Lil Webster Oct. 18th, enjoy your day! Special Happy Birthday to my niece Rene A. Lee Mowby, Oct. 22nd, love from Auntie Darl, and from grandma Ina, hope you enjoy your day! Special Happy Birthday to our granddaughter Shelby Frank Oct. 27th. Love from grandpa Al and grandma Darl, uncle Curtis and family, auntie Ina, Moe and Larisha and their family.

October 28: Special happy birthday to Dorianna Selina Smith from Mom Irene, dad Eddie, sister Nancy and brothers Wesley and Paul Smith

October 20: Happy birthday to cuz/aunt Bonnie Frank, many more to come...from Irene, Eddie, Nancy, Dorianna, Wesley and Paul Smith.

October 18: Happy birthday to Grandma Lil Webster from: Nancy, Doriann, Wesley and Paul Smith. Congratulations to Wesley Thomas Jr. and Enadina Thomas on the new arrival of their little girl Enadina Rosa Thomas born October 16 at Victoria General Hospital weighing 5lb 9 1/2 oz. From Auntie Irene, uncle Eddie and cousins Nancy, Dorianna, Wesley and Paul Smith.

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Infants offered free flu protection

Infants 6 months to 23 months old, their families and other daily contacts, are the newest group to qualify for a free flu shot this year. Senior citizens, people with chronic health problems and health care workers can also get free influenza vaccinations from now until Christmas during the Vancouver Island Health Authority's (VIHA) annual flu campaign.

"Babies can really suffer with the symptoms of influenza," said Richard Stanwick, Chief Medical Health Officer for VIHA. "An infant's immune system isn't ready to fight off the ravages of flu. As a result, more complications could develop that may require hospital care." That's why this year the vaccine is available free to infants six to twenty three months old by December 31st, as well as their parents, siblings and other regular daily contacts. The vaccine is not effective in babies under six months of age, however their regular daily contacts should get vaccinated to protect newborns from exposure.

Influenza is a highly contagious viral disease that can lead to health complications such as pneumonia, hospitalization and in some cases death. This year, the health authority will administer about 180,000 doses of vaccine in an effort to reduce the rate of influenza on Vancouver Island. There is no shortage of flu vaccine expected in Canada.

"Science tells us another flu pandemic is imminent," said Murray Fyfe, VIHA's new Deputy Medical Health Officer responsible for the communicable diseases portfolio. "Getting a flu shot is a very safe, effective way to protect yourself, loved ones and co-workers from this serious respiratory illness." Flu shots are available:

Tofino Drop-in Clinics
Monday, Nov 1

Ucluellet Drop-in Clinics
Wednesday, Nov 3

Port Alberni Drop-in Clinics
Thursday, Oct 21
Wednesday, Oct 27

For complete dates, times and locations in other areas contact the Vancouver Island Health Authority

Influenza Vaccine is recommended and provided free to those with qualifying conditions.

People at high risk:

- People 65 years of age and over
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- Health care workers and volunteers
- First responders (police, fire & ambulance)

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Tofino Drop-in Clinics
Monday, Nov 1

Ucluellet Drop-in Clinics
Wednesday, Nov 3

Port Alberni Drop-in Clinics
Thursday, Oct 21
Wednesday, Oct 27

For complete dates, times and locations in other areas contact the Vancouver Island Health Authority

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Nuu-chah-nulth Registry and Treaty Information ...

