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## Nuu-chah-nulth launch largest fisheries case in history

By David Wiwchar  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Vancouver** - Nine Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations had their first day in court last week against Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and the federal government in BC Supreme Court. The Nuu-chah-nulth state they were forced out of the commercial fishing industry and are demanding their rights to harvest ocean resources commercially be recognized and reinstated.

"Nuu-chah-nulth people have always depended on fisheries resources within our territories," said NTC Central Region Co-chair A-in-chut (Shawn Atleo). "We traded with other First Nations and when the Europeans arrived, our trading expanded to include the new visitors," he said.

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Atleo cited journals from early explorers including Captain James Cook, who recognized the strong system of governance and resource management within the Nuu-chah-nulth Nations he visited. He also cited the journals of early Indian agents who used the Nuu-chah-nulth dependence on ocean resources as rationale for allocating some of the smallest reservation allotments in all of Canada. "They put us on the tiny plots of lands because we are tied so closely with our ocean resources, then they took away our rights to harvest those same resources," said Nuu-chah-nulth Elder Nelson Keitlah.

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Representatives from the nine participating Nations joined with their lawyers John Rich and Matt Kirshner outside the provincial law courts early in the morning on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, and Ahousaht led a ciquaa before Keitlah led the singing of the Nuu-chah-nulth song.

"Together, we are strong," said Keitlah.



**Representatives from the nine participating Nations, their supporters, and legal counsel gathered outside the provincial law courts in Vancouver last week for the first fisheries litigation court hearing.**

"Now, we are forced to take our fight to their court. We have really powerful information that will prove us right and prove the government wrong," he said.

The Huu-ay-aht First Nation recently announced they would be joining other Nuu-chah-nulth Nations (Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Hupacasath, Mowachaht / Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, and Tseshaht) in the litigation, citing frustration with treaty negotiations. "Our members gave us unanimous approval to re-join the fisheries litigation after the governments presented us with unacceptable fisheries offers in treaty negotiations," said Huu-ay-aht Chief Councilor Robert Dennis. "We maintain that we would prefer to negotiate, but it has become apparent that the offers for our domestic needs continue to be inadequate."

Inside the courtroom, the Nuu-chah-nulth's lawyer John Rich outlined the case before the judge. "This is not a comprehensive Aboriginal rights and title case. This is about the fisheries," said Rich. "Our clients have been seriously impacted and their communities are suffering. Many of their people have been charged with fisheries offenses and they are eager to argue this case before the court. Canada has substantially displaced these people from the fishery," he said.

A team of seven lawyers representing the governments of Canada and BC

admitted they were unprepared for the case, and asked BC Supreme Court Justice Jon Sigurdson for more time. Lead lawyer J.M. McKenzie argued this is one of the largest Aboriginal fishing cases to come before the court, and his staff needed to go through more than 11,000 files and 1,047,000 pages of documents. He will be requesting Nuu-chah-nulth prove Aboriginal Commercial fishing rights to all 90 species of commercially harvestable sea resources in each claimed territory. Rich argued defense lawyers have had plenty of time, and said further delays will damage Nuu-chah-nulth interests in the fisheries.

"It's been two years since we filed our writ, and a year-and-a-half since we filed our Statement of Claim; how much

time do they need," asked Shawn Atleo outside the court house. "Obviously the Government of Canada is afraid of this case and will stop at nothing to stall even further," he said.

The case is scheduled to go to trial March 6, 2006, over two years after Nuu-chah-nulth filed their Statement of Claim. Justice Sigurdson agreed to meet with all sides again in early September for an extended case management hearing and to consider Canada's request to delay further the start of the trial.

"The hearing went as we expected it to," Northern Region co-chair Archie Little said afterwards. "Canada is not going to overturn 150 years of fisheries management overnight. There are far too many vested interests, but it was outrageous for Canada to claim they didn't know what the case was about," he said. "Canada wants to put this case off for years and years and years. We have to move forward."



**Lawyers John Rich and Matt Kirshner meet with their Nuu-chah-nulth clients after the hearing.**

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## Hupacasath fuel Oil and Gas debate

By David Wiwchar  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ahaswinis** - Only a handful of people came to Hupacasath Hall to hear about oil and gas drilling in coastal Alaska and find out what it means to BC.

The gathering, hosted by the Hupacasath First Nation and the Living Oceans Society, featured a pair of speakers from the Cook Inlet area near Anchorage, where offshore oilrigs pull thousands of barrels of oil from deep beneath the sea floor.

Despite the fact that all BC First Nations are opposed to the opening of offshore oil and gas exploration, and a majority of British Columbians share the same view, the BC Government seems committed to lifting the moratorium, which has prevented exploration.

"Our advice to residents of Vancouver Island is to be prepared," said Bob Shavelson, executive director of the Cook Inlet Keepers. "You won't have the resources to deal with the impacts of this industry," he said.

According to Shavelson, the Cook Inlet oil and gas industry started out small, but within a decade expanded to 16 large huge offshore platforms, 1,000 miles of onshore and offshore pipelines, and hundreds of toxic waste sites to deal with more than 2 billion gallons of toxic waste produced by the industry each year.

The Cook Inlet Keepers helped launch a lawsuit against the oil companies over 4200 violations to the Clean Water Act, resulting in a \$2 million settlement.

"The lawsuit payments are just the cost of doing business for these companies," said Shavelson. "It's less expensive for them to pay the fines than it is to do the necessary work and put safeguards in place to protect the environment," he said.

According to Shavelson, Cook Inlet is



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the only place in the United States where oil companies are permitted to discharge harmful materials, and oil rigs produce thousands of tons of toxic drilling mud and cuttings, spills and leaks, and sewage.

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"They have about one spill each month, but very few are reported because the industry is supposed to be self-policing," he said. "Meanwhile, the beluga whale population in Cook Inlet has decreased by 50% over the past ten years."

Speakers pointed to the Exxon Valdez oil spill disaster in 1989 as a 'worst-case scenario' of the industry.

"The oil spill changed our lives," said Violet Yeaton, Tribal Environmental Planner for the Port Graham Village Council. "When that spill happened, our traditional lifestyle ceased to exist. We still can't eat any shellfish species in our territory," she said.

On the opposite side of the Kenai Peninsula, hundreds of miles from Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound is still poisoned by much of the 20 million gallons of oil that spilled from the Exxon Valdez after it hit Bligh Reef 16 years ago, and Exxon still owes more than \$5.5 billion from a subsequent lawsuit.

"The Exxon Valdez is a snapshot of corporate behavior," said Shavelson. "Their sole goal is to maximize profits. It's an unsustainable, boom-and-bust industry based on a non-renewable resource that is capital intensive and labour poor. They don't need a lot of people to work on these oil rigs. There's not many jobs there, so there is little, if any benefits to local economies," he said.

Shavelson and Yeaton were on their way to the BC First Nations Summit meeting in Chilliwack, and stopped to speak with a few other BC First Nations along the way.

"It's good to hear experiences of people, learn from them and be prepared," said Hupacasath Chief Councilor Judy Sayers. "I actually learned a lot and will be using that info to prepare us for battle as need be. This definitely adds to my conviction to oppose offshore oil and gas developments," she said.



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## Island Chiefs meet Opposition

By David Wiwchar  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Victoria** - Carole James hadn't even seen her new office as Leader of the Opposition when she met with First Nations leaders at the Legislature last week.

With only a desk and a couple of chairs (no paper, pens, or office supplies) James sat down with Shawn Atleo and Doug Kelly to discuss issues of concern within BC's 199 First Nations.

The next day, James gathered with her Vancouver Island MLAs to meet with three dozen Chiefs and leaders who had come from every part of the island to discuss their own issues.

James, who was elected last month in the riding of Victoria-Beacon Hill, is the leader of the BC New Democratic Party and promises to be very vocal in support of First Nations throughout the province. A Metis who recently worked for the Carrier Nation in Prince George before embarking on a political career, James and her party received strong support from Native voters in the recent election.

"We've always had a close affinity with the NDP, and I think we proved that in voting strongly for the New Democrats in this past election," said Cliff Atleo Sr., who was asked to make a presentation on behalf of all island Nations.

Atleo presented a list of issues to James, speaking on treaty, forestry, economic development, environment, health, and education issues.

"I don't think we've ever been unreasonable in asking for the resolution of the land issue. There is extreme generosity on the part of First Nations and we're prepared to share," said Atleo. "But we want to be able to share in the rich resources within our territories. We have to be at the management table, and we have to have a say," he said.

Atleo highlighted a number of reports on issues James should familiarize herself with. "If you're going to make a difference, you need to understand where we're coming from," said Atleo. "You have to recognize and respect who we are."

The meeting was held in the west wing of the Legislative Assembly attached to the Leader of the Opposition's offices on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the day after National Aboriginal Day. Representatives from eight Nuu-chah-nulth Nations were in attendance along with leaders from Coast Salish and Kwakwaka'wakw Nations.

The meeting was chaired by Dan Smith (Kwakwaka'wakw) who sat at the head of the table with James, and new Aboriginal Affairs Critic Scott Fraser (Alberni - Qualicum).

"This is a great start and I really appreciate your help in drawing attention to issues we need to get up to speed on," said James. "There's a great deal of work that needs to be done, and these are issues that all our MLAs need to know about," she said.

"This is the dawning of a new era, and we have to hold the government's feet to the fire," said Fraser. "The government is



**BC NDP leader and Leader of the Opposition Carole James meets with First Nations Chiefs and leaders from throughout Vancouver Island at the Legislature in Victoria.**

not recognizing the spirit of recent court decisions, and I will need your help in forcing them to do all that they are supposed to do, and all that you want them to do," he said.

In discussing the current treaty process in BC, Atleo said the current system is unfair and flawed, and the province should not be allowed to create "lead tables" at the expense of other negotiating teams.

"If our Nations feel they have to go to court, then the negotiation process is flawed," said NTC Northern Region co-chair Archie Little. "We need to fix that process," he said.

Tseshat's Richard Watts spoke on the need for equitable funding of First Nations schools, and other leaders spoke

on the need for greater consultation and accommodation of First Nations rights, titles, and interests.

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"This will be the first of many meetings I will be having with you over the next four years," said Fraser after receiving a ringing endorsement from the Nuu-chah-nulth leaders among others. "As the critic, I will need your help, and I appreciate all your offers of assistance," he said.

**Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council**  
**Toll Free Number:**  
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Nuu-chah-nulth leadership have now established a toll free number to assist membership with any questions they may have regarding treaty related business.

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The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is seeking qualified applicants for the full time positions of President and Vice President.

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Qualifications for both positions include the completion of a diploma or degree in a related field, along with experience specific to the positions.

Contact Arlene Bill at 250-724-5757 or abill@nuuchahnulth.org to receive a **mandatory** application package which includes: application form, additional qualifications, required documentation and Terms of Reference.

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Applications should be mailed to the NTC Executive Director, PO Box 1383, Port Alberni, BC, V9Y 7M2, or hand delivered to 5000 Mission Rd., Port Alberni, B.C.

## Upcoming Treaty Planning Meetings

July 12-13, 2005	Campbell River Anchor Inn, 261 Island Hwy.	9:00 a.m.
July 26-27, 2005	Nanaimo, Mt. Benson Royal Canadian Legion Conf. Room, 1630 E. Wellington,	9:00 a.m.

Everyone is on their own for lunch If you have any items for the agenda please contact Michelle Corfield or Gail Gus at 724-5757 or toll free 1-877-677-1131 or email: mcorfield@nuuchahnulth.org or gailgus@nuuchahnulth.org.

