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Debora Steel

Bertha Gus (right) has her blood glucose tested by Betty-Ann Allen, a West Coast General Hospital lab technical assistant, at the Diabetes and My Nation awareness event held at Maht Mahs on Feb. 7. See story page 2.

Nuu-chah-nulth litigation back with expert testimony

With the morning rush hour traffic and towering skyscrapers of downtown Vancouver in the background, Ahousaht elder Stanley Sam led a prayer chant. It marked the beginning of the first day back to trial for the Nuu-chah-nulth fisheries litigation.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Mexsis (Tom Happynook) rallied Nuu-chah-nulth-aht on the steps of the British Columbia Supreme Court prior to the landmark fisheries trial resuming after a 17-month adjournment.

He asserted Nuu-chah-nulth ha'wiih's ownership of the sea resources within their territory since time immemorial.

The case sees Nuu-chah-nulth nations claiming a right to fish the West Coast of British Columbia based on culture, traditional practices, and the original intent of the government-imposed reservation system.

Nuu-chah-nulth argue that following Confederation in 1867, Ottawa established strategically placed reservations for Nuu-chah-nulth Nations, which would allow them to continue their traditional practice of harvesting and trading fish. This agreement has not been upheld by Canada, as progressive restrictions on aboriginal harvesting and a complete ban on the aboriginal commercial sale of fish has come into force federally and provincially, they assert.

"Nuu-chah-nulth have tried hard to take advantage of every fisheries opportunity to improve the state of their communities," said Uu-a-thluk program manager Don Hall. Uu-a-thluk is the tribal council's fisheries department.

Nuu-chah-nulth claim that they have a constitutionally-protected right to fish commercially. They are not seeking exclusive rights, but access to what they see as their fair share of the resources. Nuu-chah-nulth people want to maintain their culture and communities via the fishing economy that has been their staple for centuries.

The case first went to trial in April 2006. In July 2007, Judge Garson ruled that only nations that did not have overlapping title areas could proceed in Phase 1 of the trial. Consequently, eight of the original 11 First Nations reconvened on Monday to proceed to the next phase of the trial.

Phase 2 of the trial will continue for the other three nations at the conclusion of Phase 1.

Monday's trial got underway at 10:30



File photo

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Mexsis

a.m. in witness of a standing room-only courtroom. Nuu-chah-nulth ha'wiih, elders, women and youth sat in silence all morning for expert witness Dr. Alan McMillan to take the stand in early afternoon.

Nuu-chah-nulth's legal team, Ratcliff & Co., presented the opening statement to restart the trial. It outlined revisions to the statement of claim and reaffirmed the legal basis and scope of Nuu-chah-nulth's claim as plaintiff. Basically, the team showed that the case being presented now is virtually the same as the one that was adjourned nearly two years ago, with only a few minor changes resulting from the resolution of overlaps.

The boundaries issue was outlined at length to clarify the assertion of ownership and specific claim areas.

Several notable Nuu-chah-nulth personalities peppered the courtroom, visiting with the Ratcliff team during breaks, keeping energies focused and positive. Ninety-one year old Barney Williams of Checklesaht, who gave testimony at the beginning of the trial in 2006, made the journey from Nanaimo for Monday's reconvening. "To me, he is royalty," said Victoria Wells of Ehattesaht.

In the early afternoon, McMillan finally took the stand. McMillan is an anthropology instructor at Douglas College in New Westminister and an adjunct professor at Simon Fraser University. In 1999, McMillan wrote one of the only publications to synthesize the many sources of history about Nuu-chah-nulth people, called *Since the Time of Transformers*.

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Water taxi accident leaves community high and dry

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Sproat Lake—How bad have road conditions been on the Tofino highway this winter? It's so bad that boats are having accidents on it.

The Matlahaw, the community water taxi serving Hot Springs Cove, was being towed from Port Alberni to Tofino after having new motors installed and other maintenance work done when it wound up in a snow bank at Bingo Bay near Taylor Arm Park.

According to Hesquiaht administration worker Lisa Sabbas, the road conditions on Feb. 1 were poor with snow, slush and ice when a tire blew on the trailer towing the water taxi. The trailer tipped over dumping the Matlahaw.

"A window was broken and the radar snapped off," Sabbas said, adding the radar is still buried in the snow somewhere.

The community is feeling the effects of losing their most economical mode of transportation for at least three weeks. They have the Provider, the Hesquiaht fisheries boat, for emergencies only.

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Hesquiaht's water taxi service is on hold until repairs can be done on the Matlahaw, which was dumped off the back of a trailer in bad weather during the trip back to the community after being serviced in Port Alberni.

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Knowing is better than not knowing

By *Deborah Steel*
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshah—I'm a 6.4. Well, not me exactly, but my blood glucose level on Feb. 7 after a healthy meal of salad, roast potatoes, roast beef and baked apple crumble for dessert.

And all I can say is "whew." I fall within the acceptable after-meal levels of between 5 and 10.

I was tested at Maht Mahs during the Diabetes and My Nation education session, along with others concerned about either early detection of diabetes, or about maintaining the condition in themselves or family members.

I have to admit I was nervous about taking the test. I've been thinking about diabetes for some time. It's been one of those things that nags at me from time to time.

Do I have it? Am I likely to get it? What should I be doing to prevent it? After all, my grandmother had it. "But she was old," I tell myself. "Should I really be worried?"

I really sat up and took notice last year after I was invited by Matilda Watts, the Healthy Living coordinator, to attend a session with Dr. Jay Wortman put on for the tribal council nurses. He spoke about how the consumption of carbohydrates has contributed to the epidemic of Type II diabetes in the Aboriginal community.

He talked about the signs that indicate that a person might be predisposed to the condition, including a widening waistline and hypertension.

"Yikes, that's me," I thought.

Not long after that session, my father-in-law had an episode. He's been dealing with diabetes for some time now, and has been injecting himself with insulin. He tests his blood sugar regularly and has had to adjust his lifestyle significantly to accommodate the condition.

One day his blood sugar went dangerously out of control and his life was put in jeopardy.

I told myself then that I really had to listen to that little voice in my head and get tested.



George Clutesi

The opportunity arose during the Diabetes and My Nation, and still I had to push down the fear.

"What if I have it?" The information session held before and after the wonderful meal that was served helped calm that fear. George Clutesi welcomed the participants and reminded us that diabetes can, for most people, be prevented.

"If you don't have it, don't get it," he said. By eating healthily, and getting regular exercise, a person can ward off diabetes, a condition that can kill, but not before doing extreme harm to eyes and limbs and organs. By making a lifestyle adjustment now, a person can avoid some terrible personal damage in the future.

A video was shown at the event and the messages in it, one was particularly compelling.

"The contract that I have to deal with myself is based on love," said one man in it.

He loved himself, his wife, children and grandchildren enough to keep himself healthy.

Chief Robert Joseph of Kingcome Inlet was a special guest speaker at the event. He talked about how many young people that ever before are having to live with diabetes, and it is affecting Aboriginal communities hard.

He said we have to start taking responsibility for our own health. And if we don't take responsibility, diabetes will



Chief Robert Joseph

continue to grow and "continue to be a scourge."

Joseph said he didn't immediately start taking control of his own health, and even after being diagnosed with diabetes, it took five years for him to come to terms with it.

But he urged people not to wait to make adjustments in their lifestyle so that they can avoid a crisis with their health.

Ray Seitcher has had his own personal crisis with diabetes, he told workshop participants.

"The stuff you've got to go through is insane," he said, adding that he sometimes visits his doctor two or three times a month for keep his condition in check.

And he is not alone. He marvels at how widespread the problem is in the Port Alberni area.

"This monster is everybody's problem," Seitcher said.

Finally convinced, it was time to stick out my finger and get that test. And the results were good. I felt relieved and that nagging voice in my head was quieted.

That was until I went to the doctor the next day. I happily reported the findings of the blood glucose test to her, and she reported to me another number, an indicator of my physical health, my BMI (Body Mass Index).

Let's just say I've got some work to do.

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Kleco! Kleco!

Nations carry the financial burden for lack of service

By *Denise Titian*
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—Staffing problems at Tofino General Hospital are being worked on. That is the word coming out of the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA), but the lack of obstetric services at the hospital is costing

neighboring Nuu-chah-nulth communities tens of thousands of dollars each year.

Last year, long-time general practitioner Dr. Brian Killins announced his retirement from the small, isolated hospital, effective Jan. 2, 2008. VIHA had hoped to hire a new doctor and much-needed nurses for the hospital by that time, but, so far, no replacements have been found.

Linda Lathom, the Vancouver Island Health Authority's director of community hospitals, has been saying since fall 2007 that they are working on a plan.

The Coastal Health Committee was formed last year and is made up of community members, including representation from local First Nations. Their work involves consulting with the local communities to determine what the health services needs are and the best way to deliver those services.

In the meantime, staffing shortages at the hospital are at the point where Tofino hospital no longer delivers obstetric services. Maternity cases are being sent to Port Alberni and points beyond and the costs are staggering.