Registering events are very important!
Birth Registrations: It is important to get baby registered as soon as possible. You must complete the parental consent for Registration/Statement of Band Affiliation form and provide the LARGE form birth certificate, these consent forms can be obtained through your Band Office or at the NTC Office. Registration takes 6 - 8 weeks.
Transfers: Are you wishing to transfer to another Band? Write to the Band you want to transfer into. Once accepted you will need to complete a consent to transfer form, also, notify the Band you are currently in and let them know your intentions.
Marriages, divorces, name change, deaths: Please provide appropriate certificates to up date the Indian Registry Lists. A consent form needs to be completed for any name changes.
Are you turning 18 soon? If you would like your own registration number then you have to submit a letter of request. Process also takes 6 - 8 weeks (no longer automatic).
All documents are to be submitted to Rosie Little - Indian Registry Administrator at the NTC Office, with the exception of Ditidaht, Hesquiaht, Huu-ay-aht and Tla-o-qui-aht. Contact these First Nations directly. To have a status card issued through NTC from these four First Nations please have your Indian Registry Administrator fax approval and your information prior to coming into the office if possible.
Does your First Nation have their membership code in place? If so, and you would like the above events recorded for "BAND MEMBERSHIP" then it is EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT that you contact them as well.
Your First Nation needs your current address and phone number so they can contact you regarding Treaty developments, letters and bulletins.
 First Nation phone numbers and addresses are listed below for your convenience.

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



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



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



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



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



Ka:yu:k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h'
 (250) 332-5259 - Fax: (250) 332-5210
 General Delivery Kyuquot, B.C. V0P 1J0



Mowachaht / Muchalaht
 (250) 283-2015 - Fax: (250) 283-2335
 Toll free - (800) 238 - 2933
 PO Box 459 Gold River, B.C. V0P 1G0



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



Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations
 (250) 725-3233 - Fax: (250) 725-4233
 PO Box 18 Tofino, BC. V0R 2Z0



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



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



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



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.

TO ALL UCLUELET FIRST NATION MEMBERSHIP

Hello everyone, I was recently hired as the band membership clerk, and the membership committee along with myself would like to get the band list updated. Are you and/or your children registered? If your newborn baby has not been registered you will have to come in with a large birth certificate and register. Remember when you are registered with the NTC office you have to register with the band office as well. Also if there are any deaths, marriages or divorces we would like the proper certificate brought in so that we can register those as well. Please call the band office toll free 1-866-726-2488 if you need to contact me. Thank you.
 Christina Klotz, ck1_26@hotmail.com

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

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.

Important Notice to all Nuuchah-nulth First Nations members, Band Managers, CHR's, Health Clerks and Band Membership Clerks: MEDICAL COVERAGE NOT AUTOMATIC

Reference: Recently, many bills were received at the NTC (Non-Insured Health Benefits Section) (NIHB) from parents requesting payment under this plan. If a child is not registered with Indian Affairs and the province there is no medical coverage. Therefore, **FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF MEDICAL VISITS, X-RAYS, ETC. WILL FALL ON THE PARENTS!** Indian Affairs cannot and **WILL NOT PAY** any bills without full coverage. Remember, unless a child is **REGISTERED** with both Indian Affairs (Status Card) and the provincial medical plan (MSP Card) two very important medical factors apply:
a. The child is covered under the parent medically, for only three months; and
b. Once the child reaches 1 year of age then they are no longer covered under the NIHB program for: equipment; supplies; drugs; dental; and optical.
 Normally, a child reaching 19 years of age requires (her or his) own medical care card. A child can maintain medical coverage up to age 25 when in **full-time attendance** at a post secondary institution, that is approved by the provincial medical commission. It takes **6 - 8 weeks to obtain these coverage cards!** Start the process immediately! Do not assume it is done! Follow up with this until you have both cards! Questions to be directed to the Band Membership Clerks, or the NTC Registry Office 724-5757.
Robert Cluett, CD - NTC NIHB Program Supervisor

INSURANCE REQUIREMENT OUT OF PROVINCE AND COUNTRY

Recent situations have been embarrassing to some people who Depart Canada without acquiring any type of medical coverage insurance. Non-Insured Health Benefits Program through health Canada does not cover anyone who departs Canada, nor does your BC Medical Plan unless you have written authority form them stating that they will cover you, and what they will cover. (Remember the price is much higher in US than here - I suggest you check it out to protect yourself and your family). Ensure you get coverage by contacting your local travel agency - they can and will help you! It is also understood that once you have departed Canada and you change your mind and decide you wish to have coverage -- it is too late...Travel policy insurance will not cover you in outside the country if you try to obtain insurance after you have left. Protect yourself and your family! Questions on this matter are encouraged and welcomed through the Non-Insured Health Benefits Program Coordinator (Robert Cluett) 1-888-407-4888 or 250-724-3232.

