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Nuchahntlaht suffers water crisis; well dries up

By Denise August,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Oclucje – Eighteen years after they were moved from their island home to Oclucje – because they had no running water, residents are forced to truck in water after their well dried up August 27th.

Youth worker/part-time maintenance man Kyle Harry, 21, said the village received their food fish in the days prior to the 27th; some families received 200 sockeye and they all had to be cleaned and preserved. The demand for water was higher than normal but absolutely necessary in order to save the fish before it spoiled under the hot summer sun.

"People were cleaning their fish in their yards and hoses were running constantly to clean the fish," Harry explained. And with no rain for two months it didn't take long for the water tank and well to dry up.

The tiny village of Oclucje, population approximately 70, has only eight occupied homes along with an administration and health building. Located more than 200km northwest of Campbell River, Oclucje is far, far away from the modern conveniences of city life.

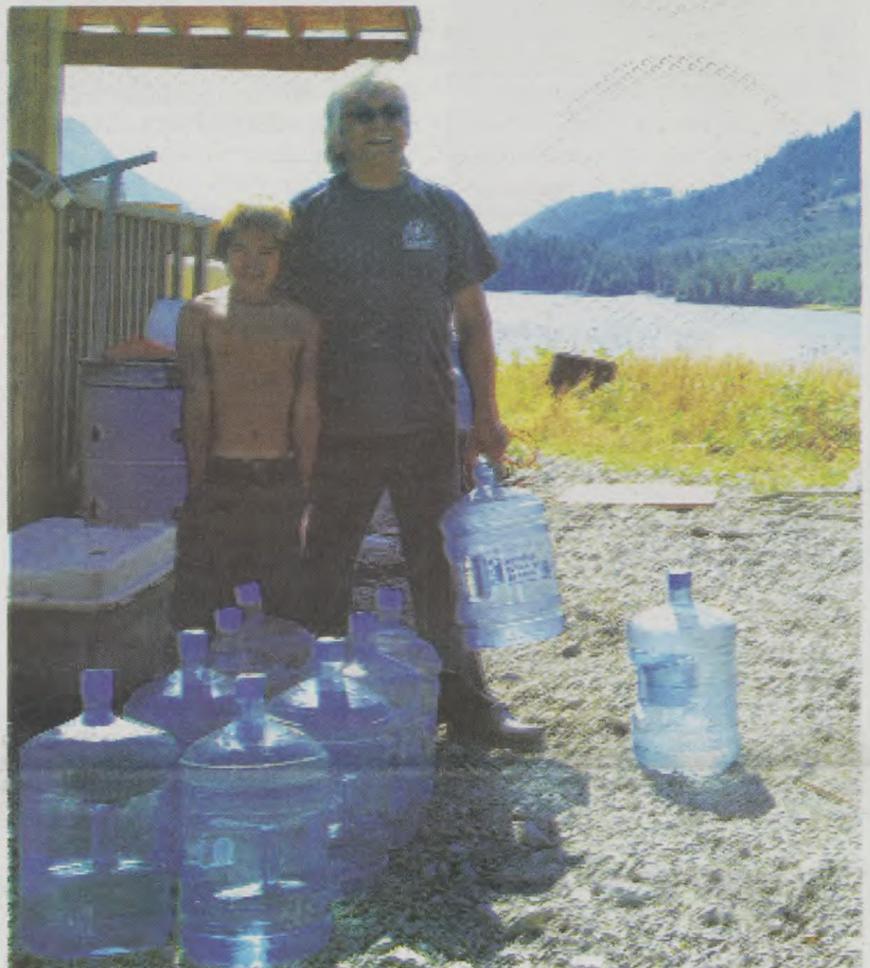
Oclucje is serviced by a drilled well; water is pumped from the well up the hill to a large storage tank. The tank is so large, says Chief Walter Michael, that when the rain does start, it will take three days to fill it. But the Chief fears the well is no longer capable of supplying the water to meet the needs of the community.

Chief Michael is exploring water service options with DIA and Chatwin Engineering. DIA, he said is willing to truck water in and also fast-track approval for the drilling of a new well if necessary but solid plans have not yet been confirmed.

If the village is forced to wait for the rain and use the existing system, Chief Michael says the community will be permitted to use their water as the tank fills but on a very restricted basis.

In the meantime, residents drive 16km to Zeballos where they do laundry and shower at the homes of relatives. Chief Michael and Audrey Smith make at least ten trips a day to Zeballos, bringing in bottled drinking water and taxiing residents back and forth.

The Mars Water Bombers in Port Alberni are on alert in



Chief Walter Micheal and his grandson Jordy Micheal with a days supply of drinking water



Sizzling summer '06; 60 days of sunshine dries up Oclucje well and sends Tofino into an unprecedented water shortage

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Tofino's Water Crisis Stabilizes at 250,000 gallons per day

By Carla Moss
Ha-Shilth-Sa Writer

Tofino - If you eat out at a fine restaurant in Tofino over the coming weeks you may find yourself being served on paper plates with plastic forks because that's one way some businesses are saving water in Tofino during this time of water crisis. The good news for local businesses is they're open.

After a week of wild rumor, panic and daily media scrums Tofino's water crisis has stabilized, at least for the time being. On Friday, September 1st Mayor John Fraser announced that businesses could remain open over the Labour Day weekend and into the coming weeks on the condition that the community as a

whole uses no more than 250,000 gallons of municipal water per day until further notice. In a warning sent out to all business owners, if the consumption exceeds the 250,000gal/day limit, "the District will provide three hours notice that commercial users must shut down or have their service disconnected."

At an emergency council meeting August 31st in Tofino, Mayor Fraser said that water consumption had been between 450,000 and 500,000 gallons per day with peaks at 600,000 gallons. Meanwhile, water levels in the supply creeks located on Meares had dropped significantly and was no longer servicing the demand. In an interview September 4th, Mayor Fraser said that

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Elder Profile: Rose Michael, Nuchatlaht

By Denise August,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Oclucje – In a tiny community at the head of Espinoza Inlet sits a small house near the middle of the beach. On the porch is a shy, snowy-haired elder, Rose Michael. Her smile, framed by little girl dimples lights up her face as she invites me inside her home for an interview. She tells a meandering tale of her childhood starting with the circumstances of her birth. Her mother, a Whonnock from Alert Bay was married to Jack Peters in a union arranged by the young couples' parents. They had two children, Joe and Pearl before the troubled marriage was ended by the Indian Agent.

Michael's mother arrived on the west coast of Vancouver Island to work in the fish plants that dotted the coast. It was then that she met Moses Smith beginning a five year-long relationship that brought Rose into the world on November 29, 1929.

At age four, Rose's grandparents in Alert Bay fell ill and it was up to her mother to go home to take care of them. "She wanted my father to go but he had a job, a boat, and he didn't want to go," Rose remembered. Unfortunately, the relationship did not survive the long separation and Rose's mother met Isaac Glendale; a man who would leave fond and long lasting memories for the little girl.

Glendale was from New Vancouver; a hardworking man who taught his step daughter how to skin a squirrel and save her money. Glendale came into Rose's life when she was five years old. "He would go back and forth from Glendale Cove to Chawadi, where the ooligan oil is made," she reminisced, "Every year we went there in April and I loved it, I miss that place, haven't been there since I got married."

When he wasn't fishing Glendale would trap and taught Rose how to skin the catch. "I loved doing that kind of thing, I was strong and healthy," she said. She remembered swimming in the river, even if it meant she had to break through ice to do it. "It was sooo cold," she giggled. Glendale was careful with money. He

would only take his fishing pay at the end of the season and have his earnings sent directly to the bank. At the end of trapping season he did the same thing, saving pelts for the season then bringing them all in at once to the Hudson's Bay Company. "He would give me the squirrels and weasels, those were mine and they were worth .25 each," remembered Rose. A quarter was a lot of money in 1930's currency.

One night when Rose was eleven, Glendale went to Knight's Inlet Cannery where he loaded the boat with provisions to last a month but it was stolen while he was tied up in Alert Bay. Rose was told he went out drinking and came back to the boat to sleep.

The following day his sister saw that his was the only boat tied up; all the others had gone out to fish. Upon investigation she found her brother in his bunk saying he can't move. He was taken to the hospital where he died on the examining table. Rose explained that a rusty darning needle had fallen onto his mattress and penetrated his thigh. Moving around caused the needle to puncture a major blood vessel and Glendale died of internal bleeding.

Rose said Glendale's sister immediately scooped up her brother's clothing and burned it upon hearing of his death. In his pocket was the bank book with years of savings; she never did find out what happened to her step father's savings. For Rose life went fast forward from there. She entered St. Michael's Indian Residential School in Alert Bay and stayed until she was fourteen. "During that time my sister had a baby and I became a mother," she said.

Pearl died when baby Susan was only nine months old and Rose took care of the baby until she was four years old. Rose went to live with her father Moses when she was sixteen, leaving Susan with Rose's mother.



Rose Michael at her Oclucje home

Rose stayed in Rivers' Inlet with her father and worked in the cannery. She was closest to her cousin Margie Amos who was the same age. One day while visiting at her cousin's home Margie's mother asked Margie if she wanted to marry Paul Smith and told her she should set a date.

Margie looked to Rose and asked her if she would marry Alban Michael. "I didn't even know him! I hadn't met him yet," she laughed. Eventually Rose met Alban and, later on, his parents came to her home to ask for her. They wrote to the Bishop seeking permission to marry and the Bishop set their wedding date at December 17, 1945.

The Michaels welcomed their first born daughter Pearl in 1946 followed by Walter, Vera, Florence, Lydia, Tanya, Alban, Rita, Patrick and Cathy. They lost two babies in infancy and Alban Jr. later in life.

She continued to work in Ceepeecee at the cannery until it burned down. "I just love working with fish! Even as a small girl," she gushed.

When asked what the greatest change has been over her lifetime a veil of sadness crossed her face. "When we were at Residential School in Alert Bay we could visit family at least once a week on Saturday, but when my kids went away to Christie they were gone ten months out of the year. I never got to know them," she sighed.

She said she is happy there are day schools nearby allowing the children of remote communities to stay home. "It makes a lot of difference for them, they get to know their parents now," she said adding, "Things are better now, I'm getting to know my kids."

Alban and Rose are blessed with an estimated 90 descendants from the couple. There were more than 50 great grandchildren at last count!

Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth working together to shape the Future of the Big Eddy



L-R: Pawa Flesh, Uu-a-thluk Program Manager in Training, Blanchard Matte, Councilman, Makah Tribal Council, Cliff Atleo Sr., Simon Lucas, Ben Johnson Jr., Chairman, Makah Tribal Council Micah McCarty, Councilman, Makah Tribal Council Ryland Bowechop, Tourism and Economic Development Planner, Makah Tribe

Submitted by *Kelly Poirier*, Uu-a-thluk Outreach and Communications Coordinator

With an international symposium scheduled to take place in Tofino this coming October, many people on WCVI are asking themselves; 'What exactly is the Big Eddy and why does it matter?' The Big Eddy is the name given to the Juan de Fuca current that lies off of the West Coast of Vancouver Island and the North coast of the Olympic Peninsula in Washington State. The Big Eddy is a natural whirlpool that brings nutrients up from the bottom and feeds many migratory species making it one of the most productive ecosystems on the continent. "Big Eddy contains the whole food chain for every living species and migrating stocks for both BC and Washington State. We know that fish stop there to fatten up for the last time as they are making their journey," states Hesquiaht elder Simon Lucas.