David Frank of the Ahousaht Holistic Centre said the community averages 25 to 30 new babies each year. Hesquiaht had two last year. Numbers for Ucluelet and Tla-o-qui-aht were not available at press time.

"Every case is different, but mothers usually go out two weeks before their due date," Frank explained.

Robert Cluett, the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's program coordinator for Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB), said a significant number of Nuu-chah-nulth pregnancies are considered high risk, estimating more than 50 per cent. Often that means new mothers may be required to spend as many as four to six months in hotel rooms living near hospitals. They usually make more frequent trips for medical check ups.

Cluett said there were approximately 100 babies born to Nuu-chah-nulth communities (on reserve) last year. Each expectant mother would have received travel benefits, including water taxi fares, \$16 and up, depending on the remoteness of the community; bus fare or mileage at twenty-five cents per kilometre. Double the figure for a return trip. They also receive, if necessary, taxicab fares at about \$20 for each medical visit.

Each mother is put up at a hotel, costing a minimum of \$72 per night, quoted by a Port Alberni-area motel. If they use private accommodations they receive an allowance of \$30 per night to assist with costs. Their meal allowance ranges from \$22 to \$30 daily, depending on whether or not they have cooking facilities.

There are dozens of variables to factor in when attempting to determine how much Nuu-chah-nulth communities must spend to send maternity cases out. Travel allowances alone from Tofino to Port Alberni would cost at least \$100 each, plus a minimum \$20 return taxicab trip to the hospital. Daily living allowances would cost approximately \$102 per day putting the average minimum two-week stay at about \$1,500.

These figures are approximate and only intended to illustrate the cost of accommodating Tofino-area patients in Port Alberni. Cluett said maternity patients in the northern region must travel even further and often stay in larger cities like Vancouver, sometimes for several months.

David Frank agrees that the financial

cost is great, but greater still is the emotional impact on the family.

"There's an emotional impact on the kids who stay home and go to school for weeks at a time without seeing their mothers for so long," he pointed out.

He said the community has been sending their expectant mothers to the city for about a year now. There are doctors in Tofino capable of delivering babies but Frank said there are no qualified nurses with the special skills required for obstetrics.

And while Frank recognizes the hardships being placed on the communities because of the absence of obstetrics at the hospital, his greater concern is keeping the hospital from closing entirely.

"They (VIHA) will have a problem on their hands if they shut it down," he warned.

In the meantime, VIHA's Linda Lathom said they're working with the University of British Columbia to research rural obstetrics to see what would be the safest and best choice for the West Coast. VIHA is on the verge of hiring a manager for the West Coast who will be in charge of managing the hospital and other health services in the community. Babies are being delivered at Tofino General Hospital only on an emergency basis.

Alternatives expensive

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The only way people can leave the community is to charter a water taxi or fly the scheduled flights from Tofino, but the prospect is extremely expensive.

Sabbas said there are only two privately-owned boats in the community, which can be chartered for \$300 one-way. She said it costs even more if they must contact Ahousaht for a water taxi.

Scheduled flight seats cost \$72 each; a fare that even children must pay. Sabbas said the community will feel the pinch come budget time as the costs for staff and patient travel skyrocketed during the month of February.

As for the Matlahaw, it sits in the yard at L.A. Marine; repairs will be covered by the company's insurance.

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You are invited to review and comment on the Arrowsmith Timber Supply Analysis as part of the Ministry of Forests and Range Timber Supply Review (TSR) Program.

This program will provide the BC Chief Forester with the necessary information to determine the annual allowable cut (AAC) – the allowable rate of timber that can be harvested from the Arrowsmith TSA – for the next five years.

Before determining a new AAC, the Chief Forester will consider information ranging from technical forestry reports to public input and the government's social and economic objectives as expressed by the Minister of Forests and Range.

The forest license holders and BC Timber Sales in the Arrowsmith TSA are inviting comments on the analysis report. The public and First Nations are invited to review the analysis report and other data now available on the web (see address below) and provide feedback as directed on the website.

To review the Arrowsmith TSA report and provide feedback, see the website www.timberline.ca/arrowsmith/index.html. For more information on the TSR program visit www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsr.htm.

Written comments will be accepted until April 11th, 2008. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact David Carson at Timberline Natural Resource Group Ltd. (david.carson@timberline.ca) or Dan Biggs, Stewardship Officer of the B.C. Ministry of Forests and Range (South Island Forest District), at dan.biggs@gov.bc.ca.

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Micro loans made available with new fund

Port Alberni—The Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) announced a partnership agreement with the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC) on Feb. 2. It will create a new Aboriginal Business Development Fund (ABDF) for entrepreneurs in the Nuu-chah-nulth trading area. BDC will invest \$250,000 in capital for the micro credit loan fund and qualified entrepreneurs will be able to obtain business loans of up to \$20,000.

There are still details to work out so the funds won't be available for a month or so, but the partnership was celebrated with a signing ceremony held at the Hospitality Inn. Doreen Watts, the chair of NEDC, and Wilson Neapew, the National Director of Aboriginal Banking with BDC, signed on behalf of their respective organizations.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation will identify entrepreneurs who are potential loan candidates. The dollars will be available to any eligible NCN business, but youth entrepreneurs will be the main focus of the fund, said President Al Little. The biggest level of start-up is in the 19 to 35 age category.

Through the corporation's established Youth Entrepreneurship program, candidates will be offered appropriate business training, including mentoring and education on such topics as human resources management, financial planning, marketing and problem resolution. The emphasis will be placed on the candidate's management capacity, business feasibility, and commitment, as opposed to equity and security.

"We want to see better access to capital for Aboriginal entrepreneurs so they can create and sustain small business ownership locally," said Neapew. "Through the ABDF, we will provide entrepreneurs with the right entrepreneurial knowledge and support to increase their business management capacity."

"The Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation has a long history of developing innovative programs, such as the Business Equity Program, Youth Entrepreneurship, Mentoring and Business Links, which is ideally suited to the developing region," said Watts. "This agreement with BDC will ensure that our entrepreneurs are well prepared to take advantage of the unprecedented employment and business opportunities

that exist in their own backyard."

The Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation was incorporated in 1984 to assist the Nuu-chah-nulth in achieving economic and social independence.

As a result of agreements with numerous partners and strong operations over the years, NEDC currently holds assets totaling more than \$20 million restricted to being used to fund loans or contributions to a variety of fund portfolios.

Little said the dollars made available to entrepreneurs through the BDC contribution may be used in conjunction with other funds the NEDC has at its disposal for those businesses that might require more than \$20,000.

"It adds another tool to the kit," he said.

Neapew agreed that it was good to share the risk among funds.



Deborah Steel

Wilson Neapew, the National Director of Aboriginal Banking for the Business Development Bank of Canada, and Doreen Watts, chair of the Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation, shake hands on the partnership struck Feb. 2 between the two organizations that will see micro loans made available to Nuu-chah-nulth entrepreneurs.

Litigation

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The book was lauded by West Coast B.C. First Nations' communities for its inclusion of archaeological, anthropological, ethnological and orally-preserved stories and information about Nuu-chah-nulth, Ditidaht and Makah nations.

Canada disputed McMillan's qualifications through objections that he is not an expert on Nuu-chah-nulth culture or people because his expertise is not defined with "sufficient precision." The defendants also argued that McMillan's expertise falls only in specific claim areas, and not in the whole of Nuu-chah-nulth territory. Judge Garson told the defendants that council generally only refutes an expert's qualifications in order to render a report inadmissible. Judge Garson rejected Canada's objection and allowed Dr. McMillan's report to be entered as evidence.

"Through this litigation, Nuu-chah-nulth communities wish to regain access of their sea resources to historic levels, reconnecting their cultural identity, improving social, physical and spiritual health," said tribal council Vice President Dr. Michelle Corfield.

"Nuu-chah-nulth always benefited from sea resources. Now we have to establish our title and rights to secure our place in the West Coast fishing regime."

Story by Kelly Poirier
Uu-a-thluk assistant program manager

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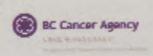
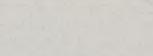
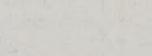
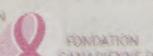
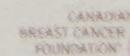
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Mental Health Tii̓vaq̓x̓

Signs of problem gambling and learning how to help

Submitted By Kim Rai
Mental Health Worker

Many people gamble without ever encountering a problem. They buy a lottery or raffle ticket, go to the racetrack or an evening of bingo, drop an occasional loonie into a machine. When the draw or the game is over, they go on to other non-gambling activities.

But for some people, gambling takes on more importance in their lives and becomes a problem.

Gambling problems can range from minor to quite serious. The gambling may cause only occasional problems in the gambler's life. For example, making it difficult to pay the utility bill or rent for the month.

Or it may progress and have an ongoing negative impact on the gambler and his or her family, causing excessive debt, marriage problems, even illegal activity.

