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Hesquiaht family honors ancestor unjustly hanged

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—The Amos family of Hesquiaht temporarily raised a memorial pole on the Tofino waterfront July 14. Designed by master artist Tim Paul, the pole was carved to honor the memory of the family's late grandfather and chief John Anayitzachist, and to bring public attention to the tragic circumstances of his death.

Two Hesquiaht men, Anayitzachist and Katkinna, were tried and convicted of murdering passengers and crew of the ship John Bright in July 1869. The ship had hit a reef, and by Hesquiaht accounts, all aboard were lost in the accident. But according to another trader, James Christenson, there had been survivors, who met with foul play as they came to shore. (see the history of Anayitzachist and the John Bright incident on page 6.)

After a trial in which their accuser acted as their interpreter, and for which Anayitzachist and Katkinna were provided no legal representation, the men were found guilty and sentenced to hang. To teach Indians a lesson, the men were executed at Hesquiaht in front of their families.

Before he died, Anayitzachist declared his innocence and softly sang a song as he stood on the gallows. According to Paul, Anayitzachist sang he would always be news; he would be talked about because his family would grow.

Now 139 years later, Anayitzachist's prediction came true as more than 650 of his direct descendants still sing his song today. They have never wavered from the belief that their grandfather was wrongfully executed and they vow to do whatever it takes to clear his good name.

More than 200 friends and family arrived at Tofino for the pole raising to celebrate his memory.

“What happened to him wasn't fair,” said Paul. “He was our chief, head of Atl-eer-tuk-kumlh-ath (Homiss),” he explained.

Paul said he and the other descendants wanted to honor their grandfather as British Columbia celebrates its 150th birthday.

“This is not out of animosity or anger. It's just to share our history,” Paul said. He went on to explain that his family continues its research on the incident and is working on getting copies of autopsies that surgeon Dr. Peter Comrie did on the remains of the alleged murder victims of the John Bright.

“Our family wants an apology and complete exoneration of our grandfather,” Paul said.

The family had to pass through Tla-o-qui-aht traditional territory to pay homage to Anayitzachist. In recognition of Nuu-chah-nulth protocol, they contacted each Tla-o-qui-aht ha'wilth and obtained permission and even support to raise the pole in Tofino.

The pole would stand only a few hours before making its final voyage to Hesquiaht and Homiss, Anayitzachist's homeland.

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On July 14, a pole commemorating the memory of Hesquiaht chief Anayitzachist was raised. Dwayne Amos, on Oct. 6, will take his hereditary place amongst Hesquiaht ha'wiih and will take his grandfather's name Anayitzachist.



Mike de Jong, minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, jumped up on the rocks at Indian Reserve #6, Ucluelet's Treaty Settlement Lands, to get a better view of the open ocean before hiking back to the Maa-nulth signing ceremony at Hittatsoo on July 22.

BC/nations sign final treaty agreement

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Hittatsoo—“We did it!” exclaimed a beaming Vi Mundy to her Maa-nulth treaty colleague, Charlie Cootes of Uchucklesaht.

Everyone was all smiles as three of the five Maa-nulth nations gathered at Hittatsoo July 22 to sign the

final treaty agreement with Mike de Jong, B.C.'s Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation.

The five Maa-nulth Nations, Huu-ay-aht, Ka:yu:k'th/Che:k'tles7et'h, Toquaht, Uchucklesaht and the Ucluelet First Nation ratified their final agreement in 2007. The province of British Columbia completed its ratification process in November of that year. The signing ceremony included Ucluelet First Nation, Uchucklesaht and Toquaht.

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Ha'wilth named university chancellor

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Nanaimo—The newly designated Vancouver Island University has named its first chancellor. The honor has been bestowed upon respected Nuu-chah-nulth leader Shawn A-in-chut Atleo of Ahousaht.

Atleo, although very busy in his role as regional chief of the Assembly of First Nations, said he is honored to be selected VIU's first chancellor and looks forward to giving back to an institution that has given so much to Nuu-chah-nulth people.

As chancellor, or honorary head of VIU, Atleo will be required to attend some board meetings and will hand out degrees at the annual convocation ceremony. He will have some say in guiding the future direction of VIU.

VIU President Dr. Ralph Nilson said chancellors are nominated by an executive committee, then the university's board of directors make the selection and appointment. Nilson said the university's board of director's vote for Atleo was unanimous.

When the board settled on Shawn Atleo, board chairman Robin Kenyon went to Ahousaht to ask Atleo if he would accept the title. "We wanted to ask Shawn directly, on his traditional territory," Nilson explained.

He went on to say that Atleo was very thoughtful, as he considered taking on the role. Besides being a hereditary chief and elected regional chief, Atleo is the chair of the First Nations Government Framework National Committee and vice-chair of the National Fisheries Committee. He recently co-chaired the National Bill-30 Task Force on Specific Claims.

With a masters of education degree in Adult Learning and Global Change from the University of Technology, Sydney Australia, Atleo is no stranger to the classrooms of post-secondary institutions.

"He shows a strong commitment to education and he is young, bridging so many generations," said Nilson of Atleo. "He shows strength of leadership and character, and has the additional role of



Shawn A-in-chut Atleo has been named the new chancellor of Vancouver Island University.

population.

Besides making his contribution as leader at VIU, Atleo has another, very personal reason to assist in the success of the university. He and his wife Nancy live part-time in Nanaimo and their children have grown and left home. They are now attending university; their son in Vancouver and their daughter Tara will be start classes at VIU this fall.

Tom Happynook, president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, said he is thrilled that a Nuu-chah-nulth member has been selected to such a prestigious appointment.

"This appointment clearly shows that Nuu-chah-nulth-aht can fill prominent roles within the province of British Columbia. As chancellor, Shawn will have the authority to breathe life into the academic degrees that students have worked so hard towards," Happynook said.

He called the appointment an amazing event for Nuu-chah-nulth and, "I am sure, all Nuu-chah-nulth-aht will join me in congratulating Shawn for this incredible appointment."

"Thank you, Shawn, for your hard work, dedication and ha'wilthmis; you have once again raised Nuu-chah-nulth up proudly, and for that we will be forever grateful."

VIU will host an installation ceremony for Atleo on Sept. 27 in Nanaimo.

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Kleco! Kleco!

Anayitzachist's song is sung while the pole is raised

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Paul said the Amos family chose to do this as their way of acknowledging their grandfather and their continued belief in his innocence.