A number of groups and agencies on both sides of the border have now begun to work together to look at the ecology of the Big Eddy and discuss how this unique ecosystem shared by the US and Canada is being managed. The symposium's focus is to bridge gaps between nations, science and management.

Within one of North America's most important fishing grounds the Big Eddy is an essential source of resources for coastal First Nations and it is important to ensure that First Nations take a proactive leadership role in any future developments related to the area. "It is imperative that First Nations are involved," states Makah Councilman and artist Micah McCarty, "without our input the outcomes could be very uncomfortable."

On June 19th, Nuu-chah-nulth representatives and Uu-a-thluk staff met with leaders of the Makah Tribal Council to ensure that any initiatives regarding this trans-boundary area include First Nations values and priorities. "When we went to meet in Port Angeles we met with 4 representatives from Makah," stated Lucas, "We Nuu-chah-nulth made it clear that we support Makah to lead in the Big Eddy. Makah have always known it was there." The discussions that have begun between Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth are very preliminary and the Makah extended an invitation

for a Nuu-chah-nulth delegation to visit Neah Bay to learn about their fisheries activities. In turn, Nuu-chah-nulth formally invited the Makah to attend the next Council of Ha'wiih meeting. "We are not different, we are both Nuu-chah-nulth," states Councilman McCarty, "We have a great deal of economic interest in the Big Eddy. Both Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth stand to gain a great deal economically and increase the economic benefits to Nuu-chah-nulth people with resources on the West Coast. There is room to explore how we may be able to take advantage of traditional trade routes, and import/export relationships," adds McCarty.

Canadian Parks and Wilderness (CPAWS) and the Olympic Coast Sanctuary are the biggest drivers of Big Eddy initiatives, with the area having real promise to become an important example of trans-boundary cooperation. The upcoming Symposium will be a good opportunity to find out more about the area and who is involved in the management in both the US and Canada.

"I am glad that science and NGO's think about what we've always talked about," added Lucas, "It comes back to hishuk'ish tsa'walk. When we look at our house and understand that our whole house also includes the ocean."

The spirit of working together and reaffirming traditional ties with Makah, continues during the symposium events, as Nuu-chah-nulth and Makah will be co-hosting a feast on the second night of events.

Attendees to the Big Eddy Symposium can also look forward to the words and insight of Billy Frank Sr., Chair of the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, who will be a keynote speaker. He will be of special interest to all Nuu-chah-nulth with his history of activity with the Boldt Decision in the early 1970's. This decision is monumental because Washington state tribes won 50% of their fisheries resources. This offers real food-for-thought to all Nuu-chah-nulth to gain insight into some of their strategies, successes and challenges for the Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries Litigation. Along with guest speakers, a host of experts, scientists and resource people from across the country, the Big Eddy Symposium will also ensure that Makah and Nuu-chah-nulth play a key role in shaping the future of this valuable and unique ecological feature.

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To be nominated or to receive the NCN award the following criteria must be met:

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- demonstrate outstanding career achievement
- any age with the exception of the youth category
- completed nomination form and a one page letter of support

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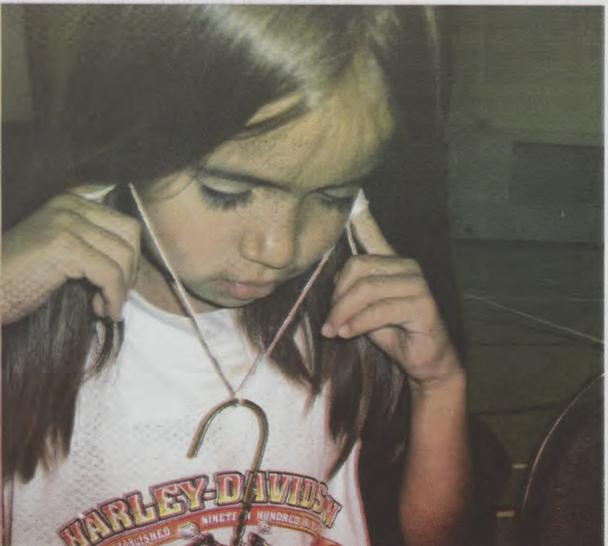
Tsaxana community gym hosted the one-week long science intensive

Submitted by Shannon Cowan, Uu-a-thluk Capacity Building

Between July 17 and 21, Uu-a-thluk and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation hosted a science camp in the community of Tsaxana. Fifteen children between grades one and six visited the community gym and surrounding grounds to learn about science and engineering concepts that shape their world. From mining chocolate chip cookies to constructing towers out of spaghetti noodles and miniature marshmallows to sketching native plants, the children learned to see science as a fun and exciting subject.

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"The best part was when we did the pop and Mentos explosion experiment," said registrant Allison John. "[I also liked] learning science stuff to do at home." Presented by the University of Victoria's Science Venture program, the week allowed students to explore concepts common to both First Nations and Western science. Eugene Amos



Mowachaht/Muchalaht students spent one week doing experiments and playing games related to science



Students brought good luck to the MMFN fish weir, which caught a long sought after specimen the day of their arrival

hopefully gives children an interest and an increased comfort level with science." In addition to helping students connect scientific concepts with Nuu-chah-nulth heritage, Aday also spoke about her career choice and led a game about salmon spawning and survival. She demystified the idea that science is something for other people. "When people ask me what I'm taking at school and I let them know I'm getting a science degree, I hear over and over again that they could never do that. Many people think that science is way too hard," said Aday. "I do find it hard work, but it is doable. I think that just about anyone can be successful at science if they are comfortable with how science is structured and take time to learn the terminology. Comfort comes with exposure."

For Aday, learning scientific structure and terminology was a bit like learning a foreign language. It took time, energy and practice. One of the reasons both she and the instructors liked the science camp was because it promoted science in a positive and fun way, giving children the exposure they needed to realize the subject isn't intimidating. "Kids kept coming back every day," said instructor and former Gold River resident, Heather Shivas, "choosing to be here and asking to stay later. I heard many kids say 'I love science,' and for me the highlight was that kids were really interested and asked lots of questions." "I hope that we will encourage more young Nuu-chah-nulth-aht to take on science as a career so we can take back control of our resources," said Aday.



Students learned engineering concepts by building towers from pasta and marshmallows

Ucluelet Tyee Ha'wilth hands down chieftainship

By Denise August,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

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Tyee Ha'wilth Lawrence Jack, his wife Bella and family fed their guests a delicious salmon feast before clearing the hall and seating the chiefs that were in attendance. The floor was cleansed with a prayer chant owned by Roy Barney then the Chief's curtain was opened for everyone to see. Speaking on behalf of the Tyee, Ron Hamilton invited several Ha'wilth from neighboring nations to sit in front of the curtain. Hupacasath Ha'wilth Hugh 'Tuffy' Watts was the first to be called up front followed by Derek Peters, Huu-ay-aht and Bert Mack, Toquaht. These men, along with Chief Jack, Hamilton explained, are descendants of five brothers who went on to become Chiefs around Barclay Sound. The only one missing is a representative for Chief Shewish of

Tseshah.

Other Ha'wilth were called forward to act as witnesses for the historic event that was about to happen: Lewis George, Ahousah, Vince Ambrose, Hesquiaht, Joe Shaw, Ucluelet, Bruce Frank, Tla-o-qui-aht and Andy Callicum, Mowachaht/Muchalaht. Hamilton introduced each of the Ha'wilth by their Nuu-chah-nulth names and where they come from. He asked that they witness as Chief Jack passes his 'power, authority and position to his son Tim. "Klawitawa (Chief Jack) is a quiet, humble man who leads with dignity," said Hamilton. "The son of Klawitawa watched his father and now will take over as Tyee Ha'wilth of Ucluelet tonight," he announced.

A pair of Hinkets dances were shown, one of which belongs to Ed Mack, 2nd Chief of Ucluelet. Tuffy Watts and Derek Peters were asked to dress Tim Jack in his father's regalia, officially making him head chief of Ucluelet First Nation.

Chief Tim Jack was given a new name; his father's former name Klawitawa, to mark the occasion and his father took on another name as retiring Tyee.

Chief Tim Jack was given a new name; his father's former name



A new tyee is crowned, Chief Tim Jack is "dressed" by fellow chiefs as his father looks on

Klawitawa, to mark the occasion and his father took on another name as retiring Tyee. Tim's wife Jackie Sabbas and son Tim Jr. were introduced and given new names. Hamilton said Jackie would be Ucluelet First Nations' Hakuum or queen; and Tim Jr. will one day take over for his father becoming the next head chief. Lawrence Jack's last order of business

was to acknowledge a young man who provided moose meat steaks for the feast. The young man was given the Nuu-chah-nulth name meaning Eagle Rock. The rest of the evening was filled with singing and dancing as Tla-o-qui-aht was first to take the floor. The Jack family were given plenty of gifts and money in support of the occasion.



Evan Touchie dances Hinkets for his grandfather and uncle



New Tyee Tim Jack, Lawrence Jack, Ron Hamilton, Tim Jack Jr and Jackie Sabbas



Jack brothers with their father retired Tyee Hawilth, Lawrence Jack and Ron Hamilton



Lawrence and Bella Jack prepare to pass chieftainship and to son Tim Jack

Tofino Water Crisis Stings Nuu-chah-nulth Business in Tofino

By Carla Moss,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Writer

Tofino - Picture this: Friday night, Labour Day weekend in Tofino and what is usually one of the busiest weekends for local resorts and Tla-o-qui-ah't's Tin Wis Best Western's parking lot is deserted, restaurant closed and only a few lonely workers left at the front desk. The problem? Tofino's water shortage.

The District of Tofino's September 1st announcement that businesses could stay open over the weekend with extreme water conservation measures came too late for some businesses to recoup customers over the long weekend. Reservations had already been cancelled and workers laid off in response to the August 29th District's notice for accommodation and restaurant businesses to close by Labour Day.

While the September 1st notice stated commercial users were granted permission to operate, it was on the condition that the community-wide consumption of water not exceeds 250,000gal/day. The notice states, "When water consumption exceeds the capacity the District will provide 3 hours notice that commercial users must shut down or have their services disconnected." This responsibility to maintain consumption below the limit was left directly with the residents and businesses alike.

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Tin Wis Best Western, an 85 room beach-front resort owned and operated by Tla-o-qui-ah't First Nations didn't open by choice this weekend said Manager Elmer Frank. He said, "We've had occupancy of one room a night but that's by our choice. If we ran at full capacity, we'd have to effectively shut down Tofino anyway." While Tin Wis could have opened according to the District's guidelines, Frank explained they chose not to because they were concerned that with Tofino's existing consumption being just shy of the 250,000 gal/day limit set by the District, that Tin Wis' daily water consumption could push the consumption past the mark resulting in a 3 hr shut down notice.

Frank said that over the weekend staff set up a backup water system for the resort and are planning on operating at full capacity September 6th which will be good news to the 30 employees that were laid off.

Frank said they have 6,000 gallons of water on site and can run on approximately 2500-3000 gallons per day. Further, they have the capacity to access further water from 'H2O to Go' or the plentiful aquifer that Esowista currently runs on.

Frank said, "In the event we run into crisis we will shut the water main off from the municipality and go onto our own water."

