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## Huu-ay-aht protests forestry operations

By Denise August,  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni – Huu-ay-aht Ha'wiih and approximately 30 supporters arrived early on the morning of July 6<sup>th</sup> at the offices of Ministry of Forests (MoF) in step two of their Direct Assertion Plan. Their plan, to shut down the Ministry of Forests offices, was changed after HFN managed to garner the attention of BC Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation Tom Christensen who promised to meet with Huu-ay-aht before the end of the week.

HFN Chief Councillor Robert Dennis said Christensen called the night before promising he would meet with Huu-ay-aht on July 7<sup>th</sup> on the condition HFN doesn't cross the line from legal to illegal activities. Dennis said the Minister had already received a full report on the Coleman Creek activities from the day before including the number of people there and what was said.

In a gesture of good faith, HFN adjusted their strategy for the day. Their blockade of the MoF offices would instead be an information picket and anyone arriving for work would be invited through and allowed to enter the building unobstructed.

MoF staff however, having been alerted earlier, made alternative plans for work and never showed up. Two contractors were allowed through to the parking lot but left after a few moments when it became apparent that the offices would



Huu-ay-aht Tyee Ha'wiih  
Tlii-shin (Spencer Peters).



(Standing l-r) Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert Dennis Sr. speaks at a protest rally alongside Tom Happynook, Bill Frank, Andy Clappis, Frederick Cook (standing in for Jeff Cook), Ben Nookemis, (seated l-r) Alan Dick, Spencer Peters, and Fred Gus. Photo by Denny Durocher.

not be opening while the pickets were outside.

A contractor who would only identify himself as Roy said he had a meeting at Ministry of Forests that morning. After waiting for about ten minutes he left the parking lot stopping to talk to Chief Dennis on the way out. Dennis assured him theirs was a peaceful protest and Huu-ay-aht are a peaceful people. Looking uncomfortable, Roy replied, "Yeah, for now," and drove away.

Chief Dennis acknowledged that Minister Christensen's agreement to meet with HFN was a move in the right direction but, he says, "we still feel that it is necessary to make our point".

"The court recognizes that we have strong prima facie Aboriginal title and we want MoF to implement Judge Dillon's decision. They are making \$30 per m3 while we are only being offered .32 per m3 in stumpage," said Chief Dennis, adding this was a peaceful demonstration to send a message to MoF that the grievance HFN has is with them and not with forestry employees.

Wanting a better return for their resources, HFN stopped issuing 'green letters' in March 2004 and launched their court case against MoF the following November charging they have not been adequately consulted or accommodated.

The judge agreed yet instead of honouring the judgement, the Ministry of Forests appealed the decision and continued approving cut blocks in HFN traditional territory.

Green letters, Dennis explained, are issued by First Nations and inform the Minister that a proposed development does not negatively impact the interests of a First Nation. Upon receipt of a green letter, harvesting may legally go ahead and the Ministry may issue approvals for cut blocks.

**"We want a fair, reasonable and just consultation process; we have constitutionally protected rights," said Happynook, "We want logging in our territory to be sustainable. They're raping and pillaging our land and we're getting nothing."**

Despite the fact that HFN ceased issuing green letters in March 2004, the Ministry has continued approving cut blocks and road building permits. With only 17% of TFL #44 falling within HFN territorial boundaries; Dennis points out that 100% of TFL #44 harvesting last year occurred in HFN territory. At that rate of harvesting, Chief Tom Happynook

estimates there is only about a decade left of old-growth cedar, and little left for future generations.

Other plans depend on how serious the Ministry wants to get with HFN. Happynook promised the action will escalate on a daily basis continuing "for as long as the Ministry wants to drag this out".

"Their strategy is to try to demonize us, make us look like the bad guys and we won't fall for that," he said.

HFN remains positive about the outcome for the July 7 meeting with Minister Christensen. "The Minister has the power and authority to enforce Judge Dillon's ruling and has a legal duty to consult and accommodate us," said Happynook.

Dennis says HFN believe that 10% of the stumpage fee is fair. Instead of .32/m3 they want \$3/m3. This would allow HFN to finance their social programs and economic development plans.

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**Foxcroft-Poirier appointed to Regional District Board**

By Nicholas Watts  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni – The Alberni Clayoquot Regional District Board has a fresh face on their board, and that fresh face is Kelly Poirier. Kelly is from the Tseshaht First Nations, and has roots in Ucluelet, and Ditidaht. Her parents are Deb and Mike Foxcroft, her grandparents are James and Jan Gallic, and her great grandparents were Jeff and Jessie Gallic.

**With Kelly on the board, it ensures that First Nations voice is heard and taken into account. This is key when consultation and development is being brought to the table; traditional hahoulthee will be brought into consideration.**

This appointment for Kelly is a huge step forward, not just for her, but also for all Nuu-chah-nulth. Not only does this board cover topics that include

resource management, economic development, and signage (billboards on highways), but it counsels all surrounding areas outside the municipality. With Kelly on the board, it ensures that First Nations voice is heard and taken into account. This is key when consultation and development is being brought to the table; traditional hahoulthee will be brought into consideration.

Kelly has a Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts, and has been working extensively in both communications and marketing. She has worked for both the Ha-Shilth-Sa, and CTV, and spent the last year on the Nuu-chah-nulth Aquatic Management Board. All of this has led her to where she is now. Being the youngest person on the board doesn't change the fact that she is so passionate about the west coast, how best to utilize the natural resources found here, and how to make it so First Nations get the most out of their traditional territories and are not just taken for granted, but their voices heard and recognized.

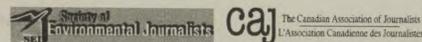


**Kelly Foxcroft-Poirier**

"First and foremost, I want to make sure that the Hawilth, and their Hahoulthee are looked after, and that the Hawilth are informed of what is going on in their land. I also want to make sure that Nuu-chah-nulth have access to any opportunities that may come up, and to make sure that we as Nuu-chah-nulth benefit from any activity going on. Increased Nuu-chah-nulth involvement means that NCN with business ventures happening in NCN territory benefit from knowing first, what is happening in the area, and second, getting first shot at making a proposal. Nuu-chah-nulth voice is brought to the table, and we will get the benefits."

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**Warriors suffer take down Treaty Planners continue work**

By David Wiwchar  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Vancouver -** Two Native Warrior leaders and a Tsawataineuk Chief were arrested in Vancouver two weeks ago after Canadian Anti-terrorism units ambushed the pair on a downtown bridge.

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On Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, David Dennis, leader of the West Coast Warrior Society, and James Ward, leader of the East Coast Warrior Society had just purchased 14 M-305 rifles and 10,400 rounds of ammunition worth \$11,867.40 from Lever Arms in downtown Vancouver.

"We were there to legally purchase hunting rifles for a community sponsored hunting course in the Kwakwaka'wakw community of Kingcome Inlet First Nation," said Ward. "The course is the Outdoor Indigenous Traditional Training (OITT) course. It is composed of hunting, tracking, trapping, camping and survival classes. The goal is to re-connect the Kwakwaka'wakw youth with their traditional lands, their culture and with the older hunters of their community," he said.

Through the course, local hunters would help train the young people, while Dennis would teach a gun safety course and Ward would teach wilderness first aid.

According to Ward, a council member from the community was supposed to register the hunting rifles on his Possession and Acquisition License (PAL), but he couldn't make it to Vancouver so Dennis volunteered to register the hunting rifles on his PAL until they could be transferred to the intended owners.

Dennis said he paid careful attention to the details of the firearms regulations and faxed in his PAL to Lever Arms to be processed and then obtained the correct transfer documents and the proofs of purchase. The staff of Lever Arms meticulously went through every piece of documentation, line-by-line, item-by-item, serial number by serial number with Dennis to ensure legal transfer of the rifles.

The rifles and ammunition were then placed in a van owned by the Tsawataineuk community, never taken out of their original shipping cases.

"Moments after making the purchase we headed north on Burrard Street," said Ward. "David noticed an undercover police car following us in his rear-view mirror. He announced it to us, and just seconds later it hit its lights. Several more RCMP and Vancouver Police Department (VPD) vehicles quickly joined it. As they pulled us over the RCMP and VPD sealed off both ends the entire Burrard Street Bridge, shutting it down to any traffic and

pedestrians," he said. "There were 15 to 20 police officers in this operation, made up of a takedown team with a minimum of 4 to 6 Emergency Response Team members (that were obviously visible), a K-9 team, several arrest teams, the perimeter security team and members of the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team (INSET) directing the operation."

The RCMP formed INSET after the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 to "help ensure early detection and prevention of any potential threats to national security", according to their website. "The purpose for this is to increase the capacity for the collection, sharing and analysis of intelligence among partners with respect to targets that are a threat to national security and; create an enhanced investigative capacity to bring such targets to justice; and enhance partner agencies collective ability to combat national security threats and meet all specific mandate responsibilities." INSET, RCMP, and CSIS (Canadian Security and Intelligence Service) have made it clear through past raids and questionings that the Native Warrior Movement is a target of Canadian terrorism investigators.

**"The ERT were armed with M4 assault rifles and MP-5 submachine guns, one of which was silenced, obviously dressing up for a fight," said James Ward, a former U.S. Marine. "They had kept the assault rifle and submachine guns pointed directly at our faces."**

According to Ward, members of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) leapt out of a van 30 feet behind the Warrior's van, and called over a loudspeaker for the driver to place his keys on the roof of the vehicle. They then called for the driver, Dennis, to put his hands above his head and slowly come out of the vehicle. "With quick thinking, Dave had managed to get off a phone call to a First Nations chief that we were being arrested by the ERT on the Burrard Street bridge. He then existed the vehicle, still describing the situation to the chief on his cell phone. The RCMP ERT demanded that he stop talking," said Ward. "Dave then told them that he had all the proper paper work and licenses for the hunting rifles. They refused to listen. Not once, through out the entire situation did the RCMP look or ask any follow up questions about Dave having a PAL, transfer papers, or proof or purchase. They then took control of Dave and handcuffed him," he said.

The next person to be told to exit the vehicle and be arrested was Tsawataineuk First Nation Chief Councillor Eric Joseph. The last person to exit the van and be arrested was Ward, who gained notoriety for leading the Mi'kmaq lobster fishery protest in Burnt Church, New Brunswick in 2001. It was there he met Dennis and other members of the West Coast Warrior Society (WCWS) who had come to offer their assistance. Two members of the WCWS



A Norinco M-305, similar to the ones purchased by Dennis.

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Chief Jerry Jack sang the opening prayer after a moment of silence was observed for those that have recently passed away. Richard Watts, Tseshaht Chief Negotiator welcomed everyone to Tseshaht traditional territory and thanked Mowachah for the moment of silence and prayer. He informed the table that there are others that have fallen ill recently and the prayers are appreciated. Tseshaht then invited the table to a sockeye salmon lunch that afternoon courtesy of his First Nation.

Co-Chair Archie Little introduced Ehatesah representative to the treaty table, Stan Smith. Ehatesah had no official representation at the treaty table for quite some time and Smith's presence was warmly welcomed.

NTC Treaty Manager Michelle Corfield delivered an update on Treaty Negotiations to the NCN Treaty Teams. The three parties, she reported, discussed the following chapters: Federal Parks, Migratory Birds, Culture and Heritage and Indian Act Transition. The next negotiation session is scheduled for July 18th in Victoria.

Richard Watts added to the report saying the province presented a list of topics they are not prepared to discuss they say, due to the pending NTC Fisheries litigation. The list contained such topics as lands and governance. NCN expressed their opposition to BC's position and, Watts reported, by

the next Treaty Negotiation Meeting the province retracted the list with the exception of fish.

Dr. Don Hall provided an update to the table about the NTC Fisheries Litigation. Because the case is before the courts the details of the report remain confidential. Nuu-chah-nulth members may contact their treaty negotiators for information.

The Treaty teams spent the remainder of their two days developing chapters in break-out groups.

At the end of the meeting Cliff Atleo introduced a motion that the NTC Treaty Teams support Huu-ay-aht First Nation in their activities relating to logging activity in their traditional territories.

Huu-ay-aht First Nation, who recently won a court case against the provincial Ministry of Forests, is seeking to assert their Aboriginal Rights and Title through activities designed to 'reclaim their traditional territory'. The Huu-ay-aht say they haven't been properly consulted and there has been no accommodation of their cultural and economic interests by the province or logging companies.

