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Police inquiry dismisses complaints

By David Wiwchar
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Campbell River - An internal investigation of police abuses against First Nations people in this northern Vancouver Island city have been dismissed, while the main complainant is calling the report a 'white-wash'. Earlier this year, six Nuu-chah-nulth-aht living in Campbell River came forward with concerns about abuse and racial profiling on the part of Campbell River Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) members.

An internal investigation of police abuses against First Nations people have been dismissed, while the main complainant is calling the report a 'white-wash'.

"Even though there's a high proportion of First Nations people here in Campbell River, it's as if the cops think we all look the same, and if they're after a Native person, we're all suspects," said Steven Jules, one of the original complainants.

Jules, a 44-year old member of the Kyuquot First Nation alleged he was beaten by four RCMP officers on August 12th, 2004 while he was trying to sell a bracelet near his 7th Avenue home.

After his story and the testimonies of



Campbell River RCMP Staff Sergeant Doug Greep

Leroy Jack, Conrad James Swan, and Alison and Velina Vincent were printed in the January 13, 2005 issue of *Ha-Shilth-Sa*, the RCMP launched an internal investigation led by Staff Sergeant Tim Bain from Vancouver Island RCMP Headquarters in Victoria.

The investigation focused solely on the incident involving Steven Jules, and failed to support his allegations despite discrepancies in the testimonies of the four officers involved.

According to Jules, he suffered numerous scrapes and bruises and a pair of broken toes from being forced onto the ground, bruised wrists from over-tightened handcuffs, and nightmares and stress from the entire event.

According to the RCMP report written by Inspector P.N. Cheney, Assistant District Officer for Island District "E" Division, "Constable Plamondon advised that he either pushed you to the ground or you tripped on a curb at which time he applied handcuffs and placed you in the rear of the police vehicle. He could not recall if the backup officers assisted in your control and movement or not".

"Constable Plamondon advised that he either pushed you to the ground or you tripped on a curb ... " wrote Inspector Cheney in his internal RCMP report.

The other three officers involved offered different stories of their involvement. Constable Dormuth said when he arrived on the scene he saw Constable Plomondon on the ground applying handcuffs on Jules, and when he tried to assist was told everything was under control.

But Constable McKenna said when he arrived on scene, he saw three officers attempting to handcuff Jules, who was resisting, and he assisted in controlling him. Constable Goulet claimed she also assisted in handcuffing Jules, but said Jules was not resisting.

Jules arrest happened on a side street behind a busy commercial area, bordering a residential neighbourhood. As he was being arrested, Jules said he was screaming for help, and dozens of people came out of their homes and shops to see what was going on. He called out his home phone number and pleaded with onlookers to call his wife

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HahoPayuk Dancers welcome Gitxsan Spirit Walkers to Tsahaheh Gitxsan walkers arrive in Alberni

By David Wiwchar
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tsahaheh - Tears of relief mixed with tears of past memories as thirty Gitxsan walkers completed their 1600 kilometre journey from Prince Rupert to the former site of the Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS).

As a crowd of walkers made their final strides up Mission Road, many people burst into tears as they saw some of the remnants of the former residential school. The buildings and surroundings thrust them back into childhood, when they were ripped from their families at early ages, and sent far away to a world of abuse, violence, and loneliness. For many, this was their first trip back to Port Alberni since they left AIRS.

Grown men wept openly; deep, guttural sobs filled the air.

The children of HahoPayuk School, who had come to dance for the walkers, stood in shock. Even though their cultural teacher Jessie Stevens explained the significance of the day before the walkers arrived, and how these people had been stolen from their families as children, the look of true understanding washed over the children's faces as they continued to sing welcome songs.

The Gitxsan walkers were joined by dozens of Nuu-chah-nulth-aht at the Clutesi Haven Marina, who then walked with their visitors for the final two kilometers to Maht Mahs.

Upon entering Maht Mahs, the walkers were ceremonially brushed off, and a luncheon was served for the Gitxsan people, and more than 100 of their supporters.

"We admire your courage and determination to bring attention to an

unfortunate part of First Nations history," said Tseshaht Chief Councilor Les Sam in welcoming the Gitxsan Spirit Walkers. "We are aware of the hurt and long-term suffering that was inflicted upon our First Nations brothers and sisters that attended this residential school. We too share your hurt, we feel your emotion, and we acknowledge that closure is needed. It was the Canadian government that created these institutions and they must be held accountable," he said.

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"We regret the fact that this particular institution was on Tseshaht territory," said Tseshaht vice-chief Deb Foxcroft. "We are sorry these bad things happened to you on our territory. The things that happened to you as children were not your fault," she said.

The walkers left Prince Rupert on April 1st, and met many residential school survivors along the way, and raising the profile of Residential School issues.

After arriving on May 3rd, the walkers spent the afternoon conducting traditional Gitxsan healing rituals with the assistance of Nuu-chah-nulth.

"I feel really good now," said William Matthews, who attended AIRS for seven years in the 1960's. "As I came up the hill I was all tense and scared. I broke down. But that's part of healing," he said. "Along the journey I let go of a lot of negative stuff. I'm glad I did it. I feel a lot lighter and freer now."

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Cedar trees planted to remember children-in-care

By J'net August
NTC Huupistulth (Helping Each Other) Worker

On a wonderful April sun-drenched day the students and teachers at Ha-ho-payuk Elementary School graciously greeted guests from the Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services from Victoria. The delegation of ten brought with them 10 cedar saplings to represent the number of Tseshaht children in foster care in the greater Victoria area. Last spring in Victoria, Surrounded by Cedar teamed up with concerned community members to strike a campaign called Bringing Our Children Home Community Action Group. This group gathered on the legislature with 137 cedar saplings to symbolize the number of Aboriginal children in permanent care. The children are linked to 45 different nations from the almost 200 First Nations communities in British Columbia.

Once I found out about an opportunity for First Nations communities to adopt these trees, I contacted Gail K. Gus, and we made our connection with Shelly Johnson, CEO for Surrounded by Cedar to make arrangements to bring home the saplings.

The cedar saplings were adopted and ceremoniously planted on Tseshaht Territory with two at Ha-ho-payuk Elementary, four at T'atnee?is daycare



Gail Gus helps HahoPayuk students plant cedar trees at the school

and the remaining four at Papermill Dam. The children helped plant the trees, including a respectful prayer song sung for the occasion.

When we asked the children to circle around the little trees being planted and found out who knew what being in foster care meant, at least a dozen hands went up including my own for all the years I was raised away in white foster homes.

It was explained to the children how these trees represent 10 Tseshaht children currently in foster care in Victoria and their role was to witness and remember why these trees were planted and help them grow. We can watch these trees grow while knowing there are 10 Tseshaht children who have roots in this community and when they are ready we will welcome them home someday.

For other First Nations communities to ceremoniously adopt and plant cedar saplings to acknowledge their nations' children-in-care in the Victoria area, contact Shelly Johnson @ 250-383-2990 or go to their website: www.surroundedbycedar.com

We hope you take the time like Tseshaht First Nation did to adopt/plant some cedar saplings to celebrate the ancestral roots of their children-in-care and hold them respectfully in your hearts to await their return home someday.



HahoPayuk's dancers welcome Surrounded by Cedar representatives



Tragedy cuts Treaty Planning Meeting short

By Denise August,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni - Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty teams arrived at Somass Hall April 19th intending to spend two days strategizing for the next Negotiation meeting with federal and provincial government representatives scheduled for later that week.

Ahousaht Chief Negotiator Nelson Keitlah said the opening prayer followed by Tseshaht Chief Negotiator Richard Watts' welcoming the teams to Tseshaht traditional territory.

The Mowachaht/Muchalaht delegation introduced Wickaninnish, Cliff Atleo Sr. as their newly appointed Chief negotiator. His first order of business in his new role was to request the Regional Aquatic Management Board (WCVIRAMB) issue be added to the agenda because, he said, it's very troubling what is happening.

"The West Coast Vancouver Island Aquatic Management Board started out as a proposal from Nuu-chah-nulth in 1997", he advised, "when we said we wanted to be part of fish management as in interim measure." He said every Nuu-chah-nulth tribes had a fishery management plan.

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Three years ago, he explained, the WCVIAMB were recognized nationally as a pilot program even though 'it wasn't everything we wanted but it got us to the table.' It was patterned after the Central Region Board as it was community-based resource management. At the January Board meeting DFO, the major financial backer of the Board, announced they would no longer provide funding due to changes in federal budgets. The table agreed to add the item to the agenda.

NTC Executive Director Florence Wylie arrived at the meeting to announce she had important items of business that arose from the NTC Budget Meeting. The Treaty Manager position, she announced, has been offered to Michelle Corfield and she accepted. She thanked Michelle for the work she accomplished on the interim. Of financial matters in the area of treaty Wylie reported policies were established by motion by the Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Negotiation Teams. The Urban Representation fund was one area that went over budget and the table needs to decide how spending in that area will be cut. Recommendations were made that Administration provide the Treaty Planning Table with documentation about budgets, policies, procedures and guidelines so the table

can make informed decisions and clear up some of the confusion that was noted at the NTC Budget Meeting.

The seven First Nations approved the request of the 2005/2006 fiscal year Loan and Contribution Funding from the British Columbia Treaty Commission. The requested funding is to go to the individual First Nations to operate their respective treaty teams.

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Nuu-chah-nulth, she reported, is seeking to amend the Framework Agreement to remove the names of the First Nations that are no longer part of their table. BC Negotiator Gordon Douglas indicated they may want to make amendments also.

Nuu-chah-nulth Negotiators presented their Governance document and agreed to provide definition for Nuu-chah-nulth language used in the documents.

Canada tabled an Indian Act Transition Chapter which will be reviewed at a Side Table meeting. The next Tripartite Standing Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 22 in Victoria.

The table agreed that the Province's lack of involvement in the negotiations for the past four years needs to be addressed. "The province has gone to an all-time low," Keitlah complained, "so much so that they're making the Federal Government look good."

Richard Watts pointed out it is clear that NCN are not a priority with the province and while that is troubling, the Indian Act is under Canada's authority and they are the ones NCN ultimately have to deal with.

Richard Watts presented the Break-out Group Notes on Lands outlining proposed Nuu-chah-nulth strategy for the negotiation of treaty lands, access to and governance over them and other forms of land holdings.

"I don't know why we're so kind hearted because they steal our land and they steal our resources and we don't want to upset them," Atleo pointed out. He said NCN need to let government and the public know that our Ha'wiih come to the table with tremendous generosity. "Why are our people suffering?" he asked. "It's wrong and we need to make them understand; we need to decolonize our thinking and embrace what our



Mowachaht / Muchalaht Negotiators Ben Jack and Cliff Atleo Sr. listen to Treaty Planning discussions at Somass Hall.

Ha'wiih own." Cliff Atleo declared. Day two delegations began working on treaty chapters in breakout groups. It was pointed out many came this day with a heavy heart following the sad news of three Nuu-chah-nulth deaths in less than two days. They made suggestions for how the days work would proceed, if at all.

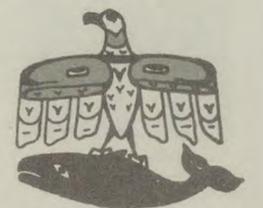
Nelson Keitlah says there is important work to do; work that affects the futures of Nuu-chah-nulth people and their health and well-being. Meanwhile people in the communities continue to suffer losses, suicide and depression.

Watts pointed out suicides in our communities are a symptom of something far deeper. He said an addictions counsellor once said if everyone in this community were to quit alcohol and drugs today it would take another seven generations to completely erase effects. There is no quick fix and Nuu-chah-nulth leaders have their work cut out for them well into the future. The teams broke out into working groups but adjourned the meeting when news of the death of Huu-ay-ah Ha'wiih Victor Williams arrived.



Hesquiaht's Simon Lucas proudly wears a pin endorsing the NDP's Scott Fraser in Alberni - Qualicum. All Nuu-chah-nulth are urged to vote in the upcoming provincial election on May 17th.

All Nuu-chah-nulth are invited To celebrate the 150th Anniversary Of the 1855 Treaty of Neah Bay



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Hundreds visit Hupacasath Career Fair

By David Wiwchar
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

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Five role models were also highlighted at the event, and spoke to those gathered about what led them towards their professions and accomplishments. Shaunee Casavant of Hupacasath, who started her career as a nurse and has now started a business consultation company, advised students to "make sure you stay in school and finish what you're doing". Constable Corinne Shabernak (nee Lauder), also from Hupacasath spoke on her career in the RCMP which has seen her posted all around Vancouver Island and Haida Gwaii, before Dianne Elliot (Hupacasath / Cowichan) spoke on her role as the Provincial Advisor for the Infant Development Program. Ayla Brown (Ahousah / Heiltsuk) spoke on her recent trip to Indonesia with other students from Shawnigan

Lake School. "You have to do things for yourself and prove to yourself that you can do great things," she said.

NTC Central Region Co-chair and BC Chief of the Assembly of First Nations A-in-chut (Shawn Atleo) spoke on his career in politics, and encouraged others to consider politics as a way to affect change and improve the lives of all people.

"I come from a family of whalers, and that history has taught me the value of teamwork and community support," said A-in-chut. "The modern whale is education and careers, and we have a history of success as whalers that is starting to evolve into success in modern fields," he said.

A-in-chut said his journey to politics took a while, and before attaining his Masters degree and going into his current field, he owned a cappuccino stand, and even worked as a Breakdance instructor in the 1980's.