Cindy Dennis, Owner of Duffin Cove and Seaside Adventures explained how the water crisis has impacted her families' businesses, "Seriously. In the

beginning we had to cancel all reservations up to the 10th and laid off all but one housekeeper and two of our drivers and one office worker at Seaside."

On Friday night Duffin Cove only had two previously booked rooms filled. In the first two days after they were informed they could remain open they didn't have any phone calls or walk-ins. Dennis said they were advised to operate at 60% capacity, which she said is impossible if they plan to pay their bills. By the end of the weekend Duffin Cove was running at 75% capacity. Dennis said water conservation measures being taken at their resort include providing guests with bottled water to drink and large jugs of water to wash with.

Cindy and her husband Steve took the steps of purchasing a pump and tank which cost them \$4,000.00, but were later informed if they pumped water into their own system they would be cut of the municipal system to prevent backwash. They were able to return the tank but not the pump which cost approximately \$2,500.00.

House of Himwitsa owner, Lewis George said the two primary impacts they felt related to staffing and cancelled reservations for their lodge. They had to lay off 40 staff altogether and when they were told they could open, some were just enjoying the wonderful weather we've been having.

He explained they have gotten into "conservation mode with everyone else. You know, not using water in a restaurant is kind of hard. We're using paper plates and forks. Some people are offended by it, but we say we see that as the only way we can keep it open."

With tourists not staying in Tofino, the whale watching, bear watching or other eco tour business' were also affected. Seatrek Tours and Expeditions, owned and operated by Tla-o-qui-ah't First Nations saw a drastic reduction in business. Manager Ivy Robinson said, "There is no business. We had full bookings for the weekend for groups of 7, 8 and 9 and then they cancelled their reservations for Tofino. I really don't know what to do just yet, I just want to sit on it and see if it picks up." Seatrek laid off two employees just days before the long weekend in response to the threat of a full commercial shutdown in Tofino.

At Seaside, Cindy Dennis said her office staff only talked to 6 people on Saturday, normally their busiest day of the week. Two of those people were locals. Dennis said, "With nobody here it means there's nobody here for whale watching. We're getting maybe one or half a load out a day."

There were differing perspectives on the long term impacts of the water crisis. Cindy Dennis said, "Next summer nobody's going to want to come here if they feel the threat of leaving early comes back again."

While emphasizing the need to ensure these kind of water shortage doesn't happen again and the need to keep business open, Lewis George shared a different view of the long term impacts, he said, "That's millions and millions of dollars in advertising we're getting all over the world for nothing. All the pictures I've seen on the TV are just beautiful and I know next summer we will be busy."



Manager Elmer Frank and Eugene Martin show off new tanks to supply water to Tin Wis in the case an emergency arises again

Human Remains Identified

By Denise August,
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni - RCMP announced August 31st that human remains found at Hupacasath's Kleekhooh Reserve have been positively identified as those of Richard Wayne Hagan, 46. Hagan, a resident of Utah, was in Port Alberni on a fishing trip. Experiencing medical difficulty, Hagan was pulled from the waters of Alberni Inlet and taken to West Coast General Hospital. He walked away from the hospital July 15th, never to be seen alive again. Kleekhooh Reserve is located on the west end of the Sproat River Bridge, 12

km west of Port Alberni.

A Hupacasath woman walking her dog on a wooded portion of her property discovered Hagen's skeletal remains

August 21st. RCMP and their Forensic Identification Section were called in to investigate. An autopsy was performed in Vancouver and no obvious signs of trauma were noted by the pathologist. Foul play is not suspected.

Corporal Rob Foster believes Hagen simply walked to where he was found. With little tissue on the remains, cause of death may never be confirmed. Hagen's family in Utah has been notified.



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Old Tradition - New Business

By Wawmeesh, George Hamilton
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni - An integral part of many businesses is their philosophy, which guides what they do professionally. And then there are some businesses, like First Nation's Wildcrafters that are the foundation of a philosophy all their own.

Located on the Tseshaht reserve, at the former NTC Nursery site, First Nations Wildcrafters melds First Nation's traditional practices with modern business practices. "We use everything we take and we don't waste," said Anne Robinson, the owner and operator of Wildcrafters. "This is good business practice, but it's also a good teaching of our people."

Located on the Tseshaht reserve, at the former NTC Nursery site, First Nations Wildcrafters melds First Nation's traditional practices with modern business practices.

At first glance the business may seem to operate like a salvage operation, but it's more intricate than that. Salvage implies using waste, and that's not what First Nations Wildcrafters does.

Wildcrafters uses valuable non-timber forest products that are in logged areas where they would otherwise be seen as waste. One person's waste is another person's riches, and there are surprising riches to be found where they are seemingly void. "The value in a forest isn't just in the logs," said Keith Hunter, Robinson's partner. "What some people see as slash, for instance, we see as raw material to be used." Indeed, Robinson and Hunter see the forest differently than a logging company yet in spite of this, they enjoy a good working relationship with logging interests. "We have an excellent relationship with Tseshaht Natural Resource Department, and Coast Forest Management," said Robinson. In fact, both share maps with Wildcrafters in a collaborative effort to establish an inventory of harvestable items. Once the inventory has been assessed Robinson and Hunter undertake an extensive process that allows them to decide whether or not there are sufficient resources to make their products from, and is a valuable tool in crafting a subsequent harvest plan. Items usually overlooked are already being itemized for harvesting says Hunter. He points out that during a fall thinning process for instance branches are often piled then burned as slash. What some see as slash though Hunter sees as a marketable product. "You could turn the branches into mulch and sell it," he said. Cedar boughs also provide for such

products as smudge sticks, and even serve as stems in cedar-rose floral arrangements.

Hunter and Robinson point out an area behind their business operation that is somewhat bigger than a standard house lot. To the naked eye the area looks untouched. Having said this, various materials have already been carefully harvested to help sustain their business thus far. And their work schedule shows no shortage of requests. Their production timeline looks to keep them busy for several weeks to come. Wildcrafters produces and sells an assortment of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFP) with First Nations' themes such as cedar wreaths, garlands, and table centrepieces. An assortment of personal care products are also offered, including cedar-scented candles, oils, aroma melts, smudge sticks, and sprays. Robinson is looking at producing drum rims, bed rails, and rustic furniture in the future.

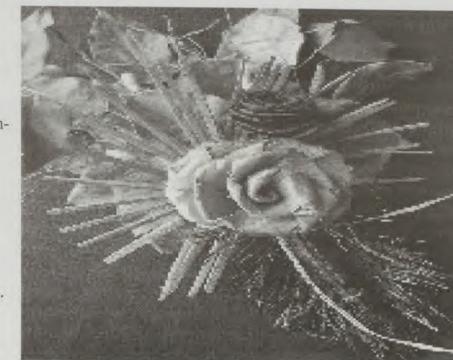
Robinson and Hunter employ a distilling process to procure essential oils, and the lesser-known hydrosol, or water soluble product that serves as both a cleanser and disinfectant, and as a rejuvenator for traditional cedar products by replacing natural oils back in the wood. Robinson uses the hydrosol on cedar roses, mats and basketry and their appearance, scent, and texture is undeniably different after the treatment.

While the tradition of business involves selling products and generating revenue, Wildcrafters is about much more than just that. From start to finish Robinson and Hunter are trying to keep nearly forgotten First Nations traditions alive by melding them into modern uses. In business, Robinson adheres to the tradition of always showing respect to others and to nature. Indeed, there are occasions where Robinson's respect and care are especially important, such as times of grief. Wildcrafters provides floral arrangements and casket covers for bereavement purposes. "From the time we go out and gather the material, to assembling it, then to presenting it to the client, we are respectful," she said. "Because even that vibe goes into the product."

While Robinson and Hunter are doing their part to keep important traditions alive, they are also doing their part to pass it on. Wildcrafters conducts classes on how to make decorative pieces for holidays such as Christmas and Mother's Day and they have worked with Tseshaht youth as well as children in foster care. The reward of doing this is beyond monetary says Robinson. "One of the greatest joys we experience is being able to share with people the gifts our forest provides." They also provide services

that include culturally significant plant surveys prior to timber sales, assessments of non-timber forest products (NTFP) potentials in cut blocks, and assistance in development of traditional-use management plans.

The NTFP business is just beginning to flourish and consistent with this Robinson and Hunter are employing another old tradition: generosity. With an extensive experience in small-scale product research and development, as well as with networking with similar businesses, Robinson and Hunter are willing to assist other tribes in



developing small scale and/or cottage industry development of NTFP in remote communities. For more information about their products or services they can be contacted at (250) 720 8907. Their website can be viewed as well at <http://www.firstnationswildcrafters.com>.



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Forest Stewardship Plan
For the East and Southwest Coast Area of the
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Arrowsmith Timber Supply Area and
Tree Farm Licence #46

BC Timber Sales, Strait of Georgia Business Area within the South Island Forest District gives notice and invites comment on the proposed 5-year Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP). The FSP covers portions of Crown Land on the East and Southwest Coast of Vancouver Island within the South Island Forest District. The proposed FSP covers the following general geographic areas (Landscape Units):

Somass, Rosewall, Little Quailcum, French Creek, Nanoose, Nanaimo River, Cowichan, Chemainus, Koksilah, Loss Creek, San Juan, Nitinat

The Forest Stewardship Plan shows the location of Forest Development Units and provides the results and strategies that BCTS (and its agreement holders) will follow for objectives that the government has set for various forest and resource values. The FSP is a new operational plan in accordance with the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. The FSP is available for review by resource agencies and the public before the Delegated Decision Maker from the Ministry of Forests considers approval.

The plan, when approved, will form the basis for future development of roads and cutblocks leading to the issuance of Timber Sale Licences, which provide authority to harvest. The FSP may be amended as a result of written comments received during the public review and comment period. The public review and comment period runs from August 28, 2006 to October 30, 2006.

This plan will be available for review at the following locations and dates. To ensure a representative from BCTS is available to discuss the plans any interested parties should phone in advance contact persons listed below to arrange an appointment.

Location - Date - Time

August 28, 2006 to October 30, 2006
BC Timber Sales, Strait of Georgia Business Area
370 South Dogwood Street, Campbell River, BC V9W 6Y7
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

August 28, 2006 to October 30, 2006
BC Timber Sales, Strait of Georgia Business Area
4885 Cherry Creek Road, Port Alberni, BC V9H 1T6
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding holidays.

If any interested parties are unable to review the proposed plans during these times, arrangements can be made to view the plan at a time convenient to both. The plan is also available to view on the Internet at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TSG/FSP.htm>

To ensure consideration of your comments, any written comments must be received no later than **October 30, 2006**.

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Education - ha-ho-pa

Aboriginal Education a Priority with New ADSS Vice Principal

By Wawmeesh, George Hamilton
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni - It's the start of another school year, and for new Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS) Vice Principal Nora Moncur it's the start of a new job at a new school.

While there is nothing new about the position of vice principal, the duties expected of the position are unique. Moncur's responsibilities specifically include Aboriginal education and school completion.

"It's going to be a challenge, especially at the start of the year when everything is chaotic," said Moncur. "But as momentum builds I think it's going to be an awesome year."