## Nuu chah nulth members living in Campbell River Area Status card renewal

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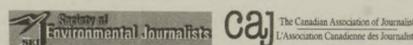
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This year is Ha-Shilth-Sa's **31st year** of serving the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations.

We look forward to your continued input and support.

Kleco! Kleco! David Wiwchar, Editor / Manager



# Fisheries - ca-ca-ṭuk

## Tsuxiit disables Coast Guard boat

By David Wivchar  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

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Mowachaht / Muchalaht fisheries staff along with NTC Northern Region Biologist Roger Dunlop have proven that Tsuxiit (aka Luna, L-98) reacts to underwater sonar devices such as depth sounders and fish finders.

Warnings about the use of such devices in Nootka Sound are broadcast regularly on Coast Guard marine radio channels, but this advice went unheeded even by the Coast Guard's own crews who were recently working in Nootka Sound.

The service boat was dropped off the Bartlett into Nootka Sound to replace the green can buoy near Hanna Channel. The two-person crew aboard the 27-foot wooden workboat were using a hand-held depth sounder as they prepared to replace the buoy. Since this is one of Tsuxiit's favoured feeding areas, use of the sonar device quickly attracted the whale's attention, as he began bumping and rubbing up against the boat. According to one eyewitness, the crew sat helplessly as Tsuxiit rubbed against the boat for two hours until a local Fisheries Officer arrived to distract the whale from the Coast Guard vessel, and arrange for the boat to be towed back to the Bartlett.

When Luna first showed up in Nootka Sound four years ago, local boaters were horrified to find their fish finder transformers ripped from the bottoms of their boats. Dunlop quickly realized underwater sonar waves bothered the whale, and began studying this little-understood problem few other scientists have been able to study.

Mowachaht / Muchalaht leaders have proposed an adaptive management experiment to ban sonar and see if it results in fewer interactions with vessels. They are also proposing a noise-free sanctuary through Zuchiarie Channel to allow Luna passage to the outside to allow him to expand his home range seaward. It would provide an avenue of retreat from intense noise, and help him to move over the sill so he can hear the calls of other Southern group members if they come up to Tofino, as they usually do in summer. The passage will also allow Tsuxiit to get used to venturing outside for an opportunity to re- unite acoustically with fellow endangered Southern Resident whales nearby.

According to Dunlop, it has been almost six months since Tsuxiit last interacted actively with a boat, but with sport fishing season only a few weeks away, more interaction is

inevitable unless DFO and Mowachaht / Muchalaht can agree on an acceptable stewardship plan.

Over the past few months, leaders from the Mowachaht / Muchalaht First Nation have been meeting with representatives Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to hammer out a 'Tsuxiit Stewardship Plan' to protect the whale from boats and vice versa.

"We are looking at a collaborative approach to protect Luna, and we're looking for ingenious ways to get some funding, but I don't have a lot of resources," said Ed Lochbaum, former DFO Area Chief of Fisheries Management for the South Coast, adding he will be sending the proposal to his superiors later this week and won't know about DFO funding levels until after a review process has taken place.

Mowachaht / Muchalaht was asking for \$176,000 to pay for personnel, gas, boat maintenance, and educational materials for this year, but with only four months remaining in the boating season is now asking for \$90,000 in funding.

Mowachaht / Muchalaht has already spent \$9,000 on equipment to monitor Tsuxiit, and is asking for further assistance from both government and non-governmental agencies for help.

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More than \$208,000 was spent in June of last year, as DFO and Vancouver Aquarium staff attempted to capture Tsuxiit and move him via transport truck to the Victoria area, where they hoped he would reunite with his pod. DFO spent more than \$141,000 on the effort, and the Vancouver Aquarium contributed an additional \$67,000.

People willing to contribute can do so through NGOs (reuniteluna.com) and WCVI AMB Help Luna website (www.westcoastaquatic.org/HelpLuna.htm). Donations via the AMB site are tax deductible and receipts are provided.

Mowachaht / Muchalaht suggest visitors book passage on the Uchuck III to view Tsuxiit. The First Nation is in the process of setting up a public viewing station at Tuta Marina where tourists, residents, and whale researchers can watch Tsuxiit through a spotting scope, and listen to him on hydrophones at the same time as he continues to feed and grow in Nootka Sound.

### CCGS BARTLETT



**NTC Fisheries Southern Region biologist Jim Lane and NTC Fisheries Program Manager Dr. Don Hall help the Ditidaht Fisheries Crew conduct a crab survey in Nitinat Lake. The crew were measuring crabs as part of a stock assessment and management information survey for Ditidaht at Nitinat Lake.**

## Nuu-chah-nulth Culture Online

The Nuu-chah-nulth are showcasing their culture, language and traditions through a unique website called, "Hishuk ish Tsawalk" (Everything is one and all interconnected).

The website project was made possible made possible with the support of the Department of the Canadian Heritage through Canadian Culture Online.

"We are presenting a comprehensive-interactive website that will deepen Canadians' understanding of Nuu-chah-nulth people", said Shawn Atleo, NTC Co-chair. "With this website we offer a glimpse of the Nuu-chah-nulth culture, values and language as presented by our Elders".

The website presents the Nuu-chah-nulth alphabet, phrases and cultural explanations. Elders from all regions of the Nuu-chah-nulth territory made an invaluable contribution by sharing their stories about: Sacred Teachings, Role of Women, Spirituality, Governance, Resilience and Renewal.

"The Nuu-chah-nulth web-site is a significant step towards teaching non-Nuu-chah-nulth people about our culture and an opportunity for us to use the technology available to us to help revitalize and sustain our culture," said NTC Post-Secondary Supervisor Lynette Barbosa. "I am hopeful this project will continue and that our web-site will be a living source of information as it is apparent that many of our aa-ee-chum

are eager to pass on teachings," she said.

Information on all NTC Departments and services are also available on the website, as well as recent issues of *Ha-Shilth-Sa* newspaper.

The website has become quite popular, with 4200 hits already this month, and many more expected after an ad appeared last weekend in the National Post newspaper. Through specialized software, the website developer has tracked most of the hits as coming from federal and provincial government department and ministries, and from the Makah Nation. Other hits came through users of Google, MSN, and Yahoo search engines.

"Part of my motivation for wanting to develop the site is to reach the children in care living away from home," said NTC Social Development Coordinator Nene VanVolsen. "So many of these children are disconnected from their culture and lack opportunities and resources to learn of our rich history and language. This web page gives them the opportunity to explore our language, learn the alphabet, practise phrases, hear our Nuu-chah-nulth song, and connect with elders teachings," she said.

Please take the time to explore the website presentation of "Hishuk ish Tsawalk" by visiting: <http://www.nuuchahnulth.org>

**VANCOUVER ISLAND health authority**

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Come and learn more about this important subject at the Long Beach Golf Course on Sunday, July 10 from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Lunch will be served. The workshop will be led by Catherine Luke, Project Manager and Educator for the Vancouver Island Health Authority's Let Me Decide Advance Directives Project and is sponsored by the Pacific Rim Hospice Society.

RSVP to Kim Hoag of the Pacific Rim Hospice Society at 725-2951.

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**Pacific Rim Hospice Society AGM**  
1:30, following presentation

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## Ahousaht beefs up Emergency Plan after tsunami warnings

By Denise August,  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ahousaht** - The coastal community of Maaqtusiis had its evacuation plan tested twice in recent weeks when a series of earthquakes rocked the northwest coast of California. The first tsunami warning came around 9 pm and evacuation of the low-lying areas went relatively well despite the mixed reactions of the people.

**The coastal community of Maaqtusiis had its evacuation plan tested twice in recent weeks when a series of earthquakes rocked the northwest coast of California.**

Community members say reaction to the tsunami warning ranged from indifference of those who believed it to be another false alarm to downright panic of those who remember the vivid images of Indonesia after its Boxing Day tsunami. In all, Emergency Coordinator Curtis Dick, said it took 25 minutes to evacuate the low-lying vulnerable areas and he wants to improve on that time by ten minutes.

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The community gathered at Thunderbird Hall on June 20<sup>th</sup>, shortly after the second tsunami warning. Dick had attended an NTC-sponsored emergency preparedness meeting earlier that day in Ucluelet where First Nations evaluated their current plans and shared information for improvement.

While Ahousaht, along with Tla-o-qui-aht did relatively well evacuating their communities, Ahousaht saw some gaps and is looking to the community help fill the holes. The once strong volunteer fire fighter and First Responder teams have dwindled in numbers over the years.

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Ahousaht Council and Dick pleaded for volunteers to sign up for training. They need more volunteers they say, because the population of the community has

grown to more than 850 and there are fewer volunteers to cover a rapidly growing area.

Dick pointed out that it isn't unusual for many if not most of the trained volunteers to be out of the community in the event of an emergency. He urged women especially to train for firefighting and/or First Responder.

Dick said Ahousaht's emergency personnel already had a planning meeting and he was seeking community input to improve on the plans. He pointed out that the NTC indicated both Ahousaht and TFN are well prepared in the event of an emergency.

"Our fire truck, First Responders and Search and Rescue are ready; at the drop of a dime our community comes together," he said.

The key to a good emergency preparedness plan, said Dick, is strong communications and Ahousaht will improve on theirs by purchasing two sirens and 12 VHF radios for exclusive use of emergency personnel. In the event of an emergency, only emergency personnel will have permission to use a certain VHF channel. A chain of command will be established and official notification or stand down will be recognized only if it comes from the Coast Guard or RCMP.

Alec Dick pointed out that it scares a lot of people when someone 'jumps on the air' and announces something unconfirmed that they've seen on TV or heard on the radio.

Some women in the community are collecting donations for emergency shelter supplies. Elder Lena Jumbo made the first donation of water containers. Ahousaht's emergency preparedness plan along with a list of family survival items will be delivered to each and every home in the community. "In order for the plan to be successful," said Alec, "it must be respected; we're only trying to save our families, our kids."

He urged people to immediately begin putting together their Emergency Family Pack; supplies a family would need to get by for three days without their home, electricity or water. "We need to become self-sufficient within our own families," he said, "and not expect others to take care of us."

People were invited to make suggestions and ask questions. One woman said nobody is sure where to go when they are told to go 30 feet or 50 feet above sea level; nobody knows where that is. She also pointed out that the water tank; a designated safe area is overgrown with alder.

Chief Councilor Keith Atleo assured the community that crews would be sent to clear the area around the tank for easier access. Curtis Dick said the locations of designated safe areas would be sent with



A view from 'high ground' near Ahousaht.

emergency preparedness plans to the homes.

Another important reminder is for parents and caregivers to always know where the children are. During the first tsunami warning a father took his daughter to high ground and explained to the preschooler why they needed to go there. During the second warning he couldn't find his daughter and spent precious time desperately searching for her, only to find she immediately ran for the hills when the warning came. It's terrifying not knowing where to find your children in the event of an emergency.

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The emergency planning team announced that during and after an emergency a "public relations" person would be named to convey information from the community to the outside world. They hope this will cut down on confusion that is created when family members in town hear mixed messages.

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# Education - ha-ho-pa

## Education Agreement signed with School District

By David Wivchar  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tsahaheh** - A landmark agreement was signed last week to address problems within the public school system in increase graduation rates for First Nations students.

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"There's a lot of work that needs to be done to improve Aboriginal graduation rates, and it's imperative that we set long-term goals and work together towards that end," said NTC Education K-12 Supervisor Eileen Haggard. "We want to see a higher rate of academic success for First Nations students, but also a better reflection of Nuu-chah-nulth culture in the local school system as a whole," she said.