"It's long overdue," Paul remarked.

A secondary reason for planting the pole in Homiss is to remind the federal government that the place Canada wants to designate a federal marine park is Hesquiaht land. Paul said the federal government is trying to establish a park at Homiss without consulting Hesquiaht.

For Paul, placing the pole at Homiss also represents a celebration of family history and belonging.

"It is a celebration to show we have roots that go back to Homiss," he said.

The pole features three figures. A giant shark supports a giant octopus that in turn holds up the first man. Paul said Anayitzachist is represented on top of the pole because he is the one from which the large Amos family descends.

Dr. Simon Lucas thanked people for attending to witness the event. He then told the story of Anayitzachist that had been passed from generation-to-generation for more than a century.

He introduced Dwayne Amos, who will claim the hereditary title of Anayitzachist at a potlatch on Oct. 6. On that day Dwayne will take the name of



Volunteers, including MLA Scott Fraser, answer the call for help to raise the pole in Tofino before moving it to its final home on Homiss.

Three long lines were attached to the pole and dozens of men answered the call for volunteers to raise it. Linus Lucas chanted Anayitzachist's last song as the pole was slowly raised and secured in place.

Miles Richardson of Haida Gwaii, the former chief commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission, wished the Hesquiaht's well on their journey of righting an historic wrong.

"Clearing the name of an important relative will clear the name of the young man who will take his name also. To us, our names are everything," he said.

Richardson read a message from the Dr. David Suzuki family who was not able to attend the event. The letter reiterated the importance righting an historic wrong and commended Tim, Simon and others for clearing their ancestor's name.

Joe Alphonse of Chilcotin knows how the Amos family feels. He told a story dating back to 1864 when settlers encroached on their homelands. The colonists in Victoria sent a crew to make a road that would cut through Chilcotin territory to make easy passage to the gold fields.

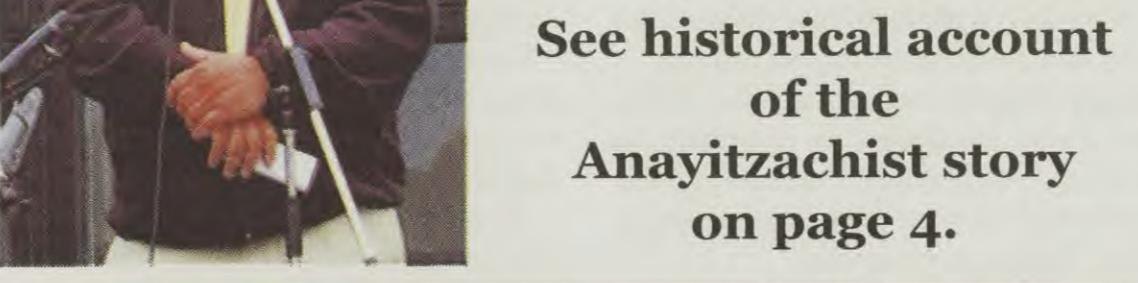
The Chilcotin people suffered many abuses at the hands of the road builders, but when they started taking Chilcotin women for their entertainment, the chiefs declared war on them.

"Without (women) there is no nation, so we defended what is ours fiercely,"

"He was not a heathen. He was royalty," Hamilton said.

Above: Joe Alphonse tells of the execution of the Chilcotin chiefs and presents a war club to Hesquiaht artist Tim Paul. Vic and Dwayne Amos look on. Left: Miles Richardson, the former chief commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission, encourages Hesquiaht family to pursue the exoneration of their leader Anayitzachist.

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said Alphonse. The road building crew was killed and reaction from Victoria was swift.

"We called it a war. They called it an uprising," Alphonse explained. The militia was sent to Chilcotin. They lured seven war chiefs 600 miles away to New Westminster where they were tried, sentenced and hanged. One chief escaped, but the remains of the other six are still buried somewhere in New Westminster.

Today, the Chilcotin are blocking the construction of a new high school in New Westminster because they believe one of their chiefs rests there.

"We want them home and we want the government to assist us in finding them. We will walk their bones 600 miles home because they walked 600 miles to New Westminster for us," he declared.

Alphonse presented a war club to Tim Paul. Paul thanked Alphonse saying they owe it to their grandparents to fight for what is theirs.

Besides continuing research on the John Bright affair, family members have contacted local MLA Scott Fraser, asking him to present their letter to the legislature seeking an apology from the province and exoneration for Anayitzachist.

Fraser said that correcting what happened to Anayitzachist is fundamental to the government's promise of reconciliation.

"What happened to Anayitzachist was an injustice and it wasn't isolated. It happened all over," said Fraser.

He promised to work with the Amos family in an attempt to bring attention to this injustice.

"B.C. is spending a lot of money to celebrate BC's 150th birthday, but it wasn't all good, especially for the province's First Nations," said Fraser.

A letter has been sent to Premier Gordon Campbell, and Fraser will press government in the next legislative session for an apology and exoneration for Anayitzachist.

Ron Hamilton reminded the crowd that First Nations continue to battle the government to this day. "We're still in court with B.C. and Canada to fight for our right to be here and earn a living here; we're still living like beggars in our own homes," he said.

When Anayitzachist was being hanged, he sang a song proclaiming his innocence.

"He was not a heathen. He was royalty," Hamilton said.

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Anayitzachist - The history**Opportunist captain, sensational media contribute to deaths**

*By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter*

The story starts in the early 19th century when traders did business along the West Coast. Clashes in culture, language barriers and deep-seated suspicion between the native and non-native peoples often led to violence.

Hesquiaht chief Anayitzachist's tragic end began when the barque John Bright hit a reef near Hesquiaht in February 1869. All 22 aboard, including Captain Burgess, his wife and, at least, one of their children perished in the wreck.

According to Peter Johnson, author of *Glyps and Gallowas*, at the time the Hesquiaht reported the incident to another trader, James Christenson, who was anchored in Hesquiaht Harbour. To their shock, Christenson pulled up anchor and set sail for Kyuquot rather than investigate the accident.

Christenson returned to the site five weeks later and found the remains of a man and woman, their bodies located well above the high-tide mark.

Both sets of remains were in an advanced state of decomposition and the man's head was missing. Christenson buried the remains before returning to Victoria where he reported the wreck to authorities, adding that he suspected the Hesquiaht had murdered any survivors who made it to shore.