Moncur's responsibilities are part of the ongoing commitment by School District 70 (SD70) and Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council liaison committee to improve Aboriginal Education in the Alberni Valley. At ADSS last year 332 Aboriginal students were registered, and at least as many are expected this year. The valley is home to a diverse Aboriginal population, but all share a need and a desire to succeed in high school where the Aboriginal student dropout and failure rate is above average. Moncur is clear that she won't be working alone, and that there is a solid team of people at ADSS, all dedicated to improving the retention rate. "We're committed to Aboriginal students' success," she said. "We've had a meeting already and the energy level of everyone was upbeat. We're enthusiastic."

In addition to Moncur's position, the SD70 Board of Trustees has allocated additional funds to address issues around improving successful Aboriginal student school completion. Consequently additional teaching staff has been put in place at ADSS, and a new Nuu-chah-nulth Education worker has been hired.

"Our hope is that these positions will



Nora Moncur, new ADSS Vice Principal

begin to help improve the school completion rate for all Aboriginal students and will also connect more students to school," said Cam Pinkerton, SD70 Director of Instruction First Nations/Information Technology.

Born and raised in Port Alberni, Moncur is no stranger to the community, and no stranger to ADSS as well. She graduated from the high school in 1982 and later earned her Bachelor of Education from UVic. She then taught in Surrey for six years before she, husband John, and newly arrived son Eric moved back to more familiar surroundings. Life in Surrey, B.C.'s second largest municipality, was becoming too crowded and busy for Moncur and her husband. They wanted a less hectic lifestyle for both themselves and for their son Eric. They moved to Port Alberni in 1993 where Moncur taught at ADSS for four years and the former Mt. Klitsa School for five years before becoming A.W. Neill vice principal in 2005. She submitted her name for consideration when the vice principal's position at ADSS was posted and was notified she had the job in April.

Marine Training Courses underway this September

Submitted by Randy Fred for Uu-a-thluk

Uu-a-thluk is using funding acquired from the B.C. Capacity Initiatives Fund to conduct three courses this September in Port Alberni.

The first course, **Occupational First Aid**, is scheduled for September 12 and will be instructed by Alberni First Aid. Twelve Nuu-chah-nulth members will receive First Aid training. Occupational First Aid (or Marine First Aid) is a prerequisite for the following two courses.

The second course, **Marine Emergency Duties**, is scheduled for September 26 in Port Alberni. Marine Emergency Duties is a prerequisite for the third course.

The third course is **Small Marine Vessel Operator**. It is scheduled for Port Alberni September 27 to 29. Both the Marine Emergencies Duties and Small Marine Vessel Operator courses are accredited through Malaspina University-College.

Pacheedaht has several members taking the three courses. Helen Dunn, Pacheedaht biologist and researcher,

stated, "These certificate courses are important for Pacheedaht marine-based economic development and for the safety of our workers."

While organizing these courses, it became evident that there is demand for more marine training for Nuu-chah-nulth members. Nuu-chah-nulth communities rely heavily on marine travel and transportation. Managing aquatic resources and benefiting from these resources requires Nuu-chah-nulth to be properly certified. Applications for further funding to meet the demand for training will be submitted to appropriate funding sources.

If you want to be put on the waiting list for future courses please inform your First Nation's office or contact Shannon Cowan, Uu-a-thluk Capacity Building Coordinator, at 250-248-5158 or e-mail scowan@uuathluk.ca.

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West Coast salmon habitat restoration project a showcase of partnerships

Submitted by Central Westcoast Forest Society

Ucluelet - For the eleventh season in a row, the Central Westcoast Forest Society is leading a team of partners in a salmon habitat restoration project.

Since its inception in 1995, the non-profit society and its partners have restored over 70 kilometres of stream, rehabilitated 63 hectares of riparian habitat, stabilized 48 hectares of landslide area, and deactivated 247 kilometres of forestry road. The areas, on the Kennedy Flats between Ucluelet and Tofino, including sections of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, had been impacted by historical forestry practices. This season the focus is on the upper Lost Shoe Creek.

But the 2006 in-stream season was not a foregone conclusion. "The lack of funding over the last few years has been frustrating for the implementation of this valuable project," says Warren Warttig, RPBio, Planning Biologist with International Forest Products Ltd. who sits as an ex-officio board member with the society. "We have had to adapt by increasing volunteer efforts and by seeking out alternate funding sources."

In past years the majority of project funding has come from the provincial government, and this year \$82,000 from the Forest Investment Account (FIA) will be spent. FIA money is directed from the provincial government to forest companies for restoration related work, based on a company's volume of harvest.

But as provincial sources of funding decline, Warttig says more and more it is the multiple partnerships that are making restoration projects happen. Currently the society is working with the Parks Canada Agency to secure additional funding. Peter Whyte is Acting Superintendent for Pacific Rim National Park Reserve and says it is partnerships, such as this one with the Central Westcoast Forest Society, that help enable the park to ensure the ecological integrity of the park's natural heritage - a key part of the

Parks Canada mandate. "When Pacific Rim National Park Reserve's boundaries were established 30 plus years ago, ecological integrity as a mandate was early in its development. In order to enhance our ecological integrity mandate, partnerships with adjacent First Nations, local governments, industry, and environmental interests are essential."

A new partner with the restoration project this year is Lisaak Forest Resources Ltd., a First Nations led forest services company formed in 1998 and based in Clayoquot Sound. As a First Nations company, Operations Forester Derek Drake, RPF, says it is especially important for Lisaak to see that ecosystems damaged from practices of the past are rehabilitated to their full potential as places for wild Pacific salmon to live and thrive. "The impressive results already achieved from previous restoration projects is solid evidence of the tremendous things that can be achieved when individuals, groups, companies, and government manage to focus efforts simultaneously on a worthwhile cause. We look forward to continued participation in this excellent work in the future."

The Central Westcoast Forest Society has worked with a variety of private and public sector partners since its inception in 1995 to restore aquatic and forest ecosystems and to provide educational and recreational opportunities. In just over 10 years the CWFS has generated close to \$9 million in project work, primarily on the West Coast of Vancouver Island. Approximately \$3 million of that total was spent on restoration work on the Kennedy Flats. The Kennedy Flats Restoration Plan requires \$3.5 million more. An example of the success of the project can be seen on the Kootowis Creek where monitoring shows ten times as many Coho salmon are returning to spawn as compared to data from before restoration work began.

Canadian families to receive monthly benefits for children under age six

Submitted by Denise August
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

The Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB), which provides parents with more choice in child care, came into effect on July 1. Beginning on July 20, 2006, Canadian parents started receiving monthly cheques for \$100, for each child under six. Over 90 per cent of parents received UCCB cheques automatically as they are already enrolled in the Canada Child Tax Benefit.

Even if your family is not yet registered, you can apply any time and receive payments retroactively up to 11 months from your date of application. **Frequently Asked Questions** Q1-What is the Universal Child Care Benefit?

The Universal Child Care Benefit is a new form of direct financial assistance that provides parents with resources to support the child care choices that help them balance work and family as they see fit. The Universal Child Care Benefit is paid to parents in monthly installments of \$100 per month per child under the age of six.

[RTF bookmark start: }q2[RTF bookmark end: }q2Q2-How do I apply for the Universal Child Care Benefit?

Enrolment for the Universal Child Care Benefit is processed through the Canada Child Tax Benefit (CCTB) application. If you are already receiving the Canada Child Tax Benefit, you do not need to apply for the Universal Child Care Benefit. If you are not currently receiving the Canada Child Tax Benefit, you can enroll by submitting a completed Canada Child Tax Benefit application.

Application forms are available on the Canada Revenue Agency website at

www.cra-arc.gc.ca. They are also available by calling 1 800 959-2221 or at your local Canada Revenue Agency office or Service Canada Centre.

Q3-What can I use this money for? The Universal Child Care Benefit puts the choice of child care where it belongs - in the hands of parents. For some parents, this might mean using the money to pay part of their current child care fees. A parent who stays at home may want to use it on a preschool program or for occasional care by a friend or neighbour. The benefit may also be used to purchase learning materials that parents might not be able to buy for their children otherwise. Parents may even wish to deposit all or part of their benefit into a Registered Education Savings Plan.

Q4-My child does not go to daycare. Will I receive the Universal Child Care Benefit anyway? The Universal Child Care Benefit supports all Canadian families in their child care choices. You can use it as you see fit.

Q5-Who is responsible for the Universal Child Care Benefit? The Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, the Honourable Diane Finley, has lead responsibility for the Universal Child Care Benefit. The Department of Human Resources and Social Development, the Canada Revenue Agency and Service Canada are all working together to deliver the Universal Child Care Benefit on behalf of the Government of Canada.

Q6-Where can I get more information on how to receive the Universal Child Care Benefit? For more information on how to receive the Universal Child Care Benefit, visit us at www.cra.gc.ca/benefits or call the Canada Revenue Agency at 1 800 387-1193.

Ehattesaht Tribe Band Meeting

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Nuchatlaht suffers water crisis; well dries up

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case of fire at Oclucje. Kyle Harry meets the trucks and hauls 5 gallon bottles and pails to each and every home using a rider lawnmower. They also draw water from a nearby creek, filling buckets and totes so residents can flush their toilets. Michael says the day before they brought in 115 gallons of drinking water along with dozens of 5 gallon pails of creek water to take care of the people for one day. Chief Michael's home is perched on a hill overlooking the community and with a breath-taking view of Espinoza Inlet. The yard is cluttered with blue plastic drinking water bottles and pails and totes of creek water. The Band Office is closed because of the lack of water but that doesn't mean the staff has nothing to do. On day four of the water crisis, Chief Michael rests in his arm chair and sighs, "Just cooking and doing the dishes is an all day job!" Between running back and forth for water he's had to boil water to do his dishes and bathe the grandchildren. He contemplates how he will go about doing his laundry, because it needs to be done soon. He glances over to his

grandson Jord and says he needs to get him school clothes and supplies. "Maybe the fair will be in town this weekend, and maybe we can take our laundry with us and do it then," he said as the boy's face lights up. When asked how long the situation would go on Michael replied he had no idea. His hope, he says, is that Chatwin Engineering will drill a new well before the rainy season starts. "We need to upgrade, it would be good to have two systems," he explained, "the new one for daily use and the old one for backup." Michael says the water shortage hasn't caused any health problems yet. They are supplying the elders and all people with water so they can flush toilets. Some are opting for disposable dishes and cutlery to cut down on the workload and water demand. He said he was just finishing up canning the last of his 200 sockeye when the taps ran dry. His mother Rose lost a few salmon which she tossed onto the beach. The next day the carcasses were crawling with crab. "Oh, we had a good crab feast last night!" she smiled.



Oclucje - home of the Nuchatlaht

Tofino's Wickaninnish Elementary School to open as scheduled

By Carla Moss, Ha-Shilth-Sa Writer

Tofino - Vice Principal Jaime Hansen confirmed that the Wickaninnish Elementary School will open on Tuesday, September 5th as scheduled and classes will carry on as usual. Hansen explained that with the possibility of Tofino's water problems lasting some time, school administration was concerned too much class time would be lost if they closed. Mayor Fraser has said the water shortage could continue for another 6-8 weeks given Environment Canada's weather predictions. Hansen said she's been told School District 70 will bring water into the school as needed. The school is taking conservation measures including turning off all water fountains. Hansen said the District of Tofino has brought up two flats of water per classroom to provide drinking water for the students.