HA-SHILTH-SA DEADLINE AND PRINTING SCHEDULE

DEADLINE	PRINTING
October 29, 2004	November 4, 2004
November 12, 2004	November 18, 2004
November 26, 2004	December 2, 2004
December 10, 2004	December 16, 2004

Email wivchar@nuuchahnulth.org and/or hashilth@nuuchahnulth.org



Community Events

MEMORIAL POTLATCH FOR HAROLD N. TOUCHIE (Nov. 20, 1947 - October 2000)

on Saturday, October 23, 2004 at Ucluelet Rec. Hall beginning with dinner @ 5:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Contact Donna 250-726-7415 or Marion 250-726-4301. Host Marion Louie, Co-host Kan-u-piit

MEMORIAL POTLATCH FOR LATE BARRY WAYNE MCCARTHY (BEAR)

October 30th, 2004, Alberni Athletic Hall, Noon
 We would like to acknowledge the people that came close to us in the time of need. Everyone Welcome
 Hosts: Johnny McCarthy Sr. and Laura Ann McCarthy

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF LOUIE & EVA FRANK

Come join us on November 6, 2004 for a celebration of live for Eva and for our parent's 50th wedding anniversary.
 Dinner to start at 5:00pm at the T-Bird Hall in Ahousaht.
 Any questions call Louie Frank Jr. @ 670-9558 or Maureen Frank @ 670-9573

Out of respect of the loss of our granddaughter Kallee, the potlatch of the seating of Chief Thomas Rush will be POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. From Thomas Rush and Karen Frank.

PETER L. JOE MEMORIAL will be held January 8, 2005 For more information call Geraldine Joe (306) 697-3682

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.

NEW DATE - ADAM FRED MEMORIAL POTLATCH

Out of respect for the Fred family and their recent loss of Gerald Fred Sr. The Adam Fred (grandson to Gerald) Memorial Potlatch will be postponed until September 17th, 2005. If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to call one of the available numbers.

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 September 17th, 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.

Corby Frank's party has been postponed until further notice. Sorry about any inconvenience. Date still not decided. We will post an ad in Ha-Shilth-Sa as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events Nuuchah-nulth

SOUTHERN REGION
Hupacasath Kuunita (Backbone) Women's Circle
 Everyone Welcome (including kids)
 Weekly Wednesday Craft Circles
 Noon-3:00pm @ New Hupacasath Hall

National Addictions Awareness Week
 "Turning To Traditions"
 Start planning now to celebrate National Addictions Awareness Week
 November 14-20, 2004

CENTRAL REGION

Tseshaht Family Halloween Fun Night
 Friday, October 29th, 2004
 @ Maht Mahs 6:00 pm - midnight
 Free for Tseshaht Members & \$5/person for non-members
 Call Gina Pearson @ 724-1225

Contact local band offices and look for band bulletins to find out more about upcoming events in your area!

NORTHERN REGION

Sign Language Classes
 Thursday, November 4, 18 & 25, 2004
 Tseshaht Treaty Training Room
 10:00-11:00 am

Harlem Clowns
 Alcohol & Drug Awareness Workshop
 October 20, 2004 @ Gold River High School

Treatment/Choices After-care Circle
 Friday, November 5, 12 & 19, 2004
 Tseshaht Treaty Training Room
 1:00-3:00 pm

2:00 pm workshop 7:00 pm game
 Tickets available @ Mowachaht Band Office Contact Sue @ 283-2015
 Contact Sue @ 283-2015
 Contact Leon Murphy for details about upcoming Family Halloween Event!
 283-2015

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

Band Manager - Nuchatlaht Tribe

The Nuchatlaht Tribe has an immediate opportunity for an experienced manager, who has extensive experience in Finance, Business, Personnel, and Resource Management (fishery/forestry). The manager is responsible for administering and managing the overall operations of the Nuchatlaht Tribe, including programs, staff, services, and business ventures. The Manager is the primary point of contact for the administrative operations and related corporate interests of the Nuchatlaht Tribe.