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- Spends large amounts of time gambling. This allows little time for family, friends or other interests.
- Begins to place larger, more frequent bets. Larger bets are necessary to get the same level of excitement.
- Has growing debts. The person with a gambling problem is secretive or defensive about money, and may borrow money from family members or friends.

- Pins hopes on the "big win." The problem gambler believes the big win, rather than changing the gambling behavior, will solve financial or other problems.

- Promises to cut back on gambling. The problem gambler is unable to reduce or stop gambling.

- Refuses to explain behavior, or lies about it. The person with a gambling problem may be away from home or work for long periods of time.

- Feels frequent highs and lows. If unable to gamble, the problem gambler misses the thrill of the action and may be bad-tempered, withdrawn, depressed or restless. During a winning streak, the gambler is on a high.

- Boasts about winning. The person with a gambling problem loves to relive a win, but will make light of losses when others express their concern. Wins and losses may also be kept a secret.

- Prefers gambling to a special family occasion. The problem gambler may arrive late or miss family events, such as birthdays, school activities and other family gatherings.

- Seeks new places to gamble close to home and away. The problem gambler may insist that evenings out or even family vacations be at places where gambling is available.

How can you help the gambler?
Fortunately, there is help available for you, your family and the problem gambler.

There are also many things you can do to help yourself, your family and the problem gambler. They include:

- Talk to the problem gambler about their gambling

- If you feel that someone you know has a gambling problem, the best way to find out is to ask.

- Let them know that you are asking because you are concerned and, if they are having a problem, you would like to support them.

- Give them details of what you have observed about their gambling and ask them to explain what they think is happening.

- Don't argue about gambling; it may cause the person to become defensive.

- Try expressing your concerns in a positive way that makes the gambler feel that you want to help them.

- Do not give the person money. Often the most difficult situation family and friends face is whether to give or loan the gambler money.

- In most situations, the best thing you can do is refuse to give them money, even though this may sound harsh.

- If you give the gambler money, it can

often take the focus away from the consequences of gambling and contribute to future problems. The gambler can go on avoiding the problem and may keep gambling.

This does not mean that you need to withdraw your support; however, you must be clear that you are not going to "bail" them out of their problem.

- Learn about the problem.

The more you understand about gambling and problem gambling, the more likely you are to be in a position to help yourself and the problem gambler.

You will also be better prepared for what can happen with problem gambling and know how to try and minimize the harm that it can cause to you and your family.

- Encourage the person to seek help.

Some people have trouble controlling their gambling on their own.

It may help if you encourage the gambler to seek professional help or support.

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The NTC Regular Budget meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, March 27, 2008 to be held at the Maht Mahs in Port Alberni

Start time will be at 9:00 am

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Hospital Discharge Planning

Nuu-chah-nulth Home and Community Care Nursing

If you or a family member are going to be a patient in the hospital and will require care after discharge, could you please let us know before hand? If this is an unexpected admission, please call us before discharge from the hospital.

We can assist you in obtaining equipment, assess for personal care hours if needed, information on what to ask your doctor. In many cases, clients get discharged home and are asked to get their dressing supplies, medical equipment. Doctors are not aware that with a prescription that this is covered under NIHB. In other cases people are discharged on a Friday afternoon and they may require personal care hours and by the time they reach home it is too late to notify anyone who can help the.

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.

For people on reserve, please call: Central Region: Glenda Frank @ 670- 9655.
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Seniors to benefit

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Hupacasath—Hupacasath First Nation was one of two central Island communities that will benefit from seniors funding under the New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP).

Member of Parliament Dr. James Lunney for the Nanaimo-Alberni constituency announced the funding on Jan. 18. The Oceanside Community Network was also selected to receive funding.

Hupacasath will receive \$12,500 for its Elders Haahuupaa project and Oceanside will receive \$14,180.

"This funding will help ensure that seniors in the central Island region have the opportunity to participate and take an active leadership role within their communities," said Lunney in a press release.

"The Government of Canada is proud to support seniors in strengthening our communities and building our country. These projects will encourage seniors to continue sharing their skills, wisdom and experience to benefit others."

In the 2007 budget, the government of Canada announced an additional investment of \$10 million per year for two new components of the NHSP. The main intent is to raise awareness of elder abuse, and also to provide capital assistance for upgrades to facilities and equipment used for existing seniors' programs.

"Since its launch, the NHSP has funded over 2,600 projects across Canada, inspiring seniors to bring their leadership, energy and skills to projects that benefit our communities. With programs like this, along with the \$1 billion in tax relief for seniors in budget 2007 and other measures, we will continue to support our seniors," said Lunney.

Paulette Tatoosh, a Hupacasath social development worker, applied for the grant.

"What motivated me in writing this proposal to the New Horizon for Seniors Program is a belief that our elders belong in our circle of life; therefore, as a community we want to make space for them to gather with other elders and to guide this Hupacasath Elders' Haahuupaa Project," said Tatoosh.

To promote unity and purpose, elders will have monthly in-house luncheons to plan future activities and also to learn more about what is of interest to the elders. Additionally, whenever it is possible the elders will travel to other elders' luncheons in other communities.

"One of the main objectives of the Hupacasath Elders' Haahuupaa Project will be to foster opportunities for our elders to choose ways to become more integrated and/or involved in our community life," said Tatoosh. "Elders will mentor community members by sharing their skills and cultural knowledge."

The gifts that elders will bring forth will enrich the Hupacasath community members, especially the parents and youth. It's hoped that the project will lead the Hupacasath elders to become more involved in community life, develop a more cohesive group, and bring heightened awareness and knowledge about social issues impacting them.

Elders will be encouraged to participate in and lead a project that focuses on sharing and learning new skills. They will be encouraged and supported to lead and volunteer in a project in whatever capacity that is comfortable to them.

"Elders have been making requests for more community-based activities that would appeal to them, and now thanks to the NHSP funding we have received, we as a community, can offer them their valued input," said Tatoosh.

The Hupacasath Elders Haahuupaa Project is open to all of the nation's elders who are 50 years old and over. For information, contact Paulette Tatoosh at (250) 724-4041.

Late French Immersion now made available

School District 70 will offer a Late French Immersion Program to any student who will be entering Grade 6 in September 2008 in Port Alberni. This new program will be located at Ecole Eric J. Dunn Middle School.

Throughout the province, the Late Immersion program has been extremely successful. It is intended for English speaking students who did not start Early French Immersion in kindergarten, but would like the opportunity to become functionally bilingual.

Because space is limited, registration into the program will be accepted until March 31 on a first come first serve basis.

You may register your child at any

district elementary school, board office or at Ecole Eric J. Dunn Middle School.

Should you have any questions about any aspect of this program, please feel free to contact Madame Annie Dufort at Alberni Elementary School or Mr. Gio Mussato at Ecole Eric J. Dunn Middle School.

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Employment centre opens

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino/Ucluelet—A federally-funded employment services centre has opened offices in Ucluelet and Tofino offering area residents access to computers, jobs and training. Employment counsellor Krys Sciberras said both centres opened in December and their client list is growing as more people become aware of Alberni Valley Employment Centre's West Coast Branch.

The Ucluelet centre is located at Unit # 2 in the Whiskey Landing Building and is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. In Tofino the office is open Mondays and Fridays at 381 Main Street.

"Currently we are only available on Mondays and Fridays 9 to 4 (in Tofino) and we are closed from 12 to 1 for lunch. We hope to increase our services in Tofino when the demand for services goes up some time in March," Sciberras explained, alluding to the upcoming 2008 tourist season.

It's been a struggle in recent years for local businesses to find and keep quality hospitality industry employees. Housing in Tofino is scarce and unaffordable for most seasonal workers. Local businesses are searching for seasonal employees as early as February.

Job listings are posted on a bulletin board at the centres. Besides job listings, the Alberni Valley Employment Centre provides a wide range of employment services, including job search assistance, career counselling and free access for job seekers to postings of current job openings, computers, phones, fax and photocopier.

Clients may use the computers to prepare resumes and cover letters or they might use them to search the Internet for job openings or career research.

Sciberras is available to offer career and employment counseling.

"Job seekers are guided in developing their own career development or educational action plans that will enhance their opportunities for finding employment, she explained, adding



Krys Sciberras

client-centered counselling services are conducted according to professional standards, with the highest respect for individual confidentiality.

The employment centre also offers referrals to government-funded programs such as the Alberni Valley Wage Subsidy Program, which provides funding to employers to hire E.I. eligible workers who need on-the-job training.

Additionally they offer access to the Skills Development Employment Benefit application assistance, provided to E.I.-eligible job seekers who are seeking training to enhance their employability. Once accepted for the Skills Development Employment Benefit assistance, clients may attend training programs for up to two years in order to improve their employability.

The Government of Canada has contributed funding to this initiative and the employment services in Port Alberni, Tofino and Ucluelet are offered by Steele O'Neil and Associates Inc.

Sciberras has done some outreach work in Hot Springs Cove where she gained a few clients. Some people are coming in from Ahousaht and local walk-ins are starting to show up as more and more people become aware of the new service.