Kyle Harry hauls water to door to door using a rider lawnmower



Nuchatlaht boys haul water from a shallow creek for their toilets

Tla-o-qui-aht communities' water supply stable

By Carla Moss, Ha-Shilth-Sa Writer

Esowista - Throughout what Environment Canada has cited as the driest August on record, the two Nuuchah-nulth communities bordering Tofino have both enjoyed stable water supplies despite Tofino's water crisis. Opitsaht, on Meares Island just across the inlet from Tofino, saw a two foot drop in their reservoir according to Band Administrator, Karl Wagner; however this did not indicate an immediate water shortage. Esowista uses less than 20% of the aquifer they draw off of, said Chief Councillor Moses Martin. Operations/Maintenance man and Tla-o-qui-aht Council Member John Williams,

confirmed that Esowista's water supply was plentiful and that rumors of a water shortage for the community were completely unfounded. After years of suffering pink, blue and brown water, Esowista's water system received a full upgrade in the early months of 2002 which included the digging of a new well, installation of new pumps and water treatment equipment as well as a full cleaning of the pipes and reservoir. The new well, located under the Tofino Airport lands, will easily supply the Esowista Expansion of 160 units plus community buildings said Chief Councillor Moses Martin, as the community in its current size uses less than 20% of the existing water supply.

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A person is phoning all the resorts in Tofino & is saying that there has been a death in Lewis George's family. This person is asking businesses to wire money to them. This person is also trying to book rooms under Lewis George's name. If any of our Nuuchah-nulth people receive a phone call, especially our elders, please do not wire money to anyone using our name, Lewis or Cathy George, please do not wire money to this person or book any rooms for him. Thank-you. Lewis & Cathy George

Tofino's Water Crisis Stabilizes at 250,000 gallons per day - continued from page 1

figures he had regarding water flow on August 31st were from the town engineer, since government hydrology reports have shown that the flow was not quite as low as originally thought and is in fact approximately 470,000 gallons/day, but still unsustainable at the pre-crisis consumption levels. Fraser said government hydrologists will be coming every Wednesday until the crisis is past to test the water flows on the Meares Island. If new water supplies quit filling the Sharp Creek and Ginnard Reservoirs and the storage tanks, even if all were completely full Tofino would be completely dry within 3-4 days said Mayor Fraser. Allowing the tanks to run dry, he said, is not an option because of impacts to the hydraulics. For example, the fresh water from Meares Island is piped across to Tofino by under sea water lines. If those lines go dry salt water infiltration (leaking into the fresh water pipe) is possible. Mayor Fraser said the District was aware the water resources in the area were being stressed, just from common sense, "we were using a lot of water and it obviously hadn't rained for a long time but flows seemed to be keeping up." That was until 8:30pm, Monday, August 28th when Fraser was notified that the water volume in the storage tank Tofino uses for fire protection was going down fast and that there wasn't enough water refilling it from the Sharp Creek Reservoir. The water flow had become so slow; Fraser said they could only use one pump because that's all the water that was coming in at the time. He explained that the Sharp Creek water source comes out of gallery or area under the ground. Once such an area is depleted, there's nothing that can be done, but wait for it to replenish. To ensure Tofino's fire protection remained adequate Tofino's secondary water reservoir, Ginnard Creek was tapped.

On August 29th the District of Tofino ordered all accommodations and food services to close by Friday, September 1st and a boil water advisory was issued for those receiving water from the Ginnard Reservoir, which is those south of Industrial Way. In their press release, the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) states, "testing revealed that water volumes moving through the treatment plant are not allowing for proper chlorine residual in the alternate water source from Ginnard Creek reservoir. ...Non-chlorinated water is at higher risk for diseases such as

Cryptosporidium, E-coli and Giardia. Water must be brought to a full boil for two minutes." Many businesses worried about the impact the loss of sales over the Labour Day weekend would have on them, especially with winter looming around the corner. Still, many such as Tin Wis, Duffin Cove, House of Himwitsa and the Wickaninnish Inn chose to initiate the process of shutting down operations voluntarily, laying off employees and canceling reservations. Then came the wild rumors and emotional roller coaster rides peaking at an August 31st Special Meeting of the Tofino Council. Local residents and business people argued, yelled and banged on the windows to be let in once the meeting room had been filled to capacity. During the meeting developer Chris Lefeve put \$50,000.00 on the table to bring in tanker trucks to haul water from Ucluelet to be pumped directly into the Districts water system. Stating this was the first time he'd heard this offer, Mayor Fraser and the Tofino Council moved to accept, with "subject to" including Ucluelet be willing to provide the water, and the trucks meet the Health Inspector's approval. The exhale was audible throughout the Tofino business community when news of the District's announcement allowing businesses to remain open was released. Many local businesses explored methods to conserve water to keep community-wide consumption at 250,000 gall day. Methods adopted include the use of paper plates and plastic cutlery, providing guests with bottled water, closing hot tubs and washing wet suits in a salt water/vinegar combination. Consumption levels had dropped August 31st to 258,000 gallons then on September 1st dropped further to 170,000 gallons. According to the District of Tofino's website, 200,000 gallons were used September 3rd. Mayor Fraser attributed the water shortage partly to rapid increases in consumption with the booming tourism business and a shortage of storage facilities for water but primarily to the fact that we are experiencing the driest August ever on record and changing weather patterns demonstrated by the fact that we're not even seeing fog in the mornings as often as we once did. Fraser said that the only thing that can really end the water shortage in Tofino in the short term is rain. Environment Canada's forecasts indicate the water shortage could last another 4-6 weeks.



Water conservation measures: A luxury buffet served on paper plates at Weigh West.

Wawmeesh returns to school to further Journalism Skills

By Wawmeesh, George Hamilton, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni - It has been my distinct pleasure to have worked at Ha-Shilth-Sa these past several months. However, just as my news stories had an ending, so too has my time here. I am leaving to further my education and to sharpen my journalism skills. Firstly, I must thank former Ha-Shilth-Sa Managing Editor David Wiwihar. He gave me my first break in the business and I'm grateful. I began by reporting on Nuuchah-nulth basketball, the coverage of which waned over the years. Dave saw something in my writing and he encouraged me to pursue a career in journalism. He patiently edited my stories teaching me a trick or two along the way (he's in TV now so he kept the best ones to himself).

Thanks also to my coworkers Annie Watts and Denise Titian. Being suddenly foisted into their positions wasn't easy, and we've all fallen and skinned our knees a few times since, but the paper is always published on time. Annie is a keen observer of events and personalities and I hope she'll choose to write about what inspires her one day. Denise gave me sound advice about objectively reporting on Aboriginal affairs, namely that I must consider myself nation-less. This advice will prove invaluable when my future reporting requires greater critical rendering.

Upon reflection several things stand out during my time at Ha-Shilth-Sa. The awe of the B.C. Elders Gathering in Port Alberni was unforgettable. Both the NTC Graduation and Scholarship Awards also left positive impressions on me. In spite of abysmal B.C. Aboriginal education statistics I witness more Nuuchah-nulth students graduate from high school and university every year. In the future I'll report those former statistics as mere historical anecdotes. And I think too about my trip to Hot Springs Cove to report on the building of their new school. It had been 23 years since I'd been there yet it, and its people, remains special to me. I observed the goings on as I waited on 1st and Campbell in Tofino for my ride. It was a beehive of activity as people - mostly Nuuchah-nulth, were coming, going, and visiting. I remembered friends from this region long since dead; they'd also visited along this stretch. I wished they were still here and maybe for those few moments they were.

I will miss everyone I worked with at NTC. The executive and staff dedicate themselves tirelessly to advancing Aboriginal people's issues and rights. I



George Hamilton honing his skills at Ha-Shilth-Sa. Thank you from all of us at Ha-Shilth-Sa.



Wawmeesh, George Hamilton

worked with several staff members whom I'd grown up with. Sterling Watts, Maria Gomez, Janet August, and Jackie Watts are all peers who have accepted the responsibility of leadership in their given fields and roles. Although younger, Lynette Barbosa and Vicky Watts, both of whom earned masters degrees, are part of a bright, emerging generation of Nuuchah-nulth. The stewardship of our natural resources will one day be in the capable hands of Sabrina Halverson and Christina Aday, two fellow summer students. John Gomez and I shared many conversations - and many laughs, this summer. Bright and articulate, I'm convinced he'll be a leader both in his field (Child and Youth Care), and of our people one day. I'll miss all the ladies at the front desks, but especially Elizabeth Gus who's quick, quirky sense of humor often made my day.

While I would love to return to Nuuchah-nulth I also want to work abroad. There is something to be said for an Aboriginal journalist writing for a wider audience. While mainstream media covers Aboriginal news stories they never quite cross the cultural divide. An Aboriginal perspective would be critically beneficial to their readerships who know little about us. They would profit more from such a perspective than a Nuuchah-nulth readership would. Kuu-us have a wealth of stories waiting to be told, that can and must be told. Telling these stories is how citizens in the broader world will come to better know and understand Nuuchah-nulth, and how Nuuchah-nulth will come to better know and understand each other.

Working at Ha-Shilth-Sa this summer was less a job and more a labor of love. In journalism I have found what I was meant to do, and have subsequently found my life's calling. My goal while working at Ha-Shilth-Sa was to inform our readership and to hopefully spur debate. If readers thought and talked about my articles, and maybe understood their subject matter better than they did before, then I achieved my goal.

I know I will be a journalist, and a damn good one, but beyond this I don't know what lies ahead in the future. Whoever does?

Calendar of achievements: Project incorporates inspiring stories to give young aboriginal women role models in education



Lisa George, 2nd from left as shown in the calendar

By Amanda Farrell,
Photo and story courtesy of Times
Colonist

Victoria - High school was hell for Lisa George. As a First Nations woman in accelerated classes, she had a hard time fitting in with both her classmates and her community. She was teased on the school bus and often showed up at school with gum stuck in her hair.

"If I was going to drop out, it would have been then," she said. But George stuck it out and went on to get a bachelor of arts at Brock University. Now, she works as a child and youth counsellor here in Victoria and is looking to get her master's degree.

And George is one of the 18 aboriginal Vancouver Island women who grace the pages of the new Indigenous Women and Education calendar. The 16-month 2006-07 calendar tells the story of their experiences in the education system and what their schooling has allowed them to achieve.

The calendar was created by Shelly Johnson, the CEO of Surrounded by Cedar Child and Family Services, a Victoria-based organization that supports urban First Nations families. The project began in May when Johnson was talking to a young Songhees woman working at Surrounded by Cedar about who her role models were.

"She couldn't think of anybody," said Johnson. "She thought she would be the first person to graduate from a two-year diploma program in her community." The response floored Johnson. Education of the community's young people is of utmost importance, she said, and to hear a young person say that was contradictory to her perception of First Nations women.

"A lot of the women I know are very well-educated and are doing incredible work in the community, and I thought, 'The younger women need to see that and be inspired by that,'" she said. Johnson said the work on the calendar

project began that very day in May, when she e-mailed several First Nations women she knew to see if they would participate.

"I e-mailed her back right away and asked, 'Can I be Miss November?'" joked Suzanne Bate, who holds a BA from Concordia and is a First Nations academic adviser at Camosun College.

The women in the calendar span a wide range of education levels and job titles. They are college instructors, graduate students and administrative assistants. They are high school graduates, degree holders and special education grads. Johnson said it was important to represent a broad spectrum so that women could see themselves reflected in the calendar.

