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By Debora Steel

Lt. Gov. Steven Point hoists a Maquinna whalers hat above his head in appreciation of the personal gift given to him by Tyee Ha'wilt Mike Maquinna on behalf of the Mowachaht/Muchulaht during his official visit to the community of Tsaxana on Jan. 24. The community also gave Point a woman's version of the traditional woven head gear for his wife Gwendolyn. Both hats were created by Cecilia Savey. See more pictures and a story on the visit on page 6, 12 and 13.

Ahousaht approves exploration of copper on Catface Mountain

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—It's long been known that there's a valuable deposit of copper in Catface Mountain, Chitapii, as Ahousaht calls it, and the issue of mining the mountain has been hotly debated each year as the value of copper climbs.

Doublestar, now Catface Copper Mines Ltd., has been consulting with Ahousaht for the past six years in an effort to strike an exploration protocol.

At the 2007 Ahousaht annual general meeting (AGM), council approached membership with the latest offerings from the mining company. But the community was sharply divided for and against industrial activity on Chitapii, and both sides were firmly entrenched in their positions.

Council was finally directed to carry out a referendum to decide the issue.

At the 2008 AGM, council said they didn't carry out the referendum because they interpreted the people's request for a referendum as a call for more information. In response, a natural resources working group made up of Ahousaht members met with mining officials and lawyers to develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) relating to the mineral exploration activities on Chitapii.

The MOU was presented at the AGM where it was reviewed and debated. Council asked membership to vote on the MOU, reminding them that Ahousaht would greatly benefit in terms of financial rewards simply for allowing the company to explore. Exploration, they said, involves drilling test holes which will later be filled.

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Campbell first out of the gate on Jordan's Principle

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Vancouver—What a difference a day makes: On Jan. 23, the minister responsible for Children and Family Development was taking a wait and see approach to Jordan's Principle, and on Jan. 24, Premier Gordon Campbell was announcing his government's enthusiastic support for the policy that would put the care and wellbeing of First Nations children ahead of jurisdictional squabbles over payment for services.

Campbell scored points with Aboriginal leaders that day by becoming the first premier in Canada to publicly support Jordan's Principle, named for a First Nations child with complex medical needs who died caught up in a battle over which government was financially responsible for his at-home care.

In December 2007, the federal government unanimously passed Jordan's Principle in the House of Commons. It states that help for the child comes first, before deciding which government should pay the bills.

On Jan. 23 at the Child at the Centre Chiefs Forum in Vancouver, Grand Chief Edward John of the First Nations Summit singled out Minister Tom Christensen to act as the champion for Jordan's Principle in the B.C. legislature.

John asked the delegates at the forum if they would like to see the minister of Children and Family Development act as the Principle's advocate. The chiefs responded with a round of applause, but Christensen seemed reluctant to jump to the plate.

"I think Jordan's Principle is certainly an important principle and it's something that we have been aware of for some time," Christensen told Ha-Shilth-Sa. "What I remain very interested in is what does that actually mean from [Indian Affairs] point of view, and we are waiting to hear that in terms of them figuring out how, if the province were to adopt Jordan's Principle, how would that actually work in practical terms."

Christensen said he needed to hear more about the circumstances surrounding children who were not getting the services they required. Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond, the independent Representative for Children and Youth in B.C., had earlier told the forum that her organization was involved in 1,400 advocacy cases, and a proportion of those cases dealt with jurisdictional disputes that were interrupting services to children.

"I am not aware, personally, of a single situation that has been brought to my attention where the children's interest hasn't been the priority," Christensen told Ha-Shilth-Sa. "So, what I'm interested in hearing from people who are advocating that we need to formally adopt Jordan's Principle is what are the circumstances where children are not getting service today by virtue of a jurisdictional dispute between the provincial and federal governments, because that will inform us a lot better as to what the challenge is and what it means to actually overcome that challenge."

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Dream comes alive for newlyweds

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Bill Miller from the Hupacasath First Nation finally is accomplishing one of his dreams, and that is to own and operate a restaurant. Miller completed the cooks training program at the North Island College back in 1998 in Port Alberni. Miller is the owner/operator of the Cup and Saucer Eatery in Victoria Quay with his wife Shanna Miller.

The Millers are also only five-plus months newlyweds having got married in the summr. Bill and Shanna, however, have been together as a couple for the last three-and-a-half years. Both Bill and Shanna were working at the Alberni Valley Golf Course. Miller's parents are Angie and Roger Miller.

Shanna has been working in the hospitality field for the last 16 years. "With Bill's training, he can run the kitchen and area in the background and I can concentrate in running the front end of the business, looking after the customers," said Shanna. "I believe that we make a very good team." she concluded.

Shanna has been working in the field of service to people for a majority of her life. She took a hairdressing course and an aesthetics course also.

"For the last nine plus years I have been working at the Alberni Golf Course and an aspect of this job has been serving people. I really enjoy serving people," Shanna said.

Although it was a while before Miller utilized his cook training, today he is glad that he can put his training to work for him. The training back in 1998 was approximately one year long.

It was over the last one-and-a-half years that the Millers started to think about owning their own business. Shanna was keeping an eye out for a potential business opportunity. The current business (The Cup and Saucer Eatery) was up for sale for quite a while. Bill applied to the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) to seek financial assistance.



Bill Miller and wife Shanna are proud to present the Cup and Saucer Eatery.

Between the young couple (Bill and Shanna) they saved enough money to establish their business. After they were married, the young couple got right into preparation for their new business venture.

"We were busy prepping the business, painting, as well as odds and ends two to three weeks after we got married," said Miller.

Finally, on Sept. 19, 2007 the Millers took possession of their business. The little restaurant has a prime location, right on Victoria Quay. The menu offers daily specials, which includes a soup and sandwich option. All soups are also served with a homemade fresh bannock.

The food is also health friendly with a variety to choose from such as chicken club, seafood club, wraps, such as barbecue roast chicken or beef; roasted chicken Caesar; mexi-chicken. All sandwiches, wraps and Paninis come with your choice of soup of the day or salad of the day.

Baked goods on the menu include assorted muffins, carrot, cheese and coffee cakes, bagels and an apple crisp crumble cake. Salads include a chef's salad, Caesar salad, green salad or a strawberry and melon salad.

So far the Millers are happy with their

business. They are basically a two-person operation. Occasionally if it gets too busy, Shanna's grandmother helps to clean tables. One of the main things to date is that they are quite happy also that almost everything on the menu sells out as there is not much left over at all.

"We get quite a few regulars also that keep coming back too," said Miller.

They do have a take-out service offered, however, they currently only do pick up orders. There is absolutely no delivery service offered. Another aspect of the business is that the Cup and Saucer Eatery does do small catering, however, it must be picked up.

Another popular service offered is the Internet service offered to their cliental. It is a wireless service which is fairly reasonably priced.

If the business does well, the Millers may look at an expansion of their current business. Miller also said that he would like to start a family.

If you would like to check out the restaurant drop by at #6 - 4505 Victoria Quay. The hours of operation are Monday to Saturday - 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. They can also be reached by telephone at (250) 723-9449. Stop by, bring a friend and check it out in their cozy atmosphere, and a good location.

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Kleco! Kleco!

Ucluelet Nation reaches agreement with Parks Canada

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ucluelet—Forty years after two Ucluelet First Nation Indian reserves were enveloped by the boundaries of the Pacific Rim National Parks Reserve, Ucluelet First Nation and Parks Canada have come to an agreement on how to manage I.R. #8 and #9.

A memorandum of understanding (MOU) was signed between chief and council and parks representatives on Jan. 23 at Ittattsoo. The agreement allows access to the reserves by the First Nation's members for cultural purposes and Parks Canada will be supportive of the construction of a

'modest, wilderness-type accommodation' for the exclusive use of the nation.

Parks Canada will protect and preserve the reserves from development and also from fire and other hazards.

Parks Canada will transfer Lot 469, located near Millstream on the outskirts of Ucluelet, along with \$300,000 for economic and capacity development purposes.

Parks Canada purchased Lot 469 in the 1970s in anticipation of a land-exchange with Ucluelet for Oo-Oolth and Quisitis (Indian Reserves #8 and #9 respectively).

The two reserves are to become treaty settlement lands upon the effective date of the Maa-nulth Treaty. In the event the First Nation wishes to sell, lease or

otherwise dispose of the two reserves, Parks Canada is given right of first refusal.

MP Dr. James Lunney attended the signing ceremony of behalf of federal Environment Minister John Baird. Of the MOU, he said, "Today's agreement, which prohibits development in these areas, will help guarantee the ecological integrity of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve, and provide the Ucluelet First Nation with other lands outside the park in exchange. This is a true win-win situation, which respects the interests and needs of both parties. It is something all Canadians can be proud of."

Lunney said the signing ceremony would set in motion a process that supports long-term economic prosperity for Ucluelet First Nation. Lot 469 will link two reserves to the highway allowing optimal opportunities for economic development.

Chief Councillor Vi Mundy was

excited about the signing. She said Ucluelet First Nation has been working on the issue for decades, initiated by the late Alec McCarthy in the 1970s.

"We had many Parks superintendents over time. None stayed long enough to get to know our culture," she said.

According to Mundy, McCarthy was one of the elders that attended band and elder meetings right up to his passing. He wanted something done about the two reserves that were swallowed up in Parks boundaries.

"He wanted compensation for all the Parks visitors on our lands," she explained.

All these years later, Mundy was proud to say that descendants of the McCarthy family would now work on the committee to develop management plans for the reserves.

Larry Baird, along with Al and Chuck McCarthy, will serve on the five-member committee.

Kyuquot/Checkleset First Nations

Community Vision meetings for band members living away from home

- Ucluelet:** January 26, 2 - 4 p.m.,
District of Ucluelet Administration Bldg. 200 Main St.
- Nanaimo:** February 2, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, 741 3rd St. Room B.
- Port Alberni:** February 9, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Maanulth Treaty Society, 3019 B-4th Ave. Near Credit Union
- Campbell River:** February 2, 2 - 4 p.m.
Iron Kettle Restaurant, Campbell River Common Mall
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Bottom Row is Nadine Crookes, Pacific Rim National Park Reserve Acting Superintendent, MP Dr. James Lunney, Ucluelet First Nation Chief Councillor Vi Mundy. Among those in the back row are Chuck McCarthy and Ucluelet First Nation Tyee Ha'wilt Wilson Jack.



Photo by Colina Tuttle

Twelve youth from Esowista and Opitsah were among more than 80 young actors auditioning for parts in The Little Mermaid, a play produced by Missoula Children's Theatre in Tofino. Each year, students at area schools are invited to take part in this weeklong theatre workshop sponsored by the Pacific Rim Arts Society (PRAS). PRAS provides arts experiences for children and youth that encourage them to learn about the arts and to develop their own creative skills. Pictured from left to right: (backrow) Cora Crow Shoe, Ernie Williams, Heather Williams, Gaylene Mickey; (middle row) Grace George, Isaiah David, Dale Mundy Jr., Chelsea Mundy, Janeen Frank, and Peter Robinson, Tla-o-qui-ah First Nation Education Department Head; (front row) Alexis Williams, Marie Lucas, Autumn Desjarlais and William Tom. Alexis, Autumn, Cora, Gaylene and Isaiah were cast in the play.

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Aboriginal world will hold government to account

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"Quite frankly, the easiest thing to do in the world is to make statements about adopting certain principles," the minister then said.

The next day, Premier Campbell was not so restrained.