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The NTC Treaty Teams agreed to show their support of Huu-ay-aht's position by attending their 'Reclaiming our Territory' celebration on July 5<sup>th</sup>. (See related story on page 1)

**Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council**  
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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.

**Regular NTC Meeting will be held August 4th and 5th at Thunderbird Hall in Campbell River.**

**Upcoming Treaty Planning Meetings**

July 26-27, 2005 Nanaimo, Mt. Benson Royal Canadian Legion Conf. Room, 1630 E. Wellington, 9:00 a.m.  
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## Hesquiaht celebrates new road

By David Wivchar  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Hot Springs Cove - A** 1.5 km road may only mean a 15-minute walk, but to the Hesquiaht First Nation it opens up a world of opportunities.

After twenty years of planning, and two solid years of effort, there is finally a road linking the remote community of Hot Springs Cove (HSC) to a network of logging roads and the outside world. "When the wind is blowing 60 knots, and there are 20 foot waves at the entrance to the harbour, we're trapped," said Richard Lucas. "Now, because of this road, our school kids and anyone else can get in or out when they need to," he said.

The road links the current community at HSC to a road behind their former village site, which was wiped out by the 1964 tsunami. People can now drive to Stewardson and Sydney Inlet and meet a boat to take them to Ahousaht or Tofino, or they can drive to Mooya Bay and connect with a boat to Gold River. The roads also provide access to their traditional territory around Hesquiaht Harbour. "We're always talking about Aboriginal rights, and this road will help us use those rights to fish and hunt, especially for those people who don't own boats," said Hesquiaht Tyee Ha'with Domenic Andrews. "There are a lot of things we can access now that we couldn't access before," he said.

More than 50 people gathered behind the generator building in HSC on Thursday, July 7th as members of the Hesquiaht First Nation gathered to celebrate their new link to the outside world, and thank those who played a role in the planning and construction. On a damp, overcast day where it was cool enough to see your own breath, people gathered to look at the new gravel road; its jagged granite rocks bright against the dark green forest background.

To construct the road, the Hesquiaht



Hesquiaht Ha'with open new road

Nation had to wade through red tape and bureaucracy that included an 18-month process to pull a small area of land out of Hesquiaht Provincial Park and then have it put back in once road construction was complete.

The actual construction took only two months, at a cost of \$120,000. Interfor were thanked for contributing \$35,000 worth of in-kind support for conducting the road planning and engineering. Also thanked was A.M. Excavating who did the actual road construction, and the Ahousaht First Nation was thanked for their support of the project within an overlap area. Hesquiaht ha'with also thanked their people for their patience and support of the project, which will also include a road to the proposed Hesquiaht school site.

"This opens the door to tourism and economic development opportunities for our community," said Richard Lucas. "Someday this road will connect into Strathcona Park and to Campbell River. That's our next pursuit," he said.

After a wonderful luncheon was served, Hesquiaht Ha'with joined with Interfor in signing a "Good Neighbour Agreement" which spells out safety conditions for those using the road, and the establishment of a warden position to police road use.

"The forestry industry has evolved past hanging ribbons and cutting trees down," said Interfor area manager Don McMillan. "It's now about communities and people, and this is the first step towards a better life for all our communities and all our children," he said.



Hesquiaht and Interfor leaders sign 'Good Neighbour' agreement

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## Warriors suffer takedown continued from page 3

were arrested during the conflict between Mi'kmaq and DFO. Dennis was also involved in the Cheam fishery protest on the Fraser River, and many other proposed protest events.

"The ERT were armed with M4 assault rifles and MP-5 submachine guns, one of which was silenced, obviously dressing up for a fight," said Ward, a former U.S. Marine. "They had kept the assault rifle and submachine guns pointed directly at our faces. During the arrest, the ERT and arrest team members said they had warrants for Dave and I. They said the warrants were for firearms violations. They never produced these so called warrants at any time during the arrest or afterwards," he said.

According to Ward, he overheard RCMP officers saying they would take the three to the Armoury, which is a military installation, instead of the police station to be properly processed. "This concerned us," said Ward. "It was obvious at this point that the proper arrest procedure was about to be deliberately bypassed. As members of the warrior society being targeted by the anti-terrorist team this was expected," he said.

According to Ward, the three were kept handcuffed in partitioned cells in the back of the police van for two hours. Dennis was in agony from a dislocated shoulder, but was refused medical attention. Eventually the van stopped near False Creek, and the three were pulled out of the police van.

"Our van was parked nearby," said Ward. "They had driven it over. They had told Dave that we were near a school and not to make a scene, just get in the van and drive away. They also said there was a note for us on the dashboard," he said. The handwritten note contained only the names of officers names Sgt. Trevor Trunner, the officer in charge of the operation and Cpl. Nick Chobykn of INSET, and their phone numbers.

Police seized the rifles and ammunition, along with Ward's laptop computer and notebooks, and cellphones belonging to Dennis and Joseph.

"When we asked the RCMP why they had arrested us, they said they had a 'tip' about the firearms," said Ward. "Our lawyer Mike Tammen informed us that the arrest and the following police procedures were highly irregular, and that they are not confident in their case and may have 'screwed up'," he said. The Norinco M-305 rifles are Chinese-made copies of M-14 assault rifles used in the Korean War, and are legal in Canada but illegal in the United States. They are semi-automatic, and sell for \$300 at most stores. The guns come with



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clips capable of holding 20 rounds, which are illegal in Canada, so to get around the law, manufacturers insert an easily removed pin converting it to a 5 round clip. According to gun experts, they are good quality and inexpensive starter rifles that require inexpensive ammunition, with the only draw-back being they are heavy.

According to Kin Chung, owner of Lever Arms, Dennis met all federal legal requirements for purchasing the guns and ammunition. "This action was approved by the CFC (Canadian Firearms Centre) before they got out the door," Chung told the Vancouver Sun. "If they were white, I can guarantee they would have never been harassed," he said.

The day after the arrest, Ward, Joseph and Dennis held a press conference at the Union of BC Indian Chiefs' office in downtown Vancouver, where they claimed to be unfairly targeted by a police force that has labeled them radical, extremists, and terrorists.

"This was clearly politically and racially motivated," said Dennis. "Crown Counsel is considering charging us with possession of a dangerous weapon. It's up in the air right now, we don't know if we'll have to go to court," he said. "What we want to know however, is if we were considered a security threat, why didn't they refuse us the ability to purchase the guns instead of executing a high-risk takedown on a busy Vancouver bridge?"

The RCMP will not comment on the incident saying it is still under investigation.

## NETB funds forester

By David Wivchar  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Henderson Lake - Rob Cootes** is well on his way to becoming a top forestry supervisor on the coast according to his trainer Warner Dolling.

Cootes is working for Uchucklesaht's Standing Stem Harvesting in association with Estevan Forest Management, a joint venture between Dwayne Hearn, Steven Mitchell, Robert Diaz, and the Uchucklesaht.

"It takes two to three years to really train a forestry supervisor," said Dolling, who has been in the forest industry for 40 years, a contract supervisor for 25 years, and is widely respected throughout the industry. "I've seen plenty of guys dropped into the role after only a few months of training, and they generally don't last long. Rob is a really smart guy, and I want to make sure he knows everything there is to know about forestry from stump to dump," he said.

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The learning curve for forest industry contract supervisors is huge. They oversee all aspects of the operation and need to know what to look for to keep a safe worksite that complies with all legislation. Supervisors manage road building operations, the costs and efficiencies of yarding, loading, and hauling, creek management, dryland sort and booming ground operations, managing tree topping, engineering, project layout, the jack-over and climbing process, and all documentation to do with requirements, compliance and laws.

"He'll know how to do everything from project planning, to cost estimates, to the management of daily operations on the site," said Dolling. "I put a lot of pressure on Rob. Once he goes through it, he'll know what to do," he said. "We're trying to run a world-class organization here, and we have to make sure he's doing everything properly, and at the end of the day is providing the company with a profitable product."

For the 36-year-old Rob Cootes, Dolling is "an excellent mentor", and he is very

appreciative of his efforts to pass his years of knowledge onto his protégé. "I couldn't have a better person to teach me," said Cootes, who is the son of Uchucklesaht Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes Sr. and Sarah Bevan (Kitsalalas), and shares 7 children with wife Rose (nee Andrews) of Hesquiaht. "I believe in the Uchucklesaht vision of having respect for the land, and putting our people to work for the betterment of our Nation, and I'm willing to do whatever it takes to help reach that goal," he said.

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For Cootes, the forests around Henderson Lake are his back yard. Having lived in the Uchucklesaht community at Kildonnan off-and-on for many years, Cootes said he is happiest when he's on the mountains and in the forests, and is eager to invest his career in his First Nations' forestry operations. Cootes said he is the only Uchucklesaht member who has worked in all areas of their forestry ventures, working 15 years in the industry after starting as a summer student for his First Nation. Cootes worked in silviculture and salvage operations, and with the Thunderbirds unit crew.

The current project Cootes is overseeing involves 120,000 cubic metres of timber being extracted by fallers, yarders, Standing Stem and heli-logging crews at a rate of 800 cubic metres a day.

Cootes training is being funded by the Nuu-chah-nulth Employment Training Board (NETB), and program coordinator Jack Cook is pleased with the success of the program's funding.

Cook was invited to take a helicopter tour of Uchucklesaht's forestry operations, and meet with Cootes and Dolling in the field.

"One of my duties is to do site visits and talk to program participants and their trainers to ensure everything is happening as it should, and that everyone is happy," said Cook. "Rob Cootes' training will result in a permanent position, and the board sees this as a success story," he said.

NETB has funded Cootes' training in part for the past two years at a cost of \$25,881, and the eight board members are pleased with the long-term benefits of the funding.



Uchucklesaht's Rob Cootes is well on his way to becoming a top forestry supervisor in coastal forestry operations.



(l-r) Master Carver Tim Paul stands with Elder Bob Thomas, carver Gord Dick, Elder Alan Dick, and apprentices Willard Gallic Jr., and Tobias (Bear) Watts.

## Tiickin (Thunderbird) Project

By Nicholas Watts  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter



### PUBLIC VIEWING

Draft Management Plan No. 4  
Tree Farm Licence No. 54 (TFL 54)  
Clayoquot Sound

Draft Management Plan (MP) No. 4 for TFL 54 has been prepared for submission to the Chief Forester of the Province of British Columbia. The plan is available for public review and comment prior to final submission.

The plan emphasizes conservation and sustainable development and explains Interfor's management objectives and standards. It also provides information that will form the basis for an allowable annual cut determination, by the Chief Forester of BC, for TFL 54. The Public Viewing provides an opportunity to share ideas and hear your view on TFL 54. Draft MP No. 4 will be available for public review weekdays during business hours, excluding weekends and holidays, July 4, 2005 to September 7, 2005, at:

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Ucluelet, BC  
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As of July 5, 2005 Draft MP No. 4 will also be available at the following locations:

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- Resource Tenures & Engineering Branch  
727 Fisgard Street, Victoria
- South Island Forest District  
4885 Cherry Creek Road, Port Alberni

The Draft MP No. 4 document is also available for download from the Internet.  
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(l-r) Rob Cootes, Jack Cook, Warner Dolling and Edd Samuel survey an area being logged under the supervision of Estevan Forestry.

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## Education - ha-ho-pa

### Tsawaayuus hosts Celebration of Culture

By Lil Thomas,  
Tsawaayuus Administrator

The Residents of Tsawaayuus hosted a Celebration of Culture luncheon on June 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Aboriginal Day.

As it was also Fathers Day, all of our Fathers were presented with a hand crafted cedar rose boutonniere.

Residents, their families, guests and staff were treated to a delicious meal of salmon, herring roe, potatoes and bannock. The salmon was prepared by Bunt Crammer and Delores Keitlah and was cooked traditionally on sticks by an open fire. Delores also prepared the bannock, which was baked fresh that morning.



Robert Thomas sits with Simon Lucas at the Tsawaayuus Celebration of Culture.

Robert (Bob) Thomas said a prayer before the meal. Vince McKay and family entertained us with several of their family's songs, as well Bunt and her niece Laura Crammer danced a namgis women's dance.

Thanks to everyone who helped us with our Celebration, it was a wonderful afternoon at Tsawaayuus.



**Congratulations Amber Severinson on achieving your BA in Child & Youth Care from the University of Victoria. We're very proud of you. Love Mom & Dad.**

### Nuu-chah-nulth GRAD 2005 - Path to Success

Congratulations Grads of 2005! In this time filled with joy and happiness, sharing your achievement with family, friends and community members we extend to you our sincere congratulations. With your dedication, perseverance and hard work you have successfully completed grade 12. Congratulations, we wish you the best today and always as you continue to reach for your dreams.