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The one-day event held Thursday, April 21st at the Hupacasath House of gathering was organized by Vina



Shaunee Casavant speaks as one of the featured role models at the Hupacasath Career Fair

Robinson and Nancy Atleo, and featured the following exhibitors: Alberni District Secondary School Bank of Montreal Canadian Forces Recruiting, Vancouver Chatwin Engineering Ltd China Creek Hydro Project CIBC - Wood Gundy Dennis Jonsson Motor Products Ltd. Eagle Rock Materials Fusion Spa HFN Woodlot Kwantlen University-College Malaspina University-College Nicola Valley Institute of Technology North Island College Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Education Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, Fisheries Port Alberni Friendship Center RCMP, Oceanside Detachment Red Fish Blue Fish Consulting Sandbar Restaurant, Manager Shawnigan Lake School Terasen Gas

number of students who came by asking questions about educational opportunities and possibilities for the future," she said.

When asked why the event was so successful, organizers Vina Robinson and Nancy Atleo commented, "Following the vision of the Hupacasath First Nation leadership, we did our homework by creating a dynamic and interactive website, recruiting quality exhibitors and companies that were excited to contribute and meet motivated Hupacasath and Nuu-chah-nulth people who were looking to explore opportunities for themselves. Holding the event at the beautiful Hupacasath House of Gathering, creating a fun atmosphere and having all the great participants respond to our invitation came together to make for a great event."

The organizers would like to send special thanks to the many volunteers who assisted in the event. Special thanks to: Warren Lauder, Kelly Johnson, Eileen Haggard, Rory Rickwood, Angie Miller and J'Net August as well as the talented role models: Diana Elliott, Shaunee Casavant, Ayla Brown, Cst. Corinne Shabernak, and Shawn Atleo.

Additional thanks to Chumus Catering for providing the splendid food, and finally to the Hupacasath First Nation Economic Development Corporation for funding such a successful event.

Patricia Jones takes Clean Sweep

Tla-o-qui-aht's Patricia Jones recently purchased Clean Sweep Vacuums in Qualicum, and invites all Nuu-chah-nulth to visit her at her new location.

With the previous owners wanting to retire from the business, Patricia will be managing the store and selling top-of-the-line vacuum cleaners and built-in systems including: Beam, Easy Flo, and vacuums such as Oreck, Samsung, and Tango, and hardwood floors kits. The store also has a large supply of vacuum bags and belts, and offers repairs on all makes and models. Thomas George will be installing built in central vacs in the west coast area, and Patricia hopes to make room in the store for selling native art, jewelry, and soapstone on consignment. "Parksville and Qualicum

has a lot of tourist and collectors that are looking for fine art, so this will be an excellent opportunity for our artists to reach that market," said Patricia, who will be coming to the west coast every week to bring supplies to hotels in Tofino and is willing to bring to you what ever you may need for the vacuum or hardwood floors in your home. "If you are coming thru Qualicum Beach drop by and say hi, and see what I have in the line of Vacuums and supplies," she said.

The store is located at 736 Memorial, or you can contact Patricia at 250-752-8899 or fax 752-9353, Monday to Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm.

MISSING - One 18" x 18" clear, plexiglass display box with woven cedar basket (circa early 1900's) was discovered missing from the Administration Office foyer of the Mowachaht/Muchalahit First Nation sometime after Christmas. The basket was approximately 12" wide x 12" long x 14" height woven in a simple basket weave style with no handles. It was in fragile condition, collapsed and a darkened cedar color.

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of this Muchalahit artifact, please contact Margarita James, Director of Cultural & Heritage Resources in the Administration Office or the Gold River detachment of the RCMP.

RCMP Internal Investigation concluded

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and tell her what was going on. "I was told if I didn't shut up they would use a taser on me," said Jules. According to Jules, his wife rushed to the police station after she received a phone call from one of the onlookers. But despite admitting Jules was yelling, and later left the police station with two women, all four officers said there were no onlookers attracted by the commotion on that hot and sunny August day.

As for the injuries Jules alleges to have sustained during the incident, medical reports from Campbell River General Hospital showed abrasions to his left shoulder, pain in his wrists, and a fractured toe.

According to the internal investigation report provided to *Ha-Shilth-Sa* by Jules, Constable Plomondon "could not recall any injuries" to Jules after the arrest, and Constable Dormuth who worked as a paramedic before joining the RCMP said Jules "exhibited no indications that [he was] injured upon being released".

In concluding the report, Inspector Cheney wrote: "It is most unfortunate if you sustained injuries while being controlled. With the absence of independent witnesses and the discrepancies in your account of the incident, I cannot support your allegation. Pursuant to Section 45.4 of the RCMP Act, I am notifying you that the investigation into your complaint has now been concluded."

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But nowhere in the six-page report on the nine-week investigation by Staff Sergeants Bain and Miles are allegations of racial profiling mentioned, or other complainants alluded to.

S/S Bain said the family of Leroy Jack did not want to pursue a complaint, and added issues surrounding racial profiling could only be dealt with at the Campbell River Detachment level.

When asked about the inconsistencies in the testimonies of the four RCMP officers, Bain said "something that happened six months ago and is a non-event that didn't go to court, and there's no report to Crown Counsel or anything like that, people are winging it off the top of their head". When asked how many people were involved in the arrest, Bain said, "it all depends who you talk to. The bottom line is his accusations of excessive force are totally unfounded". "We did a thorough investigation and

statements were taken from everybody involved," said Staff Sergeant Doug Greep from the Campbell River RCMP. "We're confident the individuals who did the investigation did all they could to extract the information that was available, and when they put all the information together, they came up with their conclusion and that's what we have to go by," he said. "We are always concerned that our community feels safe, and is confident in their police. We're always willing to look at ways to improve our policing performance, but in this case our officers were right in what they were doing," he said.

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Our attempts to contact Inspector Cheney were rebuffed, and according to Corporal Anthony Choy from "E" Division Strategic Communications, "we are not prepared to discuss this any further". Despite numerous calls to RCMP headquarters over the past few weeks, there was no indication the internal investigation had been completed, even though the report given to *Ha-Shilth-Sa* is dated April 1st, 2005.

On April 26th Campbell River RCMP sent out a news release stating: "In January of 2005 the Campbell River RCMP received an inquiry from the *Ha-Shilth-Sa* Newspaper indicating three First Nations persons had reported to them that they had been mistreated by members of the Campbell River RCMP. The allegations related to specific occurrences as well as issues relating to a general abuse of First Nations people at the hands of the local RCMP and racial profiling. Due to the nature, and seriousness of the complaints, the Officer in Charge of the Campbell River RCMP immediately requested the Island District RCMP assign an independent senior officer to investigate the allegations. The investigation did not find any abusive behaviour by the RCMP officers nor was there evidence to support racial profiling. As a result to the findings of the independent investigator, the Campbell River RCMP have now concluded their file." Despite being mentioned in the first sentence as moving the RCMP to launch an investigation, *Ha-Shilth-Sa* Newspaper did not receive the press



(l-r) Saya Masso and Chief Barney Williams Jr. present a cheque to Brian Chatwin for the construction of a Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Centre.

Tla-o-qui-aht to construct new Youth Centre

Chief Barney Williams, of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations and Saya Masso, Councillor present Brian Chatwin, Chairman of the Building Program for the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Centre for \$100,000 to cover the cost of the land being presented to the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Society for their new Youth Centre on Meares Island.

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations to fund the land component of the new Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Center.

Saya Masso, Councillor in charge of the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Centre said "This is a fantastic contribution. The Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations is dedicated to the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Society land valued at a \$100,000 for the development of the overall Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Society Project." The project is to be built in three phases. The first project which is currently being funded is for a Youth Centre building to provide a drop-in centre for the

youth at Opitsaht on Meares Island. The second phase would be an outdoor basketball court and the third phase would be a gymnasium converting the outdoor basketball court to an indoor court. Chief Barney Williams said "they need to develop facilities for our youth here at Meares Island as it's expensive for youth to pay for a water taxi to get on and off the Island to participate in local community sports associations".

The Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Society is being formed it will hold title to the land in perpetuity. This Society is being formed to benefit the youth and future generations of youth of the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations.

Any one wishing to contribute to the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Centre, please contact the Building Program Chairman, Brian Chatwin at 250-753-9171.

release from the police, but from a reporter with the *Campbell River Courier - Islander* newspaper, who have also been following this story.

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Jules plans to appeal the internal investigation's report to the Commission for Public Complaints Against the RCMP.

"We as Nuu-chah-nulth leaders are watching this situation very closely," said NTC Northern Region Co-chair. "I'll be organizing a meeting between our Ha'wiih and the RCMP, and I'll be raising this issue at the First Nations Summit, Assembly of First Nations, and Chief Negotiators meetings. Something has to change, and regardless of agreements the RCMP have with other First Nations or First Nations organizations, if our people are being mistreated, we're going to have something to say about it and will do everything we can to improve things for our people," he said.

Gordon Campbell's Liberals can't hide from their record.

- Did not respect First Nations by launching a \$3 million referendum that was confrontational and set the treaty process back by at least two years.
- Failed to appropriately consult and accommodate First Nations in areas where the Supreme Court has made clear that responsibility exists.
- Cut services for children, women and seniors.

Enough is enough.



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Carole James and the NDP will work respectfully with First Nations.

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Sports - ʻIm-čap-mis



Leon 'Little Thunder' Gallic practices with trainer Stan Matthew

Gallic wants to fight

By David Wiwchar
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tsahaheh - As the sky darkens into night, the sound of skipping ropes and punching bags can clearly be heard around the Tseshaht Cultural Centre as Leon 'Little Thunder' Gallic prepares for his first fight.

The 22-year old Tseshaht member, who pumps gas at Tseshaht Market during the day, is hoping to take the \$1000 top prize in the upcoming "So You Wanna Fight" boxing challenge in Nanaimo. Gallic will enter the squared circle on Friday, May 27th at Frank Crane Arena

in the lightweight division (145 lbs. and under), and has been training since November 2004.

Gallic, who admits he's never been in a fight before, is being trained by Tla-o-qui-aht's Stan Matthew, who drives from his home in Nanaimo every Wednesday night to put Gallic and other boxers through their paces.

Both men and women train with Matthew at the Tseshaht Cultural Centre, and there's plenty of room for more to join the circuit-training workout, which starts at 7:30 pm.

For tickets to the "So You Wanna Fight" night, or to enter yourself, call (250) 751-3657.

CanSkater of the Year Kristen Livingstone-Hamilton



We would like to congratulate our daughter Kristen Livingstone-Hamilton on her achievements in her ice skating for this year. She attended her very first two competitions with the first one being in Courtenay (she placed 4th) and the second one held in Victoria in which she placed 1st and received her first gold medal!

Also a big congratulations on receiving a Canskater of the year award at her recent year end banquet!

All of your family and extended family are very proud of you and look forward to what the future holds.

We would like to thank all those who have supported Kristen in her endeavors. You make mommy and daddy so proud. Remember the sky's the limit!

Kristen is 6 years old and is the daughter of Aaron and Melanie Hamilton, granddaughter of Buddy Hamilton and Unny Anker and Cyril and Georgina Livingstone.

Tournaments

You're Invited To Train, Race & Try To Beat Us in the Opitsaht Canoe Races May 21 - 22, 2005.

Possibly May 23rd depending on registration. Only 3 Months to Go!

So BE READY & BE THERE! 1st Prize - Traditional Dug-out Chuputz. Camping available. For more info contact Arnold Frank 725-8094 or 725-3186 or Ivy Martin at 725-2299, or Moses Martin or Carla Moss at 725-2765.

Maaqtusiis Lady Storm Hawaii Bound for 13th Annual Palama Settlement Classic

Maaqtusiis Lady Storm have submitted our Senior Girls School Team for a tournament in Hawaii in December of 2005. We will be fundraising to take 12 players and 4 chaperones on this trip of a lifetime. Our families have given us full support for this plan and we would like to inform the community of our intent.

If there is any way you can help us we would greatly appreciate it, whether it is financially or giving suggestions. You can contact Rebecca Atleo at the school; 250-670-9589 or at home: 250-670-2390

Cowichan Youth Soccer Tournament - May 7 & 8, 2005

Deadline for registration: April 22, 2005
7 & under (7 aside) \$100 registry, 10 & under (7 aside) \$100 registry
13 & under (11 aside) \$125 registry, Mother's Day Weekend
Contact: Francine Peter daytime (250) 746-8350, Evening (250) 746-1760, fax (250) 746-8375 Email: fran@khowutzun.com
Make payable to Francine Peter. Mail cheque or money order to: P.O. Box 455, Duncan, B.C. V9L 3X8 by April 22, 2005

Andrew David's 3rd Annual Slow Pitch Tournament

July 22 to 24 At Wickaninnish Field
This will consist of 7 male and 3 female on field at all times. The entry fee is \$300.00 per team and to secure a spot in the tournament please make a deposit of \$100.00 check or money order payable to Andrew David and mail to PO Box 18, Tofino, B.C. V0R-2Z0. There will be trophies and cash prizes.