- Responsibilities:**
- Ensures the coordination and preparation of all Chief & Council business and band community meetings.
 - Carries out the policies, procedures and operations of the Tribal affairs, also implements the mandates of the Nuchatlaht Tribe as defined by motion of Chief and Council and Band Membership in an efficient and timely manner.
 - Prepares reports, briefing notes and proposals on behalf of the Chief and Council.
 - Assists Chief and Council on development and negotiation of all contracts for the Nuchatlaht Tribe.
 - Oversees and monitors the Nuchatlaht Tribe budget with the Financial Controller.

Qualifications:
 Requires a BA, or Masters in Business or Public Administration with five years of related experience. Possess strong interpersonal and proven team-building skills. Have a strong understanding of inter-related issues involving First Nations and the Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments. Must be able to live in remote area and have personal wellness plan in place.
 The successful candidates will be required to provide a clean criminal record check, a current driver's license, and provide at least three references.
Salary: to be negotiated, pending qualifications and experience.
 Please send your hand written letter and typewritten resume by November 1, 2004 via fax or email to the attention of: Walter Michael, Chief Councillor, Box 40, Zeballos, B.C. Email: nuchatlaht@hotmail.com

Flea Market Extravaganza and Loonie Twoonie

Saturday, October 23rd & Saturday, November 6th and 20th.
Time: 10am to 4pm
 at the Somass Hall,
 6200 Ekooth on Tseshaht reserve #1
 More info call
 Linda Gomez @ 723-6194
 Get an early start on your Xmas shopping. Have something to sell?
 To book a table call
 Linda Gomez
 723-6194



Grieg Seafood BC Ltd. is a subsidiary of Grieg Seafood - Norway. We are a dynamic, growing company in the aquaculture industry and are currently seeking to fill the position of Hatchery Technician for our Gold River hatchery.

The successful candidate will be:

- Motivated, goal-oriented, and hard working
- Knowledge of aquaculture preferred but not essential.

Willing to train the right person for this full time permanent position.

Competitive benefits package including BC Medical offered.

Successful candidate must be willing and able to live in Gold River

Please submit written applications to:
 Fresh Water Production Manager
 Grieg Seafood BC Ltd.
 303 - 909 Island Highway
 Campbell River, BC V9W 2C2 Canada
 Fax: 250-286-1883
 Or email: shadden@grieg.ca

Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. We thank all other applicants for their interest in the position.

FAMILY FUN PUZZLE

Submitted by Tiiic'aaq (Mental Health)

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ACCEPTANCE	FISH-DAYS	MOVIES
BIRTHDAYS	GAMES	NICKNAMES
COLOURING	GIFTS	PUZZLES
COOKING	HOLIDAYS	RESPECT
DANCE-PRACTICE	JOKES	ROADTRIP
DANCING	LOVE	SPORTS
FEASTING		SUPPORT

Klecko's - ʔekoo

Tipiniksip and Myalthlooka would like to take this time out to express their deepest heartfelt gratitude to the people who have come to be with us and our son Warren in our time of grief. First of all, we'd like to thank Esquimalt First Nations, Marilyn Rush, Donna & Morgan Cook, Ahousaht First Nations, Cathy Little, Tla-o-qui-ah First Nations, Sidney Sam Sr, Louie & Eva Frank, Jerry Atleo, Jolene Atleo, Helena Sam, Doug Atleo, Roberta Charlie, West Coast International Group Consultants, Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council, Uchucklesaht band employees, Qluuta Quamina, Stanley Sam Sr, Wah nabs Contracting, Katie Fraser, Evans Martin, Christina Prevost, Husket (Percy) Campbell,

Mackenzie Charlie Sr, Agnes Tom, Dave Frank Sr, Marie Donahue, Betty Keitlah, Paul Rush, John Frank Jr, Keon Frank, Chief Andy Thomas, Pat Amos, Paul Amos, George Hunt Jr, Phyllis Amos. If we missed anyone it wasn't intentional. Once again thank you. Your generosity and kind words of encouragement touched us deeply and will never be forgotten. Also to everyone thank you for being so understanding with the postponement of our potlatch for Thomas Rush's seating. It is postponed until further notice. Klecko Klecko