Leaders from all Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, the Metis Association, United Native Nations, and School District #70

were on hand to sign the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement at a ceremony at the Tseshah Longhouse on

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Native and non-Native students from many local schools joined the celebration by performing Nuu-chah-nulth songs and dances in a wonderful display of cross-cultural education.

Dennis Bill, Tseshah First Nation Councilor, School District #70 teacher, and Masters student MC'd the event, which began with a prayer from Alan Dick, and a welcome from Tseshah Chief Councilor Les Sam.

"Today is a significant step in the right direction as we work to make the education system work for our people," said Sam.

"Education is very important to us, and we must teach our language and culture to everyone in our territories in a good way," added Vice-Chief Councilor Deb Foxcroft.

"Our goal is to increase graduation rates and academic achievements as well as make Aboriginal students feel welcome, and help non-Aboriginal students gain a greater understanding and appreciation of First Nations cultures and languages," said SD #70 Director of Aboriginal Education Cam Pinkerton.



Students from throughout School District #70 came to celebrate the new agreement and showcase the things they've learned about Nuu-chah-nulth culture.



Called the Maatmaas k'itačinkstaf'in ʔuʔuʔtaq (Tribes, Nations walking hand in hand together doing good work), the agreement is specific to the Alberni School District, and was negotiated after a year of meetings between School District #70 and First Nations education officials through the Aboriginal Education Liaison Committee.

"School District 70 (Alberni) recognizes and honours the special relationship that exists with the Nuu-chah-nulth in whose traditional territories we operate," reads the preamble of the agreement. "We also recognize the historical and critical importance Aboriginal peoples place on the preservation of their culture and traditions ... This agreement supports the commitment to the preservation of their language, culture, and traditions as well as the improvement of the educational performance of Aboriginal learners."

Through an Aboriginal Education Liaison Committee, various success indicators within the First Nations student population have been set up, and will be closely monitored through the school year.

According to Haggard, reading levels in Native Grade 2 students were a concern a few years ago, and after the implementation of some new programs, that deficiency has now been solved.

"But it's clear the high school is a weak area now," she added.

The BC Ministry of Education has been supporting the development of Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreements throughout the province, and according to newly-appointed Education Minister Shirley Bond, is part of a plan to make BC the most well educated jurisdiction in North America.

"The exciting thing about this process is it involves a collaborative approach with First Nations and it's dynamic," said Bond. "We believe every community is different, and every Aboriginal community is unique, and we need to negotiate each agreement separately because we realize we can't take a one-size-fits-all approach," she said adding 21 agreements have already been signed, and they are working towards having agreements in each of BC's 60 school districts.

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Negotiations and liaison committee funding comes from the existing First Nations allocation within school board funding, and will be monitored by the advisory board. In recent years, some school districts have taken money from the First Nations allocations to spend it in unrelated areas. "The day where School Districts can do anything with our dollars are gone," said Haggard. "We intend to build a stronger school district through cultural education, and the mutual respect of cultural diversity. We've received tremendous support at all levels, and everyone is looking forward to meeting the challenges," she said.

# Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Signing

Submitted by Eileen Haggard  
Education Cultural Supervisor

**Campbell River** - On April 20th, the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council along with the Campbell River Indian Band, the Cape Mudge Indian Band, the Homolco Indian Band the Klahoose Indian Band, the Kwakiutl District Council, the North Island Metis signed a Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement with School District 72 and the Ministry of Education. The ceremony was held at the Campbell River Band Big House.

The goals of this agreement will be to:

- Maintain Equity results for Primary level students.
- Year by year improvement in Aboriginal student achievement in literacy and numeracy at the intermediate and middle school levels. (grades 4-9)
- Increase the number of Aboriginal students who graduate having met post secondary requirements aligned to personal career goals.
- Increase a positive sense of identity and self acknowledgment for Aboriginal students.

School District 72 Superintendent, Julie MacRae said that there are two things that we must provide children with, roots and wings.

Holding the ceremony in the Big House shows the strong roots of the

Aboriginal Community and now the district must provide the wings.

In the first agreement all the targets were met except for Grade 4 & 7 reading, grade 11 math and the participation in First Nations courses.

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Archie Little, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Northern Region Co chair signed on behalf of the N.T.C.

In his comments he said that when he was growing up it took until his teen years to be proud of his heritage. Now he said with agreements like this First Nations students are empowered to embrace their heritage and succeed in school.

"Every time we sign an agreement we share power," he said.

We look forward to working with Campbell River School District Aboriginal Advisory team to ensure that the goals of this agreement are met.

## 2005 NTC Elementary / Secondary Scholarships

Calling all parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, guardians. The deadline for complete 2005 NTC Elementary Secondary (E/S) Scholarship applications to be sent to the NTC is **noon, Friday, July 8, 2005**. The applications are available at all NTC First Nations' offices and also can be downloaded from the NTC web page:

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Faxed applications should be sent to 250-723-0463.

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For further information contact Eileen Haggard at the NTC 724-5757 or Angie Miller, ADSS 723-6251.

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# 8<sup>th</sup> Annual First Nations Cultural Awareness Week

celebrated at Ray Watkins Elementary School.

Tsu-Shuuk-klah-huk-sok - The next young generation

Submitted by Marilyn Brown -  
Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker

After watching our young dancers at Cultural Practice one evening, I consulted with our elders and that's where the theme comes from, our youth. May 24 - 27, 2005 was a busy and exciting week with Cultural activities and facilitators at RWES. Our facilitators this year were Lenora Johnson- beadwork; James Johnson Sr. - Bannock Making, Beulah Howard - singing, dancing and cedar bark weaving, Allison Howard - dancing and the hosts of the Traditional foods. Lunch - James Johnson Jr. and Lenora Johnson.

The week was opened with a Mowachaht/Muchalaht traditional prayer performed by Mabel Johnson, Briana Murphy, Ashley Howard, Heather Johnson and Lisa Mark, Kleco, kleco young ladies.

We'd like to say Kleco, Kleco (thank you) to the following people and businesses for your tremendous knowledge and support t the Cultural Week:

"Mowachaht/Muchalaht Tyee Ha'wiih Mike Maquinna and Norman George. Students, staff and parents of RWES. Marsha Maquinna, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Taiji, Mr. McInnes, Mrs. Latvala, Mrs.

Creelman, and Mrs. Eva Johnson for all your support during the week. Practising and sharing our knowledge Kleco, kleco to the cooks James Jr and Lenora. The salmon lunch was a big hit. Laverne Frank for the cedar bark. To all the student volunteers and student spokesperson's. This year we were fortunate to have door prizes awarded to students for their participation. The Gold River businesses that donated prizes were Super Value, The Treasure Chest, GR Deli, and the Gallery-El. The businesses from Campbell River that donated various items were Superstore, Staples, River City Locks and McDonalds. It was a nice touch to the celebrations. Many Kleco's to all of you for your wonderful support.



## Happy Aboriginal Day - June 21 to all First Nations.

By Marilyn Brown, NEW

Grades 6 & 7 learn, sing and perform Howard songs Friday evening was very busy, to start the day the grade 7 First Nations students along with Mowachaht/Muchalaht Elder Nan Vi Johnson, grandma Beulah Howard and Mrs. Latval went to the river to bless the brand new drums they made in First Nations class with Stan Lucas. It was a moment that brought tears to my eyes,

just being so proud of our students. Grandma Beulah rushed back to the school to do cedar bark weaving sessions with a couple of classes, later on the grades 6 & 7 classes performed the Howard songs for us in the gym. It was beautiful to see all of the young gentlemen singing with Grandma Beulah, Jimmy Johnson

and Brenda Johnson and all the young ladies dancing with Mrs Allison Howard and Marsha Maquinna. A couple of grade & students - Cassandra Dick and Preston Maquinna present a gift to RWES. A drum. Kleco, kleco. The week was a success, thanks to all the support from our Ha-wiih, the facilitators, staff, students elders, student volunteers, cooks and businesses here at home and from Campbell River. Once again, Kleco, kleco.



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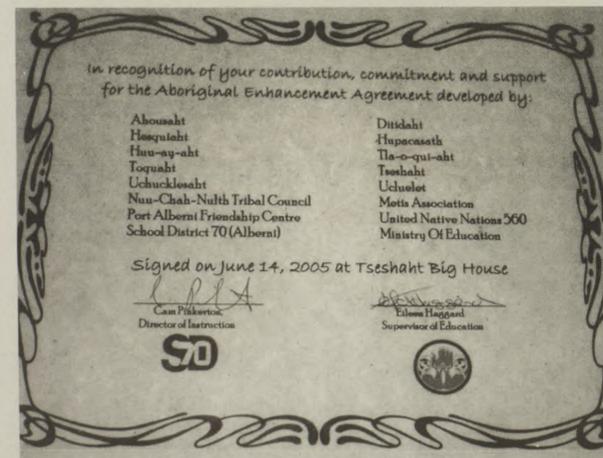
The Survivors Support Line is available to all Aboriginal people affected by their residential schools too. We understand the issues and we have information that might help. Just saying hello is a good place to start.

Give it a try. You can take your time. We care and we promise to listen.

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## Ahousaht Councilor to join Hospice Board of Directors

Submitted by the Pacific Rim Hospice Society

The Hospice Society is holding its Annual General Meeting July 10 and Ahousaht Councilor Roman Frank will be there.

Frank has put his name forward for one of the new positions on the Pacific Rim Hospice Board. He joined the Hospice Society at an information table at the Ucluelet Co-op last month and has been thinking about it ever since.

"I was inspired to get involved with an organization which helps people who are dying to know that they are loved and respected," he said.

Frank has sat on several boards and been elected to the Ahousaht Band Council for seven years. "I'm in a position to make a difference, helping my community and the Hospice Society."

Coordinator, Kim Hoag, is thrilled Frank is interested. "Both Roman Frank and Alex Frank have expressed an interest in the Hospice Board. Alex is a hospice volunteer who took the training last September and Roman is attending training this year. Their participation on the Board would mean direct representation from two of the largest Nuu chah nulth bands in our region. Board members set policy and the direction of the Hospice Society."

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Trained hospice volunteers offer a full range of hospice and grief services to communities. Hospice also offers educational opportunities; several major workshops, presentations, volunteer recruitment and training, newspaper articles, newsletters and distribution of pamphlets.

"We are trying to become part of the care team in all communities and having board members from Ahousaht and other First Nations communities moves that forward that much faster," Hoag explains. "With the exception of Alex Frank, all of our volunteers are non First Nations people who aren't as familiar as we should be with cultural differences."

Roman Frank has offered to share the traditional practices and protocol with the Hospice Board and Volunteers. Robert Atleo, Ahousaht Home Care coordinator, has also agreed to share his experience working with families dealing with death and dying at the next Volunteer Training.

"This is invaluable," says Hoag. "We need both more hospice volunteers in the aboriginal communities and to



Roman Frank, Hospice Board member elect

educate all volunteers in the traditional First Nations ways of dealing with death and dying."

Hoag will be holding an informal information session Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> between 10 am and noon at the Holistic Centre about Hospice and the Volunteer Training. "If people are at all interested in doing the training or are curious about what Hospice does they can stop by. It sounds like several Ahousaht members are already very interested in taking the training September 9, 10, 11 and 16, 17, 18 in Tofino. Scholarships will be available for the \$75 fee, hopefully some employers will give people time in lieu to attend and we will look into finding accommodation at a reduced rate."

As Hospice Board Director, Roman Frank wants to create linkage between the Hospice Society and Ahousaht and help the Band Council, Holistic Centre, service providers and family caregivers be a resource for families facing these issues.