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First canoes depart Kyuquot July 16	July 27 - Dtitidat
July 17 - Nuchatlait	July 28 - arrive Pachcedaht
July 18 - Ehattesaht	
July 19 - Mowachaht	July 29 - 30 - Pachcedaht to Neah Bay (option 1 - depending on each tribe)
July 20 - arrive Hesquiaht	
July 21 - Hesquiaht	
July 22 - Ahousaht	July 31 - Lower Elwha
July 23 - Tla-o-qui-aht	August 1 - Welcoming
July 24 - Ucluelet	
July 25 - Huu-ay-aht (await canoes from Tseshaht & Hupacasath)	July 29 - Victoria (Esquimalt) to Lower Elwha (option 2 - depending on each tribe)
July 26 - Huu-ay-aht	

Skipper meetings will be held:
May 7, 2005 - Gold River.

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poets nook

Lend me your hope

Lend me your hope for awhile;
I seem to have mislaid mine.
Lost and hopeless feelings accompany me daily;
pain and confusion are my companions.
I know not where to turn,
looking ahead to future times does not bring forth images of renewed hope.
I see troubled times,
pain-filled days and more tragedy.
Lend me your hope for awhile;
I seem to have mislaid mine.
Hold my hand and hug me,
listen to all my ramblings,
recovery seems so far distant.
The road to healing seems like a long and lonely one.

Lend me your hope for awhile;
I seem to have mislaid mine.
Stand by me;
offer me your presence,
your heart and your love.
Acknowledge my pain;
it is so real and ever present.
I am overwhelmed with sad and conflicting thoughts.
Lend me your hope for awhile,
a time will come when I will heal,
and I will share my renewal,
hope and love with others.
(Adapted from the poem, "Lend me your hope" author unknown)
Submitted by S. Van V.

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Ministry Of Forests BC Timber Sales South Island Forest District Alberni Operating Area Major Amendment 2002-2006 Forest Development Plan

Notice is hereby given that BC Timber Sales (BCTS) will hold a public viewing of the proposed major amendment of the 2002-2006 BC Timber Sales Alberni Operating Area, Forest Development Plan for the Maggie Lake/Ucluelet portion of the plan. The major amendment is required for the addition of one new Block

Draw lake-Block 0301A-New Block

The Forest Development Plan Amendment shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting, road development, maintenance, deactivation, basic silviculture and salvage as identified on accompanying prescriptions. This plan also has information on the protection of other resource values in the planning areas. It is made available for review and comment to all resource agencies, First Nations and the public before the Ministry of Forests considers approval of the plan. All approved Operational Plans and any Higher Level Plans that encompass the Development Plan will be made available during the review and comment period upon request at the Interfor office. All completed assessments (Sections 13 to 17 of the OSPR) are available upon request from Interfor during the review and comment period.

The Forest Development Plan Amendment will be available for review at International Forest Products Ltd., West Coast Operations, 2777-C Pacific Rim Hwy, Ucluelet, B.C., the Ministry of Forests, South Island Forest District, 4885 Cherry Creek Road, Port Alberni, B.C., the Ucluelet Economic Development Corporation, 200 Main Street, Ucluelet, B. C., and the Ministry of Forests (BC Timber Sales), 370 S. Dogwood Street, Campbell River, B.C. from Monday May 9, 2005 until Monday May 23, 2005 during normal business hours (9am to 4pm Monday to Friday).

THE PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD FOR THIS PLAN WILL BE FROM MONDAY MAY 9, 2005 TO MONDAY MAY 23, 2005

A representative of International Forest Products Ltd. (for BC Timber Sales) will be available at the West Coast Operations Office to review and discuss the proposed plans. The proposed plan may be amended as a result of written comments received by May 23, 2005. Written comments regarding this proposed FDP are to be forwarded to Zoltan Schafer, R.P.F. at Ucluelet Economic Development Corporation or to Rob Martin, BC Timber Sales, Ministry of Forests, Campbell River.

If interested parties are unable to review the plan during those times, arrangements can be made to review the plan at a time that is convenient for them. Please contact Zoltan Schafer, R.P.F. Consulting Forester Ucluelet Economic Development Corporation 200 Main Street, PO Box 999, Ucluelet, BC V0R-3A0. Phone: 250-720-1177 Fax: 250-720-0345, E-mail: zolie_schafer@telus.net or Rob Martin, R.P.F. Planning Officer, BC Timber Sales, 370 S. Dogwood Street, Campbell River, BC V9W 6Y7 Phone: 250-286-9349 Fax: 250-286-9420

THERE ARE NO OPEN HOUSES FOR THIS MAJOR AMENDMENT

Young Couple Marries in Ahousaht

By Denise August,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Maaqtusiis - Visitors from Kyuquot, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht and other places arrived at Ahousaht to witness the April 30th marriage of Star Jack and Paul Frank Jr. The couple faced a litany of setbacks that delayed their wedding almost three hours. A power failure that morning sent the cooks into a frenzy, wondering what to do with the dozens of turkeys. Luckily power was restored to the community before lunch.

Grey, drizzling skies forced the planned outdoor ceremony to the T-Bird Hall which was hastily but nicely decorated. The power failure caused a domino-effect in delays throughout the day but, thanks to the determination and hard work of family and volunteers the wedding started in the late afternoon.

Paul and his eight groomsmen and ring bearer waited at the altar as the eight bridesmaids dressed in pale pinks and greys slowly made their way to the altar. He wiped a tear from his eye when his bride appeared from behind the curtain, and she too, dabbed at her eyes as she made her way toward him.

Reverend Rick Lindholm welcomed those who came to witness the joining of

Paul and Star in marriage. He likened their love to a Bible story saying Paul had to travel far to find his special woman. He was referring to the fact that Star comes from Kyuquot and the Frank family travelled by dugout canoe from Ahousaht to Kyuquot to ask for her hand in marriage.

After the vows were said Paul kissed his bride and Reverend Lindholm introduced the family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Frank Jr. and their two children, who served as ring bearer and flower girl.

There was a short break before the dinner held at Maaqtusiis Gym. The reception included traditional singing and dancing.



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Scott Fraser

What is your view on Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Negotiations?

A big hit happened when the Campbell Government brought in their bigoted and divisive referendum, and that set the whole treaty process back many years. I think it was designed to be divisive, and I don't believe that the spirit and intent of the Delgamuukw decision has been upheld by either the provincial or federal government.

If elected, how would your party conduct treaty negotiations over the next 4 years?

Negotiations need to happen on a respectful Nation to Nation basis. Treaties benefit everyone, whether you're First Nations or not. Business wants to see treaties settled too, but the Campbell Government has undercut meaning negotiations in Haida Gwaii and throughout the province. That has to change.

What is your party's view of Interim Measures Agreements?

I'm very supportive of the Clayoquot Sound IMEA, and I believe interim measures work if they're done with meaningful consultation with all parties. There are many concerns about Forest Management on WCVI, how would things change over the next 4 years if your party is elected? You certainly see what happened in Haida Gwaii happen again. It's not just about the almighty dollar. The respectful Nation to Nation negotiations have been missing, and we want to bring positive discussions back to the table.

How will your party respond to the court recognized, constitutionally protected inherent rights of First Nations to benefit from and manage lands and resources?

I don't think we should be doing negotiations case by case. The government is almost forcing First Nations into litigation, but decisions such as Delgamuukw are being held to

that particular First Nation, and not being applied across the province. These decisions have to be honoured province wide instead of forcing each First Nation to fight for the same decision.

What is your view of how consultations with First Nations are / should be conducted?

I'm a firm believer in Isaak and Hishuk iits'awalk. Those principles apply to everything, and they should be the basis for consultations, negotiations, and everything else we do.

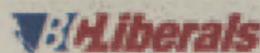
The provincial Social Assistance and mental health program cuts have had a devastating impact to many NCN individuals and communities. What would you do to alleviate some of the inequities faced by the west coast communities?

We've made it a priority in our platform to start the process of rebuilding. I believe that a civil government has to treat all people, especially the sick and vulnerable with respect. When Campbell came into the Premier's office, the first thing he did was cut a cheque for \$2.2 Billion to the corporations and the wealthiest of the wealthy. Then he proceeded to pay for it by slashing our social services: shutting down women's centres, taking away support for special needs children, raising class sizes, and removing much needed programs for those who need them the most. They tried to take bus passes away from seniors. They tried to take talking books away from the blind. They've slashed everything that governments are supposed to be taking care of. It's so short sighted.

If elected, how would things change on the west coast of Vancouver Island over the next 4 years?

We'd see a lot of hope. We're going to open up a lot of long-term care beds. We're going to bring balance back. The Liberal policies under Gordon Campbell have been so one-sided, extremist, and mean-spirited, and don't represent anyone I've talked to on the west coast. They downgraded our new hospital to a band-aid station. People need their social services, and that's the role of government. Campbell has started us down the road to privatized health care services and we have to reverse that immediately. Cuts to education have led to our young people losing hope. Campbell decimated apprenticeship programs, doubled tuitions, cut grants, and what they've saved financially has cost the people of this province much more in personal difficulties and misery. It's unbelievable what they think they can get away with. And we don't have any representation on the west coast. We don't have an MLA standing up for the west coast communities in Victoria. I want to bring representation back to the west coast and represent everybody on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

BC Election 2005: Alberni - Qualicum



Gillian Trumper

What is your view on Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Negotiations?

I want to see more treaties come to fruition within the NTC.

If elected, how would your party conduct treaty negotiations over the next 4 years?

We will continue to do as we have. We have 5 who are moving towards treaty right now. I'd like to see the process sped up, because it does seem to take an inordinate amount of time to get to certain stages.

What is your party's view of Interim Measures Agreements?

Where they've been put in place they've done a good job, as in the case of the Central Region Board, and I hope from that we'll start to move towards getting into a treaty.

There are many concerns about Forest Management on WCVI, how would things change over the next 4 years if your party is elected?

In the Clayoquot area, with the CRB in place, some of the bands are wanting to start getting economic benefits, and I hope that takes place.

How will your party respond to the court recognized, constitutionally protected inherent rights of First Nations to benefit from and manage lands and resources?

We have worked with that, and we want to make sure as we move forward, we will continue to work as we have been doing over the last 4 years to make sure that their issues are address as under the law.

What is your view of how consultations with First Nations are / should be conducted?

In some cases the consultation has been good, and in some cases it hasn't been as good as it should, and the only way we're going to move forward is to have good consultation and that means two-way consultation. It's foolish for any other groups who are looking at land issues that they don't consult with First Nations; they should be consulting with First Nations.

The provincial Social Assistance and mental health program cuts have had a devastating impact to many NCN individuals and communities. What would you do to alleviate some of the inequities faced by the west coast communities?



Jennifer Fisher-Bradley

What is your view on Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Negotiations?

Negotiations haven't been conducted in good faith. The Hupacasath case against Weyerhaeuser and Brascan is an example of this because the judges ruling was very unfair. We support the title and rights and we support consultation and accommodation, and we support good-faith negotiations.

If elected, how would your party conduct treaty negotiations over the next 4 years?

We are in coalition with the All Nations Party, and a third of our executive is made up of representatives from the All Nations Party. We want to see more First Nations representation in the legislature so they have a direct voice there. One of our goals is to create constituencies for First Nations proportional to First Nations populations.

What is your party's view of Interim Measures Agreements?

This is something that's really important. If the judge had held up the injunction against Weyerhaeuser requested by Hupacasath, we would have seen interim measures to stop clear-cutting and protection of Hupacasath lands and watersheds.

There are many concerns about Forest Management on WCVI, how would things change over the next 4 years if your party is elected?

Definitely no clear-cutting anymore. Weyerhaeusers variable retention strategy isn't working, so we'd look at sustainable forest management like Merv Wilkinson is doing in Cedar. The tenures being offered to First Nations just aren't viable.

How will your party respond to the court recognized, constitutionally protected inherent rights of First Nations to benefit from and manage lands and resources?

First Nations are the ultimate stewards of the lands, so we would want to have agreements with First Nations that involve traditional stewardship and resource management practices.

What is your view of how consultations with First Nations are / should be conducted?

I feel very strongly about the huge debt First Nations have had to enter into in order to negotiate with governments. So that's an issue that needs to be brought forward and taken into consideration. A

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BC Election 2005: North Island



Rod Visser

What is your view on Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Negotiations?

Maa-nulth are moving forward separate from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, which are moving slower than anyone would like. Maa-nulth are working diligently and are close to a final treaty, and hopefully we can refocus later this summer and see where we can make strides with the broader Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council treaty table.

If elected, how would your party conduct treaty negotiations over the next 4 years?

We would use much of the same model that our government brought to the table. Where there is movement and a sense of drive and energy, we will be targeting resources to those tables. The energy that's in the treaty negotiations right now is quite positive, and people want to move forward.

What is your party's view of Interim Measures Agreements?

Interim Measures Agreements are an important facilitator to make sure we can move forward. We want to make sure those are available wherever possible. They're important and necessary to make sure benefits and accomplishments of treaties start to visit themselves on the ground and in the communities and with the First Nations people themselves sooner than waiting for a final agreement to be signed.

There are many concerns about Forest Management on WCVI, how would things change over the next 4 years if your party is elected?

Forest Range Agreements will continue to bring First Nations into the forest economy. We are working on a pilot project on forest stewardship with Ehattesaht, so they can actually make forestry work for them.

How will your party respond to the court recognized, constitutionally protected inherent rights of First Nations to benefit from and manage lands and resources?

We are the first government to pay attention to that in a meaningful way. Consultation and accommodation agreements continue to be signed with First Nations in dealing with revenue sharing where all parties have a sense of inclusion and certainty at the end of

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Claire Trevena

What is your view on Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Negotiations?

It's really important to everyone in the province that we move forward and get a fair and just settlement.

If elected, how would your party conduct treaty negotiations over the next 4 years?