Tipiniksip & Myalthlooka
Thomas Rush & Karen Frank
Warren Rush & family

Emergency Supply Checklist

Stocking up now on emergency supplies can add to your safety and comfort during and after an earthquake. Store enough supplies for at least 72 hours. Survival:

Water-2 quarts to 1 gallon per person per day; First aid kit-freshly stocked; First aid book; Food (packaged, canned, no-cook, baby food, and for special diets); Can opener (manual); Blankets or sleeping bags; Portable radio, flashlight and spare batteries; Essential medication and glasses; Fire extinguisher-A-B-C type; Food and water for pets; Money Sanitation Supplies:

Large plastic trash bags for trash, waste, water protection; Large trash cans; Bar soap and liquid detergent; shampoo; Toothpaste and toothbrushes; Feminine and infant supplies; Toilet paper; Household bleach; Newspaper-to wrap garbage & waste; Safety and Comfort:

Sturdy shoes; Heavy gloves for clearing debris; Candles and matches; Change of clothing; Knife or razor blades; Garden hose-for siphoning and fire fighting; Tent Cooking: Barbecue, camp stove; Fuel for cooking (charcoal, camp stove fuel, etc.); Plastic knives, forks, spoons; Paper plates and cups; Paper towels; Heavy-duty aluminum foil Tools and supplies: Axe, shovel, broom; Crescent wrench for turning off gas; Screwdriver, pliers, hammer; Coil of 1/2" rope; Plastic tape and sheeting; Toys for children

PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION:

- Have you appointed a Neighbourhood Leader or Block Coordinator who will keep a record of neighbourhood residents, skills and equipment?
- Have you identified those persons in your neighbourhood that may require special assistance in an emergency?
- Have you developed a listing of tools, equipment and materials available in the neighbourhood, including private sector resources?
- Are you promoting public education about earthquake preparedness through local neighbourhood papers and service clubs?
- Have you organized first aid, search and rescue, communications, firefighting and damage assessment teams? Have these teams received adequate training?
- Have you developed self-help networks between neighbourhoods through a skills bank?

- Do you have a pre-established location where the injured can be treated, and volunteers and emergency care resources can be collected and distributed?
- Do you know your neighbourhood's ham radio and CB radio operators?
- Have you established procedures for communicating with police, sheriff, fire and emergency services?
- Have you inventoried the number and types of mobile (RV) equipment?
- Have you familiarized local emergency services offices and volunteer organizations with your neighbourhood plan?
- Have you informed everyone which radio station to listen to and where emergency equipment and supplies are kept?

EMERGENCY RESPONSE:

- Do neighbours know to check in on immediate neighbours?
- Do neighbours know to check in with the Neighbourhood Leader or Block Coordinator?
- Has everyone agreed to hang a white "flag" out after the earthquake to signal that everyone and everything is all right?
- Will neighbours automatically begin search and rescue, checking first on homes where no flags are displayed?
- Are volunteers available to: administer first aid to the seriously injured? Conduct initial damage assessments? Make a list of missing persons? Make a list of injured persons and identify medical needs? Begin removal of rubble and other material, which may block emergency response functions? Contain any wandering pets in a confined area? Identify those structures that pose potential hazards and post warning signs or cordon off? Is there a plan to set up a mobile/central communications centre? Is there a plan to contact outside support services, report damages, request needed supplies, and offer skills and resources that are available? Do neighbours know to keep radio channels open and stand by for emergency information and instructions? Is there a plan to set up assistance centres for incoming evacuees? Are there procedures for water purification and alternative waste disposal systems?

This information comes from John Martin's Emergency Supply checklist.

If you cannot say anything nice, do not say anything at all!

By J'net August
NTC Southern Region Huupiiistulth
(Helping Each Other) Worker

Gossip, rumours, secrets, lateral violence, hearsay, cheap-shots and scandals! Sound familiar? When people do not know what is happening – and do not take the time to gather facts respectfully – people make things up! Even the stories people make up get twisted and changed in the retelling. Did you hear... Have you heard... Do not tell anyone, but... Far be it for me to say anything, but... Has anyone told you yet... Guess what... You know what happened... I just found out...