"Death is a fact of life we can't escape and we understand so little about the aftermath, the grieving and pain," Frank says. "When a death occurs in Ahousaht the Band Council and community immediately steps forward to help the family through the first few days".

Frank would like to see this kind of organized support extend to people who are palliative or have life threatening disease or are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Frank envisions a time when people who have the knowledge and confidence will be ready for all aspects of death, dying and grief and will be able to take the lead and assemble whatever kind of support is needed in his community. Hoag envisions a time when all 7 communities have board representation and hospice volunteers.

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Everyone is invited to the Pacific Rim Hospice Society AGM on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> following the "Let Me Decide" living will presentation and lunch at 11 am. For more information about the AGM, becoming a Director, member (only \$10) or Volunteer Training please call Kim at 725-2951.

## Tournaments

The Tseshahst First Nation along with Aboriginal Sports and Recreation will be hosting the Region 4 ID Camps Soccer ID Camp - July 9

You can register upon arrival to the camp at the Echo Fieldhouse at 7 am. Basketball ID Camp - Saturday, August 27

This will take place at ADSS High School Registration can be made through the ASRA website www.asra.ca or you can call and request a registration form from the Tseshahst Recreation Department. The registration fee per camp is \$50.00 and a 1 year membership of \$25.00 per participant will be required to participate. For further information, please call the Tseshahst Recreation Department at (250) 724-1225 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

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## Pacific Rim National Park Celebrates Aboriginal Day

By Denise August, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Long Beach** - Pacific Rim National Park celebrated National Aboriginal Day in grand style on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Wickaninnish Centre. With its growing list of Nuu-chah-nulth exhibits and contacts with First Nations presenters, tourists and locals alike were treated to a wide array of activities in the festival-like atmosphere.

Jack Little, Co-chair of Clayoquot Biosphere Trust and Ahousaht member served as emcee for the event. Throughout the day visitors could browse the displays of First Nations arts & crafts, sample food, watch artisans at work, buy learning tools designed to teach the NCN language, view artwork from local school children and much more.

There was a guided tour of the NCN trail walk led by Parks employee and Ahousaht member, Nadine Crookes. The park trail features signage detailing the area and its relationship to the local NCN culture. It also features the recently installed totem pole from Ucluelet and is located behind Wickaninnish Centre.

There were words of welcome and/or performances from the First Nations whose boundaries fall within Pacific Rim National Park boundaries: Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Ucluelet and Tseshahst in the Broken Group.

Chief Billy Keitlah of Ahousaht shared a performance of his Welcome dance followed by a fun dance that the audience was invited to participate in. Ha-Ho-Payuk School's performance of the Animal Kingdom was tremendously popular as tourists flocked around the performers to take pictures.

Tyson Touchie, Ucluelet First Nations Councillor expressed his pleasure at seeing the Animal Kingdom play but was



Tess Morgan, granddaughter of Toquaht Chief Bert Mack exhibited her Shuswap roots with a Fancy Dance.

saddened to learn it may be their last performance, apparently because of funding shortages. "I hope we can find a way to keep the program going and hope to see you (Ha-Ho-Payuk students) again next year," he said.

Barney Williams and Tom Curley of Tla-o-qui-aht shared stories from their families that imparted teachings having to do with waves and water. The story-telling demonstrated how Nuu-chah-nulth-aht passed on lessons without benefit of schools and books.

Tess Morgan, granddaughter of Toquaht Chief Bert Mack exhibited her Shuswap roots with a Fancy Dance.

In the end Parks staff acknowledged special guests with small gifts of appreciation. Ucluelet elder Barb Touchie was thanked for her contributions to the preservation of the NCN language. Tyson Touchie was also thanked for his work in the BBQ salmon kiosk.



The audience participates in a fun dance at Pacific Rim National Park celebration of Aboriginal Day



This is my Charlie Family Team that ran the Edge to Edge Marathon in June! It was so much fun! Way to go! It was a blast! We were practically the only natives in the team. The run was 42km. Be great to see more Nuu-chah-nulth next year! Melody Charlie

## PAFC Employment Counselling Program

By M. (Jeff) Jeffries

The Employment Counselling program at the Port Alberni Friendship Center is for individuals who need assistance with training, education and employment concerns, and for those who have no knowledge of where to begin. The Employment Counsellor will assist them to head in the right direction. He will provide the necessary concerns to meet the individuals needs.

One of the areas where the Employment Counsellor will assist is in developing an effective resume and covering letters. Another client service is to provide information regarding employment, training, funding, whether the training and funding is through the individuals Band (located on Vancouver Island, Province of BC, or other Bands throughout Canada), or through the West Coast Career Centre or some other educational institute or through other sources (i.e. Student Loans). In this respect, the program also answers general inquiries regarding Employment Insurance and the funding they provide, and certain programs that are sponsored by Employment Insurance, such as Job Creation positions available at many agencies in the province. However, when needed, referrals can be made to different agencies, seeing that all clients employment needs are being met.

If the individual has difficulty in job searching, he will assist in the techniques of how to go about it and where to go and how to approach the prospective employer.

Other services provided to the client is the use of his telephone for job search, photocopying and faxing of their resumes to employers. The last most important feature is providing an up-to-date Job Board, which consists of jobs locally, education and training programs on Vancouver

Island north of Nanaimo, and some out of Province.

The Employment Counselling services are available to anyone within the Port Alberni area, including First Nations, Metis, non-status First Nation and the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Tribes and the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District. The statistical percentage of Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations clients that participated in the Program in 2004 was 70.2%. There has been a steady increase in clientele since its inception (1993) and more recently the program has seen steady numbers increased since 1999.

The goal of the Employment Counselling Program would also be to expand so as to provide funding for training, education, and upgrading to urban and rural status First Nations individuals. It would be a great benefit to First Nations people to have funding available through the Port Alberni Friendship Center's Employment Outreach Program, this would allow the Friendship Center to become a full service provider in the area of training and employment counselling.

Also, as the Employment Counsellor at Port Alberni Friendship Center, we have the capability and flexibility of utilizing in-house services that a client may need such as A & D Counselling, or the Outreach Legal Advocacy assistance. We are very fortunate to have a number of resources available to clients at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. We at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre work as a one-on-one counsellor and expands out to a larger team if necessary. With that, our clients are very satisfied to utilize one or many services under one roof.

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# Nuu-chah-nulth Grad 2005



By Nicholas Watts  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Malachan** – The culmination of hard work and extra studying at the end of the school year always means one thing: Graduation.

The Ditidaht Nation hosted the Class of 2005 in their new school complex last weekend.

More than 200 people filled the gymnasium, bustling with excitement, until a hush fell over the crowd when the Nuu-chah-nulth Graduates of 2005 entered the room, and when the last grad entered, a standing ovation was given.

The MC, Karen Mack, gave welcomes to all and an opening prayer started the day off. Chief Councilor Jack Thompson welcomed the attendants to the Ditidaht traditional territories, and said he was honoured to host this year's Grad. "This is a special time for our grads, having them graduate at home, instead of somewhere else is important, not only to the families, but to our nation as well. The school has only been open for 2 years, and has presented opportunities to some that could only be offered outside of the Ditidaht community. To all the Graduates I wish you luck in all that you do"

Following Jack Thompson, an address to the Grads by Archie Little, NTC Co-Chair, was made. "Some of you

will go to work, others will continue your schooling, no matter what you decide to do, don't forget where you come from. Everything you have done is in preparation for today. Thank you to the parents, grandparents, friends, and teachers for all your hard work. Hopefully the younger brothers and sisters are watching, and learning. The door is now open for you, all you need to do is walk through it."

A keynote address by Robert Joseph, who stressed the importance of education, and that you need your education to make it in today's world, was followed by the Valedictorian, Selina Atleo, and her words to the Grad class of 2005.

NTC and Tribe presentations of a certificate of completion and other gifts were presented to the Grads followed by a wonderful dinner of different fish, and homemade goodies.

After dinner, families were able to publicly congratulate their Grad and make their own presentations honouring the years of hard work, and years of attending different clubs, and trips, and school plays, that make up a life of school.

To end the evening Eileen Haggard thanked all who helped make the day great, and all the parents for their support, and finally the grads and their years of education, and wished them



Grad 2005 Valedictorian  
Selina Atleo

well in whatever it is they decide to do. She then drew the name of the lucky grad that won \$200 for being there. After trying multiple times, for you needed to be there to win, she finally drew Josh Dick, who was the sixth person to be drawn.

In a day filled with laughter and tears, memories of good times and difficult, watching the grads at the head table and seeing their years of hard work and perseverance pay off, made you feel proud to be Nuu-chah-nulth, not only because this is the future that our elders worked so hard to create, but because you know that the Nuu-chah-nulth future is in good hands.



Tseshaht group at Grad 2005



## NTC Graduates for 2005

### Ahousaht

Selina Atleo  
Christina August  
Lynette Campbell  
Stephen Andrews  
Dawn Webster  
Pricilla Titian  
Dylan Thomas  
Angeline Dennis  
Marvin Frank  
Anthony Frank  
Vernon John  
Warren Swan  
Anita George  
Trevor Titian  
Jamie Andrew

### Ditidaht

Barb Tate  
Phyllis Shaw  
Sheldon Evans  
Leon Edgar  
Patrick Patterson  
Anthony Knighton  
Evelyn Thompson  
Francis Thomas

### Hesquiaht

Juliana Lucas  
Carl Baiden  
Mariah Charleson  
Shirley Galbraith

### Hupacasah

Karla Lauder  
Bethany Watts  
Huu-Ay-Aht  
Elenor Manson  
Danielle Hoef

### Ka:'yu: k'Y'h'che:k'tles%et'h'

Sarah John  
Amanda Gaudet  
Carrie Ann Blaine  
Mowachaht/Muchalaht

Louise Little  
Darci Morris  
Jack Johnson  
Theresa Dick  
Janelle Johnson  
Shane Christiansen  
Hilary Savey  
Jeremy Jack  
Kevin Andrew

Tla-o-qui-aht  
Jeffery David  
Iris Frank  
Tseshaht  
Phillip Mack  
Samantha Fred  
Robert Watts  
Rachael Tebbutt  
Josh Dick  
Tasha Sam  
Kyle Erickson  
Shane Sieber  
Kathleen Fred  
Justin DeGoesbriand  
Sidney Dick

### Ucluelet

Catherine Taylor  
Richard Mundy  
Sandra Billy



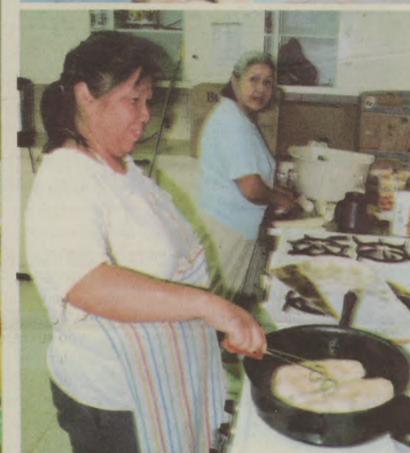
NTC Co-chair Archie Little  
speaking at NTC Grad 2005

# National Aboriginal Day 2005

Photos by David Wiwchar



There was no shortage of National Aboriginal Day celebrations around Port Alberni on June 21st. (above) Moy Sutherland teaches young people the finer points of Lahal at the Metis / UNN celebration at Dry Creek Park. (right top) Tseshaht artist Connie Watts carves wooden swords with young people at the PAFC Art & Music celebration at Athletic Hall, where mother and daughter cooks Jacqueline and Thelma cooked frybread (lower right) and Vanessa Sabbas and Ray Sim (below) showed their drum painting skills.