The *British Colonist*, a Victoria newspaper owned and written by David William Higgins, further inflamed settler emotions by embellishing Christenson's claims with such headlines as "Six more bodies of the Bark John Bright's people found with their heads cut off? They were without doubt murdered by the Indians."

Higgins wrote:

"Captain Christenson's belief is that these men (Christenson claims to have found six male torsos on a subsequent trip to Hesquiaht) were alive when he first discovered the wreck and that they were secreted in the bush from the Indians; that one by one they came from their hiding places down to the beach to procure food to relieve their misery, and were ruthlessly slaughtered by the savages."

More than 30 years later Higgins continued to write even more sensational accounts of the tragedy. With no eyewitness reports he wrote, "It was shown afterwards that the captain had been shot through the back while in the act of running away in the vain hope of escaping from the cruel savages, who had proved themselves to be less merciful than the wild waves. The other prisoners were thrown down and their heads removed while they piteously begged for mercy."

It is interesting to note that Higgins owned a theatre and was a theatrical impresario. It could have been that he carried his theatrical flair over to his journalism.

By May of that year the gunboat Sparrowhawk carrying a military detachment of Royal Marines was dispatched to Hesquiaht to investigate. Christenson went along to show investigators where the bodies were buried and to act as translator.

Surgeon Dr. Peter Comrie attended the graves. Acting as coroner, he concluded that while the remains were mutilated, the injuries could be explained by the effects of the pounding



Photos by Denise Titian

A tall ship, similar to the ones that would have brought European traders to the West Coast to do business with the Nuu-chah-nulth happened to pass by Tofino as the pole honoring John Anayitzachist was being raised on July 14. The Tall Ships Festival had just concluded in Port Alberni the day before.

surf against the boulders in the area, natural decomposition and animal activity. It was his opinion that no murders occurred.

Nevertheless, suspicions of murder remained. The Hesquiaht denied the murders and refused to turn any of their people over to the military.

The military responded by burning homes and demolishing canoes.

Eventually John Anayitzachist and a man called Katkinna, were taken, along with several Hesquiaht "witnesses," to trial in Victoria.

James Christenson, who first accused the Hesquiahts of murder, served as court translator. He would translate the Chinook language to English. Katkeena and Anayitzachist were prosecuted without benefit of legal representation.

The Hesquiaht, knowing only the Nuu-chah-nulth language, spoke through a Nuu-chah-nulth translator, Ghwyer, who was from another nation. Author Peter Johnson reports in *Glyps and Gallowas* that the translator was a friend of Christenson, and, because of past inter-tribal battles, a sworn enemy of Hesquiaht.

Higgins believes that Christenson's motive for lying about the John Bright incident was partly due to his desire for military protection. He wanted military boats to patrol the West Coast to protect traders from the wrath of aboriginal warriors who had been cheated and abused by the traders.

Christenson profited from the trial, not only as a paid interpreter, but also for transporting the condemned men back to their home. He charged an exorbitant fee to bring Anayitzachist, Katkinna and the crew required to carry out the execution from Victoria to Hesquiaht.

The jury deliberated less than five minutes, returning with a guilty verdict. The condemned men were immediately returned to their village in restraints. A gallows was erected and, to teach the people a lesson, the villagers were summoned to witness the execution.

According to Tim Paul, as Anayitzachist prepared for his final moments, he sang. Proclaiming his innocence to the end, he promised that his family would grow incredibly and would always talk about his story. And then the men were hanged. According to records, Katkinna's noose was improperly placed and he suffered an especially cruel death.

The bodies of both men were relinquished to their people following the executions and the marines and executioners returned to Victoria. Katkinna was single, but Anayitzachist left behind a wife and two young children.

Having spent 30 years among the Hesquiaht, Brabant had time to learn the language and customs of the people.

Captain P. Francis, employer of Captain Christenson, confirmed that there was a windstorm on the day the John Bright went down. The storm so fierce it would have prevented the ship from making a landing. Lifeboat remnants from the doomed boat were found scattered for miles along the coast.

Immediately after the wreck, according to the Hesquiahts, only the woman washed ashore. Her face was bruised, likely from being cast against the rocks. It is said that John Anayitzachist pulled her body several feet above the high-tide mark.

In the following weeks more bodies washed ashore. Brabant said it was common practice for the natives to move human remains above the high water line to keep their food source safe.

"[It] is a pity that there was nobody at the trial to state that such is, in all cases, the practice of the Indians: any corpse (or even body of a wolf or other animal) floating close to shore is always pulled out of the sea, so that the fish on which the Indians live cannot pick at them," wrote Brabant.

Brabant went on to write that Katkeena could have provided an alibi had he had an honest interpreter. "He was in Nootka when the wreck occurred," Brabant wrote.

Captain Francis confirmed Hesquiaht claims that Christenson did not attend the wreck immediately after he was informed of it. Christenson was reprimanded by Francis for his conduct.

The following month, in March, the Leonidas with Captain Francis, arrived at Hesquiaht. They were the first non-natives to visit the wreck of the John Bright.

By the time Christenson made his first visit to the wreck, there were only bones and some badly decomposed remains to be seen. It was at this time that the remains were gathered up and buried.

While it is true that personal effects of the shipwreck victims were found amongst the Hesquiaht, the colonial attitude of the day was that natives were not to be afforded the same scavenging rights the non-natives allowed themselves.

Presented at trial was an assortment of jewelry and other personal effects alleged to have come from the John Bright.

Johnson writes "...simply having the jewelry established foul play. The Hesquiaht (sic), it seems were not allowed the traditional rights of maritime salvage accorded to others who lived on the coast."

In July 1869, Anayitzachist and Katkeena were allowed to speak with their friends and family just hours before the execution. Anayitzachist asked his brother to care for his wife and children.

After the hangings, the *British Colonist* read:

"If we treat with savages we must act in a manner intelligible to them; it is absurd to suppose that our views of equity and justice can apply to people ignorant of the commonest sense of humanity. (There will) be time enough to treat them as we do ourselves, when we have educated them to realize the difference between harshness and mercy ... we must speak in a language they understand."

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**BladeRunners puts young father on the road to success**

said.

One of the skills learned at BladeRunners was putting together an effective resume.