We would be moving ahead with them as quickly as possible, in an open and accountable process.

What is your party's view of Interim Measures Agreements?

I'd have to check on that. It's more than I'm aware of.

There are many concerns about Forest Management on WCVI, how would things change over the next 4 years if your party is elected?

We would restrict raw log exports and make sure communities and First Nations have a say in forest management.

How will your party respond to the court recognized, constitutionally protected inherent rights of First Nations to benefit from and manage lands and resources?

We recognize everybody's rights.

What is your view of how consultations with First Nations are / should be conducted?

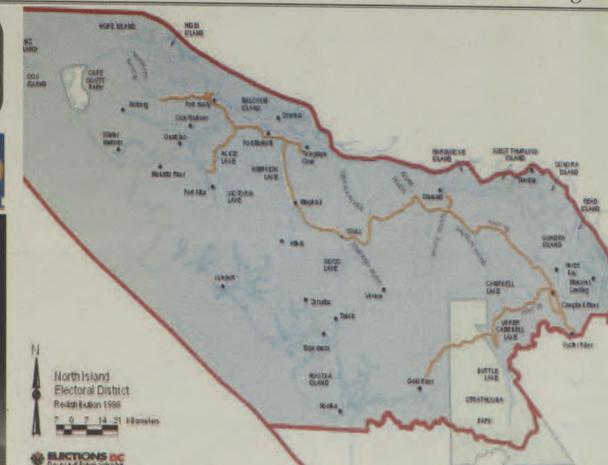
We need to move forward with open and respectful negotiations and move forward with just settlements, and make sure there's no possibility of friction or conflict.

The provincial Social Assistance and mental health program cuts have had a devastating impact to many NCN individuals and communities. What would you do to alleviate some of the inequities faced by the west coast communities?

We're very concerned about what's been happening to the most vulnerable in our society, and we want to make sure there are support mechanisms, assistance, and funding there for the people who need it, and in the way that they need it.

If elected, how would things change on the west coast of Vancouver Island over the next 4 years?

There would be many very positive changes. We want to work with First Nations and all communities to make sure there is work, support services, education, and health care on the west coast. People are feeling very neglected on the west coast. There is a lot of wealth in this province, and we need to make sure people get the support, health, and assistance they need to lead fulfilling lives.



Philip Stone

What is your view on Nuu-chah-nulth Treaty Negotiations?

We need to enter into them in the spirit of good faith, and we need to be adapting the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, and those four basic principles being: recognition, respect, sharing, and responsibility for First Nations. Certainly I, as an MLA look forward to working with the Nuu-chah-nulth peoples in their treaty negotiations. I'm extremely open to their needs and wishes, and recognize Aboriginal title to the land in BC.

If elected, how would your party conduct treaty negotiations over the next 4 years?

A Green Government would definitely be negotiating on good faith, based on the recognition of Aboriginal title and rights, and getting away from the old ways of assimilation.

What is your party's view of Interim Measures Agreements?

We support negotiating Interim Measures while treaty negotiations are going on. We are opposed to the situation that the Haida have found themselves in, where Weyerhaeuser logging on their lands while negotiations are underway.

There are many concerns about Forest Management on WCVI, how would things change over the next 4 years if your party is elected?

Part of reconciliation includes First Nations have access and control over

natural resources to enable them to move towards community self-sufficiency. The Green Party is committed to renegotiating forest tenures. We would definitely like to see 50% of Crown Lands return to more direct public and First Nations control. The Green Party is very committed to reworking the forest industry.

How will your party respond to the court recognized, constitutionally protected inherent rights of First Nations to benefit from and manage lands and resources?

We recognize Aboriginal title to the land and resources and the courts rulings.

What is your view of how consultations with First Nations are / should be conducted?

Entering into them in good faith and recognizing they are the original inhabitants of the land, and developing a climate of mutual respect, and empowering First Nations with the responsibility to undertake self-government.

The provincial Social Assistance and mental health program cuts have had a devastating impact to many NCN individuals and communities. What would you do to alleviate some of the inequities faced by the west coast communities?

Working on a community basis and restoring the funding for these lost programs. A lot of the cuts that we've seen by the Liberal government have been heartless financial measures. If we manage our resources we'd have ample funds to make sure these programs are reinstated to the benefit of First Nations and all communities in the province.

If elected, how would things change on the west coast of Vancouver Island over the next 4 years?

If I were elected, the communities on the west coast would see a lot more of their MLA, and I would set up community-based steering committees and I would take a real hands-on approach to fulfilling my role as a representative of the people of these west coast communities in the provincial legislature.



Dan Cooper

We were unable to contact candidate prior to deadline.

VOTE on May 17th

Did you know...

Each year it is required for every First Nation to do an Annual Review of all Social Development client files? The Social Development Worker (SDW) must notify all clients that they will be required to attend the office for the purpose of updating their information. Clients are required to bring in supporting documentation as required in policy or requested by the SDW. There is a form your SDW must use to assist clients with this process. It is called the Application Form Checklist, both you and your SDW will be required to sign off on this document to confirm the required documents have been provided. It is the clients responsibility to prove eligibility, this means if the client does not bring in information or documents such as; two pieces of I.D., a copy of their Child Tax Benefits, a shelter confirmation form etc. they have not proven eligibility therefore are ineligible. The Application Form Checklist is a tool to help both the SDW and the client ensure all information required is received so that eligibility may be determined. Once the SDW and the client have updated the file, the SDW needs to have an annual review of their files by their supervisor and or administering

Did you know...

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 * Use benefits primarily for the purposes of food, clothing and shelter.
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 4) Persons who do not apply for Employment Insurance benefits, or who are disqualified for such benefits because of failure to comply with the program requirements established by the Employment Insurance Commission.
 5) Persons who are in benefit of unforeseen fortune or substantial monetary gain
 6) Persons who do not submit their Monthly Renewal Forms as required
 7) And persons whose monthly

authority. The annual review must be conducted at the beginning of each fiscal year. This process ensures the Administering Authority signs off on administering the Social Development Program in accordance with the policies, procedures and reporting requirements as set out in this manual and the Nuu-chah-nulth Canada First Nations Funding Agreement.
 The Annual Review Form is used for the review process. When the Administering Authority signs off on this form it confirms that:
 1. The Administering Authority has reviewed a minimum of 10 client files (selected at random) The Application Form Checklist is used in this review.
 2. All files reviewed contained all documents as required on the Application Form Checklist.
 3. Any files that were incomplete have been updated to include all required documentation.
 4. The Social Development Worker has had all clients attend an appointment for the purposes of updating their client file.
 If you have any questions on this policy or any policy issues you can talk to your Social Development Worker, CHS Board Representative or contact Nene Van Volsen, Social Development Coordinator at 250.724.5757, Toll Free at 1.877.677.1131 or by email at nenevv@nuuchahnulth.org

income or assets are in excess of allowable eligibility according to the policy in this manual. Persons who meet criteria 2, 3, or 4 are not eligible for SA benefits for a 30-day period from the last day of work, although they may be eligible for hardship funds.
 Incentive Benefits are used to encourage participation in unpaid community work or training programs. These benefits may be issued to clients up to 64 years old to encourage participation in unpaid community work or training programs such as:
 o Adult Basic Education
 o Community Clean Ups
 o Super Host Training
 o Catering help for community events
 An Incentive Benefit Contract MUST be completed & signed PRIOR to an Incentive Benefit being issued. Incentive CANNOT be advanced. It is one of the clients' responsibilities to provide all necessary information to the Social Development Worker and to sign the application form in order to receive assistance. If a client fails to provide required documentation or refuses to sign the application form they will be deemed ineligible.
 For example, if you worked and received any income you must provide a copy of your pay stub to the Social Development Worker. If you do not provide this information you have not proven that you are eligible for assistance therefore your worker cannot issue any benefits.
 Did you know you must provide a copy of your child tax benefits to your Social Development Worker? Failure to provide a copy of this statement can deem you ineligible for benefits. It is very important to bring this information to your worker because your First Nations Social Development Program is required to track this information on a quarterly report called the National Child Benefit (NCB), Basic Bonus (BB) Tracking Sheet. Each year your First Nation receives funding based on the previous years, and some communities use this money to have programs like the school hot lunch program, Christmas parties, food banks, summer programs for children and youth.

Canadian Mental Health Association Kicks off Annual Mental Health Week with a Focus on Mind+Body Fitness

It's one thing to look after your body, but don't forget about your mind! *Mind+Body Fitness* is the theme of the Canadian Mental Health Association's 54th annual Mental Health Week, **May 2 to May 8**, across BC and Canada. This year's theme asks British Columbians: what if we paid as much attention to or knew as much about nurturing our mental health as our physical health? "We know that physical health is more than the absence of disease, but it's time we acknowledge the same for mental health: it's much more than the absence of a mental illness," says Bev Gutray, Executive Director of the BC Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA). "Being proactive and taking care of our mental health on a regular basis helps us to develop a higher level of mental fitness which gives us resilience, coping tools, and balance, particularly during times of stress and adversity."
10 Tips for Mental Fitness
 The first step is to be aware of your emotional well-being. Assess your emotional health regularly. Consider the particular demands or stresses you are facing and how they are affecting you. Give yourself permission to take a break from your worries and concerns. Recognize that dedicating even a short time every day to your mental fitness will reap significant benefits in terms of feeling rejuvenated and more confident. Here are some simple ways to practice mental fitness:
1. Daydream and Reminisce—Close your eyes and imagine yourself in a dream location—whatever that is for you. Breathe slowly and deeply and let the comforting environment wrap you in a sense of peace and tranquility. It doesn't have to be a fictional place either. Make it a point to recall times when you have experienced pleasure, comfort, tenderness, confidence, or other positive things.
2. Learn ways to cope with negative thoughts—Negative thoughts can be insistent and loud. Learn to interrupt them. Don't try to block them (that never works), but don't let them take over. Try distracting yourself or comforting yourself, if you can't solve the problem right away. Then practice good problem-solving techniques. (For some practical advice, see the Problem-Solving and Healthy Thinking wellness modules at www.heretohelp.bc.ca, brought to you by the BC Partners for Mental Health and Addictions Information, of which CMHA is a member)
3. Do one thing at a time—For example, when you are out for a walk or spending time with friends, turn off your cell phone and stop making that mental "to do" list. Take in all the sights, sounds and smells you encounter.
4. Exercise—Regular physical activity improves psychological well-being and can reduce depression and anxiety. Joining an exercise group or a gym can also reduce loneliness, since it connects you with a new set of people sharing a common goal.
5. Enjoy hobbies—Taking up a hobby brings balance to your life by allowing you to do something you enjoy because you want to do it, free of the pressure of everyday tasks. It also keeps your brain active.
6. Set personal goals—Goals don't have to be ambitious. You might decide to finish that book you started three years ago; to take a walk around the block every day; to learn to knit or play bridge; to call your friends instead of waiting for the phone to ring. Whatever goal you set, reaching it will build confidence and a sense of satisfaction.
7. Keep a journal (or even talk to the wall!)—Expressing yourself after a stressful day can help you gain

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NUU-CHAH-NULTH NURSING PROGRAM

National Aboriginal Diabetes Awareness Day

By Jody Vos CHN

It has been ten years since National Chief Phil Fontaine of the Assembly of First Nations proclaimed an annual National Aboriginal Diabetes Awareness Day. What a wonderful opportunity to take stock in lifestyle choices that can help prevent the fastest growing chronic illness in Canada. Diabetes Type II is increasing at epidemic proportions, and most alarming is that children as young as ten years of age are being diagnosed. Diabetes Type II can often be treated by lifestyle changes. Eating nutritious food and maintaining an active lifestyle is a great way to start. Below are some suggestions of physical activities that you could choose to do as a group, family or individually.

National Aboriginal Diabetes Awareness Day this year is May 6th . So let's work together to do something positive to celebrate this day!

- ENERGY GAMES**
- Leap Frog
 - Physical Circuits
 - Climbing Ropes
 - Playground activities (swinging, play structure, climbers, etc)
 - Races, Walking, running
 - Tag, Kick the can, Hide& Seek
 - Tumbling, Cartwheels, etc.
- GAMES WITH BALLS / RAQUETS**
- Tennis, Badminton, Squash, Lacrosse
 - Volleyball, Basketball, Baseball
 - Floor Hockey
 - Dodge Ball
- OTHERS**
- Swimming, Curling, Ice Skating, Snowboarding
 - Bowling, Roller Blading, Skateboarding
 - Biking, dancing, Running, Walking
- 30 minutes of daily activity is recommended to maintain healthy heart, and to balance the energy from our food intake. Plan on making these activities fun, and it will become something to look forward to as a family. Please watch for monthly articles for Diabetes in the Ha-Shilth-Sa.

Nuu-chah-nulth Children Poster



Attention all Parents... The poster is ready!
 Please call Lisa @ the NTC office 724-5757 to arrange pick-up.

You are invited ...
In honour of the birth of your child,
 We invite you and your baby to the **NINAYAKS-HA**
 A community Baby Welcoming!
Friday, May 13, 2005
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
@ Knee-waas
3435 4th Avenue, Port Alberni
 If you have any questions, please contact:
 Amber or Ruby @ 723-8281
 Lunch will be provided!
 A joint project of N.T.C. Community Health Nursing & the Port Alberni Friendship Centre Knee-waas

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-aht plus one day per week focus on Sex Education and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases for all Nuu-chah-nulth communities. **Lynne West** is currently filling in for the Ahousesaht nursing services.
SOUTHERN REGION:
Penny Cowan - 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:
Moira 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.