The HahoPayuk School *Animal Kingdom* performers were especially busy on National Aboriginal Day, playing three shows. Their first performance was at noon at the Tseshaht Market (below) before they boarded a bus to the Wickaninnish Centre at Long Beach, and finishing off their day with a performance at the Metis / UNN celebration at Port Alberni's Dry Creek Park.



The Indigenous Arts Service Organization Proudly Presents...

## Multidisciplinary Aboriginal Arts Festival July 13-16, 2005

Tofino, BC

Sponsored in part by:

Free workshops to local Aboriginal Artists @ The Tin Wis Best Western  
1119 Pacific Rim Highway (registration required)

July 13 @ 7:00 PM Traditional Welcome Feast with Entertainment & Fashion Show @ Tofino Community Hall  
351 Arnet Street

'Echoes of Ancient Art' Public Events @ the Tin Wis  
July 14 @ 7:00 PM Opening Reception-Juried Art Show & Open Mic  
July 15 @ 7:00 PM Film Screening with Director in attendance  
July 16 @ 7:30 PM Final Showcase Performance  
performed and presented by your community artists  
All evening events are admission by donation EVERYONE IS WELCOME!  
For more info: Melody Charlie (250) 726-2507

Nuu-chah-nulth members interested in entering into the **Practical Nursing Program** starting in January 2006 at the North Island College Port Alberni campus, please contact Lynnette Barbosa at 724-5757 or through e-mail at lbarbosa@nuuchahnulth.org. **Pre-requisites for entry include:**  
**English 12,**  
**Math 10,**  
**and Biology 12.**

# hearts@work

**Hiisteak Shilth-iis Teech-Maa**

(Coming from the Heart)

**Are you at risk for Heart Disease?**

**Risk Factors**

- Age
- Family History
- High Blood Cholesterol
- Obesity and Overweight
- Physical Inactivity
- Gender
- High Blood Pressure
- Diabetes
- Smoking
- Stress

**Would you like to know if you are at risk? Want to get tested? Call your local Nuu-chah-nulth Community Health Nurse.**

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<b>CENTRAL REGION: 1-866-906-3367</b>				
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Penny Cowan CHN Bread of Life, Urban Port Alberni	723-2385 BOL: 723-4049	723-5396	Same as above	penny@nuuchahnulth.org
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Lisa Sam Admin. Assistant	724-5757	723-0463	Same as above	lisasam@nuuchahnulth.org

**To All Ucluellet First Nation Members**

Hello everyone, I have recently been hired as the Eligibility & Enrollment Coordinator for a six month period. Part of my job is to enroll every known person who is eligible to be enrolled as beneficiaries of the forthcoming Maa-nulth Final Agreement. If you have not already enrolled and if you would like information on the Eligibility & Enrollment I can be reached toll free at 1-866-726-2488. I am also trying to keep our mailing list up to date, so if we do not already have your current address could you please phone and let us know. Thank you.

Christina Klotz

# Relay For Life Cancer never sleeps

By Nicholas Watts  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni** – “Cancer never sleeps” was the motto for the first annual Relay For Life fundraiser held on Friday, June 24th at Bob Dailey Stadium. In the first annual Relay For Life, more than 40 teams of people from young children to the elderly, walked around the track at Bob Dailey Stadium, raising money and awareness about cancer, including one team from Tla-o-qui-ah, and a team combined of NTC, and the Tseshaht band office. In a night of events, prizes and music,

fundraisers walked for 12 hours with each member doing a lap, others doing hours of laps. A pancake breakfast was offered in the morning followed by the closing ceremonies.

In what seemed to be a long night of walking, more than \$100,000 was raised for the Canadian Cancer Society, and I'm sure every step was worth it. Cancer never sleeps, and those who have been affected by cancer in one way or another won't stop until a cure is found. For more information on how you can get involved, contact either myself at NTC, or check out the Canadian Cancer Society website at [www.bc.cancer.ca](http://www.bc.cancer.ca).



Relay for life participants included L-R: Eileen Haggard, Julie Fontaine, Anna Masso, Vanessa Gallic, Sylvia Broadfoot, Lena and Darrell Ross, Diane Gallic, Jen Gallic, Wendy Gallic, Rosalee Ross, Marlene and Ron Dick

## When Was the Last Time You Got Really Angry?

Managing Your Anger Can Enhance the Quality-and Length—of Your Life!

By Mary Ellen Gross,  
School of Public Health

We all get angry on occasion—some of us more often and to greater degrees than others.

Anger is a universal human emotion. While a large body of research supports the idea that chronically angry people, especially those forced to suppress their anger routinely, are at risk for stroke and other forms of cardiovascular disease and poorer overall health, we also know that anger has its benefits. It gets voters to the polls, sends strikers to the picket lines, and founds revolutionary political campaigns.

Clearly, there's a line between the kind of anger that effects societal change and the kind that has a negative impact on your health, as well as your quality of life.

The health and medical experts at UC Berkeley's *Wellness Letter* urge people to tune in to their personal experience with anger so that they don't put themselves at serious risk for ill health or worse, hurt someone else.

When the tabloids report on a raging, out-of-control celebrity, who then has to go through a court-ordered anger management course, you might wonder, do those treatments work? What can I do to control my own anger? Should I seek counseling? Here are some ideas:

**Look beyond the anger:** Your problem may not be just about anger. You may also have a problem with hostility and cynicism, which should be treated alongside the anger. Countering feelings of helplessness can help some people deal with their anger constructively.

**Try therapy:** If you are chronically angry, seek counseling from a psychiatrist, psychologist, psychiatric social worker, or other qualified adviser. Ask for a referral from someone you trust, such as your primary-care physician or nurse practitioner.

**Consider the following questions:** What makes you angry? Are you angry for a reason—a bad employer, an abusive or neglectful relationship at home? What can be done about the source of the anger? Should you change or should you try to change your circumstances or both? The next time you're angry, reflect on your real needs and desires, and try to satisfy them in constructive ways.

**Experiment with relaxation therapy:** Relaxation therapy can lower your heart rate, slow your breathing rate and reduce muscle tension. Bottom line: You're not alone when it comes to feeling angry, but what can separate you from everyone else is how you choose to deal with unhealthy anger. And the desire to change, as research has found, is the most essential tool of all.

**NUU-CHAH-NULTH NURSING PROGRAM**

Vision Statement:  
 The Nuu-chah-nulth Nursing Program partners with Nuu-chah-nulth-aht to deliver professional, ethical, culturally sensitive, and responsible care. Nurses shall maintain discipline in self and profession, as well as balance in approach.

## Aboriginal Banners for Hearts@Work

By Lynne West  
Clinical Nurse Specialist

On June 10, the Healthy Heart Society of BC (HHSBC) and healthcare professionals from Lothian, Scotland presented a Resource Guide designed uniquely for Aboriginal Communities, 100 Guidebooks for Healthy Eating and gifts to elders as well as hand-delivering a full set of culturally specific Hearts@Work banners on a visit to Opitsaht and Tofino. The Nuu chah nulth Nurses, community members and other health professionals have presented the Hearts@Work program in all regions over the past

year. There have been 'stand-alone' events such as the one Tofino and Ahousaht and the program has also been well attended when held in conjunction with the Annual Assembly and Regional meetings. Last fall Ray Seitcher, Shawna Buchholz (who works with the program in the Interior) and I were invited to speak to the BC Kidney Foundation about presenting and incorporating kidney health into our Hearts@Work program and the challenges of delivery in rural and remote communities. A special thank you goes to Matilda Watts who has done all the coordinating for the Nuu chah nulth Hearts@Work program. She has been a leading-light in this entire venture. Although she was unable to attend the banner presentation her efforts on behalf of the program and communities were acknowledged. Hearts@Work was developed because studies have shown that individuals who have:

**hearts@work**  
ABORIGINAL HEALTH

**CONTROL BP!**

Did you know that most people with high blood pressure or hypertension don't know they have it?

**When you lower high blood pressure ...**

- You reduce your risk of:
  - Heart attack and stroke
  - Congestive heart failure
  - Kidney failure
  - Dementia at older ages

**What you can do ...**

- Control:
  - your weight • your salt intake
- Stop smoking
- Get active
- Learn to relax
- Take your medication as prescribed
- Learn how to check your blood pressure at home

**hearts@work...for life!**

**healthy heart**  
...at the heart of the community

**N.T.C. Nursing Updates/Schedules:**

**CENTRAL REGION:**

**Mary McKeogh** - Hot Springs Cove every Tuesday, otherwise at the Ucluellet Health Clinic.  
**Chris Curley** - Tla-o-qui-ah plus one day per week focus on Sex Education and Prevention of Sexually Transmitted Diseases for all Nuu-chah-nulth communities.  
**Lynne West** is currently filling in for the Ahousaht 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 Tseshaht and Huu-ay-ah (Thursdays).  
**Liz Thomsen** continues to provide services to Ditidaht and Kneewas.  
**Ina Seitcher** - First Nation Advocate Nurse- Hours: 7:00am - 3:30pm @ West Coast General Hospital. Phone: 723-2135 ext. 1109

**NORTHERN REGION:**

**Maira 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.

**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.

**Upcoming Events in the Nuu-chah-nulth Southern Region:**

**For more details call J'net August Huupistulth Worker 720-1325**  
 It's not too late to join the Tuesday weekly **free family sign-language class @ Tseshaht Treaty Office 6:30-7:30**  
**Weekly Hupacasath Kuunita (Backbone) Women's Circle** on Wednesday's @ new Hupacasath House of Gathering, Noon-3 pm. Everyone Welcome - toys for kids. Recruiting interest in forming teams for upcoming **TFN canoe challenge** May long-weekend. Tseshaht, Huu-ay-ah, Uchucklesaht. & Hupacasath members call J'net August @ 720-1325 if you want to organize a team and fundraise \$500 entry fee.

**Nuu-chah-nulth Children Poster**



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

We would like to congratulate a very beautiful young lady, Tasha Sam on completing your grade 12. We are so proud and happy for you. You have grown to be such a beautiful young lady. It's so amazing. Love you a whole bunch. Sid, Sharleen, Sid Jr., Sylvia, Rick, Sabrina, Brad, Sheldon, Steven, Shawntaye, Mackenzie.



Congratulations Juliana, Graduation class of 2005. Best wishes Juliana Lucas and continue with NITEP, her goal is to be a teacher. Love Mom (Marlene) and Dad (Conrad). xoxo

July 5 - Happy Birthday to our Mom Lorraine Williams. Even though your kids and grandkids are in three different states we think of you every day. We love you for the inspiration you give to us. From Jim, Norm, Shirley, and all your grandkids.

Happy belated 2nd birthday to Dalaine T John, for April 27th, belated wishes out to the twins 1st birthday, Francis & Lawrence Thomas, "Mutumbo" Matias Thomas-Campbell, July 2 digits birthday to Shanille Monique on May 3rd. Happy birthday to Uncle Geno & Uncle Jigg on May 12th. Happy birthday to Uncle Arnie & 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

Mike Jacobs and his wife and a little boy on June 13, 2005 @ 11:36pm, we had a 9.5 lb baby boy. His name is Dylan Charles Jacobs. Mom and baby are doing well.