Pincott acknowledges Rob Oldale, the BladeRunners coordinator and his job coach, who helped guide and advise him, as well as supported him in getting job leads.

"One day I went job searching and one of the places I went was to the Beaver Creek Ace Building Centre. After meeting in person with one of the managers, I was called back right away and had an interview. I was successful and started my job right away," said Pincott, who firmly believes that his success was because of the BladeRunners Program training.

Pincott has been working for about three months.

"I really enjoy my job a lot, as I am learning about all types of building supplies and lumber too. I am also excited about taking Fork Lift Training on the job site here," said Pincott.

"I would like to encourage other youth to go after your dreams and to especially seek an opportunity to attain new skills and training as education is important to be able to have the opportunity to succeed," said Pincott. He is thankful that he seized this opportunity and now is working close to home and spending more time with his family.

Communication is one of the keys to success, especially in the work force.

"The BladeRunners Program really helped me to be better in communications as I am normally a quiet person. It also really helped me to come out of a shell and overcome being a shy person," said Pincott.

He was recently invited to return to the Bladerunners' office to speak to the youth who are now in the program. Oldale thought this was quite an accomplishment. When he first met Pincott, he was a very quiet and shy person.

"Pincott was always on time and never missed a day. He would stay longer in the classroom and always would ask questions," said Oldale. He put a lot of personal effort into everything he did here and took the knowledge that he gathered and put it to use.

"Congratulations on your efforts and successes, Bablo, as you are a strong ambassador for the BladeRunners Program," said Oldale.

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Punishment and discipline are very different things

Submitted by Andrew Kerr
Northern Region Prevention Worker

Often when we think of disciplining our children, the word punishment comes to mind. But more and more, both experts and parents are seeing that discipline and punishment do not go hand and hand.

Rather, it's possible for children to learn from their mistakes and change their behavior without punishment. Punishment breeds contempt and resentment and it doesn't teach a child much of anything that is constructive.

The word discipline has Latin roots and means "to give life to a child's learning." The word punishment means "severe and rough mistreatment." Disciplining and setting limits does several things that punishment does not do. It shows children what they did wrong, allows them to take ownership of the problem, gives them ways to solve it and, most importantly, it does what punishment will never do. It leaves your child's dignity intact.

While punishing does little to teach children about their mistakes, the same holds true for lecturing. Most of us probably remember being lectured when we were young and I am sure in almost all cases we dreaded it. Strange thing is, now that we are parents we find ourselves falling into the same pattern with our own children.

The lectures or the "I told you so

"talks" are a waste of time because we are providing children with information they already have, such as "if you hadn't hit your sister you wouldn't be in your room, if you had put your coat on you wouldn't be cold, or if you had studied you would have passed."

This is like a husband saying to his wife "if you hadn't backed up you wouldn't have hit the garage door." We don't need this information anymore than a child needs to hear "if you had put on your coat you wouldn't be cold."

In the case of a child outside without a coat, you might say something like "what seems to be the matter?" Your child would probably respond with something like "I'm freezing and I need my coat," to which you might say "good thinking." By avoiding punishment and lecturing, the child has decided how to solve the problem he/she has created.

The most important responsibility we will probably have in our lifetime is that of parenthood. Part of this responsibility requires that we be the best parent we can be.

I want to encourage all parents to ask questions, talk to friends and professionals, do research and practice what you learn so you can be the role model that your children need so that they may become the best parents they can be!

Practicing better parenting won't make you perfect but it will make your life a lot less stressful and a lot more rewarding.

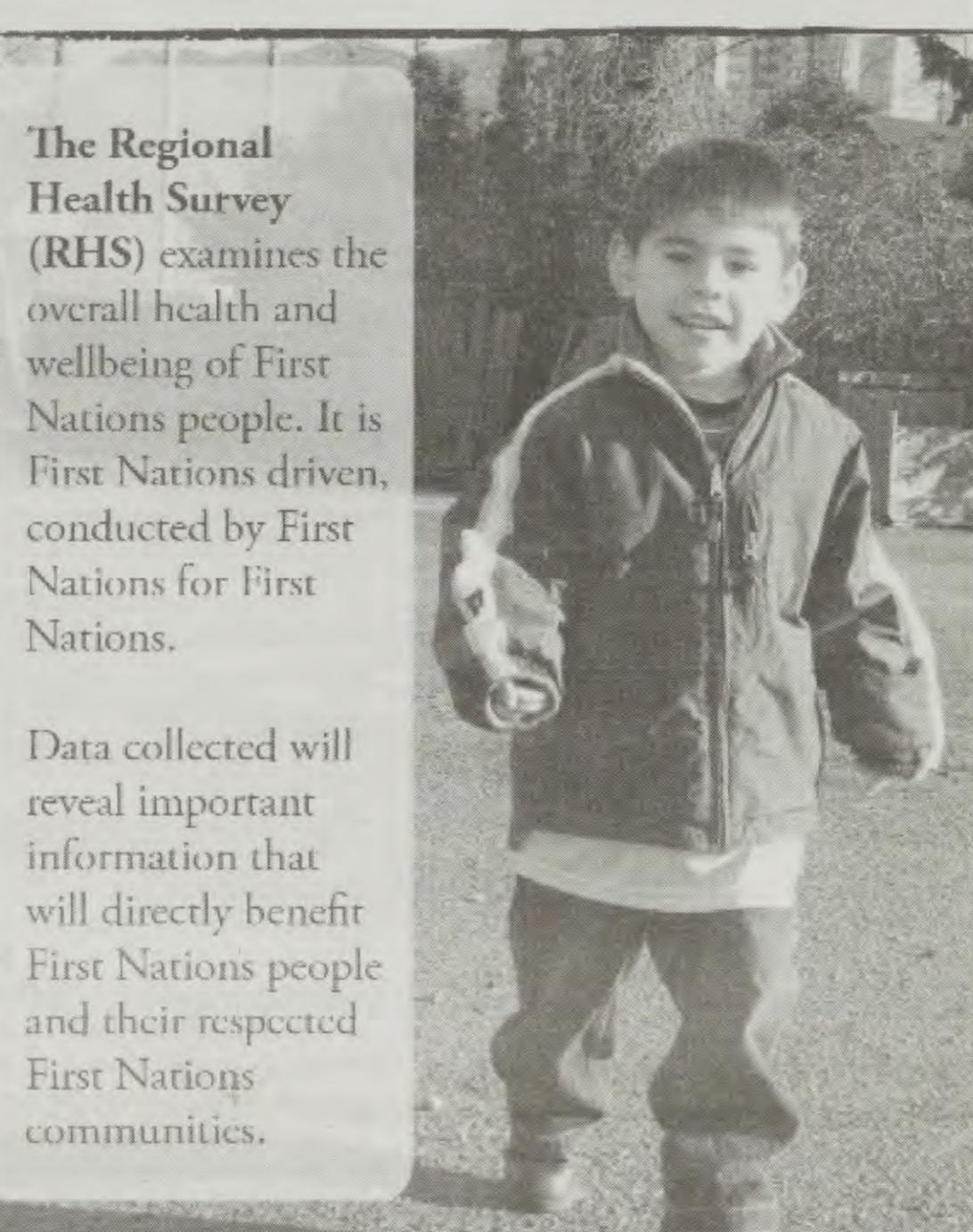
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Academic success celebrated at scholarship awards