For those who attended the N.T.C. grad ceremony, we were happy to see you there. We hope you enjoyed your day.

For the Grads who were unable to attend there is a gift for you at the N.T.C. Please contact Eileen Haggard, 724-5757 to arrange for pick up or mailing.

Again CONGRATULATIONS.

From the staff of the Nuuchah-nulth Education Department

### Nuu-chah-nulth Scholarship Celebration

Friday, July 22, 6:00 p.m.

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## Nuu-chah-nulth-aht to learn language in Germany

By David Wivchar  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Nuu-chah-nulth-aht wanting to learn their language jetted off to Frankfurt this week to participate in a language summer school in Frankfurt Germany. "We have only a few hundred fluent speakers left out of our 8000 members and this should continue to serve as a message for us to decide quickly how important retention of our languages is to us and what priority we are going to make on supporting our people learning/re-learning the language," said NTC Central Region Co-chair Shawn Atleo.

The Mentorship Program organized by linguist Henry Kammler runs from July 10th to the 31st where participants will learn to read, write, and speak the Nuuchah-nulth language in an immersion program.

According to a program brochure, the program will: "Create an extraordinary environment of intense learning outside everyday routines and involvements. Participants can concentrate on learning language and methods and developing documentary / educational material."

Anthropologists Henry Kammler and Olaf Behrend from the University of Frankfurt in Germany, have worked in Nuuchah-nulth communities four times since 2002, spending several months here, and now want to offer the chance to introduce NCN participants to their cultural and academic background. The Working Group on the Nuuchah-nulth Language was founded in March 1996 and presently consists of Heike Speitzer, Harald Vajkonny, and Kammler.

"The idea of this working group was born during a stay of Vajkonny in Port Alberni in January 1996," said Kammler. "Because he felt the work to be done on this language is too much for one person and extremely urgent at the same time, he decided to propose the idea of a scientific team to some of his colleagues. We put strong emphasis on openness and cooperation. It has happened too often that scientific material has been kept in drawers for years and regarded as mental possession of a particular scientist. The situation in this community is urgent and there is no time for career games! What is needed is a good grammar dictionary and more texts. We try our best to step forward in this direction and participate in curriculum development at the local schools," he said.

Participants will also have an opportunity to view Nuuchah-nulth artefacts from as early as 1778 which are stored in ethnographic collections in Germany; the participants will have the chance to see some of them and to acquaint themselves with the history and methods of ethnographic collecting and conservation.

Elders Barbara Touchie, Marge Touchie, Bob Mundy (all from Ucluelet) and Betty Keitlah (Ahouasht) have confirmed their participation as mentors in the program, along with mentored 'language juniors' Tara Atleo, Anne Morgan, Gale Johnsen, Maureen Touchie, David Johnsen, and Linda Marshall.

Class sessions (three 1 1/2 sessions a day plus extra activities) in four categories will be structured as follows: - language learning (based on lesson

plan under development)  
- lexicography (methods of exploring lexicon and meaning)

- documentation methods (audio/video recording, transcribing, translating)  
- anthropological interpretation of linguistic & cultural "data", incl. artefacts

- free sessions for creatively exchanging ideas about how to use the documentary cultural material for community-defined and/or academic purposes; discussion of consequences of the treaty process; experiences of cultural encounter etc. German students will be invited to join in any of these classes.

Although tuition for the three-week program is free, participants must pay their travel costs to/from Frankfurt (\$2,500 to \$3,500), food, spending money and partial accommodation costs.

"The idea behind it is that of mutual benefit and cooperation," said Kammler. "Because of this, the three weeks will not be a mere language class but a course in methods of documentation of culture. Around July 20th the director of the Museum of Ethnology in Vienna will come over personally to give the group an exhaustive introduction to 18th century NCN artifacts in their collections," he said. "We don't have a fixed class schedule yet because everything will be shifted around according to the museum visits. Language class will be every morning when we are not on trips. We will practice transcription every day, too. Classes will be between 10 am and 4 pm but we can do longer hours."

The program is the very first of its kind to ever happen in Europe between academics and a North American indigenous community and will hopefully contribute to a new atmosphere of cooperation - no more research about a community but research with a community, said Kammler.

"We seek a balance in every respect. Of course nobody can learn a language in three weeks, so even though practicing the language is an essential part of the program it is also about learning how to share the language because this language can only survive if those that know more of it share their knowledge with those who know less of it. The participants are encouraged to organize their own regular language classes after returning to their communities because consistency is the key to success. It is not primarily singular, extraordinary language courses that save the language but only a day-to-day practice by as many as possible," he said.

Learning how to write Quuqu'aca has two goals according to Kammler. All the participants express they felt writing helpful in their previous learning experiences. Given the ever-growing language recordings at treaty and band offices, writing them down is the only means to keep their contents accessible. This needs to be done as accurately as possible, and the only way to do justice to this precious and complicated language is using an alphabet that represents all the meaningful sounds. "We hope we can make a contribution to this tremendous task and we are looking forward to a really extraordinary experience," he said.

## Vast Education Centre News

By Diane Gallic,  
(Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker)  
And VAST Staff

### Graduation:

On Thursday, June 23rd we held our annual Vast Graduation Celebration at the Best Western Barclay Hotel. Tat Tatoosh (Hupacasath Elder) opened with a few moments of silence for recent deaths in our communities, and in Nuuchah-nulth he said a prayer. There were well over 200 people crammed into the Barclay Ballroom to recognize our largest Vast Grad this year. Of this total 32 attended Vast at their main school this year while 9 were ADSS students who took one or more courses at Vast in order to graduate. We were very excited to also recognize our first graduates from our partnership with the Ditidaht Community School. Six Ditidaht Students graduated this year to bring our total to 47 over all students.

### Our -2005- First Nations Vast And Ditidaht Community School Graduates Are:

Selina Atleo (Ditidaht Community School)  
Leon Edgar (Ditidaht Community School)  
Kathleen Fred (V AST)  
Anita George (VAST)  
Miranda Gus (VAST)  
Karla Lauder (VAST)  
Jessica Lenney (VAST)  
Sharon Martin (V AST)



Crystal Prest gave an emotional speech and I don't think there was a dry eye in the ballroom once she finished.

host/ess, decorating, and digital cam cording, ECT

Kleco to Jared Fontaine and Chelsey Osborne

### Pre-Employment Program:

In September we will be partnered with ADSS to offer a new Pre-employment Program. This program will give students greater opportunities for life skills training, career preparation skills and work experience. It is primarily designed for students who would not otherwise graduate with a regular or an adult Dogwood. Mrs. Sheridan Verbrugge (Youth Care Worker) will be working closely with Mrs. Sowden and Mrs. Carroll at ADSS, in developing this program.



Karla Lauder received the Arrowsmith Rotary Club Bursary

Patrick Patterson (Ditidaht Community School)  
Crystal Prest (VAST)  
Jolene Prest (VAST)  
Phyllis Shaw (Ditidaht Community School)  
Felicia Stevenson (VAST)  
Barbara Tate (Ditidaht Community School)

Our First Nations Bursary winners are: Vast Bursaries (\$500 each-donated by-Vast Bingo, Bill and Lily Gould and the B.C winter Games Legacy)

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- Miranda Gus
- Gillian Trumper: (\$200 donated by Mrs. Gillian Trumper)
- Jolene Prest
- Arrowsmith Rotary: (\$500 Donated by the Arrowsmith Rotary Club)
- Karla Lauder
- Gerry Stoutly: (\$250 each Donated by the Gerry Stoutley Memorial Fund)
- Jessica Lenney
- Crystal Prest

And a big thank you to all the First Nations Students who helped out with the huge undertaking of Grad Preparation whether that be, artwork,



Miranda Gus receiving a VAST Bursary

### Summer School:

VAST summer school will run from July 5th to August 5th. If you did not sign up for summer school but are interested please call VAST @ 723-3744 for more information. Costs can be prorated depending on how much you have to complete in a course.

### SWAT Ottawa Trip:

Congratulations to Mr. Seredick and his SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco) Team who recently returned from the National Tobacco Awareness Conference in Ottawa. First Nations Students Miranda Gus, Estelle Edgar along with Beth Hartt were great reps of our School.

### English Skills Development:

Was quite a success this past school year. Ms Lisa Gurevitch (ESD Teacher) worked both individually and in small groups with students who required extra support with their reading and comprehension skills as well as course completion. We are fortunate to have Lisa back next year so we can build on this successful start.

### September Start-Up:

New students to VAST should be applying now. Application forms are



Proud 2005 VAST grads from left to right back row Sharon Martin, Linda Hyggen, Selina Atleo, Miranda Gus, Beth Hartt, Sarah Nelson, Kathleen Fred, Karla Lauder, Felicia Stevenson, Anita George, Melanie Bigras, Crystal Prest, Darrell Acton, Ryan Parfitt. Bottom Row left to right Dave Berry, Sarah Carter, Jennifer John, Leona Stade, Brittany Putsey, Tom Mcevey (Principal), Carolyn Sturgeon, Jessica Lenney, Ashley Paulgaard and Jolene Prest.

available at the VAST office, which is open 8 am to 4 pm until mid July. Interviews for new students will take place in late August and early September. VAST will open for students the second week of September starting September 12th. The first week

will have only daytime class hours. VAST evening courses will most likely start the week of September 19th. Have a great summer! See you out there or in September! Chuuch

## 8th Avenue Elementary

Submitted by Julia Atleo

Another school year has gone by so quickly. My name is Julia Atleo, from the Ahousaht Tribe daughter of the late Mark Atleo and my mother is Evelyn Atleo. I work at 8th Avenue School on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. So many awesome cultural activities have happened this school term. Beginning of the 2004 - 2005 school term in September the school had an unveiling ceremony of a mural created by Patrick Amos from the Mowachaht First Nation. The students and staff of 8th Avenue School were much apart of this beautiful creation by Patrick. I would like to say Kleco to all the community representatives, parents and families for coming out to witness the special day at the school.

The grade 4/5 students from Ms. Mile and Ms. Caudro's class worked on the Button Blanket Math Program. Thanks to both teachers in helping the students create beautiful mats. The program revolved around math and also had a cultural component in it.

In December 2004 the grade 4/5 students from Mr. Olson's class were involved with a cedar project. The students created beautiful cedar baskets to give away as gifts to love ones for Christmas.



Patrick Amos, Tat Tatoosh and Julia Atleo at unveiling ceremony

The baskets turned out very beautiful. Kleco to Deb Atleo who came into help make the cedar baskets. Thanks to Mr. Olson for allowing Deb and I to do this cedar project with the students.

Start of the New Year, the grade 4/5 students in Ms. Mile's and Ms. Caudro's class had the opportunity to learn some of the simple Nuuchah-nulth Language. The program was a very simple introduction to our language. The students learned how to count from 1-10, my name is, Sit down, Stand up, and also learned where all the 14 tribes were located and their meaning. The students enjoyed taking the Nuuchah-nulth Language.

Kleco Kleco to Kevin and Emmy Titian for coming in to share their beautiful song and dance with students from Ms. Mile's and Mr. Olson's class. The students learned the song and dance in a short time; they practiced this for the Aboriginal Enhancement Agreement Signing on June 14th, 2005. I would like to say Kleco to both teachers for allowing their students to participate in such an event.

Kleco Kleco to the staff of 8th Avenue for all their support that they gave me through out the school year, I greatly appreciated the support.



Summer is the season for sports, and also for picnics. Here, NTC Central Region Co-Chair Shawn Atleo and Chiefs from the Qualicum First Nation speak with federal NDP leader Jack Layton and local BC NDP MLA Scott Fraser at a picnic hosted by the Qualicum First Nation on Sunday, July 10th.

## Tournaments

### Andrew David's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Slow Pitch Tournament July 22 to 24 At Wickaninnish Field

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## Huu-ay-aht asserts Aboriginal Rights, cedar harvest begins

By Denise August, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Bamfield Highway** - Huu-ay-aht Hawiith and a few of their members entered an active cutblock in their traditional territory July 7<sup>th</sup> and, asserting their Aboriginal Rights, felled a Western Red Cedar. Filling the bed of a pickup truck with blocks cut from the tree they made their way down the dusty logging road, passing loaded logging trucks on their way to Port Alberni.