For more information check out the Web site at www.avemployment.ca or email Krys at ksciberras@avemployment.ca or call 726-4243 in Ucluelet or 725-8805 in Tofino.

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Nuu-chah-nulth Infant Development Program (0 to 6 years)

Mission Statement

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Through nurturing, Nuu-chah-nulth-aht will have healthy children, thriving families and strong communities.

Goals

The goals of the Nuu-chah-nulth Infant Development Program are to work with the parents and caregivers and other family members with RESPECT and in a co-operative and sharing manner by:

- Supporting the primary observers of their children;
- Promote family strengths and interests;
- Helping to identify developmental needs their children may have;
- Empowering them by providing culturally sensitive information on child development
- Foster independent thinking;
- Encouraging community growth towards awareness of child development and traditional childrearing practices.

What We Do Infant Development Workers

- Make home visits, work with parents/caregivers of preschool children (those from infancy to 6 years);
- Address parents' concerns about their children;
- Act as resource person and support person for parents;
- Inform families of health, educational and social services;
- Provide information on child development within a cultural context;
- Help families strengths and needs of their child;
- Do ages and stages questionnaire on their children;
- Help families to plan learning activities in the home and community to encourage the growth and development of their child.

Philosophy Statement

According to Nuu-chah-nulth belief, children were seen as giver from the creator. Children were nurtured with respect, as individuals, and raised according to traditional values. One of the highest laws of the Nuu-0chah-nulth people was to protect the children.

If you are interested in this service, please contact the Infant Development Worker in your area:

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Happy birthday Kellie. Hope you enjoy the celebration of the big 30. Lots of love to you always, but especially on March 3. Deb and Jim.

Belated birthday to my two nieces in Ontario. Love you Krystle and Chelsea. Love Auntie Deb and Uncle Jim.

Happy birthday son: Feb. 15. We are very proud of you. Love you lots from Mom, Cliff, Robert, Priscilla, Tristan, Noelani.



Happy birthday Ted Haggard: Feb. 15. Lots of love, Auntie Matilda, Cliff, Ken, Priscilla, Robert, Tristan, Noelani.



**More birthdays and congratulations
on page 16.**

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Ceremony marks Samuel girl's coming of age

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tshahat—The friends and relatives of the Samuel family witnessed a coming of age party at Maht Mahs on Feb. 9 for Shyanne Samuel, daughter of Robyn Samuel and Louis Frank of Ahousaht. Shyanne is also the granddaughter of Lisa Sabbas, Willie Swan, Wally and Donna Samuel and great granddaughter of Louie and Eva Frank.

Ray Samuel Sr. called on his family and the family of his wife Marie to join them in singing a song that Marie had composed. Samuel is Wally's oldest brother and the tyece of the Samuel family.

"In this song that Marie composed we are asking the Creator to watch over all of our families and asking that nothing goes wrong," said Ray said.

The family then took care of some other business. After cleansing the floor with eagle down, Margaret Eaton did a cleansing of Robyn, Harry Watts, Shyanne and Neve Samuel. They had been in a car accident at Cameron Lake while driving to Nanaimo on Feb. 5.

Ray Samuel Sr. explained that all of the family were grateful that Robyn, Harry, Shyanne and Neve were okay.

Wickaninnish (Cliff Atleo Sr.) was called forward and served as emcee for the evenings events.

"Our ancestors have been practicing their culture and teachings for years and years and it is important historically to acknowledge the coming of age of a young woman," said Wickaninnish.

Kelly John was then asked to come forward. The family was giving traditional qu'as names to the hosts. John described the strong roots of the Samuel family. They have ties to Kyuquot. Names were then given to Robyn Samuel, who will be known as Quaa-que-tik. Harry Watts, Robyn's spouse, was given the name Tee-naa-sinip and Neve's name is Aa-qui-ach-sheeth. Shyanne was given the name Klush-kein.

Richard and Faith Watts, Harry's parents, first acknowledged Eaton and thanked her for doing the cleansing. They have accepted Klush-kein into their family and said they were honored to witness the coming of age party.

The Samuel family then called on Louie Frank Jr. to come forward as he would perform the traditional washing of Klush-kein's feet, a significant honor in the coming of age ceremony.

Wickaninnish then explained the roots of young Klush-kein. She is related to the Samuel, Frank, Sabbas, Swan, Watts, Marsden, Charleson and Little families.

Wickaninnish also introduced Edgar



Top: Wally Samuel Sr., grandfather of Klush-kein (Shyanne Samuel), elders and advisors Gilbert and Kelly John, grandmothers Betty Keitlah and Eva Frank get ready to address the witnesses at Klush-kein's coming of age party.

Middle: Donna Samuel and Klush-kein stand beside Edgar Good from Gitanyow as he addresses those people present at his grandchild's coming of age party.

Bottom left: Wally Samuel Sr. publicly thanked and acknowledged Roger Vaslot for making the swing used in the coming of age party for his granddaughter Klush-kein.

Good from Gitanyow (Kitwanooc), who is the uncle of Donna Samuel. Good is the youngest brother of the late Soloman Marsden, her father.

The Frank family then took the floor. Louie Frank Sr. spoke on behalf of the Franks and explained that, due to the loss of family members, they could not participate culturally. But they were happy to witness the event.

"Our ancestors held so dearly the importance of a coming of age party, and the young girl can no longer be playing with children," said Frank. "Also, it was stressed that if she went anywhere, she had to be accompanied by an adult, an aunt or grandmother."

Frank thanked the family on behalf of his son Louie Jr. for the honor of washing Klush-kein's feet. He then presented her with a beautiful shawl.

"We want you to know as parents, grandparents and family that you are cared for and loved," said Frank. He also encouraged her to make wise choices and to always respect herself.

Frank asked his granddaughter to carry on the traditions and practice her culture and teachings.

"Know the importance of what we all are gathered here to witness; know that



you are somebody and that you are well loved," said Frank.

Klush-kein was then escorted by a couple of her grandmothers, Eva Frank and Betty Keitlah, and brought forward to a swing. Aunt Josephine Thompson is one of the advisors the Samuel family called on for advice for the ceremony. A swing was made for the Klush-kein's family called on special witnesses to pull her on the swing.

"The young woman historically would be pulled by those honored to take part in this special ceremony and then she would be leaving her childhood behind and becoming a young woman," explained emcee Wickaninnish. The ceremony represented the various stages of life, he also said.

Witnesses were Hughie Watts, Louie Frank Sr., Edgar Good, Chance Amos, Kelly John, Andy Amos, Gilbert John, Willie Swan and Wally Samuel Sr. Each of the witnesses pulled Klush-kein on the swing.

Shyanne's grandfather Wally Samuel Sr. then spoke about his granddaughter.

"Shyanne is one of the 10 grandchildren Donna and I have and she is a very good student and is especially

a very good reader. She gets a lot of As and Bs and wins scholarships," he said. She also knows who all of her family is. Samuel told Klush-kein the importance of family.

"Shyanne grew up with our culture and I would like to acknowledge the many members of our cultural group, especially late Harold Little Sr. and Caroline Little." He acknowledged others, including Larry Thomas, Nelson Keitlah Sr., Tim and Moy Sutherland. Wally gave recognition to his daughter Robyn Samuel for initiating the coming of age party for Klush-kein.

Donna Samuel and Rosie Little then acknowledged those that helped them when they lost their mother, the late Kathleen Marsden. Gifts were presented to Anna Masso, Kathy Fraser, Richard and Faith Watts, Geraldine Alwork, Margaret Eaton and Josephine Thompson. It was explained that in Gitksan culture this normally would have been done at the feast for their late mother, however Samuel and Little decided to do it at this family's party. Eaton was also acknowledged and thanked for doing the cleansing.

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Bottom right: Tim Sutherland (with the drum) leads one of a few fun dances and songs performed at the coming of age party for Klush-kein.



Nuu-chah-nulth nurses attend professional development

By Chris Lemphers
Community Health Nurse Supervisor

Recently, all Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council nurses, plus staff from Healthy Living, attended the First Nations and Inuit Health continuing education event entitled Healthy Nurses; Healthy

Practices.

The three-day forum covered many important content areas, from the College of Registered Nurses of BC addressing boundary issues to certifications as it relates to standards of practice.

Another important presentation with long-term implications was the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan.

The collective vision of this 10-year plan represents the work of the First Nations Leadership Council, Province of BC and Health Canada and is intended to improve the health and wellbeing of First Nations people, close gaps in health between First Nations and British Columbians, and include First Nations fully in decision making regarding the health of their people.

These are lofty goals, but important for tribal council nurses and their clients to understand and work towards.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Health Program showcased their new

promotional display that highlights all service areas, such as Home Care, Community Health, T.B. care, Healthy Living, Mother Support and First Nations Nurse Advocate.

The photo attached shows the new display along with nurses who attended the January session.