A very special 16th birthday to Calvin Charlie on June 14 & Lana Thompson, Parker & Sugar (Beaver sends his regards sug he wanted to send you flowers but I did not know where to send 'em. next time huh! happy birthday we hope you enjoy your new Hummer! Hehehe we love you, mom, dad & shannygirl! Also a happy fathers day shout out to the following: Dad (Honoqui), Nathan, Muskie, Sambo, Rod (aka Cujo, Mista Mcglouglin), Albert, Charlie, Gipper, Cliff, Reese, Parker, Andrew, Uncle Willie, Chunky, uncle Frankie, bear, Steve Tom, Jimmy, beaver, I hope y'all had a great day! Take care from Daniel, Freda, Kalvin, Shannygirl & lil' Edgar! Chuuu.

We would like to wish our mom Jeannine a Happy Birthday on July 1st. We love you lots mom! Love your daughter Cassandra and son Tyrell.



At this time we would like to thank your families especially our parents Wayne and Daisy George and Dave and Ginger Frank for helping us out on our special Wedding Day. We love you all. And to Dawn Frank for helping us out as well. We really appreciate it. Thank you to all the Frank and George family and everyone that showed up at our wedding. Thank you to the Frank, George, Sam, Titian, Campbell families for helping [ ] our Indian marriage, we really had fun that night. Thanks for making everything possible. Thanks to Rick Lindholm for coming to Victoria to marry us, we really thank you Rick. And if I missed anyone I'm sorry. Thanks to everyone that helped out. From Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Frank.

## Birthdays and Congratulations

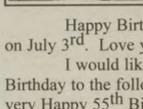


Congratulations to my baby, Megan Dennis and Jeffrey Tom on the birth of their son Jeffrey Brian Tom II, born June 17, 2005. I am so proud of you two...you are going to make wonderful parents and this little guy will have so much love and attention from both families. I, personally, would like to say thank you to the families of Jeff and Megan, especially Sheila and Cory who stayed there all night with us. Megan, you have made your dad and I so proud. You have turned into a wonderful woman and mother. I am so glad that we were both there to welcome your son into our lives (We are still smiling ear to ear). Jeff, you are a very special man, and we are so proud of you also.

you all had a good day!



Kelthsmat Father's Day Prayer. Luv Great Grandpa Buddy Jack. For Jamal Cooper, March 5, 2004). Our prayer's are with Jamal Cooper. Safely back into arms of mom Aleta Leeann Cooper, Mohawk/Kelthsmat, & Kelthsmat Gramma Iona Grace Jack & Scott Hayes Dennis, Ditiidaht. To Kelthsmat elder Buddy Gordon Jack, Happy Birthday 77 years on June 13, 1929. Happy Father's Day, luv great grandchildren Sebastian Jack, Asadae Jack, Mary Peter, Jamal Cooper, Meadow. Luv always great grandchildren of Kelthsmat elder Buddy Jack oldest brother of late Kelthsmat Chief Martin Charlie Jr. Happy Father's Day to both Buddy Jack, Kelthsmat, and brother-in-law Chief Alban Michael, Zeballos. Both especially loved by great grandson Sebastian Jack and his grandma Iona Grace Jack, Kelthsmat and Scott Hayes Dennis, Ditiidaht.



Happy Birthday to my dad Leon on July 3rd. Love your baby boy Tyrell.

I would like to say Happy Birthday to the following: July 3 - A very Happy 55th Birthday to my "hon" Rod Fraser; July 5 - Happy Birthday to Auntie Fran Tate & cuz Russel Edgar; July 6 - Happy Birthday to my big bro Charlie Thompson; July 11 - Happy Birthday to my niece Colleen Thompson; July 13 - Happy Birthday to my nephew Jack K. Thompson; July 15 - my nephew George Edgar, happy birthday son; July 17 - Julie Joseph, Happy Birthday; July 23 - Happy Birthday to my bud Audrey Edgar; July 29 - Happy Birthday to my granddaughter Deanna Dawn Samuel; July 31 - last but definitely not least Happy Birthday to my big bro George J. Thompson. I love all of you and hope you all enjoy your day. Love ISTCH-ONE a.k.a. Esther Edgar.

Happy 2nd Birthday to Alex Rose on July 19; Happy 82nd Birthday Dad Jack Price on July 19; Happy 91st Birthday Granny Louise on July 28; Happy Birthday Arnold Thomas on July 29; Happy 22nd Birthday Danny on June 30 from Pops & Ma; Happy Birthday Ann on July 1st; Happy 3rd Birthday Kiara on July 9. From Marvin, Pearl, Micheal, Marvin, Lisa and Violet.

Happy 7th Anniversary to my husband Reuben Richards for July 5th. Love your wife Stephanie and kids. Many more to come.

Happy Father's Day to my Daddy Virgil Frank love your baby Corby Frank and to Wayne George and [Dave] Frank.

Special Happy belated Birthdays to June 12 our baby Molina Dick, wishing you only the best. Love mom & dad, Joseph Jr. Also to babes Denise John, auntie Darl, uncle Al, Geneva, Arlene, uncle Angus and Sophie, hope

Happy 21st special happy birthday to Margaret Dick, we love you. From Darl, Al & boys, Marq & Krysten. June 22 to Ms Anne.. "watch out" lol and to Courtney Columba, luv u girl! Auntie Darl and uncle Al.

June 25 happy anniversary to a very special and odd couple Sal & Chief Short hair, hope you have a good day. Your secret pal.

July 1 Happy Birthday to Jeannine Dick, enjoy your day, we are thinking of you. July 4 Bertha Thomas, wow, another year maybe another inch, just kidding. Happy birthday niece. July 8th special Happy Birthday to our beautiful granddaughter Kaitlynn Alec Michelle Frances Dick. Luv you baby girl from papa & grandma. July 11th to sis Laura in Victoria, another year, another wrinkle Happy Birthday! From Darl.

July 23rd special Happy Birthday to our son Curtis Dick, we're proud of you, everything you do, remember to take time for yourself too son. From Dad & Mom. Same day to Ms. Mona, must almost at the tope of hill now eh? Lol. Enjoy your day.

Happy 32nd Birthday to Clarence Ernest Chubby Watty Watts on July 12th. Love from sis Corrine, Bro Carl, nephews Fred, Josh & Mundo, niecey pie & Kelly.

Happy 20th Birthday to Kristen Young on June 21st. Love from auntie Corinne, uncle Carl, uncle Clarence, cousins Fred, Christina, Josh, Ray & Kelly.

Happy 39th Birthday to Tracey Watts on June 28th. Love from sister Corinne, Carl, nephews Fred, Josh & Ray, niece Christina.

Happy 14th Birthday to Chad



Meet Connor and Michael Patterson who were born on June 12, 2005 at the P.A. General Hospital. Congratulations to Mom, Patty Williams and Dad Kris Patterson. May God Bless you all. Love Mom Linda, Jake & Joey.

On June 15, I would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to my big sis Clara Knighton. I hope you have an extra special time on this day. With many more years to come. Lots of love from your sis Anne Joseph and Hank.



Happy Father's Day to my sweetheart Scott Hayes Dennis, Ditiidaht. Luv Iona Grace Jack (Kelthsmat), Son Greg Dennis, and both sons of late Richard Tate. To Scott Dennis youngest brother Hereditary Chief Ditiidaht Paul Stanley Tate & Estelle Fraser. Happy Father's Day bro.

Bob on June 29th. Love from Dad, Auntie Corinne, Mom (Christina), Fred, Josh, Ray, Kelly & uncle Clarence.

Happy 34th Birthday to Larry Bob on July 3rd. Love from sis Corinne, bro Carl & Clarence, nephews Fred, Josh, Ray & Kelly & niece Christina.

Happy 2nd Birthday to Tristan Bob on July 5th. Love from auntie Corinne & uncle Carl.

Happy 17th Birthday to Cherlyn Bruce on July 12. Love auntie Corinne, uncle Carl, cousins Fred, Christina, Josh & Ray, also from uncle Clarence.



Just wanted to let you know we had a 9.5lb baby boy June 13 (11:36pm). Mom and baby are doing well. His name is Dylan Charles Jacobs. Mike Jacobs.

Congratulations to my cuz Jim and his gf Loretta on the birth of their son Eli Peter Ross born Wednesday, June 8th, 2005 @ 9:24am at the Cowichan District Hospital he weighs 8lbs 7oz. From your cuz Sherry, Ernest & Carlito.

Happy 5th Birthday to our son Alvin Anthony Airik Fred for June 26. We love you so much, you're so handsome, you make us laugh every day with you comical acts, you are very friendly and you're so huggable and kissable. Love you baby! Love mommy, daddy, brother Daniel, sister Raquel and grandma Martha.

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## poets nook

"Today I face my fears" and move forward & Accept the hands of those who are willing to listen.

Written By Norma-Ann Webster

Sadness, sorrow and despair have no place within our hearts but they are part of life...

Easier said than done why is there so much darkness' so much hopeless

As I sit and watch and can't do a thing for you The challenge to help you understand that life

is bountiful and full —to watch the next generations feel so lost

Spiral back for you are not too far Broken hearts can be mended — Broken souls can be reclaimed —

Look back at these fears where did all of this start

It was not you... could it be the worlds of collision

I Do not understand why we can't belong? Is this the domino affect of history our family history?

The status of the ones in power -that have rearranged our lives they have taught the many generations this is where you belong

We shall remove everything that you cherish even your children your home your life your spirit - I shall break spirit until there is absolutely... Nothing left for you

In the end I will keep my unbroken promises That empower me and only me...because I can?

You will walk this earth with despair and hopelessness

Turn around and face the darkness once and for all Turn around and be strong, and courageous

Face your fears & come back strong... be the warrior within...

It will take time and we have all the time in this world to wait for you...

Once there was fear that never seemed to go away

Go away go away- drop- sink- fall and disappear...

For I shall rise anew and while It has been too many generations to come to and understanding of why such despair happens over and over again...

Reclaim and identify the situation Weather it may be big or small Imagine the change you have brought into this world

Life is survival life sure it is a challenge at times

Think of the images of the world that have made me believe this is how it should be?

The images of media, magazines and negative voices

Can no longer control any of us anymore- if we can just say for one day

I am here for reason I belong here and I will be courageous

And First of all "Today I face my fears" and move forward

and accept the hand of those who are willing to listen.

## Gill School Thanks Huu-ay-aht

Huu-ay-aht people and special thanks to Chief Spencer Peters.

Thank you so much for including us in your Aboriginal Day celebrations last week at Pachena Beach. Your hospitality was fantastic and our children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the setting. What a wonderful beach. Thank you to Trevor Little, Elaine Peters, and Trevor at the campsite. We visited this location 3 times over the 3 days we were there. On one visit we had 150 people, (students, staff, parents). They were impressed very much with your covered cooking area and the friendship they felt from the people of Huu-ay-aht.

With sincere thanks, Gavin MacLeod, Gill School Principal

I thought that the activities we did were very fun even when I was not playing.

Katrina Steves Thank you for the fish. Skyler C I liked the 3-legged races. Dustin

The thing I liked about the Pachena beach day was the sandcastle contest. Me and my friends didn't win but it was still fun. Jennifer LaRose

My group and I had fun building the sandcastles even though we did not win we still had fun making them. Thank you for all the games and prizes. Kelsey Check

The sandcastle building was wicked. M.L.

The sandcastle competition was superb. Kyle Fudge

The 3-legged races were wicked. The sandcastle competition was awesome. Dalton

The sand castle competition was a blast! Christina C.