"I can tell you that this government embraces Jordan's Principle," reads a transcript of Campbell's speech provided to Ha-Shilth-Sa by Turpel-Lafond's office. "This government will fully support Jordan's Principle, and this government will work with you to put Jordan's Principle into effect across the Province of British Columbia.

"The federal government has made it clear that they too are committed to Jordan's Principle, and I can tell you that we will hold them to that. We will not wait for a firm commitment from them; we will act in British Columbia. We will make sure that jurisdiction does not get in the way of what we know is right for our children in this province."

He later told a reporter with the Times Colonist he wanted to erase doubts about where his government stood on the policy.

"I wanted to be clear that we did embrace the Principle," he said. "We fully support it."

When Ha-Shilth-Sa called the Office of the Premier to enquire about Campbell's statement, communications referred us only to the Times Colonist article saying it was "accurate in regards to Premier Campbell's comments," and a press release from Turpel-Lafond's office applauding the premier "for making British Columbia the first province in Canada to back Jordan's Principle." There has since been no press release or general announcement regarding Jordan's Principle from government.

So what happened overnight? Did the Premier pre-empt his ministry's consideration of Jordan's Principle to make an "easy" statement?

Chief Stewart Phillip, president of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, said there was nothing easy about it.

"The very fact that the Premier of British Columbia, in the most public way possible, committed to putting Jordan's Principle into effect in B.C. places the government in a position where they will be held to account for that statement," he said.

"We will not allow them to renege on that statement. That was the entire community of child welfare and frontline workers from throughout the province... in one room to hear that statement, not to mention, I think there was 95 chiefs and proxies registered that heard that statement, so it is an impossibility for them to renege on it."

Phillip said there may be district and regional managers who could say they are not aware of a policy shift or have not read a new policy document on Campbell's direction, but if the child is not put first in B.C., then "the weight of the Aboriginal world will fall upon their heads," he said.

"That's the value of the statement. It's something that you would virtually be inundated with fallout if there is a very pronounced case where the feds and the province are wrangling over who pays."

Phillip was not surprised to learn of the re-jig of government position over a 24-hour period. He said there had been similar examples of turnabout in the Premier's past and chalked it up to Campbell's leadership style.

Consider the Frank Paul inquiry,



Premier Gordon Campbell



Minister Tom Christensen



Grand Chief Steward Phillip

Phillip said. Frank Paul was a First Nations man who died in 1998 after being dumped by police in an ally in Vancouver.

Paul had been taken twice to the drunk tank. Police surveillance video shows him crawling on his hands and knees during the first visit, and during the second, hours later, he was nearly unconscious. Officers dragged him into an elevator before taking him to the ally where he was to die.

"We had been working very hard, marching in the streets, holding rallies, adopting resolutions at our various assemblies, writing letters, and campaigning for nine long years," with no inquiry on the horizon. Then a corrections worker who had not been called upon to deliver evidence came forward and opened up the case anew.

John Les, minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, had been emphatic saying there would not be an inquiry into Paul's death, said Phillip.

"It was the bottom-line position of the provincial government.

"Twenty-four hours later, Mr. Les was in front of the cameras announcing the inquiry. Well, obviously it came from Premier Campbell's office, because we were pushing very hard for the inquiry through our new relationship dialogue at the highest levels," said Phillip, who was quick to say he wasn't criticizing Campbell's leadership style, just commenting on it.

"He's the kind of person when he thinks something needs to be done, he just wants to see it done."

Regardless of how the commitment on Jordan's Principle came to be, said Phillip, "without question we are in a better place with the Premier having made the statement."

Not surprisingly, North Island MLA Claire Trevena (NDP) was more critical of the Premier's leadership style.

"Let's hope that it's not just making the easy statement," she said.

"Jordan's Principle is extremely important and it's good that it's been recognized, but if we are getting conflicts between what the ministry is saying and what the Premier is saying, it shows that this is a very arrogant approach to government. The premier is clearly again not listening to his ministers and just acting in his own way."

Because there has been no formal release from the government on Premier Campbell's statement, she said she had to wonder how serious it was.

"If he is just doing it to please an audience it's a very dangerous way of approaching something as important as Jordan's Principle... If you are going to say it, you're going to have to make sure you are going to do it, and that everything is in place to make sure that it can happen."

Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond told Ha-Shilth-Sa that the Premier's statement

was a significant first step in helping vulnerable First Nations children with special needs, but how it's implemented on the ground will take some work, and she recognizes that. The statement, however, creates hope and determination to close the gaps in services to children.

She said her office deals with a significant number of First Nations files and some of those involve situations where the Jordan's Principle will be of enormous value for getting at-home support for children with special needs or complex medical needs.

The announcement "largely means that the provincial government will extend their services on reserve in a number of instances." This is based on which government first serves the child.

"I've spoken to Minister Christensen and the Ministry of Children and Families about a number of these cases and, in fact, I have invoked, specifically, Jordan's Principle in at least one very significant case without a lot of

success," she said. "So now we are going to re-invoke it and hopefully get some more success. And that's a case where the family was forced to leave the reserve because there was no supports for their child on the reserve."

When asked if it was important to her that Jordan's Principle be formally adopted in the legislature, Turpel-Lafond said she intends to bring it to the select standing committee on children and youth in February.

"I'm very pleased with the Premier's commitment, because what it means is we could see a unanimous resolution in the B.C. legislature. I think it deserves that type of formality."

She said now though, government must take immediate steps to bring Jordan's Principle to life.

"Anyone can make a commitment or declaration. To see that make a difference in the lives of children is another thing. So that's where we have to see the accountability."

Who was Jordan?

Jordan was a child born with medical needs. His family did not have access to the supports needed to care for him at their home on the reserve in northern Manitoba, so they made the difficult decision to place Jordan in child welfare care so he could get the required help. Jordan remained in hospital for the first two years of his life as his medical condition stabilized. During this time the First Nations child and family service agency, First Nations community and family worked together to locate a medically-trained foster home and to raise money to refit a van for Jordan's safe transportation. After Jordan's second birthday, doctors said he could go to a family home; a time of celebration, but federal and provincial governments begin to argue over which department would pay for Jordan's at home care. The dispute lasted two years during which time Jordan remained in hospital. The costs they argued over ranged from some higher cost items such as renovations to the home for a wheelchair ramp to low cost items such as showerheads. The community initially tried to mediate a solution between the governments, but when this failed they turned to legal action. Shortly after Jordan's fourth birthday in hospital, the jurisdictional dispute was settled, but not in time for Jordan who passed away before he could live in a family home.

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Mary-Ellen Turpel-Lafond signs a memorandum of understanding Jan. 23 between her office, the Representative for Children and Youth, British Columbia, and the first Nations Summit, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs and the BC Assembly of First Nations to establish a joint dialogue and advocacy process regarding general and systemic issues related to the safety and wellbeing of First Nations Children and Youth.

Queen's representative visits Gold River

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Gold River—Lt.-Gov. Steven Point was piped into the Gold River Secondary School gymnasium by Pipe Major John Mager on Jan. 24. Principal Arlene Fehr said it was the first official visit to the school by a lieutenant-governor since 1973.

Point stood before the collected body of students and quickly won them over with his quiet charm and sincerity. He told stories from his past, and shared with them the wisdom he has garnered over his years of achievement.

In the letter of invitation he received from ???, he was told that some of the students at Gold River Secondary were interested in First Nations issues. He remembered that it was in Grade 11 that he did his first paper on what was then called the land question.

Since that time, Point distinguished himself on that land question. Before he was appointed as British Columbia's 28th lieutenant-governor, the first First Nations person to hold the position, he was the chief commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission.

The lieutenant-governor gave a formal speech that described his duties and some of his personal philosophy. "I've learned that if I want to see change in others, there had to be change in me first," he said. Being successful meant being truthful and honest and doing what was right, even when it was unpopular.

He said one of the most important duties of his office was sharing time with young people and that his goal is to visit every high school in the province. He wanted to impress upon

the students that soon they would be called upon to lead and he asked them if they were ready and understood the task ahead.

"Every step you take, someone is following right behind," he said, adding that younger brothers and sisters are watching how the high school students were navigating through life.

"Too many of our young people are following dangerous paths," he said, alluding to problems with alcohol, drugs and the youth justice system. Point asked them to consider where they would be in five or 10 years.

"You can't alter the past, but you can create your future... In the end, you have to live with what you create."

He said he never dreamed that he would one day become the lieutenant-governor, but he chose carefully each step along his own path. Like walking on stones in a stream, he said, he would choose to place his foot on rocks that were sturdy and above water, and that was what brought him to this place in his career.

Point graduated with a law degree in 1985 and was called to the bar in 1986. He taught

Lt.-Gov. Steven Point presents a book on Government House to the Gold River Secondary School during his official visit there on Jan. 24.



Lt.-Gov. Steven Point visits with the First Nations 12 and Nismaas students at Gold River Secondary School. Some of the students had visited his residence, Government House, and had questions concerning his duties and history.

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Darrell was a volunteer during the visit running the microphone back and forth across the gym so audience members could ask the lieutenant-governor their questions. Lt. Gov. Steven Point teased him saying it was nice to have a walking microphone stand.

law and became a judge in 1999.

He urged the students to learn to recognize the positive signs in life. He said he was hoping to see an elk on his journey to Gold River, because he took that as a good omen. He said he liked to see an eagle fly overhead, because it tells him that his mother wants him to call. Point reminded the students that there were people in their lives that they could count on and use as resources whenever they are needed. He said not to be shy about asking for that assistance.

Point then took questions from his audience. Is it hard to find family time, one student asked. Point has four children and 11 grandchildren. His wife, Gwen, is working on her doctorate. Yes, it was tough to find time to get together, he said.

What was it like when he first became the lieutenant-governor?

"It was a scary idea," Point said.

All of us have an ego and self-importance, he said. "It's hard for me to put that aside sometime, but when I do, it's exciting and interesting to learn new things."

Do you ever get to sleep in? "Sometimes as late as 7 or 7:30." Ever have second thoughts?

Point said Government House is a pretty nice place to live, with 102 rooms. He was raised in a house with 10 children and all of them slept in the same room with their grandfather.

As the Queen's representative in the province, how often does his path cross with Her Majesty?

Point said last year while he was in London he had his face to the fence looking through the gates at her palace just like everyone else. This June will be different when he will spend 20 minutes with her during a visit.

When asked what his message to British Columbia would be, Point became somber. He said the faces in the room had changed since his time in the classroom. British Columbia is now a diverse society. He asked the students if the different cultures in the school were getting along. If not, was there something that could be done to improve that?

He said he didn't want to see the continuation of the them against us mentality.

"We don't have to follow that... Let's try to get along."

The lieutenant-governor was then taken on a tour of the school and visited the First Nations 12 and Nismaas students.

Point told the students that he liked to be prepared and flexible, but didn't like to waste time. He said a lot of people are haphazard, like grass blowing in the wind and unless they had deep roots, they weren't likely to have much control.

"Know what you stand for," he told them.



Max Savy presents a print to Steven Point. The designs in the frame Savy wood burned himself.



Beatrice and Brianna presented beaded necklaces, one for Lt.-Gov. Steven Point and one for his wife Gwen. The gifts were created by the girls' grandmother Lenora Johnson.

Ahousaht decides to get off the sidelines

Continued from page 1.

If passed, the mining company would have full access to the exploration area, and would provide employment and economic opportunities to Ahousaht members.

They would pay Ahousaht a signing bonus and annual payments, the amounts and details are protected by a confidentiality clause in the MOU.