Denise Galbraith, Cheryl Mooney and Chris Curley also received peer recognition awards for their commitment and dedication to their Nursing practice with the Nuu-chah-nulth people.



From left to right standing: Laurie Sinclair, Matilda Watts. Sitting: Erin Sinclair, Lara Scriba, Pearl Dorward and Jackelyn Williams.

Nuu-chah-nulth-aht take high profile jobs at park



Nadine Crookes

Karen Haugen

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Long Beach—Nadine Crookes has been working for Pacific Rim National Park Reserve for nearly seven years and has taken over the top job there, at least temporarily.

In December, Crookes, who is a member of Ahousaht, accepted the job of acting reserve superintendent, a job she will hold until April when a new superintendent will be hired.

Steve Langdon, field unit superintendent for Parks Canada Coastal British Columbia, said Crookes was moved from her position as First Nations Program Manager to the top job on Long Beach as part of her career development plan.

"She has a learning plan for her career development and these temporary positions help her gain added work

experience," he explained.

As Pacific Rim parks superintendent, Crookes will be responsible for all aspects of operations at the park. She will report to Langdon.

In the meantime, Karen Haugen of Huu-ay-aht, has stepped into Crookes' role as First Nations program manager. Haugen also has a career development plan and taking on short-term jobs in various other roles allows her to gain work experience.

Langdon said it's not the first time Crookes filled in for the superintendent. She's done it before for a shorter period of time and it's been a great opportunity for her to develop her skills.

Crookes is planning to take maternity leave later in the spring, then work on completing her master's degree at Royal Roads University.

Langdon is proud of his employees. "They are two very capable young women," he said.

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Treaty AGM—General Band Meeting
February 23/24, 2008

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Quu?as names received by family at Samuel party

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The family then performed a few fun dances and songs. After the songs and dance, gifts were presented to all those that assisted. This included the cooks and their helpers and those that donated food. Gifts were also handed out to those who witnessed the special occasion.

The Samuel family then called on Marvin Samuel and gave him a tradition quu?as name. His name is Kee-iish-kaa. Tye Ray Samuel Sr. then presented his little brother Kee-iish-kaa with a drum.

"We as a family want to lift up our younger brother and acknowledge his participation with our singing. Over the many years he has always been in the background. Now he has a name," said Samuel.

Kelly John then spoke and acknowledged and thanked the ha'wiin in attendance.

Edgar Good then spoke. Good thanked the family for allowing him and his son Dale to witness the special occasion.

"I really enjoyed the meal, the company and especially the dances and songs," Good said. He explained that he



Young Neve Samuel's quu?as name is Aa-qui-ach-sheelth.

is in treatment for cancer in Vancouver and it was like medicine to be quu?as.

The evening concluded with the singing of Tim Sutherland's song "Kleco Ha'wiin", a song he had composed a number of years ago thanking the Creator for life. Wally Samuel Sr. again thanked all those who witnessed the special occasion for his granddaughter and asked everyone to be careful and to drive safe.



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Nuu-chah-nulth Undergraduate-Student Job Opportunity Research Assistant, UBC Museum of Anthropology

This is an exciting opportunity for a Nuu-chah-nulth undergraduate student to participate in the UBC Museum of Anthropology's *Partnership of Peoples* Renewal Project. The job is to share information and gather input from community members about MOA's Nuu-chah-nulth collection and how it may be organized and displayed to better reflect Nuu-chah-nulth values and knowledge.

Responsibilities will include:

- Learning about the collection of Nuu-chah-nulth materials at MOA, and the goals of the Renewal Project;
- Planning, organizing, and carrying out your research with Nuu-chah-nulth community members in different locations;
- Giving presentations to individuals and groups about MOA's collection of Nuu-chah-nulth heritage objects;
- Consulting with Nuu-chah-nulth language speakers and programs about the naming of historical objects;
- Conducting research on the histories of use and ownership of objects.

Where: Based in Port Alberni, with some travel to Nuu-chah-nulth communities and Vancouver.

When: Flexible: a total of approximately 250 hours of work to be completed during the school year and/or in the summer months (for example, 3 days/week for 12 weeks). Project must be completed by September 1, 2008.

Pay: \$12.66/hour.

Qualifications:

- Currently registered as an undergraduate student at a BC university or college;
- Demonstrated interest in Nuu-chah-nulth history and culture;
- Excellent communication skills (oral and written), including an ability to speak to groups and engage in conversation with individuals;
- Self-motivated: able to plan a program of activities and work independently;
- Good computer skills (MS Word and e-mail).

Send resume and cover letter by February 28, 2008 to:

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



First Nations Chiefs' Health Committee

First Nations Longitudinal Regional Health Survey



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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A New Future for Alberni District Secondary School Public Open House Schedule

Saturday, February 16, 2008
11:00 am to 1:00 pm
Wood Elementary School
4111 Wood Avenue

Tuesday, February 19, 2008
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Wood Elementary School
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Thursday, February 21, 2008
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Friendship Centre, 3555 – 4th Avenue

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- Learn more about preliminary plans to replace Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS)
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E-mail: newadss@shaw.ca

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Please join us for dinner and a lively discussion around the issues that the Tla-o-qui-ah First Nations and the District of Tofino will address in our joint Sustainability Plan. The goal is to strengthen our relationship and guide the future of our communities.

Where: Tin Wis Resort Conference Room

When: Monday, February 18th, 2008

5:30pm-7:30pm (Dinner will be buffet-style)

Everyone is welcome, and there will be child care and activities for kids. Door prizes will include an IPOD Nano and gift certificates to the Co-op!!! For more information and transportation arrangements please call Barb Audet at 725-3343.

See you there!

Birthdays & congratulations



Brittany and Monique.

To our baby girl Maxine Gillette. Happy 9th birthday on March 9. You are our miracle girl and we love you very much. Love Mom, Dad,

Happy birthday to my daughters Joan (7) on Feb. 14 and to Emily (6) on Feb. 8. Enjoy your days baby girls. Mom loves you very much, Aggie.

Happy birthday to my brothers Feb. 9 Eric John, Feb. 11 Felix Harry, Feb. 15 Christopher John. Hope you enjoy your birthday. To my uncle Lyle and niece Cherie on Feb. 16. From Aggie and kids, Charles, Christina, Joan, Emily, Lillian, Emily and Ellen.

I would love to send a special wish out to my handsome son Tyrell-Paul Johnson. A very happy sixth birthday on Valentines Day. Hope your day is as sweet as you are son. You are my sunshine when it rains. We love you very much. Lots of love from mommy, and your little brothers Quintin and Ashton.

Happy birthday to our gorgeous grand-nephew Vincent Livingstone McDougall on Feb. 14. Happy birthday to little bro Nasimius, a.k.a. Darrell Ross Sr. on Feb. 15. Happy birthday to our pretty niece Sherry Livingstone on Feb. 23. Hope you all have a great birthday! From Dave and Annie.

Happy Valentine's Day to my husband. You don't have to buy me chocolates, flowers or jewelry to show your love. I know from the way you show it every day. Love always from your wife.

Feb. 7: To my dearest Auntie Lorraine Winona John (a.k.a.) "Winnie." Just want to wish you a very happy ?? birthday. Sure hope that you had a good one. Always know that I am thinking of you. I really appreciate your



Happy birthday to my sweet QuuWatswa (Sweet Marie)! I hope your day is wonderful as you have made my life and know that from the heart I'll always be there for you no matter what! I love you my 21-year-old baby girl! Love your coolest mom. Hyuuq, uncle Q'uaama, your one and only bro Qaascuukmiic, Grandma Mar and Grandpa Earl.

A daughter

A daughter is a wonderful blessing, a treasure from above. She's laughter, warmth and special charm, she's thoughtfulness and love. A daughter brings a special joy, that comes from deep inside. And as she grows to adulthood, she fills your heart with pride. With every year that passes, she's more special than before.

Through every stage, through every age, you love her even more. No words can describe the warm memories, the pride and gratitude, too. That comes from having a daughter, to love and cherish... just like you!

time. You are always so nice to your dear niece when I go visit you. I love you Auntie Winnie! Love from your favorite niece Carol Mattersdorfer and family.

Feb. 7: To my dear cousin, the hard worker, dedicated one. Mrs. Kamina Sam. Where are you? Happy birthday and many more to come. To the good grandma ever! Love from your cousin Carol, Donald and family.

I am going to be a grandmother and proud of it. Hello to all readers out there. My name is Carol R. John (nee) Mattersdorfer. Proud daughter for George C. John and Shirley D. John. I love saying that I'm a proud daughter for my good looking parents. My oldest and first daughter, that came into this world with me giving birth to her in July, 1985. I can honestly be proud to becoming a grandmother in end of June or beginning of July. I shared with my daughter that she is the same age as me when I was pregnant with her. I pray to God that she is going to have a healthy baby. I am preparing myself to a better future with my first grandchild.

I would like to wish my dear sister Layla (way up in Skidegate) a very happy birthday on Feb. 2. I love you and miss you! Thinking of you, Lelaina.