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Donna Vernon	Red Cross Kyuquot	Phone: 250-332-5289
Central Region		
Mary Mc Keogh	Ucluellet/HotSprings	Phone: 250-726-2993
Christine Curley	Esowista/Optisaht	Phone: 250-725-1232
Lynne West (temp)	Ahousesaht	Phone: 250-670-9608
Mary Rimmington (Home Care)	All Central Region	Phone: 250-725-2951
Southern Region		
Liz Thomsen	Ditidaht/PAFC/PA	Phone: 250-723-2385
Anette Muller	Uchucklesaht/PA/Ditidaht	
Jody Vos	Tseshah/Huu-ay-aht	
Penny Cowan	Bread of Life/Hupacasath	
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NTC Office		
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Lisa Sam		

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

* **PRE-NATAL DROP IN With Liz Thomsen**
 Every Monday, 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Immunization clinic every Monday from 10:00am to 12:00 pm. Prenatal drop in every Monday from 2:00 to 3:00 pm.
 * **NINYAKS-HA** - 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 waas House, 3435 4th Avenue, Port Alberni Friendship Centre
 For more info, please contact: Delavina @ 723-8281



Happy Birthday to Carole-Ann Livingstone on May 13, Tia Livingstone on May 25, and Kristen Livingstone - Hamilton on May 31. From Annie, Dave & Dave Jr, Nate & Jen.

Happy 12th Anniversary Dad and Mum. We all love you so very much, enjoy your day! Luv needs no words, luv makes u smile. Luv is all there is, forever we'll luv you, If u luv us, till forever and a day, We luv u dad and mumma. Luv ur kids d, l, m, v, v hehe Mister and Amos as well :p

April 26 - Happy Birthday Wade. Love from Mom & Dad.

April 27 - Happy Birthday Renee Fred.

May 8 - Happy Mother's Day Norma, Cheryl, Marge, Charlene, Lizette, Tanya, Kristin-Charity, etc.

For May - May 6 - Happy Birthday Marge. From Geri & Boe.

May 15 - Happy Birthday Jared. Love Mom, Dad Geri & Boe.

May 18 - Happy Birthday niece Sue. Love Auntie Geri & uncle Boe.

May 25 - Happy Birthday Charlene. From Geri & Boe.

May 30 - Happy Birthday Karen. From Geri & Boe.

We would like to say happy belated bday for April 4th, out to our bro/son Jay Keitlah over in Ahousaht. Much Love bro/son, hope u had an awesome day. Also to our niece/grand-niece Jo-Lynn Frank for April 16th, we love you girl. Also to gramz/mom Rosie Swan for April 21st. so glad you were here for us to celebrate with you, hope that you had a good time. We Love you very much gramz/mom. Happy bday to our niece Jillian Swan for April 28th n' cuz/niece Candice Sabbas for April 29th hope u girls have fun n' a great day Much Love for u Both. Fr. Brenda, Angus, Frenchie, Elizabeth, Walter, Sophie, Skylar, Adam, n' Cha-asta Campbell

Happy Birthday to Swann Campbell for May 3rd, have a good one neph/grandson; May 4th to David Frank Jr the 4th, many many many more to come neph Also to Pam Perry; Happy Anniversary to Bern n' Slugg for the 11th, we know u'll have fun so enjoy; May 12th to Malcolm Swann' Melissa(Jac's boss),have fun but not too much:D; May 13th to Warren Swan, gee y'all gettin' up there:D; May 16th to Tanis Campbell, hope u have a great day girl; May 17th to

Happy Mother's Day Mom Martha Fred

No one has to tell me How lucky I am to have you I've known for a long time When I think back over the years And remember all the special things You've done for me I realize that you're not only A wonderful mom...

You're also a unique woman You've taught me so much About life, love and giving And those are lessons I'll never forget

You've shown me how to Stand on my own in the world For that I'll always be grateful So many things that have added To my happiness have been Gifts from you

Maybe ... having a mom like You has spoiled me a bit But don't ever think I don't appreciate and love you Because I do with all my heart. Your daughter Luvy



Happy Mother's Day Mom Martha Fred

Birthdays and Congratulations

I would like to say Happy 2nd Mother's Day to my mommy Elizabeth Little & my grandma's Maxine Little & Brenda Tom. Hope you guys have a good day. Love Always Kaydence Tom-Little.



baby girl Miranda hope u really enjoy ur day babe; May 19th to auntie Bern n' Lenny John hope u both have lotsa fun. We'll be thinking of you all on ur bday's. Lotsa Love Brenda, Angus, Frenchie, Elizabeth, Walter, Sophie, Skylar, Adam, n' Cha-asta Campbell.

Happy birthday to my father Dave Donahue on May 5th, hope u have an awesome day and welcome to the world baby sis Hailey. Ur son/big bro Cha-asta Campbell

We would like to wish happy be-lated birthday wishes to Gloria on April. 1st, my sister Jaylene on April.8th, uncle Pat James on April15t, auntie Doreen on April.20th, and to Richard Mark on april.22nd.

Happy Birthday to Deanna Jack on April 28th. From your brother Chuck, Michelle and your nephew Blair.

Happy Birthday to Wes Savey on April 29th. From Chuck, Michelle and Blair.

Happy Birthday to Louie on April 30th. From chuck, Michelle and Blair.

I would also like to congratulate Marissa James and Eli Thomas on the birth of their baby girl Alexa Matina James-Thomas who was born on March 4th, 2005. From Chuck, Michelle and Blair.

Happy birthday to our dad Wes Savey on April 29th. Love from Candace and Cody.

Happy birthday to Wesley Savey on April. 29th. Love from Eva.

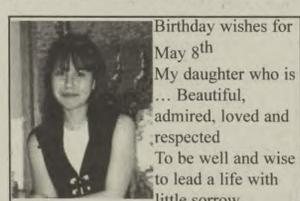
Happy belated birthday wish going out to our mom/grandma Elaine Jack on April.20th. Love always: Chuck, Michelle and your grandson Blair

May 1st- Happy ?? Birthday to Gail Webster, May 17th- Happy 24 Birthday to my friend Terri Robinson, May 22nd- Happy Birthday to Lul Jules in Nanaimo, May 22nd- Happy ?? Birthday to Angela Galligos, May 23rd- Happy Birthday to Uncle Larry Paul, hope ya'll have a great day!!! Happy birthday to you all!!! From Erica & Dan, Sisa, & Alissa .

A BIG Happy 5th Birthday to our nephew/cuzin/grandson Norman Webster on May 2, Have fun sonny, we love you and miss you. Love from Auntie Erica, Uncle Dan, Cuzin Aliss, & Grandma Sisa.

A special Happy 2nd Birthday to my lil bro /uncle/ grandson Richie Tom on May 4, we love you and enjoy your day, i hope u like ur gift :-) Love From your Sis Erica, Brom Dan, Niece Alissa, and Grandma Sisa.

A Heartfelt Happy 6? Birthday to my mom, Cecelia Tom on May 11, we love you mom and hope that you have a great



Birthdays wishes for May 8th My daughter who is ... Beautiful, admired, loved and respected To be well and wise to lead a life with little sorrow To choose the best you can have Always remember I am Your confidante; and friend The trust we share will always be the comfort of "our lives. Happy Birthday Mary Adele Tiffany, Love you. Mom

I would like to say Happy Mother's Day to my mama Sammi Prevost! Also to my grandma Maxine Little. Hope you 2 enjoy your day. Love Maxine Prevost.

day on your birthday, Love Always, Erica & Dan & your granddaughter Alissa.

May 8th- happy mother's day to my mom, my grandma's, my aunt's, my sisters, my cousins, and my friends, you all have a relaxing day! From Erica Tom.

Happy belated 2nd birthday to Dalanee T John, for April 27th, belated wishes out to the twins 1st birthday, Francis & Lawrence Thomas, "Mutumbo" Matias Thomas-Campbell, happy 2 digits birthday to Shanille Monique on May 3rd. Happy birthday to Uncle Geno & Uncle Jigg on May 12th. Happy birthday to Uncle Armie & Tristen, to Auntie Carol, Terri Robinson, Crystal Sutherland, Abby Patrick and Bear Charlie. Have a great day to all of you. From Janey & Shauntay Thomas.

Happy 8th Birthday to my best friend Dawn Frank, enjoy your special day March 30th. From your friend Kylee Sam.

April 24th Special happy 4th Birthday to my son / bro Stanley Q.P. Sam Jr, sunshine, oh time flies by son, the struggles you had as a baby, now you're a very fine healthy big boy, our guardian angel. Enjoy your special day. Mommy, bro & sister will make your day extra special with all the chocolate cake and good chumus. We love you so much pumpkin. Love mommy, bro Scottie & sis Kylee Sam.

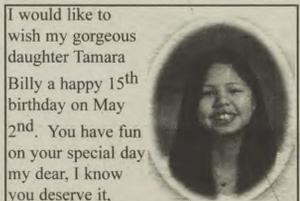
Happy 7th Birthday bro / uncle Dominique Campbell, Have awesome day April 24. Love you from sis Sandy, Scottie, Kylee & Jr.

May 3rd - Happy Birthday Sanielle Sam, have a good day. We love you. From Alonzo, Sandy, Kylee & Jr.

I would like to wish a happy belated birthday to my mom/grandma colleen and uncle/grandpa Ronald April 14, happy belated birthday to Deanna April 28. April 30 happy birthday to Felicia..... May 1 happy birthday to bro/uncle des.... may 19 happy birthday to bro/uncle Edgar jr. happy birthday to uncle/grandpa Jesse Mack may 21, hope u all have a great day from Isabella and Payton.

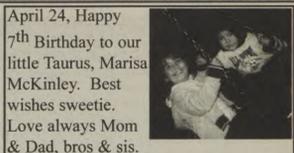
April 30 Special Happy 1st Birthday Matias Campbell. Have a great day on your special day. Enjoy all the chocolate cake. Love you. From Sandy, Scottie, Kylee & Jr. Sam.

Happy 68th Birthday to my beautiful auntie Rosie Swan on May 5, 2005. Sure hope that you had a good one auntie and



I would like to wish my gorgeous daughter Tamara Billy a happy 15th birthday on May 2nd. You have fun on your special day my dear, I know you deserve it, enjoy, I love you. Miss you my Tammy girl. Love your mom Shirley & Wayne. We would like to say happy b-day to our wonderful big sister Miss Tamara Angeline Camille Billy on May 2nd. Enjoy your birthday. Love you lots & forever. Love from your sister Lyla & brother Wayne. Jr. I'd like to wish

Tamara Billy a happy 15th birthday. We miss you and love you lots. Love Dev, Billy, Haily & Julius. Happy Birthday Tamara Billy on May 2. Have fun. From cuz Jasmine & Darian.



April 24, Happy 7th Birthday to our little Taurus, Marisa McKinley. Best wishes sweetie. Love always Mom & Dad, bros & sis.

many more to come. You are a gift full of many surprises and a blessing to have you for a special "aunt" I love you and always know that okay. From the Mattersdorfer gang

Shirley D. John Mother of the Year Well mom you are a blessing to me I only wish people would see What you made of me today Yesterday and tomorrow You gave me life And now today I am happy to be In your life My love, for you will never Stop growing. You taught me lots out of my life And I learnt the best Mom you are so special to me Happy Mother's Day and I love you. Love from your daughter Carol Mattersdorfer

And Donald and your grandchildren *****Happy Mother's Day to my sisters Greta John and Beyerly McEwan Well only sisters are the best, I am so glad that your mine I am so proud to have you both Always know that I love you Both if I forget to tell you You are both there when I need you When I need to talk Thanks for your ears and eyes You are splitting image of me And that I can see I love you both and you both Deserve a pat on a back.

Happy Mother's Day Love from your oldest and wise Sister (ha ha) Carol Mattersdorfer, May 08, 2005 *****Happy mother's day to all my friends and relatives. To Mrs Lenny John, Noreen John, Barb Atleo, Erma Rose, Clara Rose, Annie Watts, Leona Canute, Rose-Anne John, aunt Sara, Rosie, Winnie and all the ones that are there for me near and far. To my friends in Victoria, B.C. Sharon Louie, and Lee Louie, Linda George, and last but not least to my sister in laws Gloria John, Marlene Sutherland, Tracey Thomas well Happy mother's day! From a friend indeed Carol Mattersdorfer. *****Happy mother's Day to Mrs. Marie Donahue Thank for being there for me and my family Thanks for always helping us out day in and day out Thanks for giving me a handsome son Donald Thanks for accepting me for who I am Thanks for your generosity and kindness Love from Your daughter in law By Carol Mattersdorfer

May 8 - Happy 1st Birthday to Mary Johnson. Love Uncle Louie, Auntie Melissa, your cousins Kiara, Brooke,

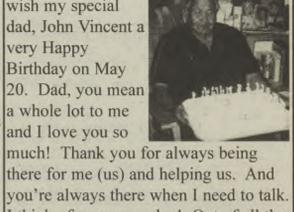
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May 8; Happy 1st Birthday to our granddaughter Mary Emma Savey Johnson. Lots of hugs & kisses. Grandma Brenda & Grandpa Sam.

Happy 1st Birthday to our niece Mary Emma. From Aunt Cindy, Samantha & Mabel.

May 2 - Happy 46th Birthday to my cousin (sister) Linda Charleson. Phone me sometime. From your cuz Brenda (Ida), Sam, and all your nieces and nephews.