The cedar harvesting is part of Huu-ay-aht's Direct Assertion strategy designed to force the BC Government to honour their legal and moral responsibility to consult and accommodate First Nations with respect to resource extraction.

Chief Dennis and his council members met with Honourable Tom Christensen, BC Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation the same afternoon as the cedar harvest. Dennis reports discussions focussed on how the two parties could proceed with accelerated negotiations regarding interim consultation and accommodation.

In a press release issued by Huu-ay-aht July 8, the parties have agreed to meet several times over the next three weeks in an attempt to work out some key issues. 'Both parties came to the table with proposals to aide in negotiations ... Minister Christensen committed to treat these negotiations as a priority and expressed his willingness to "think outside of the box". This interim

agreement would accommodate the interests of the parties for the next year while full and proper consultation and accommodation is undertaken in accordance with recent court decisions and in accordance with the Huu-ay-aht's unique circumstances.'

It goes on to say Chief Peters gave careful consideration to the fact that a positive government-to-government meeting took place and recognized that the Minister came with a renewed commitment to enter into good faith, accelerated negotiations on behalf of the Crown. "The Head Chief also emphasized that while the patience of the Huu-ay-aht people has been sorely tried, the Huu-ay-aht are a reasonable people and are willing to give negotiations on an accelerated basis a chance to work."

"This is not business as usual. I fully expect there will be limited logging under existing permits while these talks proceed over the next three weeks. During this time Huu-ay-aht members will be on their lands exercising their aboriginal rights within the law. Hopefully a fair and reasonable interim agreement can be reached so that the Head Chief does not need to consider further measures to protect Huu-ay-aht rights and title. I know that he will ensure that the Crown respects the Haida ruling as well as the ruling of the Honourable madam Justice Dillon for the Huu-ay-aht," wrote Larry Johnson, Direct Assertion Manager for Huu-ay-aht.



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## Huu-ay-aht Reclaims Ha-hoolthe; new sign unveiled

By Denise August, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Coleman Creek Bridge** - Huu-ay-aht First Nation and their invited guests gathered at Coleman Creek Bridge on a rainy July 5<sup>th</sup> in what was to be the first step in their "Reclaiming our Territory Campaign/Celebration."

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Chiefs and people of Huu-ay-aht. "Our traditional government and elected government will be conducting serious business regarding affirmation of the ownership of Chief Peters' Hahulthi on behalf of his people," said Happynook, "they are concerned about the rate of extraction of resources from their territory."

There was a Ci'qua (prayer chant) followed by the unveiling of the new sign at the entrance to HFN traditional territory as more than 100 people looked on. The sign welcomes travellers to HFN territory and as owners and stewards of the land, asks people to treat their children's inheritance with respect. A victory song concluded the unveiling ceremony.

Chief Councillor Robert Dennis thanked all the people in attendance for their support on behalf of HFN Ha'wiith. He promised Tseshaht, Ahousaht, Mowachaht and other supporters that Huu-ay-aht would stand behind them if and when their support is needed.

"It has been over 15 months since the lapse of what HFN deemed to be a highly effective consultation process, the Interim Measures Extension agreement (IMEA), two months since they provided seven-day notice to the Crown to consult properly or stop logging and seven weeks since the ruling of Honourable Madam Justice Dillon, (Huu-ay-aht First Nation v. Minister of Forests 2005 BCSC 697) citing the Ministry of Forest's failure to fulfill its duty of consultation," says a Huu-ay-aht press release.

With the future of its people at stake logging continues at an unsustainable rate. Huu-ay-aht says, as stewards of their lands they must be involved in providing conservation strategies and sustainable management practices for their natural and cultural resources.

The first step in the 'Reclaiming our Territory Campaign' was to unveil a sign announcing to travellers that they have entered Huu-ay-aht traditional territory. Before the unveiling Huu-ay-aht and their neighbour Tseshaht formally acknowledged their traditional boundary at Coleman Creek in a culturally appropriate way; the Tseshaht delegation formally requested Huu-ay-aht's permission to cross the bridge from their traditional territory to that of Huu-ay-aht. The road was temporarily closed during this process while those without umbrellas were drenched in the pouring rain.

Tseshaht and other supporters moved to the side of the four-way intersection at the invitation of HFN, where covered areas were set up around a 'stage' on a flatbed truck.

Hereditary Chief Tom Happynook introduced HFN Tyee Ha'wilt, Spencer Peters who appeared in frail condition still recovering from a hip injury. Happynook said this day is an important one to Peters and to the other hereditary

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"Approximately 13,000 truckloads left our territory last year," said Dennis. "They pillage our resources to meet their needs; our priority is to replenish our salmon stocks, restore our rivers and stabilize the clear-cuts on the hillsides that ruin salmon habitat," he added.

"We're not against logging and employment," he continued, "we're against irresponsible management and we will start to protect what we believe needs protecting. We want to send them the message: if you are going to infringe on Kleeeshin's resources then you have to consult with us and accommodate us."

He said HFN won a court case that says they have a strong Prima Facie (on the face of it) Aboriginal Title and today they are exercising the judge's ruling. "We want to tell people if you

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## Ahousaht Sports Days dedicated to memory of Thomas brothers

By Denise August, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ahousaht** - Community members and their invited guests joined in five days of fun-filled activities over the Canada Day long weekend. The opening ceremonies included a parade followed by the dedication of the 2005 Ahousaht Sports Days to the memory of brothers Fred and Robert 'Robear' Thomas.

**Ahousaht community members and their invited guests joined in five days of fun-filled activities over the Canada Day long weekend.**

The parade, loud and colourful, started at the Holistic Center and meandered through the old village back to the ball



Participants in the Ahousaht Parade launch Ahousaht Sports Days

field on the beach; the site of earlier Ahousaht Sports Days. Almost everything imaginable on wheels was decorated with balloons, streamers, cedar boughs and signs. There were old trucks and cars, a fire truck; backhoe, a riding lawnmower, a wheelbarrow and even kid's wagons were decorated. Some of the 'floats' were decorated in celebration of Canada Day and some celebrated Ahousaht culture. There were a few that celebrated life and called for an end to bootlegging, drugs and alcohol in the community.

With sirens blaring and horns honking, the procession made its way back through the village and up the hill to the newer subdivisions then back to the school field. Participants waved while some tossed candies or gave balloons to the kids.

Back at the school track Ahousaht Chief Councilor Keith Atleo welcomed his people and thanked the Thomas family for the 'opportunity to show the kids we care and we all love one another.' He wished everyone a week of fun and safety.

Marshall Thomas welcomed the people on behalf of the Thomas family and sang a victory song, because, he said, "Each and every one of you are winners!"

Ahousaht elder Louie Frank Sr. said the opening prayer thanking the Creator for family and community and for the lives of Fred and Robear Thomas and the love they had for their families.

Event organizer Travis Thomas officially dedicated the 2005 Sports days to Fred and Robear Thomas by reading the following biography:

*Fred Thomas was born July 9, 1922*

*and Robert was born April 27, 1920. Fred and Robear were both very interested in track and field, Indian wrestling, shot put, and softball. And also won at all sports that they played in Nootka, Port Alberni, Ahousaht, and Opitsaht. Fred was also interested in basketball. He partnered with Flossie Atleo in the Threading the Needle race and the Three-legged race. Fred was also into the accordion and would play at any type of gatherings whether it be religious or dances.*

*Robear was good at most of the same sports as Fred but didn't play basketball. He was also good at the pillow fight where they would have to stand on a pole and knock the other one off and he would always lift the heaviest rock. They were both really into water sports such as canoeing. They were also both very strong in singing and in their own*



Audrey Atleo is inducted into the Ahousaht Sports Days Hall of Fame

*school track and field in Victoria. Audrey also played basketball along with her younger sister Rebecca Atleo in Nanaimo, BC. The Senior Ladies were BC Champions from 1974 to 1977.*

*Atleo was emotional as she accepted the honour and thanked everyone. She acknowledged the late Sully Sutherland and Chief Corby George for always being there to support and encourage her.*

*The late Theodore Johnny 'Slim' George was honoured next.*

*Theodore 'Slim' George was a man of many sports. He enjoyed running, basketball, softball and swimming. He also enjoyed other activities such as fishing and playing the guitar. As you can see Slim did not like being in sports pictures. In his life he made four canoes and never sold any of them. He always made them for himself and his boys. Slim married Julia George (nee: Thomas) and they have ten children together:*

*(Norman, Mike, Wayne, Cecil, Slim, Alice, Patsy and Margaret) sadly they lost two children. They have a total of 33*

*grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.*

*Mary John accepted the honour on behalf of the family saying through her tears, "Thank you, it makes us happy that you're doing this for our grandfather, he was a really good guy."*

*The running races started immediately after the opening ceremonies followed by a few more days of sports activities, feasts, cultural activities and a dance for the youth.*

*Organizers of the event wish to send a special thanks to: Luke Swan, Eric John, Luke Swan Jr, Aiyanna Thomas-Whitmore, Fanny Thomas, Bob Soderlund, Lacey Adams, Tyee Village, Wayne Robinson, Ahousaht Administration, Charles Thomas, Ahousaht Education, Robbie Stanley, Tofino Co-op, Sik Thomas, Ahousaht Treaty, Kurt John, Keith Atleo, Joe Campbell Jr., Royal Bank of Canada, Harvey Robinson, Pam Frank Perry, Peter Frank, Dennis Moore, Roberta Adams, Write-On, Richard Adams and all the volunteers.*



Percy Campbell offers a ciqua before the parade



Mary John accepts the induction of her grandfather Theodore Johnny 'Slim' George into the Hall of Fame.



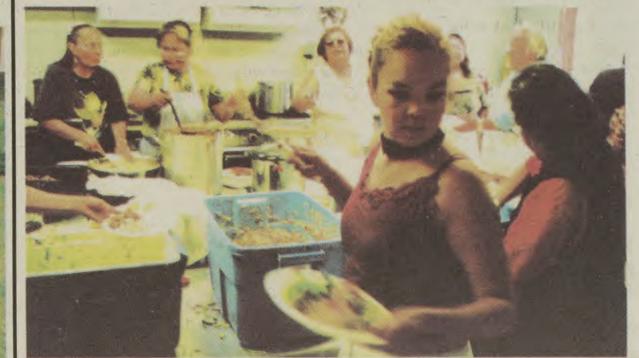
(above) Tacky Tourists from the S.S. Port Alberni dropped in on the Ahousaht parade, and were immediately welcomed by Greg 'Mayor of Ahousat' Louie (below).



The Ahousaht 'Celebration of Life' Parade contained a message from its youth



'Concrete Quu'as' perform their interpretation of the Chicken Dance



The kitchen of Ahousaht's T-Bird Hall was an extremely busy place as people came from all over BC to help prepare a dinner for their family and friends at home in Maaqtusiis.

## 'Concrete Quu'us' host dinner in Ahousaht

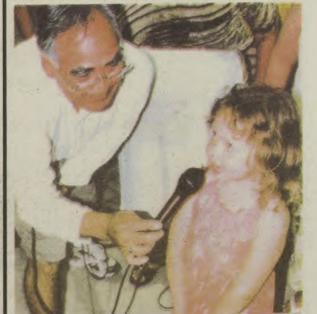
By David Wiwchar, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Maaqtusiis** - The Ahousaht Nation gathered at Thunderbird Hall on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> for a wonderful dinner hosted by their members who live away from home.

"We were moved to show that we're very much a part of home," said Cliff Atleo Sr., a self-described "proud Ahousaht" member living in Port Alberni. "You always welcome us and feed us well when we come home, and we wanted to come home and feed you for a change," he said.

Numerous Ahousaht members came from Port Alberni, Nanaimo, Victoria, and elsewhere, crowding into the small kitchen to prepare the huge feast.

"When Ahousaht feels pain, we feel pain. We want you to know we love and support you," said Atleo, making reference to the suicide epidemic currently being battled by the Ahousaht First Nation. "We want to be supportive of home," he said.