Happy 19 birthday wench Weezy, a.k.a. patches! Lonist Rose Feb. 11. Charlie, hope you have a great time. We love you babe. XOXO Mom, Richard, Haida Arthur Cecil.

Happy 29th Mom, Lorraine Winona John of Ahousat. Happy birthday Ruthie Sam. Ilene Thomas too on Feb. 7. Have a great day ladies. Happy birthday George John Feb. 9, a.k.a. kelp cutter. From Roseanne and family.

Feb. 9: George Chester John, Jr. Well my baby brother, you are celebrating your 38th birthday. I am so proud to have you as a dear brother. You offered me so much throughout your life. You embrace life, so easily. You have a lot to offer. You gain so much in your art that you help others to win, to become winners also. So I am proud of you brother. You also helped me throughout the year 2007, so much you and your family. You're an excellent father. You give them all your time and effort of love. Way to go my brother. Always know I love you more and more each day, each minute and hour. I can never take back our time, but I can honestly remember the fond memories we shared as brother and sister. Happy birthday and many more to come. Written from the bottom of my heart. Love from your sister always Carol Rose John-Mattersdorfer.

Feb. 9: To a favorite uncle George C. John, Jr. Happy birthday uncle. Thanks for always having me over at your house, or our home sweet home uncle. You're always so kind, thoughtful, loving, and interested in me. I love you uncle George. Many more to come. Love from your favorite niece Baby Dawn Brittany Ashley Mattersdorfer, age 8 years old.

Feb. 9: To my dearest cousin/sis Philomena Rose Webster. You're celebrating your birthday up in Kamloops. As usual with your daughter on the run, with her interest of basketball tournaments. Something you're proud of. Always the cheerleader. Anyways cheerios' many more to come. Mena is a "Counselor." She works at the Day Care and is the manager of it. She is a mother with a beautiful daughter. She holds a lot of hats in her journey. She is a proud daughter for my uncle Francis John and Hilda John. So way to go Mena and many more to come. From your favorite

cousin Carol Mattersdorfer.

Happy Valentines to my gorgeous husband Donald Michael Mattersdorfer. Love is in the air. My time with you is everything. I can't bring back time, but I can cherish the moments we have together as one. I am so glad that you support me in whatever I do. I am so proud of your going to the college with me. You motivate me. I love you Donald. You're the apple of my eye. I don't know what I'd do without you. Keep your head up high and be proud of all your accomplishments in life. Life is too short to be serious. Keep smiling... Love always your wife. Mrs. Donald Mattersdorfer.

Feb. 14: Happy anniversary to my dear brother and sister Mr. and Mrs. George C. John, Jr. Well it's another year. Way to go and always know that you're in my prayers. Hold hands, kiss the bride, kiss the groom. Remember those moments. Love from Carol, Donald, Samantha, Nicholas, Frederick, and baby Dawn Mattersdorfer.

Thank you so much for all that you do. Kurt John and Anne Atleo "Happy Valentine's Day" to you both. The love birds at the College of Ahousat. Way to go. You two make a fine and dandy couple. From your sis Carol Mattersdorfer Donald and family.

Congratulations to Charity Rhoda Mack for her job up at the North Island College. She started Feb. 1. Good to see your smile along with you too. You're an excellent role model up here at the college. Always ready and willing to help me out some how. From Carol Mattersdorfer.

Happy birthday to my granddaughter Vanessa Julia Hamilton-George March 7. Nesy is turning Sweet 16. From Grampa Corbett.

Happy 64th bro Dick on Jan. 5; Feb. 15: Darrell Ross; Feb. 17: Happy birthday Rick; Feb. 21: Happy birthday John Wilson Jr; Feb. 21: Happy anniversary From Pearl, Marvin and family.



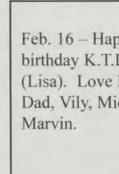
Happy birthday Feb. 2 Darlene Nookemis Halverson. Love Marvin, Pearl and kids.

Thank you! Anita Baker



March 4: Happy ?? birthday Marvin T. Love wife Pearl, Lisa, Danny, Michael, Marv Jr, Violet, Mister, Lady,

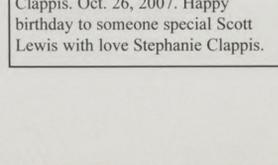
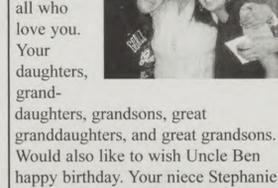
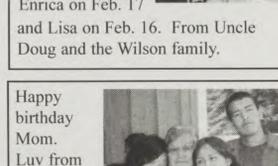
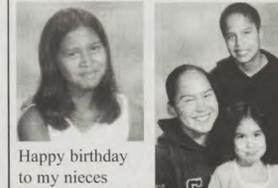
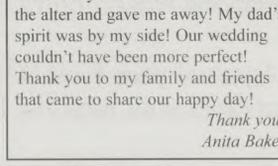
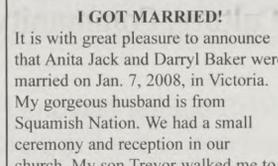
Dorothy, Dick, Victoria and family, Doug, Peter, Joe dudes. Happy Valentines to my husband and kids.



Feb. 16 - Happy 24th birthday K.T.L.T. (Lisa). Love Mom, Dad, Vily, Michael and Marvin.



Happy 23rd birthday Mike on Jan. 6. Love Mom, Dad, Vily, Michael and Marvin.



Sports and Recreation

Sasinn works on getting to provincials

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Members of the two-time junior girls basketball champion team, Hitatsoo Sasinn, are busy fundraising to attend this year's provincials in Kamloops to defend their title.

On the weekend of Feb. 22, Sasinn is hosting a junior boys and girls basketball tournament in Ucluelet at the secondary school.

Coach Tyson Touchie and his spouse Anita Charleson are the key contacts for Sasinn. The entry fee for the teams is \$150. The first six teams in each division will be accepted.

"Our goal is to make this tournament

healthy and enjoyable for both the local and visiting youth and their families," said Touchie. "We will also be hosting a youth dance at the Ucluelet Recreation Centre and it will be fully chaperoned." Both events are alcohol and drug free. The dance is scheduled for Saturday the 23

The funds raised at the tournament and dance will help the Sasinn team travel to Kamloops during the spring break, March 16 to 22.

Charleson is the manager of Sasinn and also the key contact person for the tournament. Both Charleson and Touchie have been involved with basketball almost all of their lives. For years Charleson played for the Lady Braves basketball team. Touchie played for the Guardians basketball team, and, time

permitting, still plays today. Touchie is from the Ucluelet First Nation and Charleson is from the Hesquiaht First Nation.

Recently Sasinn competed in the Island zone playoffs held at Athletic Hall in Port Alberni on the weekend of Jan. 25. The team placed third. An injury to Skylene Touchie hurt the team. Sasinn lost to Ahousat and the Port Alberni Jets without the point guard.

Each of the top three teams in girls zone play has had a friendly rivalry. Sasinn usually is able to come out on top. They also have been the top team two years running in the province in the junior division.

Skylene is a fierce competitor who has a great shot and is known as a very good defender. She is also a perennial all star, and is a two-time MVP at the BC championships, and played for Team BC at the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) held in Denver, Colorado in 2006. Skylene will play for Team BC in Cowichan at the NAIG 2008.

Raylene McReath, daughter of Matilda McReath (nee Frank), and Shayleane Little, daughter of Sherri Frank and Alphonse Little, are also a couple of players to watch out for. At the Island

zone playoffs, McReath was an all star. At another junior girls tournament recently, Little also received an all-star trophy.

Sabrina Campbell is a very good defensive player and rebounder, who works well with Little in Sasinn's running game.

Coach Touchie has been pleased with the outcome of the tournaments Sasinn has played in. It has been a learning experience for his young team to play without their star.

"Other players have picked up the load a little as they realize it is hard to replace [Skylene], and our team, I believe, has made tremendous strides and grown together," said Touchie.

Sasinn is a team that loves to run and just play basketball. Touchie is looking forward to the upcoming fundraising tournament and to defending the BC title.

"The competition will be tough and I know that our team will also be tough. I am optimistic that if we are healthy that we should do well.

If you would like to assist the Sasinn team in their fundraising efforts, please contact manager Anita Charleson. She can be reached at (250) 294-4260. Email her at anitachaleson@hotmail.com.

Courtside with Ha-Shilth-Sa

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

The Hawks men's basketball team won a close game in the Nanaimo men's basketball league. They played Alloyd Fitness in Nanaimo on Feb. 3.

In a conversation with Ha-Shilth-Sa, Bobby Rupert reported that the Hawks won a close game. They defeated Alloyd Fitness by a score of 94-91.

"We blew a 17 point lead as Alloyd came back in the fourth quarter and almost won," said Rupert. He reported that with about 50 seconds left in the game Alloyd tied it up at 91, as a player hit a three pointer.