The sculpture contest was the most superb. The soccer game on the beach was the most fantastic fun I've ever had in a soccer game. Jessica Skjoldal

The three-legged race was awesome. The sandcastle was fantastic. Tyler Jamieson

The sandcastles were superb. The 3-legged race was unreal. Jake

I think the most exciting thing there was the sandcastle contest and the a3-legged races. Thank you for having us. Brittany Petursson

The 3-legged race was awesome! The sandcastle contest was fantastic. Sara Colyn

The sandcastles went up high. The three-legged race was awesome. Giulia

## In Memoriam - ʔaʔakʷap

On behalf of the Robinson Family.

Vincent S. Robinson

Myself and my 2 brothers Wesley S. Robinson, and James S. Robinson would like to thank all of you who helped with my fathers passing.

Thank you for the donations, the loving support, food, arrangements everything, that was a rough time for us all but now we would like to say Thanks.

Sincerely Ellen S. Gonzales.



June 11th- Loving Memory of My mother

Mary Johnson

I want to say mom that you have been gone now for almost 4 yrs I shed tears when I am alone but I know in my heart that you are always there, I miss the talks and laughter's of the great sense of humor that i had to make you laugh when you were

in pain and I brought your spirits up. Motherly love is strong within I miss you mom and was thinking of you because of your birthday. Love your Daughter who loves red roses Trudy Rose Smith

## Year-end Community dinner honours achievement

The ADSS First Nations Steering Committee hosted the final Community Dinner of the school year last Thursday. Seventy to eighty guests attended the dinner.

Students making the Honour Roll on every report card were recognized and presented with a mug and with movie passes. There were eleven students honoured: Rachel Tebbutt, Michelle Gallic, Leanne Diebold, Ryan Frechette, Jeremy Shumuk, Vincent Broekman, Chris & Curtis Sowden, Blair McCulley, Justin Fontaine and Rachel Moloney.

Student volunteers Hailey Unger, Bethany Watts, Audrey Sylvester and Angela Titian were honoured as well and presented with ADSS 'hoodies'. They helped all year with the dinners and other school events like the FN Spring Festival last month.

Departing principal, Greg Smyth was honoured with the presentation of a vest sewn by Deb Cook. Angie Miller thanked Mr. Smyth for his support and explained that one of Gordon Dick's ravens was used in the design.

Also honoured was department teacher, Don Stevenson. He was presented with a West coast print and then, with a pole. Well known Hesquiaht artist, Tim Paul, had made the carving, which he asked to be presented to Don.



Angie Miller presents pole from Tim Paul to Don Stevenson.

At this time, Angie introduced and welcomed Tooie Casavant, who will be replacing Don Stevenson as the First Nations teacher at the high school, starting in September.

"Kleco!" to Mrs. Lorraine Wilson and her Foods 12 class for preparing the bannock and the blackberry cobbler. "Kleco!" to the Port Alberni Drugs and Alcohol Committee, Scott Fournier of the Paramount Cinema, Tseshaht Market and Quality Foods for supporting the Community dinners this year.

Volunteers recognized (l to r) Bethany Watts, Audrey Sylvester, Hailey Unger with Don Stevenson.



Grumbach It was a blast making sandcastles. Tyler Ney

I think building the sandcastles was awesome and 3-legged race was wicked. Janelle

I think building the sandcastles and watching the 3-legged race was exciting. Samantha Paquette

I had lots of fun making the sandcastles. Shayla Frechette

I liked the sandcastle competition. Carl Warm

Building the sandcastles was really fun! Brett Williscroft

**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 update 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't'es7et'h'**

(250) 332-5259 - Fax: (250) 332-5210  
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**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



**Attention Uchucklesaht Tribe Members and descendants**



We are currently accepting applications for enrolment in the Maa-Nulth Treaty. This notice is posted in our effort to ensure that applications for enrolment forms are available for every known person who may be eligible to be enrolled as beneficiaries of the Maa-nulth final agreement. For further information, please contact Tina Robinson at the Uchucklesaht Tribe Office. Phone - 250.724.1832 or Toll Free 1.888.724.1832.

**TLA-O-QUI-AHT TRIBE MEMBERS**

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

**TSESHAHT FIRST NATION CULTURAL RESOURCE CENTRE**

Open to anyone interested in learning more about Tseshaht history. 5000 Mission Rd. - Chi-chu-aht House/ Tseshaht Treaty office. We have a toll free number available for Tseshaht members (which also houses our membership and Natural Resources Office. If you want your addresses included for treaty updates and Tribal bulletins call us (email: cap@tseshaht.com) with your address. 1-866-724-4225. Hours of operation: Monday - Friday 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Except holidays). For more information contact us at (250) 724-4229. or toll free at 1-866-724-4229.

**TO ALL 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 Nuuchah-nulth First Nations members, Band Managers, CHR's, Health Clerks and Band Membership Clerks:

**MEDICAL COVERAGE NOT AUTOMATIC**

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

**Important information for Residential School survivors**

To: All Residential School Survivors, Chief & Councillors, Band Administrators, Community Justice Coordinators, Social Workers, Alcohol/Drug Counsellors, Health Directors, Education Directors, Tribal Councils and Staff.

From: Charlene Belleau - Director, AFN Indian Residential Schools Unit

The AFN IRSU would like to identify as many Indian residential school survivors as possible, by name, address, telephone & fax numbers including email addresses if applicable.

We recently completed a review of the current Alternative Dispute Resolution process and are preparing for meetings with appropriate government representatives for expedient resolution of claims by residential school survivors. In order for us to keep residential school survivors updated on residential school issues, we would like to establish a contact database. Please provide us with Residential Schools Survivor's names and contact information so that we may communicate directly with them where

appropriate. We would also like to provide updates via newsletter and on the Assembly of First Nations website on issues that affect survivors, their families and communities.

In order to develop a database of names for contacting all Indian residential school survivors, we need your support to have the attached form filled in as accurately as possible, signed and mailed back to us as soon as possible to: Assembly of First Nations, Indian Residential Schools Unit 1 Nicholas Street, Suite 1002, Ottawa, ON K1N 7B7 "CONFIDENTIAL"

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Shannon Swan at: (613) 241-6789 (Extension 332) or Toll Free at: 1-866-869-6789 (Extension 332) Please make copies of these forms and distribute them to all residential school survivors as we would like to get as many names as possible. This form is also available for download off of our website: [www.afn.ca/residentialschools](http://www.afn.ca/residentialschools) Thank you for your continued support and assistance.

Assembly of First Nations



Indian Residential Schools Unit

**Residential School Information**

Name: .....

Date of Birth (D/M/Y): ..... Maiden Name: .....

Band Status Registration number (10-digit): .....

Residential school(s) and dates attended: .....

**Contact Information:**

Address: .....

City/Town: ..... Province: ..... Postal Code: .....

Telephone: ( ) ..... Fax: ( ) ..... Email: .....

Information obtained by the Assembly of First Nations Indian Residential Schools Unit is for the creation of a National Residential School Database. This information will help the AFN determine the number of remaining Survivors across the country and provide us with contact information to keep you updated on Residential School issues.

CONFIDENTIAL: All information provided is confidential and will not be shared with anyone without the written consent of the Survivor.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

Comments: .....

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**Forest Fest Bread Bake-Off**

Linda Williams mused "this is the best bread I've ever made" as she posed for this picture. Linda is one of the Nuuchah-nulth women who is preparing to enter the \$500 grand prize bread contest to be held at McLean Mill on July 9. Bread Bake off inspired by Nuuchah-nulth.



Forest Fest Bread Bake-Off organizer John Mayba recently explained that he has been thinking about holding a bread bake off at Forest Fest for over two years. "Every time one of the Nuuchah-nulth women brings some of their bread to our office to sell, I think to myself, 'this is the best bread I've ever tasted', I have to give the rest of the people in Port Alberni an opportunity to taste this", so finally this year we got Quality Foods to

donate a \$500 gift certificate as a prize for the best white bread". There will also be a \$250 prize for the best multi-grain bread. In addition, bakers will be able to sell up to 20 loaves of their own bread. Contest rules and entry forms may be obtained at the Alberni Valley museum, 720-2513 and must be submitted by July 4. Bakers will bake their bread at home and bring it to McLean Mill by noon on Saturday July 9.



Ryan Fisk (left) is seen by giving a presentation of a cheque to Sayo Masso (middle) and Brian Chatwin (right), Chairman of the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Center Building Campaign in the amount of \$8,000 (in kind) for the Construction Management of the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Center. Ryan Fisk of Fisk Construction is pleased to announce his contribution toward the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Center. This construction is a construction management company which operates out of Nanaimo. Their management

skills include all of the co-ordination of sub trades and activities to ensure a quality effective and efficient construction program for the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Center. Fisk Construction services covers a large array of construction projects varying from commercial developments to residential housing. Fisk Construction's contact number is 250-755-9794. Anyone wishing to contribute to the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Center, please contact Brian Chatwin at 250-753-9171 or forward a cheque made payable to the Tla-o-qui-aht Youth Center in c/o Chatwin Engineering, 1614 Morey Road, Nanaimo, BC V9S 1J7. Phone: 250-753-9171, Fax: 250-754-4459, e-mail: bchatwin@chatwinengineering.com

**Career Opportunities - q<sup>w</sup>i-cah-ta-mis**

**ACRD Representative**

The Nuuchah-nulth Tribal Council is seeking people interested in representing Nuuchah-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.



## Klecko's - ʔekoo

It is with great pride that we welcome into our lives our new grandson Andrew Edwin De-Shawn Paul.

Andrew was born on June 14, 2005 at 4:50 pm at NRGH to my daughter Trudee-Lynn Paul. His weight was 9lbs 8 1/2 oz. Because of the death of his father Andrew Amos we will be calling our grandson by his name Edwin for one year.

Edwin is also welcomed by his grandfather Tom Paul Sr. and his Uncle Tommy Paul and Grandfather Johnny C. John. His grandmother Denise Amos and his grandfather Calvin Claxton and many relatives in Saanich and

Hesquiaht, Hotsprings, Ahousaht and the Nuu-chah-nulth tribes.

We would like to send a special thank you to my mother and great grandmother to baby Edwin - Trudy Frank and great grandpa Edwin for all the time, travel, monies and all of your love and caring for Trudee while she waited in Nanaimo to have her baby.

We could not have done it without you. And the Ahousaht Medical Dep't - Molina and Michelle, Klecko, Klecko.

Thank you to all those who called and were patient in waiting for the arrival of this precious bundle of joy. Noreen, Johnny and Tommy

**To N.T.C., Tseshaht. Hi, you know me the bread lady Linda Williams. I would like to thank you all for buying my bread and cookies. I really appreciate it. Klecko Klecko.**

### KLECO-KLECO ASTHON RYAN CORFIELD!!!

Asthan stood with the Nanaimo Elders and helped them sing a welcome/blessing song so we could start our Aboriginal Day activities off in the right way! Your family and school wants to thank you for singing with some of the Nanaimo elders on Aboriginal Day at Bayview School! You have very much to be proud of son keep up the great work. All of your family is very proud of you! Lots of love Mom and family!!!