Cliff Atleo Sr. helps Kayleela Rampanen sing a song

# Ahousaht Sports Days results

**Track and Field**  
All 4 and under got medals  
**5/6 boys**  
1st place Donovan Williams  
2nd place Louis Frank JR.  
3rd place Cecil Mack JR.  
**5/6 girls**  
1st place Marissa Amos  
2nd place Dawn Campbell  
3rd place Natisha John  
(a note about Marissa as she did all her races with out shoes and still came in first place over all in her age group. Way to go Marissa).  
**7/8 boys**  
1st place Dominic Thomas  
2nd place Thomas Titian  
3rd place Triton Lelewski  
**7/8 girls**  
1st place Kylee Sam  
2nd place Amber John, Sheena Williams, Rosalie Little  
**9/10 boys**  
1st place Marcus Lelewski  
2nd place Vincent Lockyear  
3rd place Allen Dick, Patrick Tom  
**9/10 girls**  
1st place Brianne Frank  
2nd place Jessica Mattersdorfer, Haida Campbell  
3rd place Sierra Thomas  
**11/12 boys**  
1st place Dion Keitlah  
2nd place Paul Smith  
3rd place Austin Keitlah  
**11/12 girls**  
1st place Chantelle Thomas  
2nd place Chrystal Dick  
3rd place Cassandra Thomas  
**13/14 boys**  
1st place Beau Campbell  
2nd place Andrew Frank  
3rd place Saul Brown  
**13/14 girls**  
1st place Kelsey Campbell  
2nd place Ariel Campbell  
3rd place Carmen Dick  
**15/16 boys**  
1st place Bruce Martin  
2nd place Andrew Frank  
3rd place Phillip Dennis, Derek Amos  
**15/16 girls**  
1st place Nicole Frank  
2nd place Pattie Campbell  
3rd place Lacey Adams  
**17-21 men**  
1st place David Donahue  
2nd place Jeremy Sam  
3rd place Trevor Titian JR., Brian Caswell  
**17-21 ladies**  
1st place Charity Mack  
2nd place Katherine Martin  
3rd place Vanessa Thomas  
**22-27 men**  
1st place Travis Thomas  
2nd place Sik Thomas

3rd place Donald Joe  
**22-27 ladies**  
1st place Heather McNally, Francine Frank, Janey Thomas  
2nd place Shauna Stanley  
3rd place Eliza Johnson  
**28-34 men**  
1st place Cecil Mack  
2nd place Kurt John, Martin Lelewski  
3rd place Mike Ambrose  
**28-34 ladies**  
1st place Jolene Frank  
2nd place Kristy Beynon  
3rd place Nadine Charlie  
**35-39 men**  
1st place Maya K.  
2nd place Matt Beynon  
3rd place Gord Campbell  
**35-39 ladies**  
1st place Bonnie Francine Frank  
2nd place Anne Atleo  
3rd place Janet Mack  
**40 and over men**  
1st place Richard Adams  
2nd place Jim Swan  
3rd place Arnie Thomas  
**40 and over ladies**  
1st place Lisa Sabbas  
2nd place Cathy Thomas  
3rd place Freida Robinson  
**Marathon**  
**10 and under**  
1st Place male- Markus Lelewski  
Female- Haida Campbell  
**13 and under**  
1st Place male- Clarence Smith  
Female- Kelsey Campbell  
**16 and under**  
1st Place male- Beau Campbell  
Female- Nicole Frank  
**17 and over**  
1st Place male- Travis Thomas  
male- Jeremy Sam  
Travis also came in first over all for the Marathon  
**35 and over**  
1st Place male- Matt Beynon  
Female- Lisa Sabbas  
Youngest Girl was Natisha John  
Youngest Boy was Donovan Williams  
**Triathlon**  
**10 and under**  
1st Place male- Markus Lelewski  
Female- Brianne Frank  
**13 and under**  
1st Place male- Dion Keitlah  
Female- Kelsey Campbell  
Stewart Campbell placed in 4th overall and did the swimming and the rest running because he had no bike. Way to go Stewart!  
**16 and under**  
1st Place male- Beau Campbell  
Female- Lacey Adams  
Lacey also did run most of the Triathlon without a bike as her bike kept wrecking. Way to go Lacey

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**17 and over**  
1st Place male- Travis Thomas  
Female- Charity Mack  
Travis Thomas won over all in the Triathlon and he did not start biking until all the swimmers were out of the water and gone. Way to go Travis!  
**35 and over**  
1st Place male- Matt Beynon  
**Quu-As Mile**  
**10 and under**  
1st Place male- Markus Lelewski  
Female- Sierra Thomas  
**13 and under**  
1st Place male- Clarence Smith  
Female- Nicole Frank  
**16 and under**  
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**35 and over**  
1st Place male- Mike Ambrose  
Female- Janey Thomas  
**35 and over**  
1st Place male- Matt Beynon  
Female- Lisa Sabbas  
**Turtle Racers**  
**Grannys**  
Betty Keitlah  
Marie Donahue  
Greta Charlie  
Julia Lucas  
**Grampas**  
Edwin Frank SR  
Louie Joseph  
Harvey Robinson  
Luke Atleo  
**Basketball**  
**17 and over**  
1st Place male- Travis Thomas, Robbie Stanley, David Donahue, Jeremy Sam  
Female- Jeannine Adams, Freida Thomas, Heather Charleson, Bonnie A. Frank.  
**16 and under**  
1st Place male- Beau Campbell, Greg Charlie, Derek Amos  
**13 and under**  
1st Place male- Jaylynn Charleson, Shaylynn Little, Dorreen Sabbas  
Female- Sabrina Williams, Cassandra Thomas, Chantelle Thomas, Ariel Campbell  
Doreen and Shay played with the boys and came in first place. Way to go girls!  
**10 and under**  
1st Place Tracey Frank, Isiah Robinson, Allen Dick  
**Volleyball**  
**Allstars**  
men- ladies-  
Jeremy Sam, Bonnie A Frank, Kyle Adams, Bonnie F Frank, Danny John

SR, Marcia Mack, Arnie Thomas, Kristy Beynon, Albert Fonz Frank, Jocelyn Amos, Geno John, Hilda Frank, Russell Frank SR, Kayla Little, Gord Campbell, Roman Frank SR, Nelson Frank, David Donahue, Curtis Dick, Scott Frank, Derek Amos, Pat Lucas, Cecil Mack, Paul Frank JR., Alex Frank, MVP men- Jeremy Sam ladies- Janey Thomas  
**Top Spiker**  
men- Kyle Adams  
ladies- Kristy Beynon  
We also had canoe races , the upset race, and the harpoon race and a big congrats to Trudee Frank, Betty Keitlah, Val Jack, Norreen John, Nadine Charlie was the diver, and Anne Atleo as they all beat our youth ladies, Lacey Adams, Alyssa Clark, Stacey Titian, Vanessa Thomas, Allison Williams, Chrystal Thomas.  
Way to go everyone who participated in the Canoe Events.  
We also had Indian wrestling, The Knuckle Hopper and Kick the Feather  
Winner of Kick the Feather was Mike Charleson with a high 8' kick  
Winner of the Knuckle Hopper was Shayne Frank with over 47 feet  
The Participants in the Indian wrestling were Conrad Swan, Walter Thomas, Walter Campbell, Marshall Thomas, Charles Sonny Thomas Jr.  
We also had an award for the best all around athlete male and female.  
Winner of the male went to Markus Lelewski as he came in first for his age group in everything he participated in. The female went to Kelsey Campbell as she also won in her age group. They are both great athletes and congratulations from the committee to you both. The events at the hall was very exciting was very loud hurt the ears. Thank you to all who participated in the Sports days as we would have not been able to have it with out you guys. Thank you to all who supported us, and we hope to see you all next year, from the sports days Committee Travis Thomas, Cora Thomas, Jean Thomas, Arnie Thomas, Adrienne Thomas, Don Joe, Marshall Thomas, Bonnie F Frank, Monica Williams, Denise John, and Mike George.

### The Nuu-chah-nulth Research Ethics Committee was formed in December 2002 to deal with the return of the blood samples obtained from the Dr. Ward Arthritis study.

As part of their terms of reference, they are responsible for the ethical review of requests to conduct research in more than one Nuu-chah-nulth community. Upon request, the Research Ethics Committee can also review requests to conduct research in an individual community.  
The members of the Research Ethics Committee are: Larry Baird, Darleen Watts, Matthew Lucas, Karla Point and Helen Dick.  
If you are interested in conducting research, please note the following deadlines for submitting an application:  

<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Application Review</b>
August 15, 2005	September 12, 2005
November 15, 2005	December 12, 2005

  
Applications can be obtained by submitting a request to Lynette Barbosa (REC resource person) at (250) 724-5757 or through e-mail at lbarbosa@nuuchahnulth.org.

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**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.

## Athlete's Foot

By Anett Muller

Athlete's foot is a very common, superficial skin condition of the foot. It occurs between the toes and on the soles of the foot.  
**CAUSES:** It is usually contagious and caused by fungus but it also can be caused by excessive perspiration, reaction to medication or chemicals, shoe dye or adhesives and by other conditions such as eczema or psoriasis.  
**SYMPTOMS:** are dryness, inflammation and peeling of skin combined with intense itching and burning and finally blisters. One or more areas can be affected, but most often the condition appears between 3rd and 4th and 4th and 5th toe. The skin can appear white and becomes painful. A secondary infection caused by bacteria can be associated with Athletes foot.  
**PREVENTION:** The best prevention of Athlete's foot is to eliminate conditions that are favorable to fungus growth which are dark, warm and moist environments such as sweaty feet in hot and closed shoes, keeping feet clean and dry and changing foot wear

regularly can prevent Athletes foot. If feet perspire intensively, it is not recommended to wear the same shoes more than one day in a row, air them out or, if possible, wash them in between use. Wear good ventilated shoes and be cautious in public places, where people walk barefoot, such as pools and saunas. Avoid contact with clothing and shoes of someone contaminated with the fungus. Also, using a mild soap, thoroughly cleaning the spaces between the toes is a preventative measure. Bathing feet in a mild water and vinegar solution might help.  
**CARE AND TREATMENT:** Use meticulous foot care, wash 1-2 x a day and dry carefully. Change into clean absorbent socks daily. Expose your feet to air as often as possible. Disinfect your footwear. Wash articles in hot, soapy water. There are a variety of over-the-counter products to apply to your feet available which must be applied daily and a few more days after the symptoms disappear as fungus can lie dormant. Amongst a variety of natural products, Tea Tree Oil is recognized as being successful. If symptoms do not improve within 2 weeks consult with your physician.  
(Parts taken from Foot Care by Susan Tremble RN, BSN)



Cheryl Mooney

I have been recently hired as the Community Health Nurse for the Southern Region. I will be working at the Bread of Life and Urban Port Alberni. I completed my final three month practicum with the NTC nursing program and just graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing from North Island College in Courtenay. I enjoy community work and look forward to the many new experiences that this position will bring.  
and live within this community. I had a great, inspiring mentor who helped me learn the ropes of the office and community nursing. Together we created many positive relationships and experiences that I am pleased to build upon. I enjoy working in community health because I am able to spend quality time with my clients and get to know the community. I look forward to meeting new people and welcome anyone to stop in at the clinic to say hi. I feel very

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fortunate to work in a field that allows me to interact with individuals and families at various experiences and stages of life. I have many different roles within my position, and value all of the experiences I have had and will continue to have while working in Ahousaht.



My name is Jenna Mueksch and I am happy to be the new Community Health Nurse in Ahousaht. I recently graduated from Malaspina University-College with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. I was fortunate to do my final nursing practicum within Ahousaht. As soon as I started in Ahousaht, I discovered what a beautiful community it is. Everyone has been very welcoming, friendly, and supportive and I am very excited to be able to work

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Teleflora

I would like to welcome my nephew Brendan Anthony Tom to our family... He was born May 20th, 2005 @ 456am weighing in @ 8lbs 11oz... N was born to Jennifer Webster and Howard Tom... Congratulations... Love from ur sis Erica & Dan, grandma Sisa, n ur niece Alissa.

July 4<sup>th</sup> - Happy happy 76th birthday to my dad Jack Johnson Sr. Hey dad your the best always remember I am there for you o.k. love you dad. Love your daughter baby girl Gertrude Rose Smith.

July 10<sup>th</sup> - Happy 55th birthday to my sister Marge Amos. Have a great day and let bro in law Brian and Your Girls spoil you for the day. Love you sis your little sister baby girl Trudy rose smith.

July 12<sup>th</sup> - Happy 13th birthday to my pretty girl granddaughter Kisha Johnson Have a great day and enjoy yourself. Love you girl Your gram Trudy rose smith.

July 16<sup>th</sup> - happy ahhhh happy 16th birthday to my niece Adrienne Amos. O wel you will always stay 16. Have a great day. Love you niece your auntie Trudy rose smith.