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni-Maht Mabs gym was filled with proud Nuu-chah-nulth families July 18 as the Education Department of the tribal council handed out its annual scholarship awards to deserving students. Starting with Ahousaht, each scholarship winner was called to the stage to receive his or her award and pose for group photos.

In addition to regular scholarship awards of \$200, some received special recognition from the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council in the form of the Hahopcha award for outstanding achievement.

Master of Ceremonies Jennifer Hanson introduced Tseshat elder Alan

Dick who welcomed the people and said an opening prayer.

Barbara Sutherland of Ahousaht graduated this year. Her hard work earned her an additional scholarship. Julie Shepard presented Barbara with the Bank of Montreal scholarship.

The 2008 scholarship winners are:

Ahousaht – Emmarie Webster, Marieta Kaloucokovale, Erin Frank, Kaelin George, Stanley Sam Jr., Jacine Adams Charleson, Katherine Little Ambrose, West Frank, Ashley Thomas, Ina Campbell, Shauntay Sam, Jaylynn Keitlah, Bria Samuel, Casandra Wilson, Fiona Cromwell, Janessa Swan, Amber John, Shaniqwe Frank, Tristian Frank, David Wilson, Thomas Titian, Destiny John, Shyanne Samuel, Marcus Lelewski, Blair Cambell, Megan Marshall, Austin Keitlah, Sabrina Campbell, Dion Keitlah, Richard Little,

Barbara Sutherland, Chelsey Titian, Kelly Webster.

Ditidaht – Andrew Knighton, Chantelle Knighton, Desiree Knighton, Conner Logan, Logan MacDonald, Dakota Dawson, Brendan Tate, Daniel Joseph, Krista-lynn Joseph, Samuel Joseph, Chrystal Edgar.

Ehatesaht – Courtenay John, Joshua Billy, Shaylene John-Belanko, Christina John, Jonathan John, Brandon John.

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Clappis, Samantha Haugen, Brenden Fred, Dylan Haugen, Becki Nookemis. Ka:yu:k'th?Che:k'tles7et'h: Tiana Jules, Destiny Arnet, Randy Nicolay, Chelsea Jules

Mowachaht/Muchalaht – Maximus Savey

Nuchatlitz – Alexis Michael, Kaylee Miller

Tla-o-qui-aht – Jordan Tom-Davies, Marissa David, Jordan Dorwad, Ricky Masso

Toquaht – Brandi Mack, Brittany Morgan

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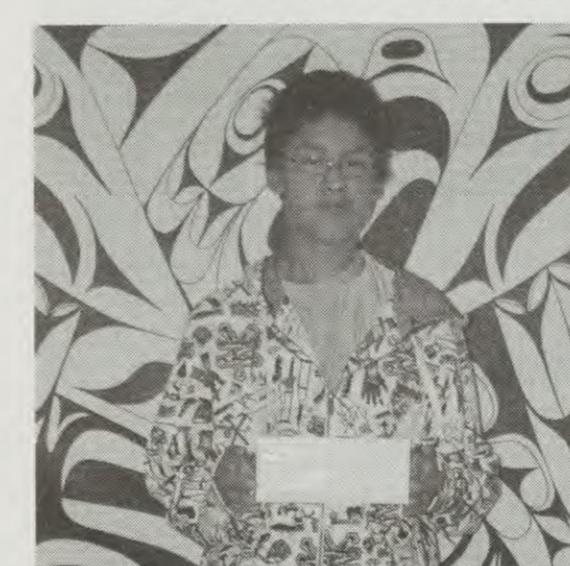
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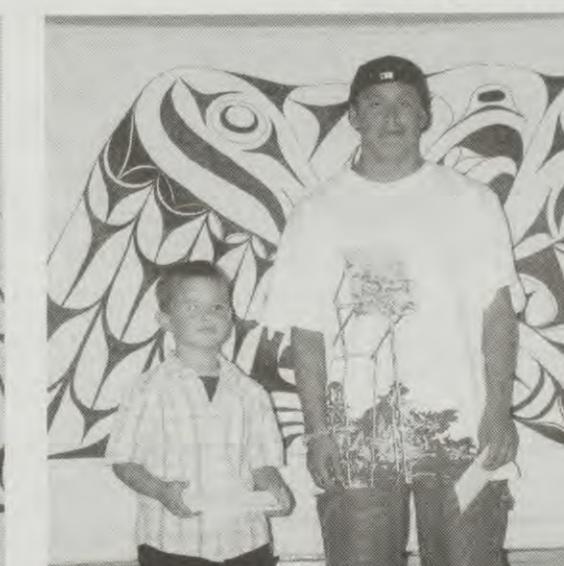
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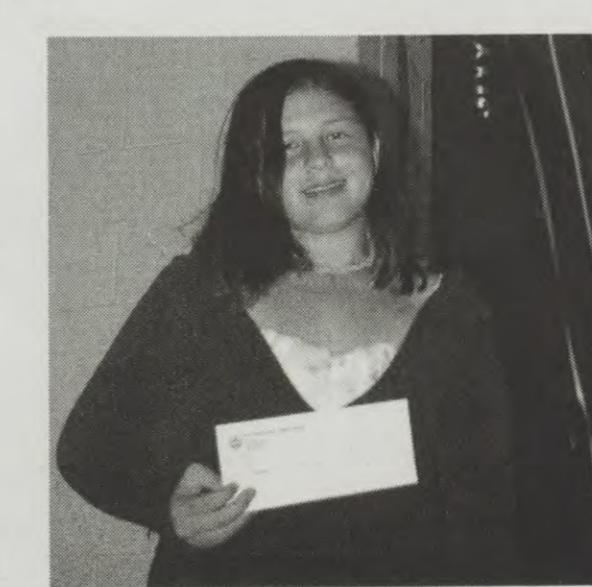
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Bad blood no more

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—When Larry Baird gets up in the morning and feels the twinges and pain of the arthritis in his hands he thinks of Dr. Ryk Ward and the relief his research on rheumatic diseases promised to Nuu-chah-nulth peoples.