Keith Atleo and John O. Frank made it clear that the agreement is only about the exploration portion of the mining process and will have minimal impact on Chitapii. There would be drill holes, but they will eventually be filled with concrete.

Kiista hopes that through the exploration phase, the community will have their questions about environmental concerns answered. But even if exploration shows there's enough copper for a profitable mine operation, the mining phase will not go ahead without a new agreement between the company and Ahousaht. Any new agreements would be voted on by



Roswitha Majchrzak

Concerns over the environment makes some Ahousaht's reluctant to allow exploration on Chitapii (Catface Mountain), while others are concerned the economic benefits could lead to prosperity in the community.

Ahousaht people.

Atleo said Ahousaht Natural Resources committee worked hard on

the development of the MOU with input from lawyers. He is confident that it protects the interests of Ahousaht.

Urging membership to vote yes for the MOU he said, "We want to be a big part of what's happening in our territory, not standing on the sidelines watching the parade go by."

The introduction of the mining exploration MOU sparked a lengthy debate. Some were steadfastly against putting the culturally significant Chitapii in harms way; others said they were unwilling to poison the environment with toxic mine tailings.

Others were in favor of the MOU, encouraged by the prospect of prosperity for the community. The annual payments from the company and promise of jobs would go a long way to help the poverty-stricken community. They reasoned the MOU is only for exploration and no harm would come from that.

The following day the 'MOU relating to Mineral Exploration Activities at Chitapii' went to a vote and was overwhelmingly approved by membership; three 'yes' votes for every 'no' vote.

Heavy agenda includes housing and fisheries woes

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht—Members of Ahousaht First Nation gathered at Maaqtusiis Gym Jan. 23 for the first day of their three-day Annual General Meeting (AGM). Originally scheduled for Nov. 21 to 23, the AGM was postponed until the New Year due to the passing of community members.

The hefty agenda included band administration, programs, economic development and band business reports. It would take the full two and a half days to get through the agenda and some matters were set aside to be dealt with at a later date.

Richard Watts, Tseshah, was hired to chair the meeting in an effort to keep things on track. Each day the meeting started and ended with a prayer and entertainers were brought in for comedy relief between heavy business items.

On day one, each band councillor introduced themselves and outlined what they were working on for the band. At last election there were 11 on council under the leadership of Chief Councillor Kiista, Keith Atleo, but two have since resigned and have not been replaced.

The current council includes Julia Atleo, Angus Campbell, Curtis Dick, John O. Frank, Louie M. Frank, Mark Jack, Francis John, Harvey Robinson and Mena Webster. Band elections will be held in 2008, the date to be announced later this year.

Councillor Julia Atleo reported she has been working closely with holistic staff on social issues and they've been successful in many of their initiatives.

"While much work has been done, concerns remain over children as young as 10 years old drinking hard liquor," she remarked.

Atleo has also been involved with the election code committee working to pass the custom election code for Ahousaht. She hopes the new code will be in place by March 2008.

John O. Frank has served as deputy chief councillor, filling in for Kiista as required. He has also taken on the responsibility of acquiring home-use

fish for band members both in the community and urban Ahousahts. In his report he pointed out that the 2007 budget for home-use fisheries was overspent by a significant amount and he asked for ideas on how the department may improve.

Frank reports good progress on other projects he is helping with, including preparations to manage two fish farm sites, the set up of a new hatchery, the development of a hydro project, plans for a new fuel station, the construction of a new Ahousaht RCMP detachment, securing the services of a full-time doctor who will live in the community and others.

In his opening remarks, Kiista said council and others will get together soon to discuss the financial arrangement Ahousaht has with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council and to decide whether it works for Ahousaht or not.

He went on to discuss the Memorandum of Understanding document developed between Catface Copper Mines Ltd. and Ahousaht First Nation. The document was brought before membership for discussion and for a vote. The MOU was passed on day two.

Later that day another contentious issue came up, housing. Ahousaht is the largest Nuu-chah-nulth Nation numbering nearly 2,000 and is growing rapidly each year. It is considered remote because it is only accessible by boat or floatplane, making construction even more expensive than it already is.

Housing Manager Margaret Dick reported that there are currently more than 200 families/individuals on the wait list for housing, but only a handful of homes are constructed every decade. Without other options for housing it is clear that some will never get a house on reserve.

Part of the problem is the Social Housing arrears. While some homeowners are dutifully in paying their monthly mortgages, others are seriously

delinquent.

When there are arrears the administration is forced to take funds from other budgets to make up for the shortfall; impacting all band members as programs and services are sacrificed in order to pay Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, fulfilling the band's financial obligation.

Dick reports that progress on the black mold remediation project is on hold until more funds are secured...

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Exhibit held over

Due to popular demand the Alberni Valley Museum is extending the run of the exhibit *How We Are, How We Want To Be: 25 Years of Nuu-Chah-Nulth Faces, Places and Culture* - Photographs by Bob Soderlund".

It will now run through to Feb. 23. The exhibit showcases the work of Bob Soderlund during his tenure as photographer and then editor of the Ha-Shilth-Sa newspaper for 25 years, from 1974 to 1999.

Visitors have been engaged and emotionally impacted by the exhibit and the images on display. For many there are familiar faces of family, friends and neighbours which rekindle memories and stories; for others it's a powerful exhibit providing an opportunity to celebrate a proud heritage. If you haven't seen the exhibit yet or want to revisit it before it closes it has been held over for an extra

month.

This is the first time a body of Soderlund's work has been exhibited. His photographs, taken through his work with the Ha Shilth Sa, show cultural, political, celebratory and intimate moments of daily lives. The exhibit is curated by Dawn Foxcroft and Kelly Poirier, both members of the Tseshaht First Nation. For them the photographs on exhibit speak to events they experienced as children and are now, as adults, able to reflect upon and recognize as telling the important story of cultural change.

The exhibit is financially supported by: The City of Port Alberni, the Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council, First Peoples' Heritage, Language and Culture Council and the BC Arts Council.

Discover the faces and places captured by Bob Soderlund's camera, on display through to February 23, 2008.

Stop smoking in cars

The BC Lung Association today launched Stop Smoking in Cars! Our Kids Deserve It!, a nation-wide campaign designed to help British Columbians push government to ban smoking in cars when children are present.

The Association wants the BC government to ensure people "butt out" if they are driving with kids.

British Columbians are urged to visit www.cleanairforkids.ca and send a message directly to their provincial representative, Health Minister and Premier. The campaign will run until December 31, 2008.

Scott McDonald, Executive Director of the BC Lung Association, believes the vast majority of British Columbians would support a ban on smoking in cars with children. "It is not acceptable that some children are involuntarily exposed to second-hand smoke in cars - it's a serious public health issue that needs to be addressed."

According to Statistics Canada, in 2003, the proportion of 12 year olds regularly exposed to second-hand smoke in private vehicles was 17

percent. Additionally, according to the 2005 Canadian Community Health Survey from Statistics Canada, 19 percent of non-smokers 12 to 17 years old were regularly exposed to second-hand smoke in private vehicles.

Tobacco smoke contains over 4,000 dangerous chemicals and carcinogens. Second-hand smoke in vehicles is especially potent when it is concentrated in a confined space.

Research shows that children exposed to second-hand smoke are at a higher risk for many health problems.

Children and babies who are exposed to second hand smoke on a regular basis are at higher risk for sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), asthma, and ear infections. They are also more likely to develop cancer and heart disease as adults. Second-hand smoke can make symptoms worse for kids who have asthma or a respiratory infection. Additionally, there is growing evidence that kids who are exposed to second-hand smoke before and after birth have more behavior problems, shorter attention spans, and lower marks at school than their peers who aren't exposed to smoke.

Support from Greens

The Green Party supports the efforts of the seventy Chiefs who met in Westbank, British Columbia, to develop strategic plans to implement Aboriginal rights and title.

"Canada must undertake treaty negotiations in good faith based on recognition of rights and title for all First Nations in British Columbia," said Green Party leader Elizabeth May.

First Nations in B.C. are pressing for honourable negotiations in this process, asking the governments of Canada and B.C. to abandon their "take-it-or-leave-it" attitude at the negotiating tables.

"We must learn from the past," said Lorraine Rekmans, Aboriginal Affairs Critic for the Green Party and an

Ojibway of mixed heritage. "Less than honourable negotiations are what led us into this quagmire of economic disparity and tragedy. We have to resolve these discussions with honour if we ever expect to move forward."

The Green Party is encouraged by the Chiefs' work to pressure government to participate in honourable negotiations based on recognition and implementation of rights and title for all First Nations in B.C., said Rekmans.

"It is in the best interest of First Nations and Canada to resolve land questions in a fair and timely manner. The courts have already provided direction that rights and title must be respected," she said.

Mental Health Tiiḥ'aq̓

Your turn will come, so be happy for others

Submitted By Kim Rai
Mental Health Worker

Jealousy keeps us under a sense of discouraging frustration and disappointment. It makes us gloomy. It is a feeling that we cannot even share with our best friends nor can we contain it within ourselves. Consequently, it leaves us with an inconvenience of a peculiar misery and, if allowed to grow unchecked beyond a limit, it works like a slow poison to our healthy nature.

The question is how to annihilate this undesirable feeling? The following three suggestions may help:

Stop comparing yourself with others. Comparisons can be harmful. If they are in your favor, they bring false pride in you; if against you, they upset you. Pride can make you overconfident and eventually can be the cause of your downfall. Conversely, with jealousy, you lose self-reliance, seek unjust methods of putting down your friend, colleague or relative, and ultimately end up in frustration. So to bring jealousy under

your control, avoid comparing yourself with others as much as possible. Think that you are unique. Pursue in all seriousness your own ideal, whatever it is. Do not waste your precious time.

Have patience and wait. No one is lucky or unlucky every time in life. Work hard and wait for your lucky days when fortune will take you up and others look in envy. This may sound like a defensive strategy, and a doubtful method. But use this waiting period in driving jealousy out of your mind. Thus, you can turn a mere defensive strategy of biding your time into a positive one.

Believe in, "May all people be happy." It is a golden principle that you must adopt if you wish to rise above petty jealousy. If one of your children is more intelligent than you, you are not jealous of him or her. Are you? Why? Think, can't you love others the same way.

If your friend or your colleague or your relative is enjoying some advantages over you now, be happy for him or her. Surely your turn will also come. Have faith and adopt this spirit in action.

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For people away from home, please call the First Nation Advocate for the hospital or call Pearl Dorward at 723 21135 ext. 1-1109. She can assist you in contacting the hospital Advocate nurse or answer any question you may have.

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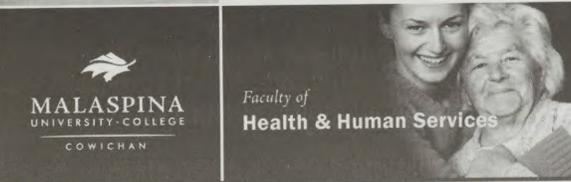
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VANCOUVER—Recent severe winter conditions increases safety concerns for our frail and mobility challenged populations, says New Democrat Critic for Senior's Health Guy Gentner.

"Everyone needs to pitch in to ensure safety during prolonged or severe weather conditions that cause hardships for many people," said Gentner. "Cold snaps are particularly difficult for those with restricted mobility," said Gentner.

Falls can be one of the biggest safety issues for B.C.'s seniors, who are more at risk for falling than younger adults and more likely to suffer a severe injury as the result of a fall. Fall injuries account for almost two thirds of hospitalizations for those over age 65 years of age. Falls are also the leading cause of fatal injury among seniors. Injuries from stair accidents account for seventy percent of deaths in seniors over the age of 65.