July 21 - Happy Happy Anniversary To My Brother Ron And Sister In Law April Johnson Ahmmmm,Hehe. Don't know how many years you have been married but congrats to you both. I am the luckiest to have such a wonderful brother. ah little brother that is and great sister in law. Hey, what more can I ask for. You both enjoy your day. Love ya both Your sis baby girl Trudy rose smith.

Happy Birthday on July 21 to my niece Crystal Johnson. have a great day my pretty girl. I think you are 31 right lol. don't remember. I love you niece have a great time on your birthday. Love always your mom and Auntie Trudy Rose Smith.

July 22 - Happy Birthday to my identical niece who reminds me of my daughter Jackie. Tracy Amos, you have a great day ok, love you lots. love always your auntie Trudy Rose Smith.

I just want to send my condolences out to the Robinson family in the loss of Vincent Robinson, May god bless you all. Elsie Robinson I always think of you and I miss you lots. I have a great picture of you and I together. Love you Trudy Rose Smith

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## Birthdays and Congratulatorys

June 20th, 2005 - Tony Charlie and Kinwa Bluesky are pleased to introduce their new daughter Kwaya'tsiq'Kwe Bluesky into the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation. Kwaya'tsiq, wolf in Nuu-chah-nulth, followed by Kwe, woman in Anishinabe, bestows upon her the name Wolf Woman. Like her name, she has already begun to unite two distant Indigenous nations by bringing family together. Kleco! Meegwetch! Nuu-chah-nulth-ah! for such a warm & loving welcome.

have such a wonderful daughter who has accomplished so much in her life? my daughter Jackie Alexander. Yes. You take my breath away. I have watched you grow. I have seen you blossom. Now you are a beautiful lady who gave me two beautiful grandchildren, You take my breath away. You give all your love to your girls. You do loving things to make people smile. Your outgoing personality is a strong. independence and stability is what you have. You take my Breath Away. I want you to know I think of you Each and Every day. I am always there for you when need be. I am the luckiest mother to have such a beautiful daughter such as you. You Take My Breath Away. I LOVE YOU DAUGHTER. Love Always Mom (Trudy Rose Smith).

I just want to let you know that I will be sending poems out to you for the newspaper as quite a few of mine got published and are in books. thank you for sending me the paper I love reading and enjoy what is in it. Kleco Kleco. Chuu. He-seek-nuup-qua, Trudy Rose Smith.

I also want to say to all the Nuu-chah-nulth people that I enjoy the time of meeting each and everyone of you. I light up when I see you all. My way of survival is to smile at all of you and give you all a hug and say hi, I miss a lot of you since my mom passed away I have not been able to see you all but soon I will, You all have a great summer holidays and keep the kids up till midnight, lol, just kidding you. I have 2 beautiful grand daughters and my one girl Jackie, I am the luckiest to have my

For a Very Special daughter Samantha Shirley Marie Mattersdorfer July 3, 2005 TODAY... is my daughter's 20th. Birthday today. This is what I have to say. My precious daughter Samantha Shirley Marie, I wish that you can see. That today you are the most beautiful girl in the world to me. I miss you so much in my heart, I remember you holding my hand and never left me from the start. You are my life. I am nothing without you. But I am your dad's wife. I love our time well spend together. No matter what kind of weather. You are my sun When it rains. You give me hope today, I am so proud of you that I can honestly say. Happy Birthday to you my daughter and many more to come. You are my present and full of surprises And you are but the best and are very wise. Love from your mother Carol R. Mattersdorfer and your dad Donny and your brothers and sisters.

Happy big ? - 0 Birthday to our sister blister Brenda Sherry Ross on July 31. We all love you! From Annie, Dave and family. Sherry is on the far left!



I would like to wish my baby sister Jo-Lynn Dick a very Happy special 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday for July 16. Love always your one and only big brother Jacob. Xxooxoxo. I would also like to wish Jo-Lynn Dick (Princess) a very special Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday for July 16. Gramma loves you w/ all her heart and then some. Love always Gramma Joanne & Papa Allan. Xxooxoxoxoxo.

family. K you all enjoy bingo dabbling or fishing or golf lol, just kidding. chuu... email address is trudyrose0921@yahoo.ca I would love to hear from any of you, it is the same for my msn, I use the addy for msn.. till then , He- seek-nuup-qua, Trudy Rose Smith.

July 8 - Happy birthday to my Grandpa Mike Tom... Hope you have a good day... Love from your granddaughters Erica & Alissa your sis Sisa & Dan... also on July 8 - Happy birthday to my niece Winnie Campbell miss ya n love win... have a fun day... love from ur auntie Erica, cousin Alissa, grandma Sisa and uncle Dan

July 1 - happy birthday uncle Joe Tom Jr... have a great day and hope u enjoy it. love from Erica, Dan, Sisa & Alissa

July 1 - happy birthday to my cousin Izaiah Robinson... have fun from ur cousin in hsc Alissa Mac Intyre-Tom "Congratulations" to my dear niece "Iris Rose John" and Billy Dennis Jr. Iris, had a very healthy baby boy on July 05, 2005 in Port Alberni, B.C. He was 7lbs 10oz and he was born at 9:35 p.m. Well there enjoy your bundle of joy. Cathy and Bill Dennis are the proud grandparents, and My brother Thomas and Marlene Sutherland are the proud grandparents. Love from your auntie Carol Mattersdorfer, Don and family. Submitted by: Carol Mattersdorfer Ahousat First Nation.

"Happy 2nd Anniversary" to my bro! Lemmy and Mrs. Len. Ramona my dear friend. I sure hope that your day goes well. You two are the best couple ever! Hope to see your 25th anniversary together. I'll dance at that one too. Many more to come! Love from your sis Carol Mattersdorfer and family.

Hey Shawn Atleo, where are you travelling today? Are you okay. Here I am, I made it in the paper this time. Shawn, shared with me that he misses my write up's when I don't put anything in it. He told me about his trip on the Ferry! His gonna make headlines and I am gonna be the first to get his

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my cousin/bro Murray James John Jr. Well bro! I sure hope you have a good one, because you deserve the best. And hope all your wishes were granted, on this day July 12. From your favorite cousin and sis Carol Mattersdorfer and family.



Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to my cousin and friend Mr. and Mrs. Keith Clark of Ahousat for June 17. From our friends Mr. & Mrs. Mattersdorfer.

signature. (oh well) just kidding. Well take care my friend. thanks for sharing your thoughts with me. Take care of yourself and each other. from a friend Carol Mattersdorfer.

"Congratulations" to Esther Robinson my dear cousin. She told me that she's a straight A student in Malispina College. I am sure that your proud of yourself, I know I am proud of you. Way to go and go for your dreams and goals in the near future. Happy 8th Birthday to your grandson Isiah Robinson on July 1, 2005.

Hey! sorry we're late but we'd like to say happy belated birthday n' anniversary to all our friends n' family's for June, 2005. We were thinking of you all on ur special days...lotsta luv Brenda, Angus & family.

We would like to say Happy 23rd birthday on July 6th to our baby bro, big bro n' son Preston Campbell over in HSC...hope u had a great day at work but didn't work too hard. Wish I could be there to bake u a cake bro. Man u a hard guy to get a holda...was really missing n' thinking of u. WE LOVE YOU, THINKING OF U LOTS. Mom, Dad, french, Elizabeth, Wally, soph, sky, adam, cha-asta, ariel, tanis n' swann Campbell.

Happy Birthday to Trevor Frank on July 2. Leon Murphy on July 3. Carmen Savey on July 4. Janelle



Memories are very precious to me. Dedicated to my dear husband Donald M. Mattersdorfer. Precious memories, do I follow. For eat these words and swallow. For when I met you for the first time, you set my heart on fire. Even through the worst crime, in my heart, I give you a piece every day, your presence is the best okay, you're a very good gentlemen to me. Only know that I can see, we have a brighter future together, threw the bad seas and rough weather, our precious time well spend, there will never be an end. Our relationship is one of a kind. Because you always race through my mind. Happy Father's Day my dear honey bun. Live life up and have a lot of fun. Your love for me will never die. When I don't see you I sit and cry. Knowing your okay and all, you're still gorgeous and very handsome and tall. Thanks for been the best husband today, always know you're in my heart okay. I love you. I love your smile and laughter. I am so glad that you're the best father, there will be no other, because I am your wife and our kid's mother. I will live old with you Don. I love you so much hon! Love from Mrs. Mattersdorfer and kids.

## poets nook

Gifts that are given Freely.  
Written by Norma-Ann Webster

Feel the rivers flow see the oceans soar  
The elements of every rock & every living thing  
that is connected as one- one without the other  
may disturb the life system  
As I walk the beach my grandmother walks  
with a long stick for support as grandfather collects dry drift wood  
The eagles soar the killer whales just a few feet away  
you could almost touch them  
listen to this...  
listen to the wonders that have brought the elements together as one  
As I reminisce of the past fate that had structure  
with the beauty of pure life  
The sand of the beaches everywhere as the boats had trolled back and fourth

In sync with everything that had surround ...  
There was one thing in common this life had pleasure  
This life had calm and serenity  
this life had the utmost beauty that would not surrender  
to the industries of toxic waste  
It would be a loss to allow such production into a place that is a sanction of beauty

Johnson on July 8. Natisha Fournier & Shanice Amos on July 9. Kisha Johnson on July 12. Wayne Hinchcliff on July 13. Patricia McDougall on July 16. Chrystal Johnson on July 20. We hope that you all have a good day and many more to come. From Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian & Warren.

Happy Birthday to our Grandpa Jack on July 4. We hope that you have a good day and many more to come. We love you lots and take care of yourself. Love from Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian & Warren.

Happy Birthday to a very special woman our mother Marge Amos on July 10. We hope that you have a good day and many more to come. Also good luck to you on the weekend. We love you lots. Love from Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian & Warren.

Happy Birthday to our sister/auntie Tracy on July 25. We hope that you have a good day and many more to come. We love you lots and hope that you have lots and lots of luck on the weekend on your special day. Love from Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian & Warren.

Happy Birthday to our uncle/grandpa Max on July 7. We hope that you have a good day and many more to come. Love from Adrienne, Rudy, Dwight, Natasha, Richard, Brian & Warren.

July 5, Happy Birthday auntie Ang Joe; July 9, Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Violet. Love mom, Marvin, Violet, Micheal, Lisa, Dan, Marvin Jr.

July 4 - this goes out to my cousin Derreck Wesley Thomas all the way in Victoria, Happy Birthday to you and I sure hope you the best! I hope that things are looking up for you today and that your daughter is okay now! Hope you have a good one. From your

Although alone in the middle of mountains and water  
It is a place called home- a place we have all known  
Often we think we have nothing - nothing left  
we are impoverished and left with absolutely nothing  
our homes are old our children need a better life  
Hope is what we have family is paramount our children are our future  
Learn how to fly on your own - gain independence  
Gain strength and gain direction of self...

" Like our great and powerful eagle mount with wings  
and fly high with direction with every season  
yet be as gentle and humble and non aggressive as A dove."  
It may seem we have lost but within our spirits  
we have everything we need around us  
Nothing more nothing less...  
we have only lost if we are enticed to the gleaming  
and shiny products that leave us feeling fulfilled  
for mere moments...  
Life offers us elements that can never be replaced  
The earth the air the fire the water are the greatest  
gifts that are given freely and have been cherished  
for generations

relatives in Ahousat. Carol, Donald and family.

July 1 - Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my dear nephew Carson John. Proud son for my sister Rose-Anne John. Hope you have a good one. From the Mattersdorfer family.

Happy Anniversary to my cousin Annie. Mr. And Mrs. Eddie Smith. On July 1. Many more to come and God Bless. From your cousin Carol Mattersdorfer.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my sis Clara Rose Thomas for July 15. Well sis, I hope you live up to the best you can and enjoy your life well you can! Always know that your in my heart and mind on this special day. You are a gift full of many surprises, laughter, love and caring. Many more to come. From your sis Carol Rose.

Happy Birthday to my cousin Luke Swan on July 15. Well bro! You are living up to your fullest! Your so cool and the best! Always know that your sis, here cares for you too. Have a good one. From the Mattersdorfer family.

Happy 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday to my niece Terlyn Duncan Proud daughter for my cousin Philomena Webster and Gene Duncan for July 5<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your basketball camp and live it up to the best you can. Many more to come my dear niece. From Carol, Donald and family.