With just less than 30 seconds left, Rupert hit a three pointer for the Hawks to go ahead. In the game, Mike Lang scored 24, Josh Fred scored 19 and

Rupert scored 13.

In the last scheduled league game played on Feb. 10, the Hawks played the New Team. They defeated them by a score of 97-43. Lang again led with 27 points followed by Rupert with 22 and Fred with 20 points.

The Hawks are now in second place in the league, with a make-up game still to be played.

The Armada senior girls basketball team played in a tournament in the Victoria area. Although they only won one game out of three played, Coach Jim Seredick was very pleased with his team. Point guard Toni Schutte was rewarded for her strong play and received an all-star trophy. Queenie (Kathleen) Ambrose also played very well in the tournament, hitting a couple of crucial three-point shots.

Armada lost to Brentwood College on a last second shot by a score of 58-57. Schutte scored 26 points in the game. Queenie Ambrose hit two very critical three-pointers and played well. They lost their next game and came back to win their last game with Schutte continuing to play well, racking up another 26 points in the second game, followed by a 16 point game.

Armada is now preparing for the North Island playoffs, which will be held at Vanier school in Courtenay Feb. 14 to 16.

The Alberni Valley wrestling team, members of the Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS), EJ Dunn and A W Neil Middle Schools, put on an outstanding performance at the Island Zone Qualifying Wrestling tournament in Duncan on Feb. 9. The Alberni Valley wrestling team placed a total of 22 wrestlers, who qualified for the BC High School Championships, which will be in Port Alberni at the Multiplex on Feb. 21 to 23.

Continued on page Nuu-chah-nulth wrestlers who did well are ADSS students Isaiah Taylor

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CBT Core Priorities -- All Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 20th 6-9pm at the Tofino Community Hall

At this meeting, the CBT will present the draft Core Priorities, which have been identified by the CBT Board of Directors with input from the communities of the Biosphere Reserve region. The draft Core Priorities are:

- Practicing Sustainability;
- Connecting People and Place and
- A Biosphere Centre.

This is your opportunity to provide feedback and help us to further define the priorities. Tell us what you like, what is missing and what they mean to you. There will be lots of opportunity for discussion. We will also ask you to help us map out the priorities through a community mapping exercise. All Committee members and interested community members are welcome!

Please see the CBT home page at www.clayoquotbiosphere.org for more detailed information on the Core Priorities. Contact Rebecca Vines, CBT Community Coordinator, to RSVP.

Interested in learning more about the CBT and our Advisory Committees? The CBT has five volunteer-driven Advisory Committees in the areas of Community Development, Culture, Education, Marine & Aquatic, and Terrestrial. Participating on one of the committees offers the opportunity to network with peers and contribute to a sustainable future for the region.

Each committee meets every 6-8 weeks. All meetings are opened to the public -- please feel welcome to join us. As always, more information is available on our web site at www.clayoquotbiosphere.org/committees.

Please contact Rebecca Vines, Community Coordinator, for more information or to RSVP.
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Sports and Recreation

Armada Sr. boys and girls outmatched

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—On Feb. 7, both the Armada senior girls and boys basketball teams were outmatched at the Alberni District Secondary School (ADSS). The girls played Vanier from Courtenay and lost 82-73. The boys team played Dover Bay from Nanaimo and were outmatched 75-57.

In the girls' game Armada was down early by a score of 4-0 as Vanier put on a full court press. Armada were able to break the press and went on an 8-0 run to take the lead. Point guard Toni Shutte (Tseshaht) was passing the ball and setting up her teammates, as well as scoring a couple of baskets, however she picked up two very early fouls only four and a half minutes into the game.

Shutte and Armada were able to run and capitalize on missed opportunities by Vanier. With 24 seconds left in the first quarter, Shutte picked up her third foul. Armada, however, led by a score of 23-16.

In the second quarter, Vanier made a major run. They started hitting their outside shots and capitalized on Armada turnovers. Armada could not find the hoop. With a little over three minutes to play in the second quarter, the game was tied at 29. Then Vanier took off. They led Armada by a score of 40-33 as they outscored Armada 24 to 10.

Armada crept to within six points, as Vanier led 45-39 in the third quarter. This was as close as they would get though. The score after the third quarter was Vanier leading 64-49. Vanier had both their running game going and were hitting their shots.

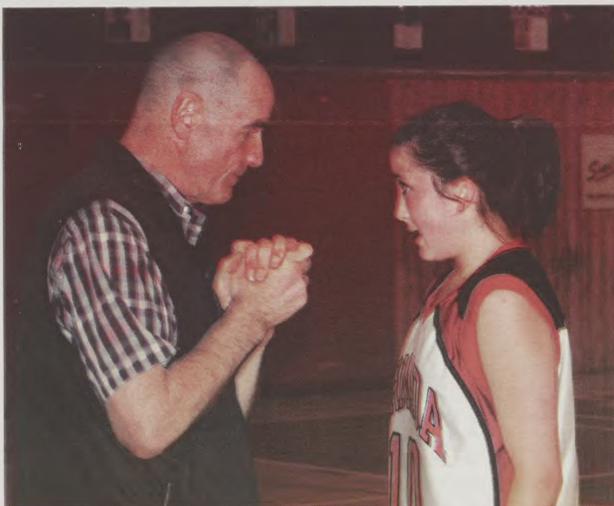
Shutte, despite her three fouls, was doing everything she could to bring Armada back.

In the last quarter, Armada displayed a hustling style and was a team that would not give up. Gradually they seemed to be within grasp, however, each time they seemed to make a run, Vanier answered back. Vanier had a taller team and was also able to run. Although Armada outscored Vanier in the fourth quarter (24-18) it was not enough. The final score was Vanier 82-73 over Armada.

Shutte led her team with an astounding 31 points. Along with her scoring, she had pin-point passing to



Above: Chris Lucas was a favorite target of the Dover Bay squad from Nanaimo, fouling the Armada play on many of his drives toward the hoop. Below: Armada Coach Jim Seredick gives Toni Shutte advice on how to handle a free throw attempt in the Feb. 7 game against Team Vanier from Courtenay.



her teammates. Shutte is also a tenacious defender. At an earlier game in the season, Armada lost to Vanier by 40

points. In this game, however, if Vanier had not hit their three-point shots (at least nine) and Armada had capitalized

on missed opportunities they may have had a chance to win.

The boys' team then played Dover Bay from Nanaimo. The young Armada squad is led by point guard Chris Lucas (Hesquiaht), the only Grade 12 member. Dover Bay got an early 6-1 lead but Dover Bay defenders were watching Lucas closely. Despite the scrutiny, Lucas was getting to the free throw line as he was driving to the hoop and getting fouled.

The score after the first quarter was Dover Bay leading Armada by only four (15-11). Armada attempted to make a run as Lucas was fouled attempting a three-point shot. He hit all three free throws and Armada was only down by four (27-23). Dover Bay then went on an 11-2 run to end the first half. They led Armada 38-25.

Dover Bay continued their run in the second half as they were hitting their three-point shots and also capitalizing on turnovers. In the third quarter Dover Bay outscored Armada 21-15 and led at the end of the quarter 59-40. Armada could not get in a rhythm as they were smothered by the Dover Bay defence. Armada also had too many turnovers, and a majority of the time Dover Bay would score or be fouled taking the ball to the hoop.

The game was never in doubt with a final score of 75-57 for Dover Bay over the young Armada squad. Lucas and Gill each scored 17 points a piece. James Williams (Tla-o-qui-aht) and Marshall Keitlah (Ahousaht), got limited playing time for the Armada team.

Courtside

(74 kg) and Brianne Charles (54 kg). Charles, who is from Hupacasath First Nation, came in second in her category. Taylor, from Ahousaht and Tseshaht, finished third. EJ Dunn wrestler Norman David, who is from Tla-o-qui-aht originally, placed a surprising second place in the 51 kg weight division, doing better than expected in competition.

The public is encouraged to come out and support the provincials where as many as 600 high school students will compete.

This is the fourth time Alberni has hosted this event. The Alberni Valley is a hotbed for wrestling, which has included quite a few Nuu-chah-nulth wrestlers.

Aaron Keitlah and Preston Charles are a couple from the past. Both Keitlah and Charles are also volunteer coaches for the Alberni squad too.

Team BC for the upcoming North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) is still accepting applications for coaches, assistant coaches and managers for the 2008 games to be held in Cowichan. Any person of Aboriginal ancestry who may be interested is strongly encouraged to apply. For more information please visit the ASRA website: www.asra.ca.

The National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) is seeking applications for the National Aboriginal Role Model Program. Nominations of First Nations, Inuit, and or Metis Youth aged 13 to 30 may be forwarded to www.naho.ca/rolemodel. Throughout the year the role models will visit communities to share their stories.

Community & Beyond

Business Workshop Feb. 15

Port Alberni
NEDC and Women's Enterprise Centre present Focused Marketing to be held at the Barclay Best Western (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pre-registration required. Contact Jennifer at 724-3131, toll free 1-866-444-6332 or e-mail jennifer@nedc.info (lunch provided).