"Seniors deserve the greatest respect

and dignity we can afford - we must place greater care in preventive measures so they can live longer, healthier lives," said Gentner.

Gentner wants any bylaws that mandate snow removal from sidewalks, bus zones and commercial areas to be aggressively enforced. With winter conditions anticipated to continue, he asks bylaw enforcement officials to pay particular attention to essential services such as grocery and pharmacy outlets.

"I would hope that bus zones have been cleared and retailers - particularly grocery stores, health clinics, and pharmacies, have cleaned sidewalks in front of their shops and malls."

"This is a collective responsibility so for snow-bound seniors who don't have to venture out, the safest option is to stay home," said Gentner.

"When everyone pitches in, we ultimately saves medical costs and lives as well."

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Education - haahopa

Another successful community event held

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—The Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS) First Nations Steering Committee hosted a community dinner on Jan. 16. It was attended by an estimated 150-plus community members, including students, parents and family members.

Hupacasath elder Edward Tatoosh was asked to do a prayer at the gathering. Prior to the prayer Tatoosh requested for a moment of silence for those loved ones who had recently passed away. He then said a prayer in the Nuu-chah-nulth language.

Master of ceremonies Angie Miller, an education worker for the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, introduced Joey Keitlah as her co-emcee and commented that she had heard what a good job he had done at the last gathering. Miller then introduced a couple of ADSS students to introduce a DVD that they had put together about the First Nations programs and projects that they had worked on.

The name of the DVD was "Power To Be." It was an educational DVD that showcased the many First Nations students making drums, dreamcatchers and other arts and crafts.

Students young and older had participated and showed their pride in their accomplishment, especially after completing a drum.

At the dinner there was a very nice collection of art on display for anyone that highlighted the many talents of ADSS First Nation students.

Grade 12 students Chris Lucas and David Charleson are examples of that talented group. Lucas made a painting of a canoe in the water with a background of mountains. Charleson had a couple of paintings in the display, one with a face of a man in black and white and another showcasing the West Coast style of salmon and whale.

The dinner menu included turkey with mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, salad and vegetables. The meal was prepared by the ADSS cooking class. It was served by members of the First Nations Steering Committee and staff of the ADSS.

Honor role students from the high school for the first semester were mentioned: Andrew Armstrong, Cody Breuker, Jeryln Burns, Bianca Charlesworth, Cari-Lea Charlesworth, Jolene Dick, Jesse Dickinson, Miranda Eneas, Stephanie Fredirchuk, Meghan Francoeur, Michael Graydon, Clint Haley, Meara Harrigan, Dawn Ingram, Marissa Janszen, Krista Joseph, Christina Lidstone, Jennafer Marocchi, Ricky

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All students were reminded that if they wish to graduate that they needed to complete their transition plan which includes 80 hours of physical activity, 30 hours of volunteer/work experience.

There were a couple of other announcements of note, including an

upcoming field trip to Malaspina University College in Nanaimo on Feb. 6. The trip is for the Grade 11 and 12 students. An orientation to Malaspina will be offered.

The School District #70 First Nations Spring Festival is on May 22. More information would be forthcoming.

The next ADSS community dinner is scheduled for June 11. The theme for the dinner will be "Graduation."

"We will be honoring all those First Nations students that have graduated at this community dinner and we hope you can come," said Miller.



Community Celebration

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Goodies needed

My name is Kama Money, and I am a teacher at Alberni District Secondary School in Port Alberni. My Social Justice classes, Student Forum, and UNICEF J8 teams are hosting a Global Youth Action Day for students, teachers, and community members on February 22nd/08. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about global and local issues, and to empower local teens to make a positive change in our world. For more information, please see attached documents.

To honour participants of this day, my students and I are compiling 'goodie bags'. These canvas bags have been provided by UNICEF, and we are looking for small donations of stickers, pens, seedlings, pins, pamphlets, business cards, newspapers, coupons etc. to include in these bags. We are anticipating 150-200 participants

at this conference, and this group is quite diverse in age, culture, and experience.

If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail me back, or phone my home home at: 250-724-4946 and leave a message. I am available to pick up whatever small incentive you are able to provide for our action day.

Of course, you are all invited to attend our day; registration forms do need to be filled out and faxed by Feb. 1st.

These teen participants are giving up their day 'off', as Feb. 22nd is a Pro-D day; it is important to provide these amazing teens with our community support.

Sincerely, and thanks in advance,
Kama Money
First Nations English and Social Justice, ADSS



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Education - haahopa

Year End Report from Board of Education

By Josie Fletcher
Chair of the Board of School Trustees
School District #84

The year 2007 was a busy, complicated and sometimes frustrating year for the Board of Education. As well as our normal routine of monthly public and closed meetings, committee meetings, conferences and the general business of governance, the board dealt with several controversial bills which profoundly affected education.

As a preface to this report I would like to briefly outline the parameters of two of them, Bills 20, and 22.

Bill 20, by far the most sweeping piece of legislation, expanded the mandate of boards to include early learning and adult education, renamed the title of boards to "Boards of Education," introduced achievement contracts, which include literacy plans for the development of reading skills for all ages, established certain specific school fees, and created the role of Superintendents of Achievement whose purpose is to work with districts in support of student achievement.

The Bill also makes provisions for parents and students to appeal certain board decisions to these ministry-appointed superintendents.

Amendments to school law through Bill 22 included standardizing codes of conduct, improved accountability and a change in the date of the school funding

announcement.

While trustees have long advocated the initiative of early childhood (pre-school) learning, and are supportive of adult literacy, these are serious and long-term initiatives that cannot be undertaken without proper and sustainable funding, which is not included with the new mandate. When coupled with the requirements of the earlier 2006 Bill 33, which dealt with class size and composition, the resulting strain on our resources both in terms of staff load and budget has been challenging to say the least.

Since September 2007, the additional costs of implementation of Bill 33 alone for our district have been approximately \$130,000, and the increased volume of reporting mechanisms has created hours and hours of additional administrative time.

We have recently published information respecting events in October, when the ministry shocked school districts by changing the base funding formula for part-time students in the middle of the school year. Boards across the province have responded vehemently to this action, which completely negates the purported co-governance principle in place between the ministry and boards of education.

So much for legislative and funding change.

On other fronts, in August, we received an unexpected invitation from Minister Shirley Bond to attend a Small Rural School Districts' conference in

Vancouver. This was comprised of four of the smallest districts in the province, who together have an enrollment of approximately 1,600 students. All SD84 trustees, along with the Superintendent of Schools/Secretary-Treasurer and the Human Resources Administrator, attended. The purpose was to discuss ways of improving efficiencies for small districts.

Discussions are still in progress as a result of the innovative ideas resulting from this conference. Rural education is gaining more focus, and our district continues to be directly involved in the many programs and conferences that relate specifically to rural schools.

This year the board established a new position, that of Vice Principal, School Based Administration & District Programs. Our intent is to provide additional administrative support to all of the schools in the district with special focus on the development of literacy programs and student learning.

Additionally this year three new principals were appointed in Kyuquot, Zeballos and at Gold River Secondary School. The choosing of a school principal has become a democratic process in which parents, teachers and administrative staff participate.

Other initiatives include speech and language services for pre-schoolers and a Strong Start Program for pre-schoolers in the communities of Zeballos and Tahsis. These are the only two communities in the district where no pre-school program of any kind was available and we

appreciate that the ministry modified the guidelines to allow us to split the funding and the service between the two communities.

This program, which will begin in January under the direction of an accredited Early Childhood Educator, is for children up to age five, and the children must be accompanied by their parents or a designated adult. It will receive ongoing funding and we are hopeful for a successful response.

A significant undertaking, which is now close to completion, has been the creation of an Enhancement Agreement between the Nuu-chah-nulth Nation and School District 84. The purpose of this agreement is to improve the achievement of our First Nations students.

In our district, the presence of these students in our schools generates nearly half of the district's per student funding. We wish to thank all of those who have taken part in this very important exercise for their cooperation and commitment to the task.

Also in the field of aboriginal education, much progress has been made respecting development of the teaching of the Nuu-chah-nulth language. The enthusiasm of the First Nations community, and the use of Elluminate technology enabling students in school and language speakers in a community setting to communicate and have live conversation, have greatly helped to bring this project to fruition.

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Point made welcome in the NCN territory

Tsaxana—On Jan. 24 the Mowachaht/Muchalaht community welcomed Lt.-Gov. Steven Point as though he were family, and for many, he was more than just a visiting dignitary, he was a friend.

After a brief spin round the community, he was welcomed to the Wahmeesh Centre by the Canadian Rangers Honor Guard, including Section leader Sam Johnson, who has served for 14 years with the group.

The community had prepared and feast the community members attended en masse.

The afternoon was begun with a chant by the Howard boys. Point said he understood why it was done, because he could see the ancestors

come into the room as the chant was performed.

Elder Nan Vi and the children from the preschool performed an opening prayer. A dinner song was song, and performances of the Maquinna paddle song were appreciated.

Also on the agenda was a presentation by the Ray Watkins elementary school children, who performed the butterfly dance. They also presented Point with a drum.

Much to the delight of the assembled, Point stood and said, in his culture (Sto:lo) when a person is presented a drum he is obliged to sing. And with that enchanted the audience with his talent.

Tyee Ha'Wilt Mike Maquinna was honored by Point's visit to the

community, but couldn't help, in the most diplomatic way, turn his address to Point into a plea. He asked that he take a message back to the Queen about an imbalance in the community surrounding economic development.

The visitors that had come to the territory had benefited greatly from the resources there, though his community was not receiving that same benefit.

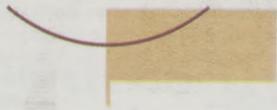
Maquinna then presented gifts of Maquinna whaling hats to the dignitary, much to Points delight, who



was quick to put the woven headgear on.



Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations



Treaty AGM—General Band Meeting

February 23/24, 2008



The Council and Treaty Team are planning an AGM and General Band Meeting for February 23 and February 24, 2007 in Houp-si-tas.

Arrangements will be made to transport our members starting pick up from Victoria and commencing up island to Fair Harbour.

Please Contact our office (1-250-287-2775) by February 14, 2008 if you are interested in attending.

We will be providing lunches on the bus and need to know the exact number of our members



Highlights from a visit with the Lt.-Gov.



Ray Watkins Elementary School and preschool students perform a prayer. Below left: Lt.-Gov. Steven Point sings a drum song after being presented with the drum from the students. Below left: Nan Vi is given a hug by Lt.-Gov. Steven Point.



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Protect Native children from sexual exploitation

OTTAWA – NDP MP Judy Wasylycia-Leis (Winnipeg North) on Jan. 30 introduced a motion in Parliament for an emergency debate on the federal government's failure to protect aboriginal children from sexual exploitation and suicide.

"Manitoba and other provinces are working with aboriginal organizations in the best interests of children," said Wasylycia-Leis. "What are the Conservatives doing? Children's well-being and lives are at stake and we need immediate changes to the federal government's policies and funding practices."

On average, the federal government spends 22 per cent less than the provinces per child and the money mostly goes to outdated removal practices instead of prevention and assistance to families and their communities.

Wasylycia-Leis's motion came at the first sitting of Parliament since Manitoba Provincial Court Judge John Guy issued a report on the suicide of 14-year-old Tracia Owen, originally from the Little Grand Rapids First Nation in northern Manitoba. Owen had spiraled into distress through drug dependency and sexual abuse since being removed from her family home.