While the women are all very different, many of their stories have a common thread. They had to overcome adversity to continue their educational journey, whether it was financial constraints, raising their families while going to school or being the victims of racism.

"It's good to have people talking about what they had to overcome," said Bate. The calendar also offers tips for students considering going back to school, which can be a difficult task after being out of the education system for a few years. Maria Sampare, who holds a diploma in First Nations Community Studies, dropped out of high school at 16 and decided to upgrade at 29 to support her younger sister, who was also going back to school.

"I had no idea how to upgrade my high school. I had no clue," she recalled. For Bate, sharing her education experience with her community was important.

"I work in education and education is what led me to discover who I am," she said.

The calendar is available at the Royal B.C. Museum shop, Munro's Books, bookstores at the University of British Columbia, UVic, Camosun College and the University of Northern British Columbia, or online at www.grizzlybearteachings.ca.

MEDICAL PATIENT TRAVEL PROGRAM NUU-CHAH-NULTH MEMBERSHIP

The NTC CHS NIHB (Non-Insured Health Benefits Program) has for many years held a contract agreement with the Port Alberni Friendship Centre. The Friendship Centre has a Travel Referral Clerk on staff to assist (through our contract) all Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations membership. There is one exception that the Tseshaht First Nation membership living in the Port Alberni area has to call or visit their Band Administrative Office for Medical Patient Travel services. Membership of a Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation who live away from home and live outside of the Port Alberni area, are to contact their home community for all Medical Patient Travel services.

From time to time holidays and internal training, etc... may keep the Port Alberni Friendship Referral Clerk away from her/his office from time to time. During these times the Nuu-chah-nulth membership living in and around the Port Alberni area are advised to contact their home community for Medical Patient Travel services. Questions or concerns over Medical Patient Travel may be addressed to the undersigned at 1-888-407-4888 or locally at 724-5757.

Robert Cluett, CD NTC CHS NIHB Program Coordinator

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Hiisteak Shilth-iis Teech-Maa (Coming from the Heart)

Are you at risk for Heart Disease?

Risk Factors

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

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

Teechuktl (Mental Health)

Southern Region Staff

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NUU-CHAH-NULTH NURSING PROGRAM

Visión 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.

Shannon Beavis, new NTC nurse for Hotsprings and Ucluelet East

Submitted by Shannon Beavis
for Ha-Shilth-Sa

I have been pondering how I would introduce myself to the community. You see I began my new job, as a community health nurse for NTC, on August 2nd and landed smack dab in the middle of Tuberculosis. I had envisioned myself meeting the elders, cuddling some babies, and relaxing into the easy-going lifestyle I've come to envy on the island. Well...not so much...yet that is. I most certainly will make time to visit with the respected elders of the community and I fully intend to cuddle all the babies I can get my hands on (and then promptly immunize them I'm sure). However, the nurses at NTC in Port Alberni and Ucluelet have been very busy this past month working together to effectively manage this disease. A great learning experience and certainly sped up the introductions to all the lovely ladies in Port, but nonetheless, no babies to snuggle.

Tuberculosis is a serious disease and it is therefore essential that managing such a situation take priority in the workplace. So I must apologize to the community members who may have been wondering, "Where is she?" My schedule has mostly been determined on the fly and initially most of my time was spent trying to wrap my head around TB while simultaneously orientating myself to the ways of the job. I must confess I was surprised when Sandra Ethier called me from Port Alberni and asked me if I remembered I had to submit an article for Ha-shilth-sa. I most certainly had not remembered and "oh my it's due on September 1st and today is August 30th!" What will I write about?...me!"

My name is Shannon Beavis and I am the new NTC nurse working in Hotsprings and Ucluelet East. Calgary, Alberta has been my home for all of my 31 years so this is a big, beautiful change. For the last two years I have been working in Morley, Alberta with the Stoney First Nations as a community health nurse. The Stoney Reserve is at the base of the Rocky Mountains and has a population of approximately 3000 people. Prior to taking a seaplane to a community I was driving a Jimmy on long, long, long, dirt roads to do home visits and prior to walking to a persons home to introduce myself I was driving around Morley...lost... trying to find a house. Prior to admiring the whales, bears, and vast beaches of the never ending Pacific I was chasing gophers with coworkers (in the Jimmy of course) and admiring horses, Sundance lodges, and the Rocky mountains. Vastly different in so many ways but equally exciting and wonderful experiences thus far. I guess it's not ALL different. I have found some creature comforts in some of the similarities between communities such as the kindness of strangers when trying to locate a community member. My favorite is the soothing recital of phone numbers by the last 4 digits. In Morley the prefix for every number is 881 so to ask for a phone number in these parts and be told "3453" is strangely reassuring. And of course, being able to bear witness to strong family, community, and spiritual connections is always an honor. I look forward to the coming journey, the new friends I'll make on the way, and the stories, oh the stories, how I love the elder's stories. I am officially on a regular schedule. So come on up and see me some time or I might just show up at your house... lost... looking for a community member.

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

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

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

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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
When? Tuesdays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

How? Drop in or call:
Margaret Morrison, Outreach Counselor @ 726-2224 or
Kelly Drabit, Public Health Nurse @ 725-2172

In Tofino: 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

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Non-Insured Health Benefits Program - NIHB Medical Supplies and Equipment Program

Specific Medical Supplies and Equipment are available to registered First Nations & Inuit for personal use when all of the following criteria are met:

- The item is on the NIHB Medical Supplies & Equipment List;
- Prior approval, if required, is granted by NIHB;
- The item is not available to clients through other federal, provincial or other third party plan; and
- The benefit is supplied by a recognized pharmacy or medical supply & equipment provider.

The following process for obtaining Prior Approval is currently in place:

- Client received prescription from authorized prescriber
- Client is assessed for medical equipment/supplies by health professional
- Health professional prepares assessment results and recommends supplies & equipment
- Client takes assessment to provider and selects products
- Medical Supplies & Equipment provider completes paperwork (outlining client info, benefits requested & costs) & faxes request, assessment and prescription to NIHB for Prior Approval
- First Nations and Inuit Health Branch- (FNIHB) reviews request and determines eligibility based on program guidelines
- If necessary, NIHB refers request to Medical Consultant for professional opinion on medical requirements
- NIHB faxes letter confirming benefits approved to Medical Supplies and Equipment provider
- Client receives supplies/equipment and signs form confirming receipt of product
- Provider completes claims form & mails to claims payer for payment

Questions or queries may be addressed through your community health centre (Community Health Representative- CHR), First Nations and Inuit Health Branch @ 1-800-317-7878, or NTC CHS NIHB Program Department @ 1-888-407-4888 - locally @ 724-5757.

Any denials may be addressed by an appeal process, contact the above offices for further information.

Submitted by R. Cluett, CD - NTC CHS NIHB Department Coordinator

Birthdays & congratulations



I would like to say happy 1st b-day to kiera smallwood, have a very special day baby girl we all love and miss you WAY over here. lol .love u pretty girl. love auntie boss unk gary and ur big cousin wes

Wishing a very, very, happy birthday to Lillian Williams on September 5th. From Uncle Lyle, Auntie Kathy and family.

Belated Birthday wishes to my Big Bro James Swan Sept 01 and to his Honey and wife to be Heather the following day Sept 02, hope your days went well enjoy your education in Victoria.

Love Martha, Russell, Mal, Jill Roxy and Kaileigh

Sept 02, 2006 Happy Birthday to our Baby Girl Kaileigh Erin Love ya Loads babe up to the stars and passed the man in the moon! Wow six totally awesome.

Love Mom, Daddy, Mal, Jill and Roxy

Sept 04, 06 Happy Birthday Tara Natasha. Hope you have a great day

Love Auntie Martha, Coz Russ and gang.

Sept 15, 06, Happy Birthday Auntie Sarah John in Ahousaht sure miss ya can't wait to see ya Love ya lots Martha Russ and gang.

Happy birthday Lawrence Louie/Jack on October 30, 2006. Love Auntie Iona.

Happy birthday sweetheart Scott Hayes Dennis on September 27th, 2006. Love you always, Iona G.

Jack/Dennis, Kelthmaht/Ahousaht

Happy birthday Mommy Iona

G. Jack/Dennis on October 2, 2006.

Love Frances a, jack, grandchildren

Sebastian, Asadae, Jamal.

Happy birthday Auntie/daughter

Aleta Leeann Cooper on October 10th, 2006, (19 years). Love Sebastian,



I would like to wish my baby girl, Kiera Jeannine Smallwood, a very happy 1st birthday for September 22nd. You got so big in what seems like such little time! I love you lots baby cutes. Love your mommy and daddy, sister Aiya and brother Aaron. Grandma Rubs, Grandpa Sam and u'r aunty and uncles.



I'd like to wish my lil Handsome, Aaron Whitmore, a very special happy 2nd birthday for October 9th. I love you son, I hope you enjoyed your day. Love Mom, Aiyanna and Kiera, Grandma Roberta, Grand-dad Sam, and u'r aunty and uncles. Also would like to wish my old school buddy, Ilene (George) Frank a very Happy 23rd Birthday for the same day. Have a good one pal. From Fanny, Aiya, Aaron and Kiera

Asadae, son Jamal Cooper. Love always sis Franny. Most of all Mommy Iona. Hugs & kisses Baby Girl.

Congratulations and welcome back home to my Gal Trudee-Lynn Paul. Trudee has just completed a 7 week Ravens program with the Canadian Forces in Victoria. There have been times when I was proud of what you have achieved in your life so far Trudee - I was never so proud when you marched out onto the parade grounds with your platoon. To see the discipline and the pride in all that you have done in the 7 weeks that you were there was a moment that I will never forget.

When you were called up to receive the Marksmanship award from Iona Campagnola filled my heart with so much pride I almost cried. Trudee got 73 of 80 shots in the marksmanship test. I have told you many times that you are going to take steps towards your own independence, this was a really big step. You have proven that when you put your mind and your heart into achieving a goal you can do it. We are all so proud of you Trudee-Lynn, but most of all we're glad to have you back at home. Thanks go out to all those who helped us in taking care of baby Andrew while you were gone.

These include Tommy-Joe Frank, Dawn Webster, Melissa Manuel, Tommy Paul, Pam Frank-Perry, Grandma Trudy Frank, Paul Hayes, Greg Hayes and Bonnie Frank and Johnny Chester John who has taken on the role of dad to my grandson. You all were such a great big help and we appreciate it more than you will ever

know. Tlecko, tiecko Belated Happy 18th Birthday Trudee-Lynn - August 8th. You are an achiever and you will go far and to many places. I love you with all my heart and all my soul and all my might and with ever fibre of my being.

Happy birthday on September 10th to my big sister Vicki Hayes, and auntie Evelyn Atleo. On September 19th to my honey Johnny C. John and my son Tommy Paul - happy 16th. Also Rebecca Atleo and Violet Clarke. On the 20th happy birthday to my lifelong friend Gail Hayes, my nephew Paul Hayes, Uncle Louie, Jensen and Bev McKeown. And to my hon bun, happy 3rd Anniversary Johnny - you were meant

for me sweetie.

I'd like to wish my aunty Christina Thomas a happy birthday for the 12th of September, my cousin James Adams for the 15th, my uncle Jenzen Thomas for the 20th, my uncle Cyril (Slobby) Adams and Sister Vera Little for the 23rd, and my Aunty Cathy Thomas for the 25th. I love you all, and hope you guys enjoy your day. Have a good one, love Fanny, William, Aiya, Aaron and Kiera.