They think they are better than we are... Really, that's not what I heard... Yes, and you know what else...

The above statements are just a small sample of warning signs that gossip's ugly head is rearing itself throughout all our communities and membership on and off reserve!

Where are the feelings of respect, love, consideration and courage to confront one another when hurtful words are running unchecked? What are the signals, feelings and gut reactions that happen when we hear other's talking trash? What can we say or do? Here are a few ideas to get your wheels turning and be a part of the solution to stop the cycle of gossip:

This is a conversation I do not wish to be apart of, and walk away.

I am more interested in knowing what really happened and not what you think happened.

This seems like a conversation you need to have with the person you are talking about and not with me.

You are sharing more information about someone else and I am not interested with what you have to say.

Wow! I wonder how the person you are talking about would feel knowing what you are telling me about them.

Gossip is not cultural. Gossip has the bitter taste of jealousy, envy and reveals a whole lot of insecurity about the messenger. What is amazing is how we lose sight of the fact that when gossip occurs in our communities who are we talking about? Our flesh and blood! Family and extended family are the unfortunate targets.

The effects of gossip are most revealing among our children. Miserable parents who have nothing nice to say about others can breed miserable offspring. One side of the coin is the children mimic parent's and grandparent's gossip habits and the kids themselves become like parrots repeating nasty words of disrespect.

The flipside is the impact of children being exposed to gossip become terribly insecure, frightful and live a life of walking on eggshells worried they will feel the wrath of family making them their next targets to belittle.

So, if you catch yourself dipping into a negative thought about another person, remember, if you cannot say anything nice, do not say anything at all!

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- bring your business plan, if you have one, to the first meeting and discuss with your BDO
- if you do not have a business plan bring your business information and the BDO can assist in the development by explaining NEDC requirements and offering resource suggestions, financial advise, etc.
- show that the proposed business has the potential for permanent employment
- meet equity and security requirements

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NEDC Scholarships

The NEDC scholarship is a \$1,000 award given to Nuu-chah-nulth students enrolled in an accredited post-secondary business, finance or commerce program to reward academic excellence.

The NEDC scholarships are presented at the NTC Post Secondary Scholarship and Graduation dinner. This year the dinner was held on September 30th at Maht Mas and the NEDC Chairperson, Darleen Watts congratulated each of our recipients and presented them with their scholarships.



NEDC Board Chair, Darleen Watts and the 2004 recipients

This is the fourth year that NEDC has awarded scholarships - a total of fourteen in all - and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize the previous recipients:

- 2001: Bella Joe, Tseshaht First Nation
Jose Robinson, Ahousaht First Nation
Cherie Williams, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
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- 2003: Leah Mack, Toquaht
April Charleson, Ahousaht First Nation
Jack Little Jr., Ahousaht First Nation

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2004 RECIPIENTS

Jack Little Jr., from the Ahousaht First Nation, is completing a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in finance at Malaspina University College. He says that the NEDC scholarship helps by reducing financial stress, which allows him greater focus on his studies. Jack's long-term goals include working for the Nuu-chah-nulth and developing his own business.

Jeff Watts, from the Hupacasath First Nation, is enrolled in the Bachelor of Business Program at Malaspina University College - he will complete in April 2006. He was very pleased to receive his scholarship and will apply it toward his tuition fees. Jeff plans to continue his education by taking his MBA at UBC.

Tina Robinson, from the Uchucklesaht First Nation, is taking an accelerated one-year program through a Malaspina partnership to acquire her Masters in Business Administration degree. Tina is going to use her scholarship to pay down tuition and toward a new laptop computer. In her future Tina plans to work for the Nuu-chah-nulth in areas of program development.

Erica Mack, from the Ahousaht First Nation is also a student at Malaspina University College, taking her Bachelor of Business Administration degree. She will use her scholarship money for extra books, transportation and to have a little fun. Erica plans to round out her education with a degree in Accounting.



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