"Judge Guy's report made it clear that we have to act now to save lives," said Wasylycia-Leis. "The Manitoba government responded within hours to Judge Guy's call for a provincial summit on ways to end the sexual exploitation of aboriginal children. But the federal government, with its huge responsibilities for First Nations services, remained silent. These children's lives are important to us. It's high time they became a political priority in Parliament."

Expanded responsibility

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Another important event which took place this year was a district review in October. The previous review of the district was completed in 2003 with very disappointing results. In the intervening years the district has worked hard to correct adverse criticisms made at that time and to implement the recommendations of the review team.

We have focused on improving student learning and are confident that this review will be much more encouraging for all those engaged in the education of our students. Results were presented by ministry staff at the Jan. 15 board meeting in Gold River.

In our advocacy role, we were pleased to successfully bring forward a resolution to our association's AGM, requesting that provincial educators revise their training programs to provide better training for teachers in preparation for teaching multi-grade classrooms and developing skills for teaching First Nations students in isolated communities. This request has been acknowledged by the Association of B.C. Deans of Education and we will be following its progress.

Further in the area of teacher training, we have continued to support our teachers with local planning workshops, financial support in liaison with the VIWTU for new teacher training, and other professional development programs throughout the year.

While this report does not begin to address all of the work of the board, we hope it will convey some measure of our engagement, as well as provide a window into the changing face of education in the province.

Responsibilities have expanded dramatically, and boards must be committed more than ever before if we are to maintain stability in our schools for the future success of our students.

As the New Year begins, we wish to extend the season's greetings to all

residents in SD84. We wish to thank parents for the support they have given schools during the past year. We also wish to thank the maintenance staff and custodians for creating a pleasant, clean and safe environment, and the operations manager for his continued watchfulness; our school administrators for their skillful management and all of the staff in the schools that daily support them; our own office staff for their ever helpful assistance; our human resources administrator for her unending efforts; our district superintendent for the equally unending hours he puts in on behalf of our students.

And finally, our teachers in our classrooms, who daily face the challenges of multiple subjects, split grades and students with such dissimilar needs. Without our teachers no learning would take place.

To all of you, our thanks, and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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Clayoquot Sound Biosphere Reserve

The next date for Ha-Shilth-Sa submissions is Jan. 25.

Call for repeal of section 67 of Human Rights Act

In its special report Still a Matter of Rights released today, the Canadian Human Rights Commission reiterates its call to Parliament to repeal section 67 of the Canadian Human Rights Act.

The legislation is before Parliament; the Commission is encouraged by this. Now is the time to pass this legislation. It is still a matter of rights.

"Immediate repeal is vital. It will bring First Nations and their citizens closer to the full measure of equality to which they are entitled," said Jennifer Lynch, Q. C., Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. "Yet repeal is only the first step. Upon repeal we will engage First Nations and other stakeholders, as we lead the development of a human rights system that is aligned with First Nations cultures and specific needs."

Section 67 denies First Nations people living on or off reserve from filing a complaint with the Commission relating to any action arising from or pursuant to

the Indian Act. It was included in the Canadian Human Rights Act when it was first drafted in 1977.

The reason given then was to allow the government time to address issues regarding sexual discrimination against women who married non-Indian men. It was to be a temporary measure. However, more than 30 years later, First Nations are still awaiting access to full human rights protection.

Still a Matter of Rights is a follow-up to the Commission's initial report A Matter of Rights issued in 2005. This new report takes into account many of the views expressed by stakeholders to ensure that human rights protection is introduced in a way that respects the rights and interests of First Nations.

The report also calls for a transition period of eighteen to thirty months and appropriate resources for both the Commission and First Nations communities, to assure success.

First Nations develop provincial action plans

Westbank, BC – Seventy chiefs, lawyers and advisors representing over forty First Nations emerged from two days of intense strategic planning on implementing aboriginal rights and title at the Sensisysten Community Centre at Westbank First Nation.

This meeting is a prelude to a larger gathering that will be co-hosted by Westbank First Nation and the Tsilhqot'in National Government on March 12-13, 2008. The First Nations confirmed their support for the historic Tsilhqot'in court decision which determined that the Tsilhqot'in Nation have aboriginal title to 2,000 square kilometers and made a finding of aboriginal rights over all the territory identified by the Tsilhqot'in. The area where aboriginal title was proved represented over 50% of territory identified by the Tsilhqot'in.

This is in marked contrast to government offers of settlement of aboriginal title which generally represents 5% of territory claimed by a First Nation. The Westbank meeting focused on action plans including litigation and direct action to force government to participate in honourable negotiations based on recognition and implementation of rights and title for all

First Nations in BC. Robert Morales, Chair of the First Nation Chief Negotiators stated: "Citizens and industry in the public must be aware that the governments are not negotiating Treaties in good faith. Canada and British Columbia come to the table with bureaucratic small-minded, take-it-or-leave-it negotiation mandates that ignore leading court rulings on aboriginal rights and title. Everyone needs to understand that the government is playing Russian roulette with the economy and future of the Province."

After two years of efforts, First Nations in B.C. have finally secured a commitment from Canada and British Columbia to meet at a common province-wide table. First Nations expect that key areas that have blocked conclusion of honourable treaties will now be looked at from a recognition of rights perspective consistent with court rulings.

Westbank Chief Robert Louie, who hosted the strategic planning session stated: "The governments must respect the rule of law. We will no longer accept repeatedly proving our rights and title in court only to have the governments ignore them in negotiations."

January 31st Post-Secondary Funding Deadline – Approaching Fast!

Students who are currently attending post-secondary with NTC funding and those who are thinking about attending post-secondary between September 2008 and August 2009, this is a reminder that the deadline to return completed applications is approaching.

The deadline for funding applications to be submitted to either the NTC or to your First Nation is **Thursday January 31st @ 4:30pm!**

Current and prospective students can find funding applications at the following places;

www.nuuchahnulth.org

Band offices

major post-secondary institutes

NTC front office area

NTC post-secondary department – which is located in the Chichu-aht House (behind the NTC)

If you need help out filling out your application, please contact Maria Gomez, Post-Secondary Counsellor, or Holly Massop, Post-Secondary Advisor, @ (250) 724-5757 or toll free @ 1-877-677-1131. Also the First Nations Education Worker or Student Advisor at your institution will be able to assist you with the application.

Completed applications can be returned on or before **Thursday January 31st 2008 @ 4:30pm** to either your Band Office, faxed to the NTC @ (250) 723-0463 / (250) 724-9682 or emailed to mariagomez@nuuchahnulth.org or hmassop@nuuchahnulth.org

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First Nations Chiefs' Health Committee

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Over the next few months, our Regional Health Survey will be preparing for the next RHS cycle set to begin this spring. RHS is a National First Nations Survey that examines the overall health and wellbeing of First Nations people. The outcome of the data collected will reveal important information that will directly benefit First Nations people and their respected communities.

RHS asserts the voice of First Nations people through collected information within the Regional Health Survey by First Nations for First Nations.

First Nations communities interested in knowing more about RHS can view RHS information through our website at www.fnchc.ca or www.rhs-ers.ca

If you would like more information about RHS, please contact the National RHS Office in Ottawa at 1 866 869 6789 and request direct transfer to the RHS Office or contact your Regional RHS Coordinator at (604) 913 2080 ext. 23 or 1 866 913 0033 or email dcllellamin@fnchc.ca

RHS Data Warriors will be hired and trained by the First Nations Chiefs' Health Committee who will then carry out the work of collecting the data for RHS. The positions of the Data Collectors will First Nations members of participating RHS First Nations communities.

RHS is First Nations Research owned and controlled by First Nations for First Nations. We adhere to the Principles of OCAP (Ownership, Control, Access & Possession) and to the First Nations Research Code of Ethics.

Again, if your First Nations communities wants to participate in the next RHS Cycle, please contact your regional RHS Coordinator as soon as possible.

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Sports and Recreation

Ahousaht teams sweep in junior basketball

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—In the Junior Boys and Girls Island Zone Basketball Playoffs both Ahousaht teams swept their competition in the 17 and under division. The zone qualifiers for the provincial playoffs were held Jan. 25 to 27.

Before a very lively, vocal and a packed house at the Athletic Hall, the Ahousaht Blazers defeated the Port Alberni Jets by a score of 62-52, and the Ahousaht Wolfpack boys defeated the Nootka Spartans 82-74.

In the first final, the Jets and Blazers had plenty of fan support. The Blazers went undefeated, and the Jets had just defeated Sa-cinn, defending Island Zone and B.C. junior girls champions.

The Blazers jumped to an early 10 to 3 lead and seemed to take control of the game.

But in the second quarter the Jets went on a 12-2 run and were leading at the half by a score of 24-18. Guards Krystina Lambert and Toni Shutte were key on the comeback, but it was also evident that the Jets were spurred on by their fans as the shouts of "Defence - Defence" were electrifying.

Early in the third quarter, Shutte was playing as though inspired, and single-handedly attempted to take control of the game. After she stole the ball and scored a lay-up, the Jets had their biggest lead by 10 points (31 to 21). But Ahousaht fans were not to be outdone, and came to life cheering on the Blazers who started to hit their shots. They made a surge prior to the third quarter ending.

At the end of the quarter, the game was tied at 40 each. Early in the quarter, the teams battled even. However the Blazers went on an 11 to 0 run to take a commanding lead by a score of 55 to 43 over the Jets.

The Jets attempted a comeback scoring three-point and two-point baskets to pull within 8; however the Blazers answered back. In the end the Blazers prevailed with a 62 to 52 win. Allisson Williams was a scoring machine as she paced the Blazers with 29 points. Crystal Thomas scored 15 and Teralyn Duncan scored 10 points. For the Jets it was Toni Shutte with 23 points and numerous steals. Krystina Lambert pitched in with 14 points.

In the boy's final, the Wolfpack came



Allisson Williams scores a free throw shot. She led the Blazers to a win over the Jets in the Junior Girls final.

to the game undefeated and the Spartans had just defeated the Young Guns. In an earlier match up, the Wolfpack had defeated the Spartans.

Wolfpack were led by point guard Greg Charlie and the star for the Spartans was point guard Chris Lucas. Lucas got himself into early foul trouble having picked up his second three minutes into the game. The score at the end of the first quarter was the Spartans 20, Wolfpack 12.

Both teams wanted to run the ball, especially the Wolfpack as this was the Spartans second game of the day. Star guard Charlie started to make his shots, as well as playing stellar defence and picking up his passing game. He took his team to a half-time lead of 39 to 35 over the Spartans. Lucas also had picked up his third foul.

The game was close through the majority of the game. The big man for the Wolfpack, Brett Botting, started to dominate scoring important buckets, getting the odd blocked shot, rebounding and intimidating his opponents. The Spartans were resilient though, and kept playing their hearts out. The lead after the third quarter was only by three for Wolfpack with 56.

In the final quarter, the Wolfpack could not quite put the Spartans away, however they did not bend under the pressure. The depth of the Wolfpack and their running style of play may have made a difference in the game. The end result was the Wolfpack prevailing over the Spartans by a score of 82-74.



The Ahousaht Wolfpack are the Junior Boys Island champions, coming up trumps over the Nootka Spartans in final game play at the Zone playoffs.

Smooth point guard Charlie led the way with 31 points and was helped by Brett Botting with 22 points. Saul Brown also chipped in with 10 points.

For the Spartans, Lucas led the way with 26 points. Daniel Savey had 15 points and Xavier Amos had 14 points.