My name is Rosalee Brown and I am from Tla-o-qui-ah First Nation. I attended the Memorial service for my late brother Jeffrey Derek Touchie. It was organised by my brothers Lionel Brown and Michael Touchie. Thank you for all your tireless efforts Brothers. It was a lovely ceremony on Saturday June 18, 2005. The sun was out and the Eagles were present to help bring our Brother, Son, Nephew, Father, Grandfather to his final resting place. It was our Brother's wish to be brought home to Uclulet. I am so grateful we had the opportunity to carry his wish through. I also have gratitude for those that helped make our day a little easier. There are not enough words to express this, but I would like to mention them, and if I missed anyone it is not intentional. Thank you Brenda and Eugene for opening your homes to us. Sometimes one forgets how much each family has grown until we all get together. You sheltered us and fed all of

us very well. A special thank you goes out to all the cooks for their hard work in making sure that food was ample and ready. Thank you to Brenda, Delaney, Mom and Rena for all the chumus. It was a relief knowing that it was all taken care of. Thank you to all the men for doing all the heavy lifting and carrying back and forth to the hall. A heart felt thank you to Ray Seitcher for your support and prayers in bringing Jeff to his final resting place. It was a simple ceremony and Jeff would have approved. He was a man of simplicity. Having a chuput ride that evening was a great way to end the day. Thank you to Raymond for doing that for all of us. It was nice to be care-free even for one night and all relatives and friends gave us that on the night of Saturday. Thank you all for sharing your wonderful memories of Jeff. On behalf of my immediate family, Klecko Klecko!!!

On June 21, we gave our great granddaughter Krysten Frances Esther Thomas a traditional Manhouasht name and introduce her to the community. Krysten is the daughter of Alec Bob Thomas and Marquel Frank, Alec is the son of Ina Dick & Richard Thomas, Marquel is the daughter of Russell Frank and Peggy Tate. The name she received came from the Louie side of my family. We thank Lee Louie, for the name because the name came from her. It was her name when she was a baby too. Lee, you are always there for us, and we want you to know how much we appreciate all you do for us. We love you. We would like to thank all those that helped make this little feast possible: all the cooks, all those that donated food or something, it means a lot to us. Especially to those that helped that day, without you we could not have done it, the Ahousaht singers and dancers, Lori Campbell, Myrna Titian, Joe George Sr., Sal Frank, Karen Adams, Colleen Marchand,

Squeak Campbell, Roberta Adams, Angel Dick, Marvin Frank, Rod Piper Atleo, Rod Sam, Kyle & Richard Adams, Denise & Richard John, thank you for staying late to clean up, not just that but for everything you done for us to make this feast special. Especially to our niece Ishe Campbell, baby you are taught well, you are always there to help. Uncle Louie Frank for MCing. To all the Ditidaht relatives who come over, it meant a lot to Marquel and Krysten for you to be there. We will continue to teach our great granddaughter where her roots are. Her traditional name means "from a lot of nations, she has roots from Mowachah/Muchalaha, Ahousaht, Manhouasht, Kelthmaht, Tla-o-qui-ah, Ditidaht and Ucluelet. So her name is just right for her. Klecko to you all, if I missed anyone it wasn't intentional.

Alec & Darlene Dick, Ina Dick, Alec Thomas and Marquel Frank, Curtis & Margaret Dick, Molina Dick.

## Community Events

### 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.

### 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.

## Jack Family Potlatch

Ben Jack Sr. and Claretta Newman will be hosting a Family Potlatch on October 8, 2005 starting 10 a.m. sharp. The potlatch is in the name of Christopher Jack. We invite you to come and join us. We will be doing Cleansing Ceremonies for numerous members of the family. We will be giving Indian names to the newest members of the family. If you have any inquiries please call Claire Newman at (250) 957-2487 or Ben Jack Sr. (250) 283-7337 or email Claire Newman at clarettajoan@hotmail.com. Thank you. Ben Jack Sr and Claretta Newman

### Klecko Klecko!

Thanks to all who welcomed Alexa Martina James-Thomas so warmly into the Nuu-chah-nulth community. She was born at Campbell River Hospital on March 4th, this year (that's 03-04-05). She weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 1/2" long. Her parents are Marissa James (of Tsaxana) and Eli Thomas (of Opitsaht). Proud grandparents are Arnold (and Carol) James and Margarita James in addition to Nora Martin (of Opitsaht) and Norman Thomas (of Ahousaht). Thanks to those who visited the hospital with lovely gifts: Jordan, Jamie, Sal,

Auntie Shirley and Larry Andrews, Carleen, Brandon, Kyra, Lee, Veronica Dick, Laverne, Nina, Sue Johnson, Melissa, Lenny Murphy, Fran, Jack, Thomas and Jack, Candace, Barb Dick, Darian and Logan. And for the lovely gifts: Richard Inglis and Kevin Neary, Vickie Lavoie, Lori Wilson, Dawn Dakin, Billie Mark, Dorothy Savey and Janelle.

A very special Thanks to my sister, Eva and the girls ~ Joni, Jaylene, Michelle, Janelle and Maggie John for supporting us in the delivery room. Klecko Klecko to all! Your kindnesses were thoughtful and appreciated.

## Classifieds continued

Missing/misplaced:

Precious shawl.

Please return call 250-724-5290.

No questions asked. Klecko



**Having a little trouble keeping up to your lawn growth and yard maintenance?** Call Ozzie & Darryl or leave a message at my home. Reasonable rates for mowing and weed eating! I work until 2:00 p.m. every day and home by 2:30. Leave a message at Darryl Watts #730-2880.

**LOST:** Gold necklace with a 1in X 1in Indian design butterfly pendant. Last seen on my niece at the Ucluelet Secondary School during Steve Spergers last basketball tournament in March. This necklace is very special to me and I would appreciate any information leading to its whereabouts. Please call Jeannine Adams @ 670-1150 or email ballgrri@hotmail.com. Thanks.

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**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 Mowachah/Muchalaha 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 Muchalaha artifact, please contact Margarita James, Director of Cultural & Heritage Resources in the Administration Office or the Gold River detachment of the RCMP.

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**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.

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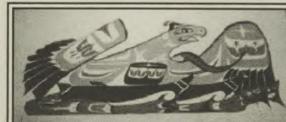
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**FOR SALE:** 1997 Ford Aerostar Van. Very good condition, has been cared for and used sparingly. Call 1-360-645-2019 evenings after 6:30 pm. Elizabeth Little Parker.

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**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

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**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).

**TSAWAYUUS: SHARE YOUR TALENTS WITH YOUR ELDERS:** Volunteers required for the following: uGive demonstrations uand/or teach basket weaving, carving, painting, etc. uWe 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.

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## Miscellaneous

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**FOR SALE:** Beautiful Native Design Dress. New condition. Size 5-7. 724-3049.

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# N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



## A Tribute to George Watts

Much has been written about George Watts in the past few weeks, all in superlatives: he was a leader, visionary, politician, role model, mentor, humanitarian, father, brother, uncle, husband and friend. He was also a man of great integrity, honour and respect who worked tirelessly to empower the Nuu-chah-nulth and other indigenous peoples. From our (NEDC) perspective he was also a pioneer in community, economic and business development. Many of the principles George championed in the early 80's would become popular in the 2001 Harvard Report on Aboriginal Economic Development, these included:

- Extra-ordinary leadership
  - Collective vision
  - Focus & determination
  - Transparency & accountability
- And others that are an inherent part of the Nuu-chah-nulth culture:
- Respect
  - Honour
  - Social equality

It was these principles that laid the foundation and provided guidelines for the growth and development of both the Nuu-chah-nulth business community and NEDC.

In 1984 as Chairman of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council George promoted the incorporation of NEDC as a vehicle to foster economic growth. This would serve two main purposes:

1. to provide commercial financing to Nuu-chah-nulth entrepreneurs
2. to serve as a conduit for accessing and delivering government

programs.

And through his continued effort and political support NEDC became one of only two Aboriginal Financial Institutions in Canada to become both a Community Futures Development Corporation and an Aboriginal Capital Corporation – both of these programs provide entrepreneurs with business loans and support services.

It was this foundation that allowed NEDC to grow into one of the most prosperous Aboriginal Financial Institutions in Canada. It is because of George's vision we have had the opportunity to take advantage of the Government programming that allows us to offer the Nuu-chah-nulth unparalleled access to commercial financing.

It was a great privilege to have George's continued leadership and guidance: as the Vice-chair of the Board of Directors from 1984-89 and as the Chairman of the Loan Review Committee from its inception in 1987 to his passing in 2005. His strength and focus helped NEDC become a National flagship representing a standard of excellence.

George had a vision of Nuu-chah-nulth economic and political self-sufficiency that was forward thinking and original.

He believed in entrepreneurship and individual ownership, a clear distinction between business decision-making and the political body, business viability as opposed to 'make-work' projects, a healthy community as the basis for a financially successful one and in giving back.

That is not to say he didn't support



George and NEDC General Manager, Al Little at new office opening

Tribally owned initiatives. In fact he played a crucial role in the development of the Tla-o-qui-aht Tin Wis project. This was probably one of the largest projects of its time and federal funders were sceptical and looking to decline the project. It took George's political will to convince the government otherwise, his business connections to help set up the first Board of Directors and his innovative perspective to complete the financing package. Howard Tom, former Tla-o-qui-aht Manager and Tin Wis Board Member says, 'George was instrumental throughout the development of Tin Wis. I truly don't know if we'd be where we are today if it weren't for his contribution.'

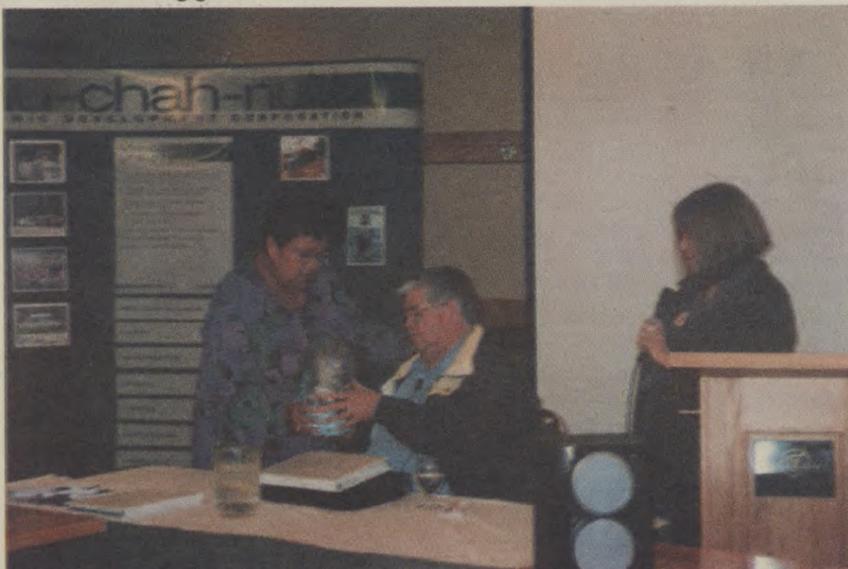
This wasn't the only time that George championed Nuu-chah-nulth business either directly or indirectly. He constantly encouraged young people to follow an entrepreneurial path and the Nuu-chah-nulth to support one another's businesses. He spoke at NEDC conferences and workshops supporting community economic development and Nuu-chah-nulth economic self-sufficiency.

He also paved the way for NEDC to deliver an island wide program. George visited each of the Coast Salish and Kwakwilt Tribes on the island representing NEDC and describing our program. He knew the leaders, hereditary and elected and the protocols involved in meeting each group; he said

it was like visiting old friends.

Therefore our success lies not just in his hard work and integrity but also in his reputation and the high esteem that he received.

It's difficult to quantify the impact that George, his vision, his hard work and his love of his people have had on the establishment and development of NEDC or the growth of the Nuu-chah-nulth business community. It seems he has been there through each stage of growth lending his support, negotiating with Ministers, lobbying officials, encouraging Nuu-chah-nulth entrepreneurs and scolding when he felt the need. We will surely miss his guidance, his sharp mind and his sense of humour.



Darleen Watts, NEDC Co-chair presents George with a thank you gift for his participation in NEDC Governance conference.



George & Angela facilitate the NEDC strategic planning meeting

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