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Happy 22nd Anniversary to my wife Pearl April 30. Loving husband Marvin Tutube.



We'd like to wish our special baby Mariah John a very Happy 3rd Birthday on May 7. Wow babe 3 years ago already, I can remember that special moment the doctor laid you in my arms, I cried and your daddy was so happy, as well as auntie Natalie, cousin Cynthia & Brenda (auntie), many many more birthdays to come baby, we love you so much! Mommy Pauline & Daddy Steve.

Happy Birthday to our baby sister Mariah John. Love you sister. From Clarence, Natasha & Courtney.

Damion & Conrad. May 30th - Happy 20th b-day to Hilary Savey. From Louie, Melissa & nieces & nephews.

May 31 - Happy 20th b-day Abel Johnson. Love Louie & family.

Happy belated Birthday to Brooke Johnson. Love Mommy & Daddy.

Happy b-day to our sister Brooke. Love Kiara, Damion and Conrad.

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Happy b-day daddy. Love Kiara, Brooke, Damion & Conrad.

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May 31. Happy 20th Birthday to my son Abel Johnson. From your mother.

Happy 20th Birthday to our brother Abel Johnson. From your sisters Cindy, Samantha & Mabel.

May 24 (or 28) Happy Birthday to my cousin Mamie Ch. From your coz Brenda (Ida), Sam, and all your nieces, and nephews.

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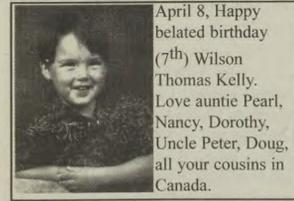
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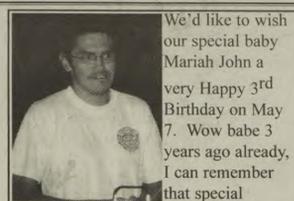
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Happy Birthday to our baby sister Mariah John. Love you sister. From Clarence, Natasha & Courtney.

May 9th- Sending a "Happy Birthday" to Dan Jack...from Jackie, Sani, Adrian and the whole gang down here in Seattle. Hoping you have a great day and also hope to hear from you guys...we miss you! All our love to you and your family. Love Jackie & Sani.

We would like to send a birthday wish out to our niece Charlene Moon in Zeballos on April 29. Love you forever babe, hope you enjoyed your day. Lotsa love from auntie Cica, uncle Mike and all your little cousins.

To a very special person in my life, my most beautiful Mom Agnes Rose John. Happy 16th sobriety birthday Mom on April 29, 2005. We love you forever and ever. I really hope I can be just as good as a Mom as you are. You're the best Mom in the world, you're not just my Mom you are my very very best friend. I love you so much. Lotsa hugs and kisses to you. Love always your #1 daughter Cica John, your son-in-law Mike Titian and all 7 of your grandchildren.

To all the following people: May 1 - happy anniversary to Lorne & Renee Little, May 1 - Happy Birthday Alice May John, May 5 - Margaret Irene Charlie happy ?? birthday sis, May 8 - happy ?? birthday Dorothy (Dottie) Savey. Love ya forever, also Happy Mother's Day sister love you baby sis in Ahousaht. To my nephew Richard Dean Savey Happy Birthday neph on May 5. From auntie Cica and family.

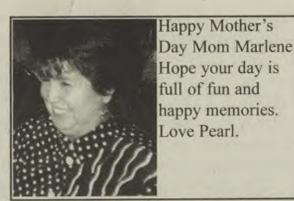
To my big brother Stephen Patrick John Sr Happy Birthday bro on May 13. Miss you, love ya, think of you every day, take care, give all your kids a squeeze for me please. Love your sister Cica, brother-in-law Mike and children.

To all my friends in Ahousaht Happy Mother's Day. Enjoy your day. From Cica, Mike & children.

Happy 8th Birthday to my niece Selena on May 15. Love ya forever. From auntie Cica, uncle Mike and kids.

To my nephew Antonio Dakota Roger Mark-John, Happy 4th Birthday son son on May 20. Love ya forever and ever son son, you're always in my heart baby. Tell your mom to give you a great big hug and kiss for me please, I miss you. Love always your other mother Cica.

Happy Mother's Day Mom Marlene. Hope your day is full of fun and happy memories. Love Pearl.



Happy Mother's Day Victoria Nancy Wilson. Love sister Pearl, Lisa, Violet, Michael, Marvin and all of other nieces and nephews of the Wilson family members.

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May 6 - Happy Birthday bro Edmond Michel. From Luvy.

May 7 - Happy Birthday Zackary

In Memoriam - tatak ap

Dedicated to the memory of "Mom" Rose Ross Oct. 31, 1929 - May 27, 2000

"Remember"

Remember, I will still be here As long as you hold me, in your memory Remember, when your dreams have ended Time can be transcended Just remember me I am the one star that keeps burning, so brightly, It is the last light, to fade into the rising sun I'm with you Whenever you tell, my story For I am all I've done Remember me I am the one voice in the wind, that whispers And if you listen, you'll hear me call across the sky As long as I still can reach out, and touch you

Then I will never die Remember, I'll never leave you If you will only Remember me... Remember, when your dreams have ended Time can be transcended I live forever Remember... me...

Mother's Day is a time to honour our mother too, it's been 5 years since she was taken from us. We will honour her by "remembering" everything she has done for us.



In Loving Memory of Mamie Wilson May 12, 2000

To Mom (Grandma)

How very, very lucky we were that you were our mother. You opened our minds and our hearts. You always had the time to tell us a story of sing us a song. You always picked us up when we fell down. You will always be the most important lady in our lives. Your love and guidance will always be with us. We wish you could have been with us longer, But we are so grateful for the time we had. All of us, your friends and family, will truly miss you. Thank you so much for being our mother. May God care for you as you did for us.



To all my sisters, Dottie, Darlene, Samantha, Florence, Lucille, Virginia, Annie John, Aggie, Alice, Dorothy, Rose-Ann, Jennifer John, Lorraine Julia John, Margarite John, Dee John in Kyuquut, Toni Michelle, Stacey Hanson Happy Mother's Day to you all, miss each and every one of you. Take care of yourselves cause I sure care for you all. From your sister in Ahousaht Cecilia Margaret John, P.O. Box 132, Ahousaht, B.C. V0R 2A0. Write to me. That means all of you.

Also Happy Mother's Day to all my aunts out there, especially to my auntie Florence M. John in Zeballos, B.C. Love ya forever. Thank you for taking care of our girls all these years. Love you from Cica M. John.

I'd like to wish my friend April a Happy belated birthday on April 18th, Kathy J. a Happy Birthday April 17th, my sister Natalie & Henry a Happy Anniversary May 10th. Same goes for my brother Paul & Velina Happy Anniversary May 10. From Stephen, Janet, Pat, Louis & Rachel.

I'd like to wish my husband Stephen J. a Happy 19th Anniversary May 5. Your wife Janet.

We'd like to wish my dad/grandpa John a very Happy 70th Birthday May 20. Many more birthdays ahead of you. I love you dad. From Janet, Stephen & kids.

I'd also like to wish my twin nieces Heidi & Lucy V. a very Happy Birthday May 25. Love auntie Janet, Stephen & kids.

May 6 - Happy Birthday bro Edmond Michel. From Luvy.

May 7 - Happy Birthday Zackary

Barney, May 7 - Happy Birthday Mary, May 8 - Happy Birthday Eugene Touchie. From Luvy & Derrick.

Happy Birthday to daughter, Bonnie Gus, for April 30th, 2005. Love mom and brothers Keith, Paul & sister Tina, & nephews Nick, Julian.

Belated birthday wishes to my brother Barry Gus, and sis April Gus, for April 20th. Hope you had a nice day. >From sis Liz and family. Belated birthday wish to my nephews, Geoffrey Gus and Glen Sam for April 13th & 14th. Love auntie Liz and all your cousins.

Also Happy Birthday to an "old" friend Anita Jack on May 7th. How ya doing in the big city? Well enjoy your special day. Miss u. Pauline Vincent.

Also Happy ?? birthday to an old friend Dorothy Savey (Dottie) on May 8. I remembered! Hope you enjoy your special day and many more to come. Pauline Vincent.

Happy Anniversary to my sister and brother-in-law Natalie & Henry Jack and Paul & Velina Vincent on May 9th. Enjoy your special day! From your sister Pauline.

Happy Birthday May 1 Donna Mae. Love your cousin Pearl, Marvin, niece Lisa, Violet, nephews Michael, Marvin Jr. Have a great day. P.S. Happy Mother's Day auntie Donna Mae. Love niece Lisa, Violet, Michael, Marvin Tutube. P.S. all my aunts and cousins.

For May 10th. Hey Mike, this is a greeting, not a hint! Hippo Birdie two Ewes, Hippo Birdie two Ewes, Hippo Birdie Deer Ewe, Hippo Birdie two Ewes. And many more! From Cindy May

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
New Toll Free 1-866-670-1181 - 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'tles'et'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.

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

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 from 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 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 250-724-5757.

TO ALL TLA-O-QUI-AHT FIRST NATIONS MEMBERS

Hello everyone, I am working as the Indian Registry Administrator (back up) I would like to update my mailing list, may you please call it in to me at the office either fax or mail would be greatly appreciated. Are you and / or children registered? If your newborn baby has not been registered yet I need a copy of the large birth certificate and register. Also if there are any deaths, marriages, and divorces I would like the proper certificates brought in so I can register them as well.

Yes I do issue status cards from my office in Opitsaht
Any questions please call me at work 725-3233 / fax 725-4233
Thank you. Hazel Curley (TFN IRA)

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

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

MEDICAL COVERAGE NOT AUTOMATIC

Reference: Recently, many bills were received at the NTC (Non-Insured Health Benefits Section) (NIHB) from parents requesting payment under this plan. If a child is not registered with Indian Affairs and the province there is no medical coverage. Therefore, **FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF MEDICAL VISITS, X-RAYS, ETC. WILL FALL ON THE PARENTS!** Indian Affairs cannot and **WILL NOT PAY** any bills without full coverage. Remember, unless a child is **REGISTERED** with both Indian Affairs (Status Card) and the provincial medical plan (MSP Card) two very important medical factors apply:
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 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



N.T.C. administrative staff were recognized for their hard work with flowers and luncheon on April 27, 2005. Front row L-R: Valerie Gallie (Fisheries), Cathy Watts (Casual), Maggie Gus (Usma), Anna Masso (NTC Office Manager), Yvonne Lucas (Casual). Back Row: L-R: Jean Wylie (Casual), Annie Watts (Ha-Shilth-Sa), Caroline Hubbs (Usma), Della Francoeur (Usma), Marria Jimmy (Main Reception), Bella Fred (NIHB), Cindy Wishart (Mental Health) and Lisa Sam (Nursing). Missing are Gail Gus (Treaty), Lucille David (NTC Secretary), Liz Gus (NTC File Clerk), Iris Clarke (Casual), Lavern Frank (CHS Tofino) and Arlene Bill (HRDC/Exec. Ass't).

Gillian Trumper
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We've certainly been putting money into programs on the west coast, and we obviously have to look at ways and means of improving those programs, particularly in isolated areas where it comes under provincial jurisdiction. **If elected, how would things change on the west coast of Vancouver Island over the next 4 years?** I'm continuing to work towards getting better access to the west coast through improvements to the road and working towards improvements to the airport in Tofino. I've also been working at getting more services to the west coast so people don't have to trek into Port Alberni for many of their services.

Jennifer Fisher-Bradley
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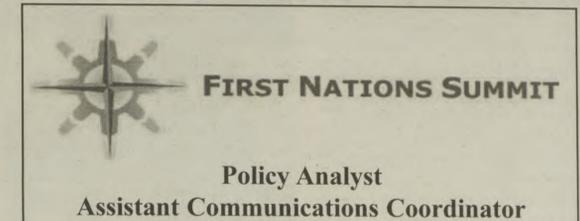
lot of direction will come from the First Nations members within the party on how to move forward. We are in favor of the roadblocks in Haida Gwaii, because negotiations there haven't been in good faith. **The provincial Social Assistance and mental health program cuts have had a devastating impact to many NCN individuals and communities. What would you do to alleviate some of the inequities faced by the west coast communities?** The demographic hardest hit by the mean-spirited policies of the Liberal government have been First Nations women, and all the numbers show that. First Nations have a lot to offer in terms of healing programs, and those ideas need to be coming forward and supported. **If elected, how would things change on the west coast of Vancouver Island over the next 4 years?** With climate change, we're going to have to become leaders in water conservation. We need to develop environmentally-friendly transportation systems, and our health and education system has to be restored. The Single Transferable Vote (STV) system also has to be brought in. I feel really positive that Democratic Reform is on the right track bringing people together and looking for common-sense solutions.

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What is your view of how consultations with First Nations are / should be conducted? We have improved that immensely over the past few years, and we've put together a consistent approach right across all ministries to make sure we are consulting, accommodating and engaging First Nations. So far, I think our approach has been very successful. The Forest Range Agreements are benefiting First Nations and including them in the economy in a way they've never been included before, and that's good news for everybody. **The provincial Social Assistance and mental health program cuts have had a devastating impact to many NCN individuals and communities. What would you do to alleviate some of the inequities faced by the west coast communities?** We are working very diligently on some of those challenges and are providing enhanced services to places like Zeballos, and we are pushing more resource and energy out into the regions so everyone in the north end of Vancouver Island are receiving services. We continue to work with Nuu-chah-nulth to make sure Nuu-chah-nulth communities are included, and we are transferring some of these programs and funding over to Nuu-chah-nulth for capacity building and making sure these remote communities get the services they need in the manner that they need them.