In the trophy presentations for the girls, the Ahousaht Blazers won first, Port Alberni Jets were second and Sa-Cinn were third place. The all-stars were Raylene McReath from Sa-Cinn, Teralyn Duncan and Crystal Thomas from the Blazers, Tiana Tate and Melissa Smith from the Jets. Toni Shutte from the Jets was named the Best Defensive Player and her teammate Krystina Lambert was named the Most Inspirational Player.

Allisson Williams from the Ahousaht Blazers was rewarded the Most Valuable Player.

The Most Sportsmanlike Team trophy went to the West Coast Wolves.

On the boys side of the trophy selection, Ahousaht Wolfpack were first

place, Nootka Spartans were second and the Young Guns were third. The team from Alert Bay was chosen the Most Sportsmanlike Team. The all stars were Michael Johnson from the Young Guns, David Charleson and Daniel Savey from the Nootka Spartans, Beau Campbell and Saul Brown from the Ahousaht Wolfpack.

Brett Botting picked up the Best Defensive Player award and teammate Greg Charlie was chosen the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. Chris Lucas was awarded the Most Inspirational Player award.

Tournament organizer and Coach Joe Charleson Jr. was very pleased with the tournament.

The top teams will now be fundraising and preparing to travel to Kamloops for the BC Junior Boys and Girls Provincials during the upcoming Spring Break. The Cowichan Tribes also won the bid to host the Junior Boys and Girls Island Zone playoffs for 2009.



Flyers Team; Captain Brandon Antonichuk, Assistant Captains Dylan Haugen (Huu-ay-aht FN), Cole Bears (Tseshaht FN) & Colin Mowat. Team mates; Nathan Otte (Métis), Brenden Tate (Ditidaht FN), Braeden Klaver, Cole Taylor, Marcus Thomas (Tseshaht FN), Richard Dick Jr (Tseshaht FN), Fredrick Cook (Huu-ay-aht FN), Christopher Nookemis (Huu-ay-aht FN), Cortland Thibodeau, Joey Veencamp, Calab Hempsted, and Dayin Labreque.

The Port Alberni Bantam Flyers is an Alberni Valley Minor Hockey team made up of 16 13 to 14 year old guys. They have come a long way over this season, starting with traveling to Port Hardy, Port McNeil and Port Alice playing four teams in two days winning three out of four, losing one 10-9 against a mixed Bantam-Midget team.

Over the Christmas holidays, the team travelled to Cowichan to play in an Island bantam tournament in which they won four out of five games placing them in second, only losing a tight game 3-2 against the home team for gold.

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Sports and Recreation



EJ Dunn Grade 8 Boys power through to a tournament win on Jan. 19.

Seahawks impress

The EJ Dunn Seahawks Grade 8 boys basketball team headed off to Parksville the weekend of Jan. 18 for the Springwood tournament and unsure of what to expect. They returned to Port Alberni Saturday evening as tournament champions, a feat not accomplished by the school in more than three years.

The boys headed into their second tournament of the year determined to improve upon their second place finish at the Dover Bay tournament earlier in the season. After defeating a determined Ladysmith team in the opening game, the boys played the Dover Bay Dolphins in the semi-final.

Their somewhat controversial 1 point defeat by the Dolphins in the final of Dover's tournament was all the motivation the Dunn squad needed as they ground out a 10-point victory, putting them into the final against the host team from Springwood.

Not wanting to squander the opportunity, the team from EJ Dunn came out flying. Even with a large crowd cheering Springwood on, EJ Dunn was able to stick to their game plan of being patient on offense and playing solid team defense at the other end of the court.

Springwood found themselves down by 21 points late in the second half and were unable to claw their way back, losing by 15 points to EJ Dunn.

The Dunn team impressed many fans, coaches, and officials with their solid, disciplined style of play.

Sajen Gill played his best basketball of the year in winning the tournament MVP award, dropping 42 points on Springwood in the final, and averaging more than 25 points for the tournament.

Adonis David and Chase Spencer logged a ton of minutes at point guard averaging 12 and 10 points respectively, played terrific perimeter defense and looking after the ball when running the offense.

Cameron Hepp stood out on both ends of the court, giving the Seahawks another option inside on offense and coming away with some important defensive rebounds. The entire team contributed to the solid results, improving each time they took to the court.

The team has a week off before starting to prepare for the Cowichan tournament, one of the biggest Grade 8 tournaments in the province. Afterwards they will be attempting to qualify for the North Island tournament in Ladysmith.

This year's team includes: Chase Spencer, Jory Cole, Sajen Gill, Josh Squires, Devin Cusson, Andrew Cusson, Taylor Heck, Adonis David, Sabre Rampanen, Darien Hickey, Derrick Van Viegen, Thomas Pollard, Andrew Geddes, Cameron Hepp.

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Community & Beyond

Lacrosse Registration

Feb. 2

Port Alberni

Registration will take place at the Alberni Valley Multiplex on Feb. 2 and March 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. These will be the only dates for registration this year. The fees this year are as follows: Tyke: \$150, Novice: \$200, Pee wee: \$225, Bantam: \$250, Midget: \$250. If you are a first time registrant, please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and care card. Also at the time of registration, a jersey deposit of \$200, post-dated to Aug 1, 2008 will be required.

Deadline for Submissions

Feb. 14

Toronto

The Writers' Union of Canada is accepting submissions for its annual Postcard Story Competition. Are you up for the challenge of writing a story of 250 words in the English language? Can you create a dramatic, short, snappy piece in only 250 words? You can use humor, poetry, dialogue... anything goes. Mail entries to PCS Competition, 90 Richmond St. East, Suite 200, Toronto, ON M5C 1P1. Go to www.writersunion.ca for information.

Memorial and Seating Potlatch

Feb. 16

Tseshah

Tlaatsmiik (Walter Thomas) and family of Tseshah invite you to join them at a Celebration of Life for their late father Ha'wilth Thli-ukwop (Robert Thomas) and late brother Taa'winsiim (Harvey Thomas). The family will also conduct business related to the seat of the late Thli-ukwop, Maht Mahs, Port Alberni at 10 a.m.

Community Celebration

Feb. 16

Tsaxana

Our project is a fun day full of activities to celebrate our community for all age groups. It will be a day full of free food, free activities and lots of fun and laughter at various locations within Gold River and Tsaxana. Activities will include: a family dance; performances by local cultural groups and entertainers. A cultural exchange with food preparation and craft demonstrations; local artisans will be showcased; family and youth-oriented activities. For more information, please contact Marie Lavoie at (250) 283-2015 or Travis Lapointe at 283-2072.

Celebrating 75 years

Feb. 17

Courtenay

Wei Wim t'iaak (Christina Cox) is 75 years young! Come help celebrate her amazing life. Celebrations will take place from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Northgate foursquare Church at 1644 Burgess Rd. For more information, call Samantha at (250) 338-5201.

First Nations Technology Conference

Feb. 21 to 24

Vancouver

Innovative First Nations partnerships involving technology are paying off. Some of the benefits include better information for planning and decision making, easier reporting and savings in administration costs that can be better spent in program delivery. This year's conference will focus on how technology can support these collaborative efforts. For information email conference@fntc.info.

Senior Ball Hockey Tournament

Feb. 22 to 24

Port Alberni

To be held at Maht Mahs gym by the Junior Eagles. Contact Wes Price (250) 731-8357, Lillian Jensen (250) 724-0150 or cell (250) 731-7055.

First Nations Parents Conference

Feb. 28 and 29

Vancouver

Hosted by the First Nations Education Steering Committee. For information contact Barb O'Neill at (604) 925-6087.

Lacrosse Registration

March 1

Port Alberni

Registration will take place at the Alberni Valley Multiplex on Feb. 2 and March 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. These will be the only dates for registration this year. The fees this year are as follows: Tyke: \$150, Novice: \$200, Pee wee: \$225, Bantam: \$250, Midget: \$250. If you are a first time registrant, please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and care card. Also at the time of registration, a jersey deposit of \$200, post-dated to Aug 1, 2008 will be required.

Wickaninnish Hawks All Native Basketball Tourney

March 7 to 9

Tseshah

Fourth annual tournament to be held at Maht Mahs Gym. \$350.00 entry fee. Contact Bobby Rupert 250-720-5454 or email rupert23@hotmail.com or Ivan Thomas 604-315-3567 or email ivanthomas16@hotmail.com. First place prize \$1,000 based on 10 teams. Lots of other prizes: 50/50 draws, door prizes, raffles, concession.

17 and under Floor Hockey Tournament

March 17 to 19

Tseshah

To be held at Maht Mahs Gym, Entry fee \$250.00 per team. Prize money will depend on the number of teams entered. Jackets/Sweatshirts for all stars. Plaques for 1st, 2nd, 3rd Place. Coaches/Managers; please contact - Gina Pearson - Community Development Coordinator, 250-731-1207, Samantha Gus - Recreation Assistant, 250-724-1225, Lillian Jensen (after hours) 250-724-7320, to enter your teams names and your contact information. *Rules/Regulations and Rosters will be provided the start of each tournament. *If you have registered Referees in your community, please advise us, as we could use the assistance.

Provincial Aboriginal Youth Conference

March 17 to 20

Victoria

The conference is hosted by the BC Association of Aboriginal Friendship Centres. The theme of the conference will be Sports, Recreation and Wellness. There will be 1,000 youth attending. 1-800-990-2432.

Potlatch

March 22, 2008

Ahousaht

Chief Hanuquii (Edgar Charlie) of Ahousat/Kelthmaht Nation sends an open invitation to all relatives and friends to attend the party at Thunderbird Hall starting at noon to witness an announcement of who will take his place as a chief of the Kelthmaht Nation. For more information call (250) 222-6801. Also in offering special thank for all those that gave time to come and give encouragement and prayer during Hanuquii's hard times in fighting colon cancer.

Floor Hockey Tournament

March 28 to 30

Tseshah

Senior Men's and Ladies Tournament to be held at Maht Mahs Gym. Hosted by the Thunder Sports Club. Contact Les Sam at (250) 720-7334, Ed Ross at (250) 723-6400 and Terry Sam at (250)720-5181.

Memorial Potlatch

April 12 and 13

Campbell River

In memory of Kayla Nicole Shyann John. Will take place at the Thunderbird Hall starting at 10 a.m. Everybody welcome, young and old, babies and youth. For more information, please contact Doreen John at (250) 761-2046 or Colleen and Simon at (250) 761-4944.

32nd Annual BC Elders Gathering

July 7 to 9

Prince Rupert

Host is the Friendship House Association of Prince Rupert. Early registration on July 6. Address: 744 Fraser st, Prince Rupert, BC, V8J 1P9. Phone (250) 627-1717. Fax (250) 627-7533.

Klaquaqueela Memorial Potlatch

Oct. 11 and 12, 2008

Port Alberni

For the late hereditary Chief Jerry Jack of the Mowachaht/Muchalht First Nation. The family of Klaquaqueela invite you to join them as they pay tribute and honor the memory of our dear dad/spouse/grandfather/brother and leader to our nation. The memorial potlatch will be held at the Alberni Athletic Hall in Port Alberni. For further information, please contact Ben Jack Sr at (250) 283-9004. E-mail benjack@hotmail.com or Claire Newman at (250) 957-2487. E-mail clarettajoan@hotmail.com or Colleen Pendleton (360) 645-0750. E-mail mrmagoo98357@msn.com

Also

Call for Artists

Feb. 16

Tsaxana

We are looking for artists to showcase and sell art. On Feb. 16, the CIEL leadership participants are organizing a community celebration. Come and show your talents, demonstrate your craft and sell your art. No fee for a table. For more information and to book a table please contact Charmaine John at 283-2107 or erica Engh at 283-2339.