We would like to wish Erica Mack a happy birthday for September 30 and hope she has a wonderful day because she deserves it. Love from Uncle Gerald, Ange and Thelma. Later

Love Always, Mom & Family

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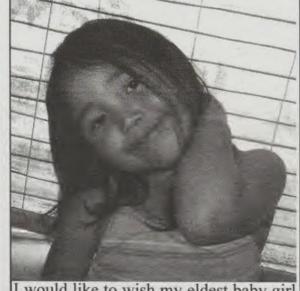
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I would like to wish my eldest baby girl a very happy 5th birthday for September 16th. I love you so much baby, Love Mom, Aaron and Kiera, Grandma Rubs, Grandpa Sam and u'r aunty and uncles. Also a very happy birthday to Uncle/grandpa Kurt John for the same day. Hope you have a good one!

poets nook

Lovers in and out of love

Holding, kissing, and tender loving words so meant at the time. Lovers so patient, lovers so respected in the beginning.

When time flies and months turn into the tender long years.

There starts that unwelcoming gap between a two loving pair.

Lovers in and out of love.

When anger flies between the both of you take it as you and your best friend arguing.

You were there when it first began and you're always personally there in the end.

For some reason anger, hate, freedom and wanting something better Will make things between the both of you truly not matter.

Lovers in and out of love.

Arguments are a blinded invitation to a two lovers quarrel.

Thinking you both can better make two lovers lose their minds.

Wanting their freedom hits so fast and they're both running out the door.

Lovers in and out of love.

Days are now spent alone and thoughts are focused on leaving for good.

Memories start playing while you sit and remember holding each other so long ago.

Smiles deep within make you turn back and want to find your lover and try again.

Lovers in and out of love.

Lovers in and out of love.

This becomes the true test of a two lover showdown.

Bring back those loving thoughts, bring back those loving embraces.

This may go on and on, but in the end you will surely find out

That the both of you truly do belong. Lovers in and out of love.

Once you get over this true challenge that was sent from above,

Sit back, slow your life's pace and look at your precious lover.

Realize you both walked that aisle for a long life, love together.

Lovers in and out of love.

True love is so hard to find; don't let false love take you over.

You chose your lover for a reason

This, you and your lover have to personally remember.

When bad times fly by never ever give up on your lover.

Lovers in and out of love.

This is where you both finally realize the things you've done wrong to each other.

Face the truth, face the neglect, face the dishonesty, face you who are you in the mirror.

Your lover has the same needs as you. Why do you make these needs feel so different from you?

Distancing your self for past, or future, false hope reasons

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Creative Salmon Company Ltd.
PO Box 265
Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0

Deadline for applications: 4:00 pm Friday, September 15th, 2006. All applications will be treated confidentially. Only those applicants selected for interviews will be contacted. We sincerely thank all other applicants for their interest in the position.

No Phone calls please.

The Westcoast Community Resources Society provides counseling and advocacy services in Ucluelet and the West Coast communities. The WCRS has an opening for a management/exempt Program and Personnel manager, at 25-30 hours per week. The Program and Personnel Manager is responsible for managing the programs and all aspects of the human resources for the WCRS; including recruitment, training, benefit administration and labour relations issues. Qualifications include two to five years experience in program and personnel management in a related field; and a Diploma or Degree in Human resources or a related field. The successful candidate will live on the West coast and will receive wages and benefits commensurate with experience Contact Jan for more information at (250) 726-2343, ext56. Please forward cover letter and resume by September 18th to: Executive Director, WCRS, Box 868, Ucluelet, BC, V0R 3A0, or fax to (250) 726-2353.

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VIATT is seeking to fill the following positions:

- ◆ Community Development Liaison
- ◆ Communications Director
- ◆ Corporate Secretary
- ◆ Research Analyst
- ◆ Executive Coordinator

VIATT encourages all applicants, however preference will be given to persons of Aboriginal ancestry, as per Section 41 of the Human Rights Code. Salary commensurate with qualifications. To apply for any of these positions, please send us your résumé and cover letter by September 21, 2006.

The full job descriptions and applicant's package can be obtained at www.viatt.ca or by calling us at 250 952-4703.

**Introducing new
NETB Employment Counsellor,
Diane Nickerson**



Submitted by Charlene Eng

Diane Nickerson (nee Nicolaye) was born in Esperanza, BC and raised in Tahsis, BC. She lives in Nanaimo with her fiancé, Scott, 10-year old son, Connor and 17 month old son, David. Her parents, Christine and David Nicolaye, taught her the importance of a good education and she went on to college and university.

Diane received an Office Administration Certificate and then went on to obtain her Job Club Trainer Certificate in 2002. She has been in the employment service

industry for 6 years and finds it extremely rewarding. Diane is very excited to be part of the NETB program and looks forward to attending all the Nuu-chah-nulth regions. Her main goal in her new role is to assist First Nations members gain sustainable employment, no matter what it takes, including training or relocation.

Diane Nickerson, NETB Employment Counsellor
Phone: (250) 724-5757
Cell: (250) 802-5421
dnickerson@nuuchahnulth.org

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

Seeking: Capital Programs Consultant



Seeking: Editor/Manager (Ha-Shilth-Sa Newspaper)

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is seeking a full-time Capital Programs Consultant to provide on-going assistance to Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations. Based out of Port Alberni, the Capital Programs Consultant will assist member First Nations in their professional capital program development and capital assets maintenance.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council is seeking an Editor/Manager to play an active, hands-on leadership role in planning and executing the news content of the Ha-Shilth-Sa newspaper. Based out of Port Alberni, the Ha-Shilth-Sa is Canada's oldest First Nations newspaper, and has a wide distribution to interested groups, individuals, and First Nations.

Responsibilities will involve:

- ◆ Provide assistance to First Nations in the coordination, planning, selection, and implementation of housing projects through the stages of programming, budgeting, design, construction, and assists in overseeing multi-discipline project teams;
- ◆ Assist communities to identify and access sources of funding by helping to leverage the contribution of federal and provincial funds, not-for-profit and private sector financing for First Nations housing development;
- ◆ Assist Band housing staff by facilitating housing and infrastructure workshops, which may focus on: the site selection process, conceptual designs, approval strategies, land development operations, and land development management;

Qualification:

- ◆ A degree in Engineering with a minimum of five years experience in project management, design and/or construction.
- ◆ Proven record of managing multiple complex projects from the development of design criteria/specifications through to construction.
- ◆ Having a working knowledge of National and BC Building Codes is a requirement.
- ◆ Have excellent negotiation, presentation and communication skills, and have the ability to liaise effectively with multiple stakeholders.
- ◆ A valid BC driver's licence and vehicle is required, as travel to the First Nations is required.
- ◆ Having an understanding of the culture, traditions, issues, and aspirations of the Nuu-chah-nulth people will be considered an asset.

Send applications by **September 15, 2006** to:

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
PO Box 1383, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M1
Attn.: Human Resource Manager
Fax: (250) 723-0463 - Email: hr@nuuchahnulth.org
(Word and pdf attachments accepted)

Responsibilities will also include:

- ◆ Responsible for ensuring regional news coverage, creating assignments regarding story and photo ideas, and verifying factual information of a news story ;
- ◆ Ensure that the newspaper is printed on a regular basis (every two weeks);
- ◆ Function as a reporter when required, and will be required to attend NTC and First Nations' meetings, reporting on events/news by writing articles, and taking photographs;

Qualification:

- ◆ Requires University degree or diploma in Journalism, or equivalent in professional experience, and a minimum of five years experience working for a magazine or newspaper in an editorial capacity.
- ◆ Professionalism, integrity, motivation, and inspiration of staff. Must be able to coach and motivate talent.
- ◆ Have a working knowledge working knowledge of QuarkXpress, Adobe Photoshop, photography, and sound page layout skills.
- ◆ Hold a valid Class five BC driver's license and vehicle is required, as travel to the member First nations is required.
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**Feature Trade:
Culinary Arts**

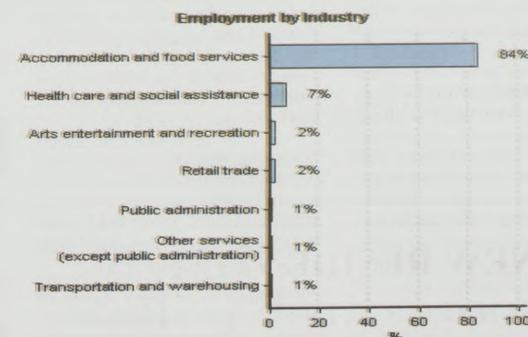
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**Jack Cook
Wendy Gallic
Diane Nickerson**
The NTC Education Department



Klecko's - ʔekoo

Hello to everyone:

It has been one year since this all started! As a family we are very happy that Linus is now getting better. During this past year there have been so many people that have offered us support and encouragement, and this has helped us get through this difficult time. We do not want to leave anyone out, but you do know who you all are that have helped us out.

At this time I would like to thank the

staff at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for their generous support; your support helped me to be with Linus when it was very necessary.

Our children, Lynnette/Shayne, Joey, Justin/AJ, Jonsson, Lee, and Kaylen; and grandchildren - Ahmber, Gabriel and Ethan, Hunny and Kenneth, have been so appreciative of all the support and when the time comes these people will be acknowledged.

Love and Respect
Linus and Donna Lucas

Klecko! Tillicum Leleum Health Centre

A special thanks to Tillicum Leleum. To the Executive Directors and administrative staff—my Webster/Klawns family is thankful for the support System of our local Tillicum Health Centre. Thank you for opening up an abundance of new resources that are helpful within our community. A special thanks to the staff members of the Tillicum Leleum Health Centre for the Groups and daycare provided, a special thanks to the Kitchen management team who has provided nutritious and healthy meals for the group sessions. Another important part for this production of the group sessions is the facilitators who have been very helpful and supportive. The nurses that have provided medicinal products for my family throughout the summer months, we are grateful for all your help and your support. For the literacy program that has come in to home to teach my children the abundance of reading material. Thank you! Kerri—my son Ritchie is now a Great! reader. For the receptionists who have been patient and very helpful we thank you all...

For the family support team who has not only provided care for the children but has also offered us rides to the programs. It was a great experience sharing our time with you all—during the summer months again I say Klecko! Haych Qa Siem to Grace Nelson and the staff of Tillicum Lelum, if I have forgotten anyone on the list I thank you as well, For our Special guests and our Very special elders within the Nanaimo community Klecko! Thank you for the wealth of wisdom and guidance—this is very much appreciated I would like to thank Janis Atleo for the healthy menus & Jim for the family dinners We must not forget the kitchen help from all our volunteers thank you all. For the facilitators for Traditional Family Night thank you Anne (Marshall) Murray &

Rita Marshall the abundance of information of diabetes and Creating Healthier families this is great! For The receptionists Annie and Mary Ellen thanks for patience this is very much appreciated. For the health reps Dennis thank you for the support this is much appreciated as well. For the families that I have interacted with during the summer months it was nice to meet you all. Kerri from the literacy and for Robin Samuel & Sheldine & Candice plus the rest of the volunteers daycare staff thank you all for the child minding...during the programs. Finally for the supervisor Victoria Casey thank you for the support and for Natalie and Bonnie Davis for being there for some of the programs as guest speakers. If I have forgot anyone my apologies... thank you all for the support Klecko! Haych Qa Siem (Thank you all). There are so many programs to thank and so many people to thank From Me and My family we wish you all well and wish you many thanks In hopes that this Note will make its way to you all... Once again thank you to My Mother Thelma Webster for your support and For our family on the West Coast who had delivered food fish to Emily's house This summer — Thanks to Justine Dennis & Sydney Point, Jada & Melissa Atleo. We wish you all the bests Klecko! Klecko!