In the early 1980s, Ward took 883 vials of blood from Nuu-chah-nulth subjects to study the high incidences of such ailments as rheumatoid arthritis, episodic inflammatory arthritis and lupus in the Nuu-chah-

-nulth population.

Baird runs his hands across the smooth surface of a cardboard box on July 17. It is filled with what is left of the blood from that study. That day it is scheduled to be destroyed, ending an unpleasant chapter in the Nuu-chah-nulth people's experience with Ward, who betrayed their trust and disappointed their expectation of a cure, or at least effective treatment of their suffering.

The tale of the bad blood between the researcher and the Nuu-chah-nulth community began with optimism and enthusiasm. Ward was a genetic researcher with an international reputation. He was to probe the family clustering of rheumatic diseases in Nuu-chah-nulth-aht.

"A genetic take on their disease might reveal the nature and mechanism of their disease which might lead to a cure or to be treated better in the future," Dr Christopher J. Atkins told Ha-Shilth-Sa in 2000. "To use it for something else without our permission is very wrong."

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Darleen Watts, chair of the Nuu-chah-nulth research Ethics Committee, discusses the history of the Bad Blood controversy and the committee's efforts to set standards of research in Nuu-chah-nulth communities for the future. She is flanked by Dr. Jeff Reading and Helen Dick.

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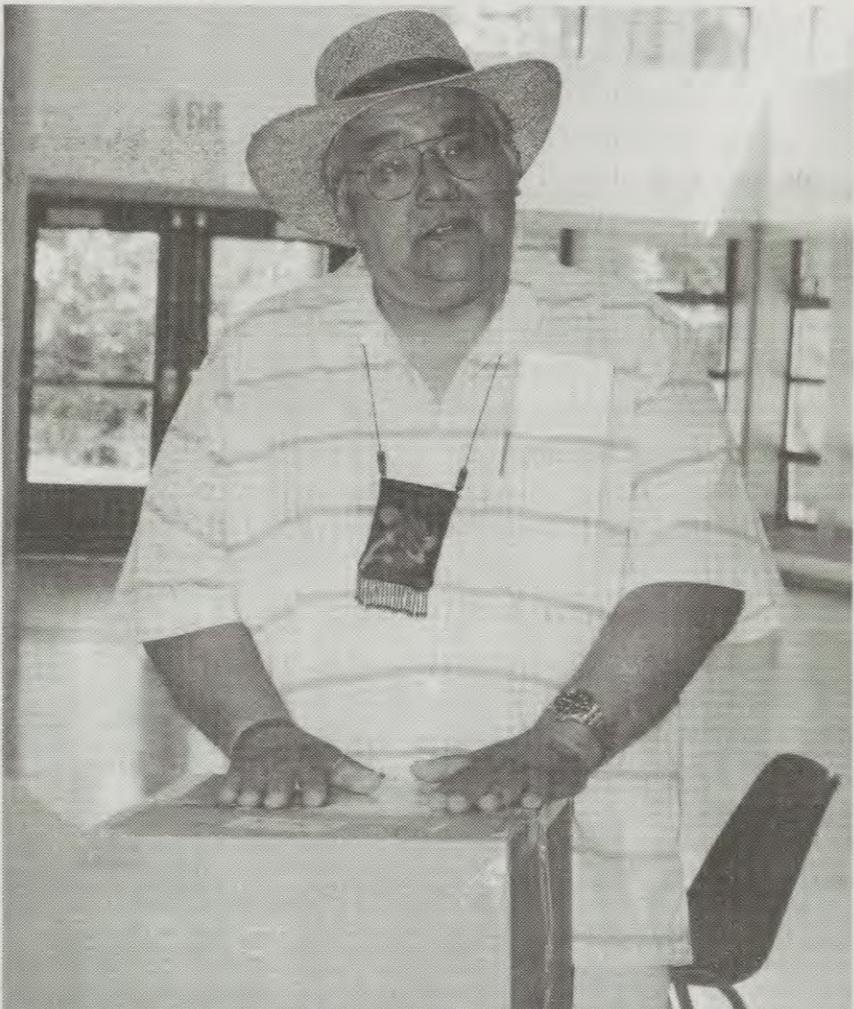
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They had studied the Nuu-chah-nulth bad blood case, and were enthusiastic to meet with the committee.

Many researchers spoke about research being conducted in their communities without the consent of their people.

Baird then took the blood to the hospital in Port Alberni and handed it over to chief lab technician Karin Fischer, who sent it out with a bio-waste company for disposal.

"It's no longer on our plate," he told the committee. "It's done. It's concluded."



Larry Baird stands with the box that contains the blood of hundreds of Nuu-chah-nulth-aht who had agreed to supply it for a study of rheumatic diseases. The researcher conducting the study, Dr. Ryk Ward, however, used the blood for other projects without their consent. The Nuu-chah-nulth fought to get the blood back. It was disposed of at West Coast General Hospital on July 17.

The incident hasn't spoiled the relationship between

the Nuu-chah-nulth and the researchers. The researchers visiting that day were members of a summer institute with the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research. They came from all parts of the world, and were specifically looking at health research and Indigenous

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Frank family honors respected late ha'wilth

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—On Saturday June 28 at the Wickaninnish School in Tofino, family members honored their late father, grandfather, brother and uncle, Ha'wilth Alex Frank Sr.

The family were letting go and drying their tears for a man that was well known and respected throughout Nuu-chah-nulth territory, including the many relatives from Neah Bay in Washington.

Extending family member and friends were served a lunch at Wickaninnish School, which incidentally is one of the ha'wilth's names from Tla-o-qui-ah, late Alex Frank's nephew George Frank. After the luncheon, Ben David, the emcee for the event, called on all of the Tla-o-qui-ah young men to put away the tables and set up the chairs for the day's cultural event.