Tseshah Rescue Unit Survival Team

Tuesdays

Port Alberni

T.R.U.S.T. meetings are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Ron Dick Sr.'s home at 6310 Old Logging Road, Port Alberni. Looking for new members. If interested, a First Aid ticket is preferred. If not you can be trained. Contact Ron Dick Sr. at 723-8340 or 731-5118.

Sports and Recreation

Hawks victorious over Force in men's basketball

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Nanaimo—Guard Mike Lang, an ex-Alberni Armada player, displayed his arsenal in a recent game in the Nanaimo Men's Basketball League for the Hawks. Lang scored 26 points in their win against Van Isle Force with a score of 82-63.

The Hawks are from Port Alberni who have joined the league this year. The team consists Bobby Rupert, Josh Fred, Vance Seiber, Jonathan Joe, Anthony McIntosh, Bobby Sinclair, Lang and Lance Martin.

Rupert, playing coach, is a sharp and smooth shooting guard who loves to shoot the three point shot. Joe, Lang and McIntosh are ex-Alberni Armada players. Fred, Sinclair, Seiber and Williams are known players who have played a lot of ball in and around the Alberni Valley.

The Hawks started off slow in the first quarter. Lang was driving to the hoop and seemed to be scoring at will and also going to the foul line for free throws. Sharp shooting guard Rupert could not seem to find his shot as the Force were keying on him. Lang carried the load in the first quarter.

Center Josh Fred picked up two fouls and the Hawks were down 26-21 after the first quarter.

In second quarter play, Joe came off the bench and hit his first shot—a three pointer. Rupert also scored a bucket to tie the game at 26 each. However, early in the second quarter, Fred picked up his third foul and had to sit on the bench for



Jack F. Little

A tough man to man defence was played by both the Hawks and Van Isle Force, but ex-Armada player leads the Hawks to victory.

the remainder of the first half.

Each team played even in the second quarter. Lang hit a nice driving lay-up and was fouled. He hit the free throw

and the Hawks led at the half by one point, with 38.

The Hawks started the third quarter with a press and they gradually took a

little more control of the game. However, Fred picked up his fourth foul in the quarter and once again had to sit on the bench. Sinclair had to pick up his game on the defensive boards and everyone else had to help out. By the end of the third quarter the Hawks built up a seven-point lead and led 59-52 over the Force.

Early in the fourth quarter Fred fouled out attempting to block a shot on a Force player attempting a lay-up. It was a test for the Hawks as Fred is one of their main players who usually dominates on the boards and is also a reliable scorer. What also made it tougher was that Rupert was off on his shots.

In the end, however, the Hawks kept running and eventually the Force ran out of steam. It did not help that they only had six players. The quicker Hawks prevailed.

Lang led the Hawks with 26 points and also picked up crucial buckets. He played solid defence too. Sinclair scored 14 points and Fred, before fouling out, had 10 points.

The Hawks won their fifth game of the league and have a record of five wins with three losses.

The league is near completion as there are only three weeks left before the playoffs.

Just prior to the paper going to press, Bobby Rupert informed Ha-Shilth-Sa that the Hawks defeated the Masters in Nanaimo Men's Basketball League play on Jan. 26. The Hawks prevailed over the Masters by a score of 95-82. Mike Lang scored 46 points. Bobby Sinclair scored 15. Bobby Rupert and Josh Fred pitched in with 12 points each.

Alberni trounces Powell River in senior girls play

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Young Toni Shutte led the Alberni senior girls basketball team to an easy victory over a young Powell River squad on Jan. 17. Shutte is the daughter of Elizabeth Shutte (nee Bos) from Tseshaht and granddaughter of Irma and Tony Bos.

Point guard Shutte scored 17 points and distributed the ball to her team mates to bring the final score to 62-43.

Grade 10 player Kathleen Ambrose also pitched in with nine points and played good defence. Ambrose is the daughter of Lance and Ruby Ambrose and granddaughter of Donna and Wally Samuel Sr. and Stan and Katie Sam.

In the first quarter, Alberni doubled the score on Powell River and led 16-8.

The second quarter was a little closer with Alberni outscoring their opponents 12-8 and led at half time 28-16.

In the third quarter Coach Jim Seredick played all of the Alberni players. A couple, including Shutte, were in foul trouble. Powell River was able to capitalize on this and scored from the free throw line, as well as on a few nice drives and lay-ups. The score after the third quarter was Alberni with only an eight-point lead (40-32). Powell River actually outscored Alberni in the third quarter 16-12. This was as close as Powell River would get, however.

Alberni dominated the fourth and last quarter as they were quicker, a little more experienced and started to dominate the boards, both on offence and defence. They put on a full court press and took command of the game. The inexperience of the young Powell River team showed as Alberni



Kathleen Ambrose scores a point from the free throw line in senior girls play.

capitalized on steals and seemed to score at will.

Alberni outscored their opponents by once again doubling up on them. In the

fourth, Alberni scored 22 points to Powell River's 11. The final score of the game was Alberni 62 and Powell River 43.

young team to put it behind them and play up to their potential as individuals and as a team.

Alberni played a little better in the third quarter and outscored Carihi 10-6, but were still trailing 26-23.

Point guard Brandon Frank improved his play and was finding his open teammates who started to hit their shots.

Sajan Gill, Marc Ledger and Daryon Charleson, in particular, made crucial buckets to bring Alberni back. Frank also made a few of his shots too. Ledger hit a couple of three-pointers. Charleson hit

one also.

Alberni finally took the lead in the final quarter and did not relinquish it. Gill led Alberni with 12 points, Frank and Ledger scored 10 points each. Charleson scored five.

Coulson was much more pleased with the performance of his team in the second half. It was a good test of the team's character and should help them in the future, especially for the upcoming zone playoffs, which will be sometime next month. The place and location is not yet determined.

Win squeezed out despite disappointing first half

Campbell River—On Jan. 22, the Armada Grade 9 and 10 boys basketball team travelled to Carihi in Campbell River to play. Young Foster Coulson, coach of the Armada team, was pleased with the end result of a win for his team, although they did not necessarily play well. Alberni defeated Carihi by a score of 39-33.

Coulson just graduated from Alberni District Secondary School last year and is a first year coach for the Armada junior boy's team. The young Alberni squad was nervous at the start of the

first quarter as they had many turnovers. Both teams could not find their scoring touch. Alberni had a two point lead at the end of the first quarter (8-6).

In the second quarter, both teams started to run and also capitalize on their chances. Alberni, however, did not play up to their potential and were down after the second quarter. At the end of the first half, Carihi led Alberni, and the score was 20-13.

Coulson called the first half of the game "the worst he has ever seen them play to date" and he challenged his

Birthdays & congratulations

I would like to wish a happy belated birthday wish to my beautiful goddaughter. Always remember sweetheart. Take care of yourself. I am here for you, and most importantly, I love you sweetheart. Love you, Auntie Carol

Happy birthday to my nephew Jake on Feb. 6. Enjoy your special day and always take care of yourself. Love auntie and Doreen

Happy birthday to Jaylene Frank for Jan. 10; Carla Webster for the 15th; Scottie Sam n' Roxanne Swan for the 17th; Gertrude Iris Frank for the 21st; Hope that you all had a good day. Was thinking of you guys on your birthdays. Elizabeth, Sky, Adam, Cha-asta n' SiiSuuk Thomas.

Happy birthday to our fav niece/sista Ariel Elizabeth for the 21st. Sure hope that you had an awesome day bebe. We were thinking of you. Missing you. Take care of you, Auntie Elizabeth, sista's n' bro's over in Nanaimo.

Happy birthday to Sandra Sam for the 22nd. Have a good day sis. We love ya' n' for sure thinking of you. Chuu sis, Elizabeth n' kiddies.

Like to wish my good ol' Pal Shelley Frank over in Port a happy birthday for the 23rd. Hope that you have a great day friend. Elizabeth, Jelly Bean, Buddy, Cha-asta n' SiiSuuk Thomas (no you still gotta catch up.)

Happy belated birthday to my neph Blair (B-MAN). Hope you had a good day son. I love you!

Love aunty Deanna
Happy belated birthday to Michelle James on Jan 3. Hope you had a blast.

Happy first birthday to our baby sunshine Randall Atleo Jr. Ahh sunshine, Papa and Mama love you so very much and you will always be so close to our hearts. All the best on your first birthday, and we are so very happy to have you close to us at home here in Long Beach. Lotsa love, Papa Elmer and Mama Melanie.



haha..

Love Deanna

Happy birthday to my friend Ruby Williams on Jan. 31. I miss ya bud. Take care of yourself and have a good day. Your friend Deanna.

Congratulations to our daughter Pharyn Frank on an excellent performance at the Port Alberni Tae Kwon Do's first annual tournament, which was held on Jan. 26 at Maquinna Elementary.

Pharyn performed her pattern and received a score of 7.5, 7.5, and 8 (out of 10 points), followed by two rounds of full-contact sparring. First round was 9-5, and the second round was 4-1 with Pharyn winning both rounds.

Pharyn's determination in this sport has made her a confident, understanding and a hardworking girl. Congratulations on receiving two gold medals babe! We love you. Love Mom, Dad and brother Brodie.

Happy 50th anniversary

Mom and Dad

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May the love you feel for each other bring you contentment your whole life long.

Love you very much!

Mike, Alison, Amy, Jill, Diane, Scott, Comor, David, Bruce and Ron



Community help Flyers

Continued from page 17.

These two accomplishments are just a small portion of a season; they continue to play in the Bantam Island League, which is not over until mid-March with a remaining eight games and have two more tournaments to attend, one Feb. 15 to 17 in Port Hardy and the home tournament March 17 to 19 at the Multiplex.

The Flyers could not have achieved such a good season as well as attend the tournaments they have without the tremendous support from the

community of Pachea Bay. Huu-ay-aht First Nation members, chief and council, staff and Huu-ay-aht forestry. A big thank you to all for the support and efforts in helping the Flyers achieve a great season.

A special thank you goes to Sandra Young, Kristen Young, and Rachel Young for arranging the bake sale and the 50/50 in Pachea Bay and to Rosanne Young and Laverne Cook for donating your 50/50 winnings back to the team.

Thank you ladies.

February 4:

Happy 4th birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear Helena. Auntie loves you to the Stars and back. You're a very special girl! We love having you over for visits.



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Aunty Molly, Chris & Dorian.

February 21: This goes out to my bud over in Campbell River, Vanessa Clarke. Happy happy birthday to you! What's our plans? We think about you and the family all the time.

Have a Fan-tab-u-lus day. Luv u More. Molly Mc Butter H. (only2u though) Aunty Nessa Have an Awesome day, you rock! Hugz, your nephz. Christopher & Dorian.



In Memory

Ryan Michael Lucas/Leitch
September 24, 2007 to January 6, 2008



Beloved son of Melanie and Rodney passed away in his sleep on Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008 after a short stay with his parents and all his extended family.

His life started out early by six and a half weeks and he surmounted all the obstacles of premature birth. He arrived home before his due date of Nov. 9, 2007. He brought joy, love and happiness to all.

Predeceased by his great grandparents Paul and Daisy Lucas, Deb Lucas, great grandparents Deb Martin and Elenore Charlie and Patricia Charlie, and Aunt Kelli.