Happy Birthday to Auntie Marie Nookemus on July 25<sup>th</sup> and Uncle Clifford Nookemus on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Love from Nieces, Charlene, Leona, and Joy.

Happy Birthday to Dave Wiwchar on July 24. Have a great day! From the staff at Ha-Shilth-Sa.

## In Memoriam - ʔaʔakʷap

Gone but not forgotten - Richard Rick Donahue  
July 12, 2005

Life was so meaningful for all those years,  
I remember shedding all my tears,  
They fell off my cheek into my mouth slowly,  
I only wish you can see,  
That the past brought back a lot of smiles for me  
You were our knight in shining armor  
You were like no other  
You brought light into our lives every day  
I can remember what you had to say  
To my children you were so fond of  
You had so much love

Now today you left behind good memories  
With love, laughter, and cries  
You are sadly missed, but not forgotten  
You were a fine grandfather and gentleman  
You are our angel from above  
With our love.  
Donny, Carol, Samantha, Nicholas, Frederick, and baby Dawn Mattersdorfer and family



In memory of Adam Michael Fred - Son, brother, grandson. For Adam who has gone to heaven may you rest in peace

When tomorrow starts without me and I'm not there to see,  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today.  
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say.  
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,  
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too;  
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand,  
And said my place was ready, in heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.  
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye  
for all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.  
I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do,  
it seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you.  
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared, and all the fun we had.  
If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,  
I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized, that this could never be,  
for emptiness and memories, would take the place of me.  
And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.  
But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.  
When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne,  
He said, "This is eternity, and all I've promised you.  
Today your life on earth is past, but here life starts anew.  
"I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,  
and since each day's the same way there's no longing for the past.  
"You have been so faithful, so trusting and so true.  
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.  
"But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free.  
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me."  
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me, I'm right here, in your heart.

Missing you every day dearest Adam, love always Mom, JP, Camille and Briah  
Remember these words one and all...  
Because you never know what's going to happen tomorrow...  
Show your loved ones how much you care, before it's too late!

## 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.

## To All Ucluelet First Nation Members

Hello everyone, I have recently been hired as the Eligibility & Enroll ment Coordinator for a six month period. Part of my job is to enroll ever 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, membership@ufn.ca

## 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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Phone: (613) 241-6789 | Fax: (613) 241-5808 | Toll Free: 1-866-869-6789

My name is Ruby Ambrose. I will be working with the Northern, Central, and Southern region communities until December of 2005 on a Needs assessment that will guide the NTC, with implementing an Aboriginal Supported Child Development Program (SCDP) that will meet the needs of our communities (pending approval). Currently, a provincial SCDP is considered a community-based program that assists families of children with extra support needs to access inclusive childcare that meets families needs. SCDP provides the following services to support children, families, and child-care providers:

- Individual planning to promote each child's development
- Training and information for families and child-care providers to help each child's development
- Resources such as books, toys, and specialized equipment
- Referrals to other services such as therapists or specialists
- Where necessary, additional staffing to ensure that children may participate fully with their peers.

A child with special needs is considered someone who has significant impairments in one or more of the following areas: Health, cognition, communication, sensory motor, social/emotional/behavioral or self help (adaptive) and requires specialized supports to enhance or improve their health, development, or participation in daily activities at home, in school, and in their communities. My job, while working in all three regions will be to identify service providers, known and potential clients living on and off reserve. Once identified, I will then set up times to meet with each community to gather information in order to identify and estimate their needs, current resources, and gaps. I will also be seeking anyone who may be interested in formal or informal training and/or being SCD resources. I will be making my first visits to the communities to introduce myself and meet existing service providers, and make arrangements for a time that will work for your community to return to gather information. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 250-724-5757, or e-mail me at [rubyambrose@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:rubyambrose@nuuchahnulth.org).



## Clayoquot Sound Fish Farm tests clean, no Malachite Green

By Denise August, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino – Creative Salmon, a Tofino-area salmon farm that raises Chinook salmon and prides itself on its organic methods of rearing salmon voluntarily suspended sales after the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) said a single salmon from the company tested positive for trace amounts of leucomalachite green.

Widely believed to be a cancer causing agent, leucomalachite green (a metabolite of malachite green [MG]) is considered to be dangerous enough that it is banned for food use. The CFIA says any company that continues to sell products known to contain MG could be subject to enforcement actions. Upon learning of the test results Creative Salmon immediately and voluntarily suspended sales and production, all the while vehemently denying using MG, ever.

"We have our own brood stock program and contract egg incubation and rearing of smolts to a private hatchery," said Spencer Evans, General Manager at Creative, "We have complete control over this operation and at no time is Malachite Green used in the process."

Meanwhile, environmental watchdogs Friends of Clayoquot Sound immediately launched an ad campaign blasting the integrity of Creative Salmon. They accused Creative Salmon of lying to the public by treating their fish with MC and denying it. They demanded the immediate destruction of Creative's 40,000 mature Chinook. "If malachite green contamination is confirmed, this blows out of the water Creative's claims to be 'organic' and chemical-free. Creative Salmon must come clean on malachite green." –Don Staniford, Friends of Clayoquot Sound. Malachite Green is a dye that was once used in hatcheries as an anti fungal agent. Because of the belief that MG causes cancer it has been banned for use on food fish though it is still legally used for aquarium fish and for industrial use including textile dye. It is also listed as an effluent of pulp mills and therefore, is in the environment and is turning up in wild salmon in equally small amounts as the farmed Chinook that tested positive.

Evans wrote to Ha-Shilth-Sa, "For the record Creative Salmon does not use Malachite Green and has never used Malachite Green on any of our fish or eggs." He says his company was notified of the positive test results by the CFIA at 2:00 pm Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and

sales were suspended one hour later. "The 25 staff at the LGF plant in Tofino are out of work until we resume harvesting. This also affects the 3 staff members of our contract harvest boat. The main short-term impact of the voluntary suspension is ZERO cash flow. We must harvest and sell fish in order to feed the salmon and pay the employees," Evans said.

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He added that 40,000 mature fish remain on the farm and will lose value if not harvested by the end of August. They have a current market value of \$2,500,000 Canadian but are worth much more if sold into niche markets in Japan.

Creative subsequently sent eighteen fish samples to the University of Guelph laboratory for analysis and received results June 29<sup>th</sup>; all samples were tested and all were negative for the presence of malachite green. The CFIA has given Creative the 'green' light to resume harvesting effective immediately.

In a recent press release Evans had this to say, "These results forcefully confirm what we have been saying all along – that Creative Salmon does not use Malachite Green."

Seafood Intelligence reported: "Creative Salmon - perhaps the most proactive company in Canada in its attempts to raise organic salmon is going through very tough times following its voluntary suspension last week of all sales following the discovery of malachite green in some (note: correction only one) fish. It is adamant it has never used the chemical...the same chemical had equally been found in wild Pacific Chinook salmon. If indeed MG is found in the environment as a by-product of the paper and pulp/milling industry, this could explain the Creative Salmon situation and would perhaps prompt 'environmentalists' to have a

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## Congratulations to Simon (Haa-shithl-thaapii)

By Agnes Martin

HAPPINESS and JOY (Vision of good news) Simon congratulations for the success of your operation. You have a lot of strength and courage and you are a STRONG fighter. Keep on taking care of yourself. And always remember we all love you. I'm full of JOY and HAPPINESS that my son SIMON TOM Sr. overcame his health crisis that he encountered aneurysm JUNE 12/05 in Nanaimo while watching SLOWPITCH TOURNAMENT. He was rushed to emergency and later flown to VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL where he had an operation which took 5 hours. OH I was so scared and worried for him.

Especially when the doctor said it was a risky operation and if he didn't have operation that he wouldn't live long. I am forever grateful that DOCTOR got him in time and nurses and staff did a wonderful job of taking care of my son. I prayed and prayed to our creator along with all the people who called to ask how my son was doing and that they prayed for him.

I will never forget all of you for all the support you gave to my son and our family. There were numerous calls and many family members who went to Victoria to be there for Simon, family and relatives.

I will take this time to acknowledge very special family the JOSEPHS from Songhees Tribe for their care and concern and providing us with dinners. This I will never forget and also I acknowledge a special young lady Andrea Joseph who offered to watch my grandchildren, Si and Margaret's kids while we were at the hospital, you sure impressed me cause you have 2 of your own kids to look after at your age. Tells me that you've been taught well. Kleco, Kleco.

To Vi George for the support and the lunch you provided for us. kleco, kleco Also I'd like to acknowledge my brother Tom and his partner Karen, and my Cousin Ron Martin, Roger Williams for continuous support all the time my son was in the hospital by visiting him. All of you have been a great medicine for us. Kleco, Kleco. KLECO TO Dave Frank sr, and Margaret

**Kleco! Kleco!**  
We wish to thank the Ditidaht First Nation for the wonderful job they did hosting the 2005 Grad celebration. The hall was beautifully decorated, the meal was wonderful, the singing and dancing magnificent, the speeches inspiring and the community support fantastic. Thank you to everyone for a job well done. I am sure the Grads will cherish the memory of this day forever. A special thank you to the Education committee for organizing the event. A big thank you as well to David Mahr for coordinating the day. We would also like to extend our congratulations to David and his wife on the birth of their son. Thank you as well to Leisa Fred the Nuu-chah-nulth Princess and Matilda Sutherland, Isaak recipient for all their help and their speeches. Thank you to Robert Joseph for the keynote address and to Selina Atleo for her valedictorian address. Thank you to the Fisheries Guardians and the Cowichan Detachment Police for all your help.

Eaton for the traditional cleansing and prayer that you both offered my son. I appreciate the time you both took time to do this spiritual prayer and cleansing. You have powerful gift and you don't hesitate to come whenever we call on you.

Thank you to Uncle Moses for his prayer song. Darlene Orr and Lenora Louie, my sister Gloria Jean, Johnny O, my brother Tom, my son-in-law Terry Sampson for leading the prayers which was offered for Si while he was in operation. Kleco, prayers was powerful and our creator answered our prayers.

My Daughter-in-law Sheila for advocating for family with staff, Kleco, Kleco My daughter-in-law Cathy Tom for driving family and picking up people to and from Tofino. You have all touched my teechma dearly. I will forever be grateful to you all. Last but not least Kleco, Kleco to our office and Nora Martin for financial Assistance for us to be with my son. All is very much appreciated.

I want to say special Kleco to SUZANNE AND ROMAN Frank of Ahusat for looking after my grandchildren the whole three weeks my son was in Hospital. I'm really grateful to both of you; You've been very helpful to your sister and brother Si and I can say that Margaret was under a lot of strain and stress trying to tend to the kids and wanting to be beside my son. I could see how tired she became when kids were there. I do know that she wanted the kids to be close to their dad as well.

You have a big heart, care and concern for your nieces and nephews. I really Admire how strong and what compassion you have for your family. I can say that I didn't have to worry about them at all knowing that they are safe with you guys. KLECO, Kleco from the bottom of my heart and I love you both for how you took care of them all knowing that you have your own children to care for. I do know that it is people like you who make a big difference in families by being there to help and support each other when in time of need.

Choo!! Kleco, Kleco again. Choo!! It is all I can say for now. Kleco, kleco

Thank you to Estelle Fraser for video taping and Nick Watts for taking pictures and doing a write up for the Ha-Shilth-Sa. Thank you to the drivers, Ron Dick and Don Stevenson. Thank you to the School District 84 Superintendent Bruce Jansen and his wife for attending. Thank you to School District 70, Cam Pinkerton, Director of Aboriginal Education, and teachers Don Stevenson and Dave Hooper for attending and helping out. Thank you to the carvers for the great job you did on the pendants. Thank you to the N.T.C. admin staff for all the assistance in the office. Thank you to the C.H.S. department for the \$200.00 donation for the Grad draw. Congratulations to Josh Dick the winner. Thank you to everyone who support the grads while they were going through school and especially those who where there to celebrate with them on Saturday, June 25.

**From the N.T.C. Education Department staff.**



Roseanne John (center) is awarded top prize in the Forest Fest Bread Bake-off by (l-r) Kamala Paton (organizer), Sarina Koche (Head Judge), Bill Flynn (Quality Foods Manager) and Scott Fraser (MLA and bread bake-off judge).

## Huu-ay-aht reclaim hahoulthee continued from page 9

have good management practises then you may continue to work in Kleeshin's territory, industry must also consider the interests and needs of HFN Ha'wiih and people," he said.