If elected, how would things change on the west coast of Vancouver Island over the next 4 years? The west coast of Vancouver Island is going to be a great focus of tourism over the next few years, and the province want to take a larger role in fisheries and bringing decision-making closer to home. We want to make sure First Nations are building their capacity to become a part of the forest economy. Last-mile connections for Internet are important to remote communities. We will to continue to make sure people in the small communities get improved services, and we will endeavor to make sure that gets stronger and stronger over time.

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



The First Nations Summit is comprised of a majority of First Nations and Tribal Councils in BC and provides a forum for First Nations in British Columbia to address issues related to Treaty negotiations as well as other issues of common concern.

The Summit invites applications for the following positions:
Policy Analyst
Assistant Communications Coordinator
The **Policy Analyst** provides policy services in support of the FNS executive and staff in their activities with First Nations, the federal and provincial governments and the private sector. Varied duties will include preparing status reports, briefings and background documents, conducting research into legislation, policies, programs and services on policy related issues, and assisting FNS staff and executive to follow up and maintain contact on policy related issues and initiatives. The policy analyst will maintain effective working relationships with the senior staff and officials of First Nations, First Nations organizations, and the federal and provincial governments. The successful candidate will have a combination of working knowledge and experience with treaty-related issues, federal and provincial legislation, policy development and analysis experience, preferably related to First Nations issues.

The **Assistant Communications Coordinator** assists the First Nations Summit Staff and Executive with communication and information support activities. Duties will include diverse responsibilities ranging from media relations, coordinating internal and external information needs and Summit meeting communication activities to the production of conferences and special events, reports and technical support to committees and Summit staff members. The successful candidate will have a combination of knowledge and experience of communication practices in an environment of government relations and political activity, project management and contracting methods.

Both candidates have knowledge of the political and organizational practices of B.C. First Nations, the B.C. Treaty Negotiation process, and the federal and provincial government relationships.

The working environment of the office requires persons who have strong computer skills, oral and written communication skills, ability to meet deadlines, and who are team players, with the ability to work independently when required.

Applicants are asked to submit confidential letters of application, with resume, providing details of work experience and references before **18 May 2005, 4pm** to:

Executive Director
First Nations Summit
1200-100 Park Royal South
West Vancouver, B.C. V7T 1A2
Fax: 604-926-9923, email: info@fns.bc.ca

The First Nations Summit wishes to thank all applicants for their interest, and advises that only those candidates to be interviewed will be contacted. The First Nations Summit hires on the basis of merit and is committed to employment equity. We encourage all qualified persons to apply. However, qualified Aboriginal applicants will be given priority.

Hesquiaht First Nation Office Manager.
Purpose: To actively support and uphold Hesquiaht First Nation's stated Mission and Statement of Goals and Principals. The purpose of this position is to manage staff on a day to day basis, delegating administrative and other work to ensure effective Tribal operations.
Relationships: The Office Manager is under the general supervision of the Director of Tribal Operations. This position will have daily contact with staff, community members, Hereditary Chiefs, Chief Councillor, and Councillors. External contacts include outside agencies, businesses, representatives from the Nuu chah nulth Tribal Council, and from various Nuu chah nulth communities.
For a detailed job description please call.
Only those short listed will be contacted for an interview.
Deadline for application is May 27, 2005@ 4:30 p.m.
Resumes may be faxed to the Personnel Committee c/o (250) 270-1102 or emailed to: hesquiahtmembership@alberni.net .

ACRD Representative
The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is seeking people interested in representing Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations on the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board. Those interested in the position should submit a letter of interest to the NTC Directors, c/o NTC Executive Director Florence Wylie.

VOTE in the BC Election on May 17th

In Memoriam - ʔaʔakʷap

In Memory of Ernest D. Wilson
May 7, 1998

A silent thought, a secret tear, a constant wish that you were here. No need for words except to say, I still love and miss you in every way. It broke my heart to lose you, but as part of me went with you. The day that God took you home. Every day I look to the sky and big bright sun and every time I look at it, It reminds me of you Uncle Ernest David Wilson.



Love your sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews

In Loving Memory of Lillian (Tutube) Price

A mother holds her children's hands for just a little while But she holds their hearts forever. Your loving family Marvin Tutube & family, Lisa, Michael, Marvin, Violet, Jackie & Steven, Clifford, Jeremy Price, Barb, boys, Joey, Jacob, Cecil Price & Jack.



In loving memory of Uncle Banjo
July 29, 1938 - April 26, 2002

You are gone but not forgotten
Always in our hearts
We miss you uncle Banjo



In loving memory of Anna Faye Louie.

For her Family and her Community:

I met Anna Faye in the spring of 2000 when I began work at the Women's Centre in Ucluelet. Anna Faye would come into the Centre in the mornings and start to work on the Free Closet and then help with whatever else needed doing. She volunteered many hours for many years at the Centre. That was Anna Faye. Anna Faye was a very private woman, but we would share stories on the back deck of the Women's Centre when we took breaks. Anna Faye had taken a nursing assistant course and had been unable to find work in her field when she returned to Ucluelet, so she went to work fishing with her Uncle Harold. Anna Faye loved fishing and loved working with her Uncle. His passing was a huge loss for her and it affected her deeply. That was Anna Faye. I can remember a time when Anna Faye came back from a fishing trip and promptly brought a cart full of groceries from Co-op for the Free Cupboard at the Centre. She told me not to say who the gift had come from and just to give the groceries to anyone who needed food.

Anna Faye's compassion and heart were as big as that wide smile of hers. She always shared what she had and opened her heart and her door to family in need. No matter the trials and troubles in her life, she never spoke ill of anyone. That was Anna Faye. Anna Faye's daughter, Reanna, was an unexpected gift for her. She was so proud of that little girl and I know she worked hard battling alcohol for her. She phoned me when she moved to Port Alberni and spoke of the challenges of her healing journey and how Reanna was her hope and her inspiration. She sent me pictures of her daughter, who had grown from the beautiful wee babe I remembered holding into a beautiful little girl. I can remember Anna Faye's pride when she brought that baby into the Centre the first time. As I held Reanna, Anna Faye glowed with love. That was Anna Faye. Anna Faye loved her daughter, loved fishing, loved chocolate covered cherries and loved her family. She walked with grace and dignity through her life. I was honoured to be Anna Faye Louie's friend. I will miss her and remember her always. Corrina Craig, RSW Victoria, BC

Birthdays and Congratulations II



Happy b-day Carrie a.k.a. P-O-D Livingstone for May 13th. From booyah and children.



Dennis (Liz) & William.

We would like to wish our littlest family member a happy 1st birthday for May 6th Garfield Kenny G Gary Puss-n-boots Jules. Love from Allannah & Olivia.



Community Events

Jack Family Potlatch

Scheduled for May 7, 2005 has been postponed. Due to the recent loss in our family we are rescheduling our party to **October 8, 2005 at the Tsaxana Gym @ 10:00 a.m.** Sorry for the inconvenience. We'll see you all there.

All descendants of John Smith and Cecelia Thompson Smith (Sternbeck)

There will be a family reunion on July 2,3 & 4 in Neah Bay. There are limited hotel rooms available; however, these need to be reserved ASAP. Please RSVP Josephine George @ 250-724-2976 or Aunt Clara @ 306-645-2096.

Memorial Potlatch

The House of the Late Saiyatchapis (Chuck Sam), we invite you to Maht-Mahs Gym, Saturday MAY 14TH 2005 10:00 am. To honour the lives of family: Saiyatchapis, Harry Sam, Dakkota Rain McFarlane.

ADAM FRED MEMORIAL POTLATCH

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.

Rocky Kano-pit Titian

invites you to a feast on October 1st, 2005 at the T-bird Hall in Ahousaht. Following dinner Rocky will give names to the great grandchildren of his late parents, Ambrose and Margaret Titian.

Mamie Wilson
April 7 1933 - April 12 2000

SMILE By Lonestar
I still remember the night we met
You said you loved my smile
But your love for me was like a summer breeze
Oh, it lasted for a while,
I could hold on a little tighter I know
But when you love someone you gotta let 'em go so
I'm gonna smile
'cause I want to make you happy
Laugh, so you can't see me cry
I'm gonna let you go in style
And even if it kills me
I'm gonna smile
Kiss me once for the good times, baby
Kiss me twice for goodbye
You can't help how you don't feel
And it doesn't matter why

Give me a chance to bow out gracefully
'cause that's how I want you to remember me
I'm gonna smile
'cause I want to make you happy
Laugh, so you can't see me cry
I'm gonna let you go in style
And even if it kills me
I'm gonna smile
We love you and miss you dearly
Grama, not a day goes by in our lives that we don't think of you, you're with us in our hearts always and forever. You meant alot to us and made an impact on our lives forever.
Luv ur grandkids
Lisa, Mikey, Marvin and Violet Tutube

We would like to send out a very special Happy sweet 16th birthday To our daughter Stephanie Vanessa Wilson
I remember how much I fell in love - the first time I looked into your eyes
And how much my heart broke, every time you cried.
I remember all of your misadventures and all of your proud moments
Now, you are sixteen, leaving me to wonder where time went.
I remember teaching you things like crawling, walking, biking,
Now it's all about driving and college that you are asking,

I remember that no matter what - we always stuck together,
I don't want us to lose that, no matter what - not ever.
I remember that the first time I held you, I never wanted to let you go.
I hope that we will always stay as close as we are today.
We love you, and are very proud of the beautiful young woman that your are becoming.
Love Always: Mommy & Daddy



A very special Happy Mother's Day to our mom & my wife this Mother's Day. We wish you the best & appreciate all you do for us, we love you. Calvin, Shannygirl & Daniel. Also Happy Mother's day to our mother in Canada, Genevieve Charlie (Mack) & our grand mother & Great Grand Mother (Rhoda). We love you & miss you both the Charlie clan. We wish you the absolutely most wonderful day on Mother's day. Last but not least a special mother's day shout out to all my sisters (Steph, Delia, Candace, Sheila, Ramona & high tower, hehehehe just kidd'n) I

certainly hope your day is more than you expected. Chuu. Daniel, Freda, Calvin & Shannygirl & lil' "E". Also a Special shout out to our aunts in Canada (Bernice, Marion, Flo & Ann, Bertha, Emily & Effie) We wish you all nothing but the best day ever this mother's day, we wish you all. The Charlie Clan
The May 28th 2005 wedding in Ahousaht, B.C. of Douglas James Dawson (Tsawatineuk) and Laura Rachel Fraser (Tlaouqhah) has been postponed until further notice.

Arts

Attention Nuu Chah Nulth Artists
Hittatsoo Forest Logo Contest
1st Prize \$500.00, Deadline Feb. 28th
Please Submit all entries to:
Maureen Touchie, Po Box 699, Ucluelet BC, V0R3A0

FOR SALE: Native designed jewellery; silver, copper, gold engraving, stone setting. Contact Gordon Dick by phone 723-9401.

WANTED: I am looking for someone to make Abalone buttons. Call 723-7134.
FOR SALE: Carvings for sale: coffee table tops, clocks, plaques, 6" totems, canoes, leave message for Charlie Mickey at 724-8609 or c/o Box 40, Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0

FOR SALE: Genuine Authentic basket weaving grass. Linda Edgar, phone 250-741-1622.

BASKET WEAVING FOR SALE: Grad Hat Regalia, Baskets, Weaving material, specializing in Maquinna Hat Earrings. Available to teach at conferences and workshops. Call Julie Joseph (250) 729-9819.

WANTED: whale teeth, whalebones, mastodon ivory and Russian blue cobalt trade beads. Lv. msg. For Steve and Elsie John at 604-833-3645 or c/o #141-720 6th St, New Westminster BC V3L3C5.

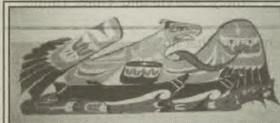
FOR SALE: Native painting. Call Bruce Nookemus (250) 728-2397
WHOPULTHEEATUK - Sandra Howard, Mowachah Cedar Weaver. Hats, Caps, Pouches, Baskets, Mats, and Roses for Sale. Price Negotiable. Barter or Trade. Ph: 250-283-7628. e-mail: oomek@hotmail.com.

ROSE AMBROSE: Basket weaving, shawls, baskets, headbands, roses, etc. Also teach 723-2106.

NOOTKA ART GOLD & SILVER: rings, bracelets, pendants, and stone settings by Gideon Smith. Sales - this year till year-end spend \$150 on silver jewelry and get 50% off on next item. Orders over \$150 can be delivered as far as Port Alberni to Victoria and Campbell River with a \$15 delivery charge. Phone 250 751 9413.

House of Win-Chee Aboriginal Fashion

P.O. Box 8019
Victoria, B.C. V8W 5R7
Ph: (250) 382-7379 Fax: (250) 382-7375
Email: winchee@pacifiocoast.net



wihayag.cik, James Swan, AHOUHAHT NATIVE ARTIST, Original paintings, and carvings. (can customize orders) P.O. # 84 - Ahousaht, BC - V0R1A0 home (250) 670-2438 cell (250) 731-5304. www.ahousahtnativeart.com wihay@alberni.net

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Traditional Artist: Masks, Paddles, Plaques, Glass Etching, Original Paintings. Clothing Designs put on vests, hats, jackets etc. Box 108, Ahousaht B.C. V0R 1A0 Telephone: 250-670-9546 World: 250-670-9555/9589

Miscellaneous

CLASSIFIED

Automotive

D&M AUTOCLEAN: "We'll do your dirty work" Automobile cleaning and renewal. CARS - TRUCKS - RV'S - BOATS. 7429 Pacific Rim Highway. Phone 720-2211.