Survived by his grandfather Stephen "Papa" Lucas and April Gus, Aunt Lareina Lucas (Stephen Mack), Aunt Shannon Pelkey, Aunt Margaret Amos, Uncle Larry Tom, Uncle Stephen Lucas, cousins Lakisha Lewis, Ashton and Baby Stephen.

Ryan arrived after the death of his grandparents and so they did not see their last grandchild, but he is survived

by his Aunts Linda (Enzo), Beverley (Rob), and Uncle Michael (Patty), cousins Robert, Jason, Nicole (Wojtek), Michelle (Brent), Brynn, Kyle, Kelsey, his niece Katlin and nephew Zachary.

Linda and Enzo Guerriero
Robert, Jason and Nicole (Wojtek)

Late Kelthsmah Elder Buddy (Larry) Gordon Jack

June 13, 1929 to July 26, 2007

Kelthsmah Gift & Christmas 2007
Three Kings



Story of the Three Kings bearing gifts to Creator (Christ child) Three uncles, Chief Kinhaalth, Chief Louie Peters of Ucluelet gave a beautiful Gift Late Gramma Amanda Frank (Charlie), Sadie Jack (Joe) and Late Buddy (Larry) Gordon Jack to late grandfather Martin Charlie Sr. of Kelthsmah. Long shore man 15 years side by side our Dad worked (Oldest Brother) Buddy (Larry) Gordon Jack with younger brother Chief of Kelthsmah Late Martin Charlie Jr. of Port Alberni/Vancouver Buddy raised Kinhaalth (Harvey Charlie)

While at Christie Residential School recognized by best friend Tyee (Uncle) Ernest David brought Buddy home for holidays, summer time.

So began the love story of our Mom and Dad: Frances (David) Jack and Buddy (Larry) Gordon Jack... SMILE... (Love at first sight)

Kinhealth (Harvey Charlie) of Kelthsmah smiled when our oldest brother Larry Jack Jr. called out "You're the man now."

We love you Auntie Violet Joseph and Uncle Harvey Charlie this Christmas and the days ahead are hard for us all. (We miss dad Buddy.) Yes, we may be young, but we live the TRUTH of

In loving memory of Tyson Patrick Antone Jack

June 3, 2000 to January 26, 2002

If tears could build a stairway, And memories were a lane. I would walk right up to heaven, To bring you home again.

No farewell words were spoken, No time to say goodbye. You were gone before I knew it, And only the Creator knows why. My heart still aches in sadness, And secret tears still flow. What it meant to lose you, No one will ever know. You and angels around the Creators happy throne. I would have held you closer if I had known.

LOSING YOU

It hurts us so bad, when we lose the ones we love; yet we all move on, with a little push and shove.

I'm trying to let you go, but it's killing me inside; my pain is ever so enduring, and doesn't want to subside.

How could I lose you, when you meant the world to me; my heart bleeds everyday, when it's only you I see. Here lies your grave, where words are too hard to say, so rest in peace, as I think of you... this very day. Now I say my farewell, and leave you here; I die inside, with so much to fear.

Missing you so much son.

Love: Mom & Dad

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

Registering events are very important!

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

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Misc.

Leasing opportunity: 316 Main St. Tofino BC. Commercial property. Almost 800 square feet. Zoned C-1 and W-2. Rate-to be negotiated. For more information contact Dave Jacobson at 726-2446.



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Wanted

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WANTED: Old college study texts to be donated. Any subject, any level. Call Robin collect at (250) 726-2040. Will arrange for pick-up.

WANTED: To buy house on Tseshahat Reserve. Call Jay 250-723-7772 or cel 735-2596.

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

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

WANTED: Ucluelet First Nation is looking to build a contact list for carpenters & contractors. Please send us this information by contacting us at (250)726-7342 or fax (250)726-7552 attention to Housing Administrator.

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FOR SALE: 48' Fiberglass Troller. Area F license. Very reasonably priced. View at sellyourboat.ca. Phone (250) 380-3028.

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Lost and Found

LOST: Drum with whale painted on it. On Jan. 28 at party at Maht Mahs Gym. Call (250) 745-3483.

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

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

FOUND: A shawl was left at the House of Himwitsa and has not been picked up by the owner. Please pick up your shawl at the House of Himwitsa. Lewis George, House of Himwitsa Ltd.

LOST: Red Camera (720-5191).

LOST - TRADITIONAL CEREMONIAL DRUMS. A pair of drums on Mother's Day March to Stop Violence went missing. Both drums are painted with native designs. Both are of great sentimental value to both myself and my entire family. A reward for the return of both drums is being offered. If anyone knows the whereabouts of the drums do not hesitate to contact me, Nellie Joseph at 723-2388.

Employment

HELP WANTED: Engineering crew people and GIS Techs wanted. Bring in resume to Clayoquot Forest Environmental, 1766 Cypress St. Ucluelet or call 726-4268. Applicants should be bush worthy. We are willing to provide some training.

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MOTOR AND PROPS FOR SALE: XL-115 - Mercury/2004 Opti-Max 2 stroke. 4 - Blade SS prop for 150 or 200 Yamaha. 5 - Blade SS prop for 115 Yamaha or Mercury. Contact: Leo Jack Jr 250-332-5301

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

FOR SALE: Custom made nets (250) 923-9864.

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WANTED: Boat Trailer for 20' boat. Call Michael @ 720-6026.

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Thank you from the Lucas/Leitch family

First, thank you to all my friends and relatives or no matter who you are. I am speaking for my daughter Melanie Patricia Lucas and Rodney Leitch, as well as for my family the Lucas'.

My grandson passed away so suddenly on Jan. 6 at home in Vancouver. He was born Sept. 24, 2007.

Thank you to the Ahousaht Band for helping my daughter Melanie Lucas so that my grandson would get the proper burial and be looked after. I wanted what was best for grandson Ryan Lucas-Leitch.

Also, thank you to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for their donation to Melanie for Ryan.

Special thanks go to Rodney's sister and husband Mr. and Mrs. Guerriero, Robert, Jason and Nicole (Woytek). They fed my family and comforted us while we were in Vancouver.

All the calls of condolences, my friends at the apartment, all of Mel's aunts and uncles, her sister Shannon and John, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Andrew for your kind words to my daughter your granddaughter.

I am sorry we didn't let anyone know about my grandson, who is being looked after now as taking care of many that



Ryan Lucas-Leitch postponed the autopsy and then the funeral had to be Monday Jan. 14. I guess maybe I need time with my family and I don't know yet if you know what I mean.

However, my medicine has been my singing (culture) with my relatives from Huu-ay-aht. Love you all, and bless you all for being with my family again.

Finally, I hope I did not forget anyone. It was not intentional. Pray for others who lost their loved ones, chu. Kleco, Kleco

Stephen "Eyes" Lucas, April and Family

Submissions for the next Ha-Shilth-Sa are due by Feb. 8.

Historic Trial Resumes in Vancouver



Nuu-chah-nulth and their supporters gather in front of the Vancouver Law Courts on the first day of trial, April 24th, 2006.



The Vancouver Sun called the case a pursuit for "history and reconciliation." North America's largest Aboriginal news source, also known as Indian Country, called it "one of the largest aboriginal fishing cases to hit Canadian courtrooms." For the eight Nuu-chah-nulth Nations returning to court on February 4th to resume the Fisheries Litigation against Canada and British Columbia, the trial is part of a continuous effort to have their rights and title to sea resources recognized, respected, and implemented.

"Historically Nuu-chah-nulth used a variety of mechanisms to solve boundary issues. Today we draw upon the wisdom of our ancestors and empower our traditional teachings by sitting down with one another and reaching new agreements."

"one of the largest aboriginal fishing cases to hit Canadian courtrooms"

Following a successful amendment to the

Statement of Claim, eight Nations will proceed in the next phase of the trial, and three Nations (Tseshaht, Hupacasath, and Nuchatlaht) will proceed with litigation in a second phase of trial. Any outstanding title claim areas between Nations participating in phases one and two of the litigation will not be under consideration during phase one. "There will be a decision in the first phase which should provide considerable guidance on the legal principles and the claims of the Nuu-chah-nulth generally," said Matthew Kirchner of Ratcliff and Company, lawyers for the Nuu-chah-nulth plaintiffs.

The trial will resume with witnesses for Nuu-chah-nulth, including archaeologists Richard Inglis and Allan McMillan and Economic Anthropologist Daniel Boxburger. Former Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Director of Program Planning and Economics Allen Wood will also take the stand, testifying about the impact of DFO regulations on Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen and communities.

In a memo sent to all Nuu-chah-nulth governments, NTC President Tom Mexsis Happynook asked all Nuu-chah-nulth to unite and support one another. "This is my personal war cry to all the Nuu-chah-nulth Governments (including those who are not involved in the court case)," he wrote, "The declarations being sought by the Nuu-chah-nulth in this court case have the potential to change the fisheries regime on the West Coast of Vancouver Island forever..."

The trial is expected to take six months to a year.

To stay informed or for more details, visit www.uuathluk.ca/treaty.htm#a

Timeline of Events:

1998: Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, led by their Ha'wiih and elected leaders, instruct the preparation of litigation to support Nuu-chah-nulth title and rights to make a living from Nuu-chah-nulth sea resources.

June 13, 2003: Nuu-chah-nulth Fisheries Litigation Writ of Summons is filed

December 16, 2003: Statement of Claim filed

April 2005: The government of Canada files its statement of defence

December 2005: The government of British Columbia files its statement of defence

April 24, 2006: First day of trial in Vancouver

May 1-3, 2006: Trial held in Ahousaht, within Nuu-chah-nulth territory

May 16, 2006: Trial adjourned by prior agreement of Nuu-chah-nulth, Canada, and B.C.

July 31, 2007: Madam Justice Garson rules that only Nations without overlapping title areas can proceed in next phase of trial

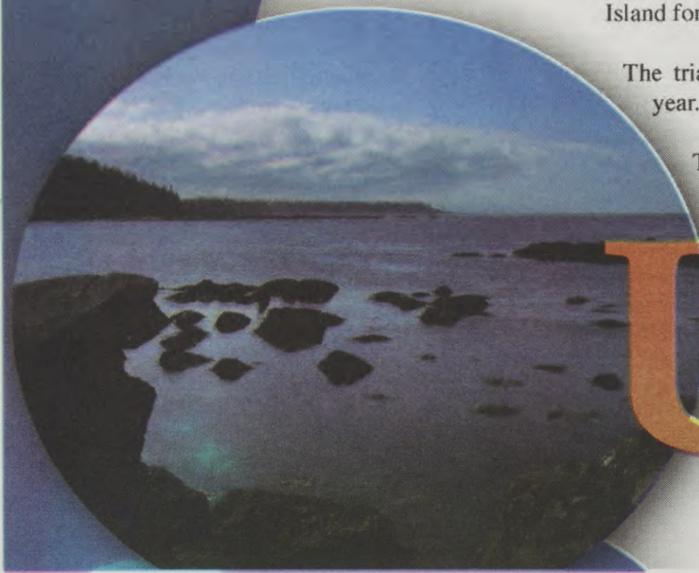
November 20, 2007: Deadline to resolve overlapping title areas. Eight Nations meet the criteria to proceed in phase one of the trial.

December 19, 2007: Court makes an order permitting the eight Nations to proceed together in the first phase and severing the claims of the other three to the second phase

December 19, 2007: Court authorizes the plaintiffs to file an amended Statement of Claim that adjusts the claim area boundaries of eight phase one Nations that have resolved their overlaps with one another

February 4, 2008: Trial resumes in Vancouver for eight Nations

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