"May the drum beats of the ancestors beat within the rhythms of your hearts & may they walk by your side keeping you all safe with the light— May you mount with wings and soar high with the almighty eagle may your hearts be as humble & non aggressive as a dove May your hearts be guided with courage—strength—wisdom—direction. Fly high for anything is possible..."

Norma-Ann Webster,
Ahousaht/ Kelsmat

Hello, my name is Naa sook cha - Stacey Miller (Hansen), my roots come from Kyuquot/Nuchatlait from my father Michael Hanson son of my Grandmother Hilda Hanson & Ehatesaht from my mother Florence John. I am completing my job of being a Home School Coordinator and Parent Facilitator for Ehatesaht, Nuchatlait and Zeballos School. I am very thankful that I experienced working with all the children, youth, parents, teachers and facilitators to help strengthen our communities. To build a stronger community there was various amounts of workshops and Cultural Nights held in Zeballos and Oclucje. I would like to Thank the

Ehatesaht Tribe, Chief and Council & Band Manager, Nuchatlait Tribe, Chief Walter Michael & Band Manager & the Zeballos School for all your support in helping the families of Ehatesaht, Nuchatlait & Zeballos start an awesome journey towards learning more parenting skills and most importantly their Culture. I would like to give a big THANKS to the Vancouver Island Region Aboriginal Strategic Investment Trust Fund more commonly known as the Victoria Foundation for funding all the programs that were held in Zeballos B.C. Ehatesaht, Nuchatlait and Zeballos appreciate you for all of your support.

Registration Form

NEDC's Fall 2006 Workshop Series

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
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Please register me for the following workshops:

- Business Planning**
Date: Mid - Late September, 2006 - 3 Evening Sessions Facilitator: Caledonia Fred
- Projecting Cash Flows**
Date: Early October Evening Session Facilitator: TBD
- Promoting Your Business**
Date: Mid October One or Two day workshop Facilitator: Various
- Government Regulations & Reporting**
Date: Mid-Late October 1 Evening, 1 Morning Session Facilitator: TBD
- Bookkeeping**
Date: Late October/Early November, 2 Evening Sessions Facilitator: TBD

See workshop outlines for more details

Registration is FREE however pre-registration is necessary

*Please note: Workshop location may change if registration exceeds the capacity of the facility. However, it will remain in Port Alberni and you will be notified in advance of any changes.

**Please give advance notification if you are registered and will not be attending the workshop! Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

USMA Community Human Services Program is currently seeking individuals, couples & families to fill the following needs in our program:

Relief Resource Homes Temporary Resource Homes
Permanent Resource Homes Emergency Resource Homes

Individuals & Families need to have an understanding of the Child, Family, Community Service Act; USMA's role in relation to the act, as well as the role of the Resource Home parent in relation to the Act. Individuals, couples and families who are interested in sharing their safe, nurturing, loving home with Children and Youth are encouraged to contact the **Resource Social Worker** at 1-877-722-3232/250-724-3232

For more information on the application & home-study process call a USMA Resource Social Worker Terry McDonald or Amber Severinson.
Children & Youth in your community need your help.

Community Events

The family of the late **Wahmeesh-George Watts** Invite everyone to a **Memorial Potlatch** to celebrate George's life on **Friday November 3rd, Saturday November 4th**, if necessary Sunday November 5th In Port Alberni at the Alberni Athletic Hall, 4835 Beaver Creek Rd. Start time will be determined and posted in a future issue. For more information contact Ken Watts at gwmmemorial@hotmail.com or Priscilla Sabbas at (250) 220-5195

Tournaments

T-Birds Open Annual Golf Tournament
September 9, 2006
Hollies Executive Gold Course
 18 holes of golf, 5 men or women to a team. Call for pricing Ron Dick Sr. @ 250-723-8340 or cel 731-5118

Classifieds continued

James and Norman Rush, sons of Steven Rush (Uchucklesaht) and Lorraine Williams (Tseshaht) would like to hear from all family members. We can be contacted via email at jamesrush@aol.com. Please include your snail-mail address. Chu. Klecko. James S. Rush.

Call Ha-Shilth-Sa @ 724-5757 or email hashilthsa@nuuchahnulth.org when you want your ad deleted or revised.

Arts

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Books for sale: The Whaling Indians, Legendary Hunters - by Edward Sapir, Morris Swadesh, Alexander Thomas and Frank Williams \$45 each. The Whaling Indians, Tales of Extraordinary Experience - told by Tom Sa:ya'ch'apis, William, Dick, Captain Bill, Tye Bob \$40 each. If you would like to purchase any these books please contact lisagallic@shaw.ca or call me 724-4229 and leave a message.

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LOST: Man's black velcro wallet with I.D. Call Paul or Liz @ 723-0596.

FRESH BREAD: Anyone in Port Alberni like fresh baked bread, buns or pastries? Phone # 723-6210 call Carol A. Lucas.

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

FOR RENT: Equipment for power point and DVD presentations. Projector and Screen. By the hour or day. Deposit required. Telephone: 250-724-5290.

BOARDROOMS FOR RENT: At the Tseshaht Administrative Buildings, Port Alberni. For more information call the Tseshaht First Nations Office at (250) 724-1225 or toll free 1-888-724-1225.

WESTCOAST TRANSITION HOUSE EMERGENCY SHELTER: For Abused Women and their Children on call 24 hours toll free. 1-877-726-2080.

PORT ALBERNI TRANSITION HOUSE: Call 724-2223 or call the nearest local shelter or crisis center.

HELP LINE FOR CHILDREN: 310-1234.

WANTED: Medical Equipment such as wheelchairs etc. Can be dropped off at the Tseshaht Band Office. 5000 Mission Road, Port Alberni. Contact Gail K. Gus at 724-1225.

FOR SALE: Custom built food cart with grill, deep fryer, sink, water pump, and lots of storage. 1 owner. \$6500. obo. 724-4383.

FOR SALE: Seaside Adventures in Tofino \$695,000.00 Serious Inquiries Call 725-3448 OR 725-8329 ask for Steve or Cindy Dennis.

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

LOST: (during the AGM) a gold ring with a native design on it and it also has a small diamond in it (size 6 1/2-7).

MISSING: 2 MAQUINNA HATS from 3957, 10th Ave. Port Alberni around October or November 2005. Anyone with information please call 724-2184.

FOR SALE: blocks of yellow cedar for carving 724-4549

FOR SALE: Native design dress by Joyce Little, Size 11-14 723-4232, Power Rider, \$100, 723-4232.

FOUND: Unfinished carving. Call to identify. Ha-Shilth-Sa 724-5757

LOST: Gold necklace with a 1in X 1in Indian design butterfly pendant. Last seen on my niece at the Ucluelet Secondary School in March. Please call Jeannine Adams @ 670-1150 or email ballgrl@hotmail.com. Thanks.

FOR SALE: Weedeater and carvings. Call Bruce 728-3414 if you're interested.

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N.E.D.C. BUSINESS NEWS



Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation 2006 Board of Directors

On Saturday, August 12, 2006, NEDC's Board of Director's, Loan Review Committee, and staff met at Cedarwood Lodge for the Corporations 22nd Annual General Meeting. Reports were made on all of NEDC's Programs, including the Business Equity Program and Youth Business Program. A financial overview of the 2005 fiscal year was also presented.

The success of NEDC is largely attributed to the hardwork and dedication of the Corporations Board of Directors; the common goal to promote and assist in the development and establishment of new and existing business enterprises both on and off reserve, along with the commitment of the members has made NEDC what it is today.

The NEDC Board has the responsibility of developing NEDC into an entity that has the financial capacity to provide services and support to Nuuchahnulth for generations. The Corporations objectives are achieved through:

providing business loans to individuals and Nuuchahnulth tribes for the purpose of establishing or acquiring businesses.

assisting in the financing of feasibility studies and the development of business plans for large projects.

accessing contributions for tribal and individual enterprises.

promoting youth entrepreneurship.

assisting clients in acquiring and/or enhancing their management skills.

improving employment opportunities for the Nuuchahnulth.

providing ongoing business and financial advice.

Each of the 14 Nuuchahnulth Tribes have a representative on the Board; there may be up to 5 representatives from the 'members-at-large', and one appointee from the Tribal Council. Representatives serve a 4 year term, with no limit, provided they are supported by their tribe.

NEDC's Board of Directors are responsible for all aspects of the Corporation. They can delegate responsibility and/or authority to a Committee of the Board or to employees of the Corporation. Board of Directors also engage in strategic planning for the Corporation, in which they develop, assist and approve of all NEDC's activities. Annually they review the Corporations previous years activities. The Board ensures that NEDC Policy is implemented in all actions of the Corporation.

NEDC's Board engages in goal setting where they identify the objectives of the Corporation and ensure that current and future activities / programs are congruent. The Board meets quarterly for this purpose.

Overall, the NEDC Board is accountable for all of the Corporations activities. Each BOD completes a Oath of Confidentiality annually, and adhere to a strict Conflict of Interest Policy; thus ensuring transparency in their actions and decision making authority.

NEDC's success is reflected in the strength of their Board of Directors.

NEDC Board & Staff would like to introduce and welcome Edward Jack (Mowachaht) and David Miller (Ehattesaht) as the newest members to join the NEDC Board.



Darleen Watts (Tseshaht)
Chairperson,
has served on the NEDC Board for 21 years, and has been the Chairperson since 1989.



Chris Jules (Kyuquot)
has served on the NEDC Board for 7 years (1999).

Charlie Cootes (Uchucklesaht)
has served on the NEDC Board for 22 years (1984)



Barb Audet (Tla-o-qui-aht)
has served on the NEDC Board for 7 years (1999).



Brenda Read (Hupacasath)
has served on the NEDC Board for 17 years (1989).



Andy Amos (Member-at-large)
has served on the NEDC Board for 7 years (1997).

Ida Mills (Ditidaht)
Vice-Chair,
has served on the NEDC Board for 11 years (1995).



Vi Mundy (Ucluelet)
has served on the NEDC Board for 7 years (1999).



Simon Lucas (Hesquiaht)
has served on the NEDC Board for a total of for 11 years (1984-89, 99 to present).



Connie Nookemus (Huu-ay-aht)
has served on the NEDC Board for 3 years (2003).

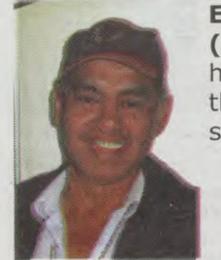
Gale Johnsen (Toquaht)
has served on the NEDC Board for 9 years (1997).



Felix Michael (Nuchatlaht)
has served on the NEDC Board for 3 years (2003).



Pamela Webster (Ahousesht)
has served on the NEDC Board for 8 years (1998).



Edward Jack (Mowachaht)
has served on the NEDC Board since 2005.

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to promote and assist the development, establishment and expansion of the business enterprises of Nuuchahnulth Tribes and Tribal members

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