Just prior to the hosts starting to do this, Jimmy Chester from Ditidaht asked the emcee if he could say a few words.

"I would like to thank our hosts for taking care of all of our visitors, and especially for feeding us. I was taught by my family always to thank the host for looking after their guests," said Chester. "It is not proper to just eat and leave without giving thanks. I especially would like to thank the Frank family for the invitation to witness your family's party. Kleco, kleco," said Chester.

David introduced the host, Siayasim (Jasper Frank), who took over for his late father Alex Frank Sr. after he passed away. David said that late Alex Frank had been gone for almost two years. David then called on Barney Williams Jr. to do a ciquua (a chant) prior to the hosts dancing on the floor. A couple of Tla-o-qui-ah men then came out and spread eagle down on the floor to cleanse it and protect all those who would be dancing throughout the day's party.

Williams, who is the beach-keeper for Tla-o-qui-ah, then acknowledged the ha'wilth, elders and some special guests with money. Kelly John, an uncle to the host family, explained that



Photos by Jack F. Little

(Siayasim) Jasper Frank, emcee Ben David and Irvin Frank (Siiyahkuuim) address guest to the Alex Frank Sr. memorial potlatch on June 28.



The Masso family performs the lively Kingfisher dance. The headdresses were designed and made by Wayne Wenstob and family in only six days. The artwork was designed by Ron Martin.



Members of the Seitcher family support the Frank family in honoring Alex Frank Sr. by dancing at his memorial potlatch.

those who were acknowledged in this cultural way meant that their chupits (canoes) are now tied down, or

anchored, and they could not leave until the family's business was completed.

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Ladies are dancing out; the mourning of the late Alex Frank Sr. is over.



Stanley Sam describes the late Alex Frank Sr. curtain, and the history behind the symbols on it, including the Thunderbird and the serpent.

Telus and Bell to introduce charges for text messages

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

message received on their cell phones.

The new fee applies to pay-as-you-go customers who generally use their phones less than contract customers do. The new fees will not affect contract customers with bundled features.

Customers locked into contracts will often bundle features, allowing them more advanced calling features, including a certain number of texts for a set fee. Telus Mobility, for example, offers bundles including text features starting at \$15 per month, which allows

amount the customer pays each month to keep his cell phone in service.

Pay-as-you-go customers generally buy their phones outright, then buy calling cards that allow a limited number of airtime minutes for phone calls. They pay 15 cents for every text message they send, but until now, all incoming texts were free.

A Telus spokesperson explained the new fees are necessary to pay for increased use of the service and to help cover the cost of network upgrades.

This announcement has caused Internet message boards and blogs to burn up with angry comments as irate customers vent their frustration. They complain that since they have no control over incoming text messages, they shouldn't be charged for it.

One message board writer said that a car rental agency asked for his cell number and now he receives frequent spam texts on his phone.

A mother writes that her teenage daughter is concerned because 'mean people' can send anyone dozens of texts and there is nothing you can do about it if they know your number.

Telus representative Shawn Hall assured the public that Telus is a leader in spam blocking. He advises customers to call the company if they are receiving spam texts and they will be taken care of.

Hall rationalized the new fees by saying "This helps us recover costs from pay-per-use customers, typically customers who send and receive the odd text message. You know, 'Honey, pick up

milk and eggs on your way home,' that kind of thing."

Nevertheless, if pay-as-you-go customers receive at least as many texts as they send, then the texting portion of their service will at least double in cost, and that has sparked petitions from online social network Facebook and the New Democratic Party.

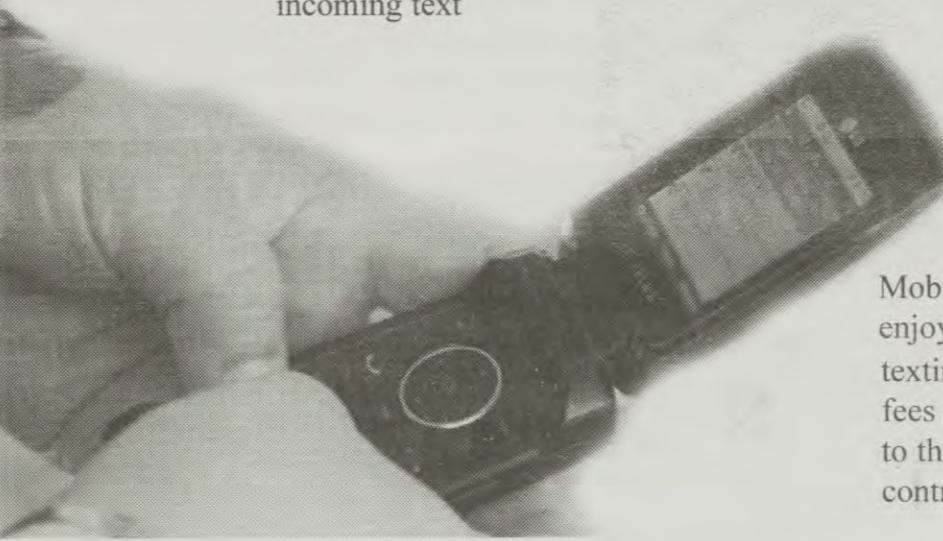
So what can pay-as-you-go customers do to avoid paying the new fees? Bloggers are advising Telus and Bell customers to switch to Rogers or Virgin.

Rogers Communications reports it has no plans to charge its pay-as-you-go customers for incoming text messages.

According to technology Web sites, text messaging was introduced in Canada in 2002, when the inter-carrier service text messaging became available. At 15 cents it is far cheaper to text someone than it is to call over a cell phone.

In its first year, there were 369,000 text messages sent every day, or 11 million annually. Today, Canadians send 45.4 million per day, according to the Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association.

On July 9, a day after the Telus Mobility and Bell announcements, Industry Minister Jim Prentice said in a press release that he'd written letters to both companies requesting a meeting and explanation for the new text messaging charges. He said their decision to charge consumers without text bundling packages would hurt consumers. The companies will meet with the minister before Aug. 8.