PROFESSIONAL BODYWORK: Will do professional bodywork and painting. 14 years experience. Experienced, certified welder on-site. Marcel Dorward. 723-1033.

FOR SALE: 1989 Ford Econoline 17 passenger bus. Auto, runs great. \$5500 obo 723-2308.

FOR SALE: 1990 Ford 2 wd 1 ton crew cab on propane. \$2500. 735-0833.

FOR SALE: 1990 Acura Integra, body kit, 17"rims, air intake, headers & more! \$7,000 firm. 735-2225. Willard.

FOR SALE: 1997 Ford Aerostar Van. Very good condition, has been cared for and used sparingly. Call 1-360-645-2019 evenings after 6:30 pm. Elizabeth Little Parker.

Marine

BOAT FOR SALE: 1992 - 25 foot Raider. Aluminum cabin, open fore and aft deck, adjustable outboard bracket, tandem galvanized trailer. \$19,900 without engine, \$29,900 with 2001 - 225 Merc Optimax. Call Roger Franceur 723-4005

BOAT FOR SALE: MV Ropo - no license. 40' fiberglass. Ex-freezer troller. Fully equipped. Freezer system only 2 years old. Harold Little (250) 670-2477.

FOR SALE: 40' Ex-troller and Spring nets made to order. Call Robert Johnson Sr. (250) 724-4799.

FOR SALE: Area "G" AI Troll License 37.5 ft. Contact Louie Frank Sr. at 250-670-9573 or leave a message at the Ahousaht Administration Office at 250-670-9563.

FOR SALE: New and Used Barclay Sound Sockeye Nets. (250) 923-9864.

WANTED: 18' - 19' Fiberglass Deep V Fishing Boat, Soft Top, (Double Eagle, Hourston, etc). Call Dale or Barb @ 250-283-7149.

CANOE BUILDING: Will build canoe, or teach how to build canoe. Call Harry Lucas 724-1494.

FOR SALE: 25' Bayliner powered by 350 Chev with Volvo leg. Excellent condition. \$11,000. 735-0833.

MISSING: 30 HP Yamaha. Any information please contact Boyd or Josh Fred at 723-5114 or 724-6491. Reward!
WANTED: Boat Trailer for 20' boat. Call Michael @ 720-6026.

FOR SALE: Nets - Different Sizes, Different prices, make an offer. Trolling gear - offers. View - 5010 Mission Rd. Phone - 723-9894.

FOR SALE: Combination Gillnet Troll Longline Pacific Cruiser. Phone 728-3519 for more info.

2 GILLNETS FOR SALE: one new 41/2" mesh, 120 mesh deep for \$5000. One 45/8" 90 mesh deep net \$2000. Both Alaska twists. Call Ed Cliffe (250) 287-8552 or (250) 203-2850.

Employment Wanted/ Services Offered

ALL OCCASIONS CALL: RENE B
723-2843
PORT ALBERNI, B.C.

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Web Site Graphic Design www.iccreations.com
Web Programming (250) 724-4383
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Logo Creation
Client Hosting

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FOR HIRE: Pickup truck and driver. Need something transported or towed? Transport/move furniture, fridge, stoves, outboard motors, your boat, canoe or travel trailer towed or moved. By the km and by the hour. Call 250-724-5290.

Kumtka Advisory for Histories, Governance, and Constitutions (forming governments). contact Harry Lucas, at 724-2313.

NUU-CHAH-NULTH NATIVE LANGUAGE: Transcribing in phonetics - for meetings, research projects, personal use. Hourly rates. Phone Harry Lucas at 724-2313.

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

TSAWAAYUUS: SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH YOUR ELDERS: Volunteers required for the following:
✓ Give demonstrations ✓ and/or teach basket weaving, carving, painting, etc.
✓ We also need cultural entertainment. Contact Darlene Erickson at 724-5655.

FIRST AID TRAINING: Canadian Red Cross Certified First Aid Instructors Lavern and Alex Frank are available to teach First Aid to your group, office, or community. Classes can have up to 24 students. Phone (250) 725-3367 or (250) 726-2604 for more information.

SWEET'S CLEANING SERVICES: Samantha Gus: Need some Cleaning done? Don't have enough time? Good rates. Call 723-7645 or leave a message @ 724-2763. Windows, dishes, vacuuming, laundry, walls, shelves, etc. Custodial/ Janitorial certified.

COMMERCIAL HOUSE KEEPING/ home making certified and Food safe.
ELEGANT ADVANTAGE DECORATING AND CATERING SERVICES: Tracey Robinson @ home: 723-8571, Margaret Robinson @ home: 723-0789. We do all occasions: Weddings, Showers, Graduations, Banquets, Brunches, Dinners, * Super Host and Food Safe Certified*

AL & JO-ANNE'S CLEANING SERVICES: The most reasonable rates! Call Al or Jo-anne (250) 723-7291.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT: Nitinahr Lake Motel. Now open year round. For reservations and other information call 250-745-3844. Mailing address P.O. Box 455, Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M9.

MR. MARTIN THE MAGICIAN: is now taking bookings for all entertainment purposes. 250-995-2942.

TOQUAHT BAY CONVENIENCE STORE: Open year round. Stat cigs available. 726-8306.

FOR RENT: A non-profit organization has rooms to rent, by the day, week or month. Very reasonable rates for Room and Board. Also, there is a Boardroom available for rent. For more information phone 723-6511.

R. FRED & ASSOCIATES - media specialists. Professional quality publishing services, audio-video, website development, accessibility for disabilities, contract writing & business development. Call Randy Fred at (250)741-0153.

FOUND: Black jacket at the Ahousaht NTC treaty planning meeting Nov. 8-9. Call Mike Watts to identify and claim 724-5757.

A NEW GIFT STORE IN TOFINO WILL BE OPENING SOON ... At this time, we are looking for local artists from the area to sell their artwork in this store. For further information, feel free to contact Roberta Tom @ 725-2235 or Cindy Dennis @ 725-1279.

FOR SALE: Anyone interested in buying sweaters & sweatpants, blankets and baby blankets, denim handbags. Put your order in with Doreen and Anna Dick at 250 204-2480

FOR SALE: Beadwork by Gloria McKay. Cedar bark work by Sheryl. Table top flower arrangements, weddings with cedar roses. Carvings by Russell Tate, masks, paddles, etc. Nuu-cha-nulth baskets of all sizes by Charlotte Carpenter. Call 723-2776 or 723-0287.

Garage Sale ~ May 14, 2005
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 3940 Johnston St. Hansen Hall. Port Alberni



N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



THE FIRST CITIZEN'S FUND

In 1997 NEDC began delivering the First Citizen's Fund loan program. Each year NEDC applies to renew their agreement with All Nations Trust Corporation (ANTCO), the FCF program administrator and to receive a new allocation.

In 2004 - 05 the NEDC FCF total allocation was \$900,833.

For 2005 - 06 the NEDC First Citizens' Fund allocation is currently being finalized. We are expecting a confirmed allocation by early May.

What makes this fund really attractive to the borrower is the 40% forgivable portion (called a deferred contribution) meaning that 40% of the principle will be contributed from the First Citizens Fund in pro-rata instalments over the term of the loan.

The First Citizen's Fund loan program is open to most types of business ventures, however loans CANNOT be approved for revolving credit lines or the refinancing of an existing business. The maximum loan for any business venture and the maximum loan for any individual in their lifetime is \$76,500 - inclusive of the 2% borrowers fee for aftercare services.

It is important to note that the lifetime maximum is determined to be the total amount of program loans taken out by a borrower and that any person or organization who is an owner in whole or part at the time the FCF loan is received is considered a borrower and will have the entire amount of the loan applied against their allowable maximum.

The program eligibility is as follows: the applicant must be of North American Aboriginal ancestry, currently residing and doing business in the Nuu-chah-nulth territory. In the case of an organization there must be a minimum of 51% North American Aboriginal ownership.

The NEDC loan portfolio contains a variety of programs and services for the Nuu-chah-nulth entrepreneur.

To provide these services NEDC identifies potential funding sources, makes application for this funding and when successful makes the funding available to its clients in the form of loans and contributions.

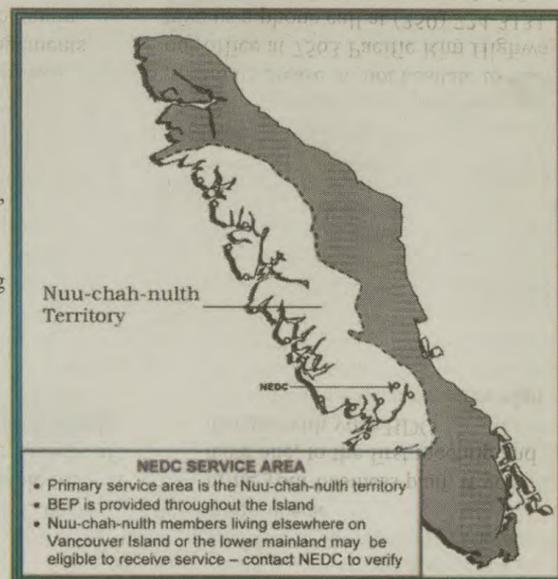
The reporting and delivery processes involved in accessing these programs require a high level of integrity and accountability to both the clients and the government agencies.

NEDC has been very successful in

developing and maintaining partnerships with the various funding agencies and has earned a reputation as one of the most successful Aboriginal Financial Institutions (AFI) in Canada. The partnerships that the Corporation has formed provide its clients the opportunity to access virtually all economic and business programs available in Canada through one source, NEDC.

NEDC PROGRAMS & SERVICES 2005-2006

- 1. First Citizen's Fund:** provides business loans to all industry sectors. The advantage to a First Citizen's Fund loan is that it includes a 40% forgivable component to each loan. This fund has a lifetime maximum of \$75,000 per person
- 2. Business Equity Program (BEP):** part of the Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) Program the BEP provides a business equity contribution of up to a maximum \$50,000. It is important to note that applicants to this program must show a demonstrated need for the contribution. Contributions are strictly limited to the following four focus areas: tourism, technology, youth and innovation. You can apply on-line at abc-eac.ic.gc.ca.
- 3. Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) Program:** provides business equity contributions for requests over \$50,000. It is important to note that applicants to this program must show a demonstrated need for the contribution. Contributions are strictly limited to the following four focus areas: tourism, technology, youth and innovation. You can apply on-line at abc-eac.ic.gc.ca.
- 4. General Business Loan Fund:** this fund provides loans to all industry sectors and all sizes of business
- 5. Western Economic Diversification (WD):** this is the funding agency for the Community Futures Program and provides loans and business support for small to mid-sized businesses
- 6. Persons With a Disability Program:** small business loans for persons with a disability. This loan fund is meant to assist clients with any type of disability whether
- 7. ABC/WD Youth Program:** offering small business loans (to a maximum of \$15,000), lower equity requirement, training and business counselling for youth ages 19 to 35 years inclusive.
- 8. ABC Youth Forgivable:** a contribution applied to an ABC youth loan, this program forgives the last 25% of the loan.
- 9. NTC Forgivable Loans:** a program partnered with the NTC and offered only to Nuu-chah-nulth borrowers for NEW business loans. The forgivable loan component has a ceiling of \$10,000 for individual and \$25,000 for tribes.
- 10. Fisheries Fund:** this partnership supports commercial fisheries related business loans by offering them both a reduced equity requirement and interest rate
- 11. Feasibility Studies and Business Planning:** funds may be available to assist with large projects
- 12. Preferred Client Status:** NEDC offers this status to clients we have dealt with for 3 years or more who have an excellent credit rating and demonstrated business viability. The benefit to the client includes a lower interest rate and a reduced requirement for project information.
- 13. Business Training:** NEDC has a limited fund that is available to assist the business training needs of its clients. This can be used to help build the capacity of a business, upgrade skills and/or access new training.
- 14. FirstHost:** a one-day customer service training program developed specifically for First Nation front line service givers. This program is available to all clients on a fee for service basis.
- 15. REACH Site:** the NEDC main office offers clients access to a computer, printer and business information. Prior arrangements must be made through the main office.
- 16. Community Economic Development:** NEDC offers a



variety of services in this area and actively seeks community input. Each year there are a number of business and or economic development workshops, conferences and training sessions held throughout the Nuu-chah-nulth region as well as community and/or group planning sessions.

All loans and programs are subject to the NEDC eligibility criteria.

To apply for a loan:

- make an appointment with an NEDC Business Development Officer (BDO), to discuss your business proposal, loan requirement, etc.
- complete the NEDC loan application form and agree to a credit check
- 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 the NEDC requirements and offering resource suggestions, financial advise, etc.

To make an appointment with an NEDC Business Development Officer or for more information on the First Citizen's Fund or any of NEDC's programs please do not hesitate to visit our office at 7563 Pacific Rim Highway, give us a phone call at (250) 724-3131 or visit our website at www.nedc.info. We look forward to assisting you in your business ventures.

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to promote and assist the development, establishment and expansion of the business enterprises of Nuu-chah-nulth Tribes and Tribal members

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