Memorial Potlatch Feb. 16 Tseshaht

Tlaatsmiik (Walter Thomas) and family of Tseshaht invite you to join them at a Celebration of Life for their late father Ha'with Thli-ukwop (Robert Thomas) and late brother Taa'winsiim (Harvey Thomas). Maht Mahs, Port Alberni at 10 a.m. Following tradition, no small children before lunch and no pregnant women. Contact Tlaatsmiik (Walter) 723-1998 or 720-1975.

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.

IK-Moot Feb. 23 Hupacasath

To be held at the House of Gathering beginning at 10 a.m.. Opening by Hughie Watts. Welcome by Ah-cer-tuk-kumliht-aht Tim Paul. Hosted by Ikmoott Simon Lucas and Ah-er-tuk-kulth. Looking for support from Ha'wiih regarding title and rights and fisheries items. Review of the Chilcotin court case. Call Tim Paul at 724-4565 for information.

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.

Indian Residential School Survivors Meeting March 1 Seattle, Washington

Update with Ken Young, Assembly of First Nations Special Advisor. To answer questions in regards to the settlement. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is provided Pearl Warren Health Center at 606-12th Ave. For info contact: Nora Martin at 1-250-725-8397 or email at nmartin@seaviewcable.net Margaret Eaton at 1-250-730-1714 or email at m_meaton@hotmail.com

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 Tseshaht

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.

National Aboriginal Youth Conference March 14 to 16 Victoria

Join us for the National Aboriginal Youth, Violence and Changing Times Training Conference: "Healthy Youth Today, Healthy Nations Tomorrow." The conference features 30 small, interactive workshops for both youth and adults, plenary sessions, motivational speakers, urban rockclimbing, entertainment by the Aboriginal hip hop group 7th Generation, a career fair/trade show and banquet & entertainment evening. For more information: www.firstpeoplescanada.com. Phone: 250.652.7097. Email: office@fntcs.com.

17 and under Floor Hockey Tournament March 17 to 19 Tseshaht

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) 220-6801. 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.

Budget meeting March 27 Port Alberni

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council will hold its annual budget meeting at Maht Mahs gym in Port Alberni beginning at 9 a.m.

Entrepreneurs Conference March 28 to 30 Port Alberni

NEDC presents Taking the Lead to be held at the North Island College. In teams, participants will learn how to develop a business plan and compete for cash prizes. Pre-registration required. Contact Jennifer at 724-3131, toll free 1-866-444-6332 or email jennifer@nedc.info (All meals and materials provided.)

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.

Tseshaht 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.

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- 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.**
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Klecko's - kekoo

Daughter's life saved

We would like to thank the Tseshaht Band Office for helping us with our 15-month-old daughter Nicole D.A. Barney-Sam, through her hard time in Vancouver Children's Hospital last summer when she ended up with meningitis tuberculosis that caused her to have two strokes. We were told "if you did not bring her in, you would have lost her." She is now two-and-a-half years old and is doing well.

We would like to thank the Tseshaht Band Office again for helping us with her specialized shoes. Thank you so much.

We would also like to thank the NTC nurses and physiotherapist Serena Rata for all the help they did with our daughter Nicole Barney-Sam. Thank you to everyone else too.

From Janine Barney, Ken Sam (Gooch) and brother Deshawn Barney Sam

Matter got out of hand

Hello everyone my name is Shelley Amos. I would like to apologize to anyone that I may have offended with my outburst at the Alberni Athletic Hall on Saturday, Feb. 2. I was frustrated and upset that my son Michael Johnson was not able to play in the remainder of the tournament, which was a memorial for his "best friend" the late Vincent Frank. I was angry that the protest came from somebody that was not involved in the game that was being played. I realize now that I should have dealt with this matter in a different way. Again I apologize to anyone that I may have offended.

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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 - 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 725-2388.

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New DFO Funding Offers Opportunity for Nations Working Together

"The transfer of the access to fisheries resources associated with licenses and quotas is the most important aspect of PICFI, not the licenses and quotas themselves."

—PICFI Design and Implementation: Nuuchahnulth, Turning Point, and North Coast-Lower Skeena First Nations Discussion Paper.

Ever since the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) announced funding for the Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (PICFI), Uu-a-thluk (NTC Fisheries) staff have been working to ensure that Nuuchahnulth fishermen and communities will see real benefits from the program. For Don Hall, Uu-a-thluk Program Manager, this participation is all part of a strategy. "Litigation, treaty negotiations, participation in government programs, seafood business development" says Hall, listing off the tools Nuuchahnulth are using to gain better access to sea resources. "PICFI offers Nuuchahnulth one more opportunity to accomplish our goals."

The bulk of the \$175 million promised by the federal government under the initiative will be used to transfer existing commercial access through licenses and quotas to First Nations. All commercial fisheries are eligible, not only salmon. By retiring the licenses and quota of fishers who want to leave the commercial fishery, the federal government plans to direct these resources towards greater First Nations participation. But Hall stresses it's not merely the transfer of

licenses and quota that's important. "Its transferring the access associated with licenses and quotas to First Nations for the economic benefit of First Nation's communities. PICFI also needs the flexibility to allow communities to develop innovative ways to maximize the benefits from the increased access to their communities."

Under the direction of the Council of Ha'wiih and NTC directors, Uu-a-thluk staff have been working with other First Nations in B.C. and DFO to help design and develop how PICFI will be implemented. Because PICFI also includes funding for capacity development, improved co-management, and enhanced accountability, First Nations have an opportunity to influence program design at a variety of levels. So far one thing is clear: PICFI will most benefit Nations who can work together.

"Increasing access for harvest is the first step. Nuuchahnulth Nations want to participate in all aspects of the seafood economy. That means harvesting, processing, and selling seafood into a world market that demands high quality, sustainably harvested fish and shellfish. That also means being co-managers of the sea resources in Nuuchahnulth territories. Successful seafood companies need to be large enough to deliver a stable supply of quality seafood. The 15 Nuuchahnulth Nations have agreed to work together to see what this will look like for Nuuchahnulth," says Hall. "The right size is probably the whole of Nuuchahnulth territories on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The PICFI design that DFO is proposing prefers Nations working together to develop a commercial fishing enterprise. Nuuchahnulth already have that legal structure in place through the Nuuchahnulth Seafood Development Corporation."

Well equipped to access PICFI funding through NSDC, Nuuchahnulth Nations are teaming up with Uu-a-thluk and the seafood corporation to develop a comprehensive, collective business plan for the Nuuchahnulth region, built from the needs of individual Nuuchahnulth communities and fishermen. The plan will look at consolidating smaller operations with limited access into an integrated seafood business and diversifying product so Nations aren't reliant on single species whose stocks may be in poor condition. Working together, Nuuchahnulth Nations have an opportunity compete on a larger scale.

But Hall is pragmatic about any talk of expansion. "Before Nuuchahnulth talk about growing, we need to increase access, and we need to increase the viability of existing Nuuchahnulth fishermen. Young Nuuchahnulth need to see a future in fisheries from guys that are making a living at it now. PICFI offers some opportunities to accomplish these objectives."

It's all part of the strategy. And for Hall, that strategy is starting to pay off. "First Nations have been saying for years that they want to be involved in the design and implementation of government programs. It is happening right now with PICFI."



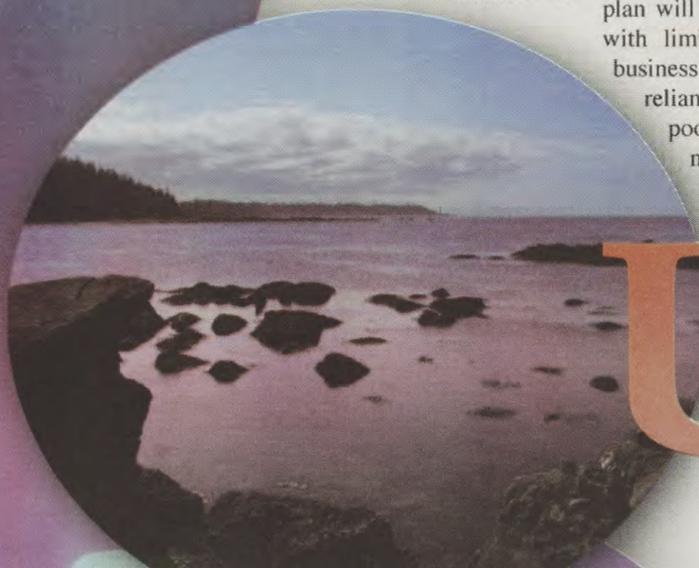
Nuuchahnulth troller and mosquito boat.



Tseshah drag seine day at Paper Mill Dam.

Uu-a-thluk and NSDC will be hosting a meeting about PICFI and other opportunities for Nations to work together on February 18 at 9:00 a.m. at the Zeballos Community Hall. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Randy Fred at (250) 741-0153 or randyfred@shaw.ca.

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