Tseshah Chief Councillor Les Sam said he was proud to be there and recognize the Hahoulthee of HFN Ha'wiih. "Tseshah have the same interests across that bridge and today we acknowledge our territorial boundary with Huu-ay-aht," he said, promising to work together to protect their common values.

NTC Northern Region Co-chair Archie Little said he was there on behalf of the NTC, Nuchatlaht and the Northern Region. "I'm here to stand behind you and hope to start working together because we are strong when we're one," he said. "I had to come out because people here are doing rather than talking," he continued, adding that he was willing to get arrested and go to jail, "as long as the Ha'wiih visit me," he joked.

Happynook advised the people that his nation has been in negotiations with

government for the past 12.5 years and "all the easy stuff done but we're not getting anywhere with the hard stuff."

For the last fifteen months logging has continued in HFN territory without a consultation or accommodation agreement. "We won in court and we want to benefit from resource extraction and to be fairly consulted and accommodated," he concluded.

Chief Dennis advised the people that they will do direct assertion of their Aboriginal title and rights from here on in. As loaded logging trucks waited nearby, he said there will be HFN people at an active cutblock to cut cedar for traditional use. "Kleeshin has the right to say who can access resources in his territory," he advised, "and he will invite Tseshah, Hupacasath and any NCN people to take what they need for cultural use after we cut down cedar."

Dennis promised that industrial logging will be stopped there if the Ministry of Forests continue to conduct business the way they have in the last fifteen months. "If government and industry don't get the message we will shut down logging when Kleeshin gives us the word. It's time to implement the court decisions that we win," he said.

## Malachite Green continued from previous page

look at the real issue: What would happen if malachite green was found in some wild-caught Pacific salmon sold in Vancouver, Seattle or New York?"

Creative Salmon operates within Tla-o-qui-aht traditional territory and has a working arrangement with them. Evans said he and Creative's Liaison worker Moses Martin met with the Chief Barney Williams on June 22 and explained the situation. In general, said Evans Tla-o-qui-aht expressed concern and support, and wanted to be kept informed.

The contract processor for Creative said in a letter to CFIA that it was satisfied Creative Salmon's fish are "free of malachite green and suitable for process." It goes on to say the processor is satisfied that the positive test result in the one fish was probably an error of some kind.

Evans said they are now including sampling for MC from all their farms along with their regular PCB testing. Also, as a precaution they have sent out samples from the next crop of smolts from the hatchery to the independent lab and the first test results came back negative. The smolts will be tested one more time before being transferred to the sea this fall.

The MG scare cost Creative two weeks, but perhaps the greatest damage, Evans said may be their tarnished reputation.

## Klecko's - ʔekoo

AHOUSAT SPORTS DAY WAS A BLAST! Well from my perspective, this was one of the best sports day ever. I had fun, and it was very interesting. My daughter Jessica, recieved a shirt for participating in the runs. I am so proud of my gal. Well the Thomas family hosted it. So it was awesome, Macho Thomas was the program co-ordinator and the MC at the field. He was very good at his job too. They had a community dinner, and the T-B Hall was right packed. The Seither family had hosted the dinner, and Geraldine Williams, was the cook and some from Port Alberni. I really enjoyed it that I stayed right until the end. The had entertainment, for the community and John Rapanage-Seitcher had sang a few songs also. Oh man he dedicated one to the women, of all ages and he said that he respected all women, his aunts, mom, and all ladies. His song was so touching that he caught the women's attention. I even got up to stand around John, they made a circle. It was so touching that he got a big hug from his mom. She must be so proud of

## Kleco

I would like to thank the Ahousat Band Office for helping our 2 older children Gary and Lynnea Thomas. Helping them out meant a lot to Keith and I. It is hard when you lose a loved one (they're real father) Marvin Jacob. Thank you Uncle Francis John for allowing my family to leave Ahousat in short notice. Thank you Thomas Campbell for bring Keith and Lynnea to Tofino so late. Thank you to the Jacob family for accepting our children. My heart goes out to Matilda Watts, for losing a husband and a brother so soon. I would also like to thank Bonnie Kack for letting our children get to know their 1/2 sister. I heard to much about Angela.

Village of Gold River To Mowachaht/Muchalalt Chiefs and Elders. Dear Friends; I wanted to let you know personally how grateful and honoured I was to be invited to your celebrations on National Aboriginal Day. It was with great dismay that I learned that I missed a part of the program when you graciously presented myself and Larry Plourde with such wonderful gifts. I felt very welcome and inspired by all of the activities and undertakings that your community has going on. I very much value the relationship building that is on-going between us. I look forward to strengthening it while I am still Mayor. I want to personally thank Margarita James for her welcome and hard work.

## FAMILY TIES HEALTHY BABIES PROGRAM

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

**In Ucluelet:**  
**Where?** Family Ties, Davison's Plaza, #4-1620 Peninsula Road  
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**Where?** Coastal Family Place, 265 First Street, Tofino  
**When?** Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
**How?** Drop in or call: Laurie Hannah, Outreach Counsellor, 725-2172  
 Local 2

her son, especially with the gift that he carries, his echoe of his song, most likely effected all the people in the hall. So way to go John, your doing the best you can and you make a big difference. There was band that was set up by Oscar Joseph, Louie Joseph's son. He brought a group of people to come sing. They had been set up at the school field. Wayne Robinson, was singing his heart out. He sounded really awesome! Way to go Wayne, your voice does wonders you know that. Anyways there was VolleyBall at the Gym and we checked that out too. You gotta hear this one too. There was canoe races, I didn't really watch that but I heard that it was good, very competitive. I heard. Yeah, well there was other people that came for a few days from Toronto, I had billet a couple of guys. They did some dances too. Well you know this was a perfect five days of the SPORTS DAY, and it's something that I will always remember. So I just thought that I would share this with all interested readers near and far. So until than take care of yourself and each other. choo.

I'm glad they all get along, Lynnea adores her lil sister. As for my long lost friend Margaret Jacob, I am so sorry I couldn't be there for you and your family. I couldn't get away from work. But when the summer season is over, I'll stop by and visit. I'd also like to thank my Grandma Tilly and family in Lilloet for opening their homes for us. Thank you to my family Keith Clarke, my dad Larry and my sister's Debbie, Marilyn and Janice for being there for Gary and Lynnea. Especially thank you Debbie for filling in for me, I can always count on you when I need you. I'm so glad I asked you to be Lynnea's God Mom. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you to everyone that helped out. Kleco Kleco!  
 Colleen Ann Clarke

As I was speaking with Arnold he mentioned how well all of the children play together. I think that it is indeed a very positive relationship and was very grateful for his words. I apologize once again for missing the presentations as I was unaware that my presence was desired. I hope that the Village can work to put on the next celebration for both of our communities and do as good a job as you did. Thank you once again for the warm welcome and the opportunity to see all of the interesting and exciting projects that you have going on in your community. If there is any way that we can assist you in your endeavors please don't hesitate to call me. Sincerely;  
 David Lewis, Mayor of Gold River

## Community Events

### 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 Ahousat. 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 clarettajohn@hotmail.com. Thank you. Ben Jack Sr and Claretta Newman

## Invitation to family and friends

We would be honoured if you and your family would share a feast with us here in Campbell River. Betty Nicolay and John Flett would like to invite you all to witness the coming of age for their twin sons Darren Nicolay and Darrel Nicolay. And also a coming of age for our nieces Anna Miller and Elizabeth Miller. Also another highlight, that we are very excited about is we the Nicolay family will be reclaiming two of our nephews, Alex Smith and Christopher Smith. We hope to see you there! August 6<sup>th</sup> in Campbell River. The place will be announced (by July 15 we should have the address for the hall) once we find a place. Thank you. Sincerely Betty Nicolay & John Flett.

With love and care for the people of Ahousat James Dawson and I Laura Fraser are concerned for the grief the Ahousats are suffering at this time and have postponed the wedding of July 9th. My prayers are with my people and family. I hope that that all that are hurting find someone to reach out too. We are not alone and contact us if there is anything we can do. Walk close together people, hold each other. It is out of the silence we will have a voice. Everyone's experience is important to get validated. The strength we can find again is among each other. Speak softly now and walk softly now. Out of darkness we can find our purpose and gift. All of us have something to contribute to our people. We were born with it. We will sing again, we will have a relationship with the land and then we will belong once again. Finding and Using our Voice will bring us to truth. With all my love of the people. The Date for our Wedding is September 10, 2005 and this is an open invitation to all friends and family and community. It is in our past we will find answers to become whole again. May the land and people be cleansed among all Nuuchahnulth people for this I pray morning to morning. So that we may rise again and be the strong people our ancestors were.

hishuukishtswak  
 Laura Fraser, laurarfraser@shaw.ca, or 382-1443

## Classifieds continued

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# N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



## The Business Equity Program (B.E.P.)

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In commercial ventures the B.E.P. strengthens a client's equity position, which makes financing easier and in business support it is used to assist in client skill upgrade or training to strengthen the business.

See attached a table detailing the number of projects and dollar amounts approved since the program inception. The break down of projects by type is as follows: 48 in business planning, 118 commercial ventures, 17 in business support and 20 in marketing.

Add to this the fact that the money been levered 1.25 times or \$4.8 Million and that 569 full-time and 301 part-time jobs were created and maintained and we can see a significant impact on the economic health of a community.

**The Business Equity Program is a partnership between NEDC and Aboriginal Business Canada (ABC) in which NEDC delivers the ABC Program to eligible Aboriginal clients living on Vancouver Island.**

If you want to start a business, we can help you to establish or acquire a business in one of the following categories:

1. new businesses
2. existing businesses
3. youth entrepreneurship

**NEW BUSINESS** includes first-time entrepreneurs and existing entrepreneurs and/or businesses starting a new commercial activity.

The eligible sectors for new business start-up support, are:

- tourism
- manufacturing
- business, professional, scientific or technical service businesses

· businesses linked to specific

major developments

The **tourism sector** looks at viable tourism proposals from any sector of the tourism industry – as long as they get 60% of their revenue from tourists.

**Manufacturing** can involve turning materials into new, ready-to-use products or into materials that other business will use for further manufacturing.

**Business, professional, scientific or technical service businesses** include: lawyers, accountants, architects, engineers, consultants, Internet

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· phone the NEDC office at (250) 724-3131

We would be happy to send you an information package including program information and application forms.

NEDC is constantly looking for ways to improve and expand the programs and services that we are able to offer you and to financially strengthen our Corporation.

Working to this goal has made us one

within the Nuu-chah-nulth Territories this fund provides loans to all sectors and sizes of business

2. **The Community Futures Program through Western Economic Diversification (WD):** small to mid-sized business loans

3. **Forest Industry Business Program:** forestry related business loans

4. **Persons With a Disability Program:** small business loans for persons with a disability

5. **First Citizen's Fund:** business loans including a 40% forgivable loan component

6. **Youth Programs:** small business loans for youth - described as anyone between the ages of 18 – 35 years inclusive

7. **NTC:** offers Nuu-chah-nulth borrowers a forgivable loan component

8. **Fisheries Fund:** fisheries related business loans – the Community Initiatives Program

9. **Feasibility Studies and Business Planning:** funds may be available to assist with large projects

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10. **Training:** limited funding available to assist the business training needs of NEDC clients. All loans and programs are subject to NEDC eligibility criteria. If you are interested in starting, purchasing and/or expanding a business please do not hesitate to visit our office at:

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Our staff will be happy to assist you.

FISCAL PERIOD	NUMBER OF PROJECTS	DOLLARS APPROVED
2001 – 02	32	391, 482
2002 – 03	52	1,007,794
2003 – 04	67	1,451,717
2004 - 05	52	1,060,733
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>\$3,911,726</b>

providers, etc.

**Businesses linked to specific major developments** look at small businesses stemming from large industrial developments – particularly those in remote areas.

The **EXISTING BUSINESS** category is intended to assist established businesses with projects that involve innovation or market expansion.

**YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP** is meant to support individuals between the ages of 18 and 35 years (inclusive) to establish, acquire or expand a business in any industry sector.

Participant eligibility is limited to:

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- businesses located on Vancouver Island

· the facility to access term financing with each application – excluding business and marketing plans as well as feasibility studies

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**Add to this the fact that the money been levered 1.25 times or \$4.8 Million and that 569 full-time and 301 part-time jobs were created and maintained and we can see a significant impact on the economic health of a community.**

As well as the Business Equity Program NEDC currently administers:

1. **General Business Loan**

**Fund:** open to all 1<sup>st</sup> Nations living

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

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