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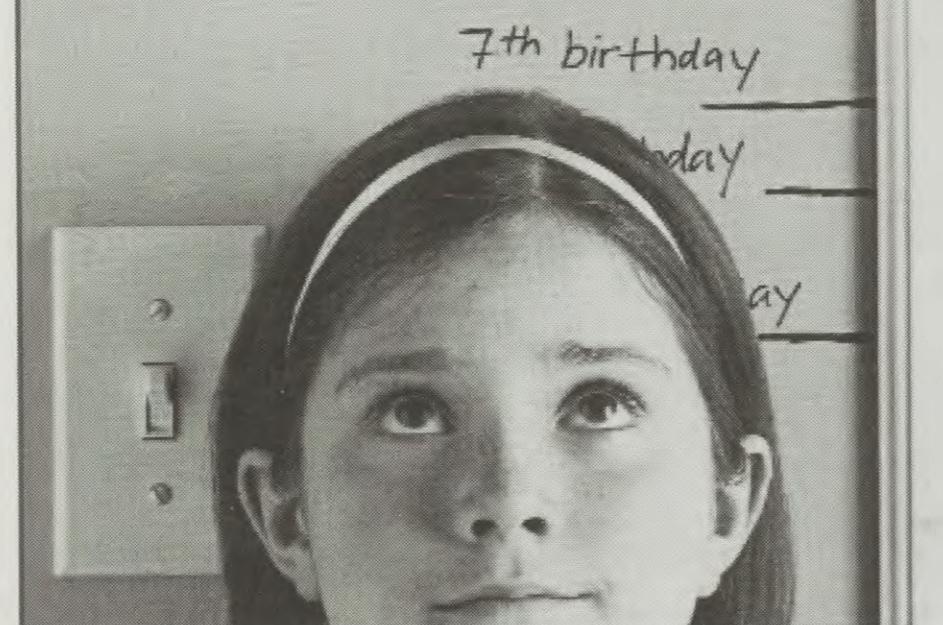
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Mothers gather to share experiences, observations

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Debbie Neuwirth, the Mothers Support Worker for Tseshah, hosted six young mothers on June 26 at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council nurses office. It was the first gathering of its kind. Participants were to discuss information on the Maternal Child Health Program, how best it can be utilized, what is working and what is not, and how the program can be improved.

Neuwirth started the gathering with an opening prayer and then asked each of the mothers to introduce themselves and their babies. She then asked a series of questions about the Maternal Child Health Program, how it had benefited the Tseshah women and what successes they have had as young mothers.

"I learned about healthy living styles," said one woman. "The mothers support worker came to my workplace when I was having difficulty one day at work," said another. "Throughout my pregnancy I benefited by having lots of support and encouragement," was another response.

The day-long discussion seemed to hinge on culture and building on traditional teaching. It was suggested that elders be invited to the group and those with the knowledge of Tseshah songs. They would pass along their experiences on raising children, talk about their roles and responsibilities, their knowledge of ceremonies and of traditional foods.

It was also suggested that the new moms get together for healthy and nutritious lunches, to go for walks, to meet for information sessions with nurses and to share among themselves. There was also a suggestion that sessions should be held for new fathers.

Each of the mothers was asked to participate in a dream exercise where they cut out pictures from old magazines about what their dreams and aspirations were.

"I want to encourage you all to dream, to be creative. Whatever you put your mind to, you can make your dreams come true," said Neuwirth.

Neuwirth was pleased with the group's first gathering with all of the information that was shared and is looking forward to future gatherings with the moms.



Six young Tseshah mothers gathered at the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's nurse's office to share their common experiences with the Maternal Child Health Program. From left to right, the mothers with babies are: Rebecca Williams and Cassidy, Nicole Watts and Tia-Paige, Kathleen Fred and Juliann Fraser, Crystal Watts and Cameron Amos, Victoria Gallic and Mariah Gallic Manson, Johnson Sport, Jeanette Watts and Bryan Watts and Debbie Neuwirth, Mothers Support Worker for Tseshah.



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A journey to remember

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Equis—It was an early start for Tseshah members as they headed out to Equis on July 18. Everyone was in good spirits as they passed around the hard-boiled eggs, muffins and blueberries for the 5:30 a.m. breakfast on the bus.

The trip to the Broken Group Islands was at first a time for visiting, but as the bus followed the twisting and turning of the road toward Ucluelet, people fell into a quiet reverie, perhaps dreaming about what experiences the trip would bring.

For some of the older members of the group, it was a chance to go back home to a place they remembered as children, skipping up and down the beaches; where their families built a life for them until commercial harvesting fished out the resources of the seas.

For others it was a chance to educate themselves about the beginnings of the people known as Tseshah, the families that had formed alliances against war and disease, for their very survival as a people.

The grey mist clung to the mountain tops like a soggy blanket as the sun struggled to break through the fog in the east. Low tide made the trip down to the Don't Ask, a perilous one. The boat ride however would be worth the effort, as it ferried its passengers past familiar sites, bringing back memories of fishing with fathers and uncles and brothers in that stretch of water between Ucluelet and Equis.

Eagles danced as the Don't Ask left the dock, and a grey whale got people to their feet for a show, though brief. A bear greeted the vessel as it reached its muddy destination known as "pretty" or "pleasant" beach.

"This is awesome," said elder Anita Schievink about the journey.

Tseshah historian Denis St. Claire was brought to greet the ferry in a skiff operated by young cousins Hjalmer and

Stella Wemstob. Together, along with 14 students from the University of Victoria's Anthropology Field School, and a variety of other professionals, they were conducting a dig at Hiikw (Equis), searching for artifacts and other materials that would round out the story of the people who had once lived there, likely for thousands of years.

The Don't Ask docked at Dutch Harbour to let the less agile disembark. But the walk around to the dig site, over jagged and slippery rocks, was a messy one, with stretches of mud and slime that made some wonder about the beach's pretty moniker.

The field students greeted the Tseshah people on the beach where they all gathered round a fire, and St. Claire talked about the history of the people who had once occupied the area, making special note of 90-year-old Fred Gus, who sat close to the fire and was only among a few who had lived at the site in his childhood.

Chief Councillor Les Sam said he appreciated the people who were working on the dig, which was in its first week of an eight-week schedule, and he was especially proud of the young Tseshah people involved, including Hank Gus and Jordan Dick.

Councillor Willard Gallic, Sr. said the project meant a lot personally to him. "At the end of the day, our story's going to be told in a way that comes directly from us... So far, our history has been told by other people."

Gallic has roots in the area. With his father being a fisherman, the family moved from site to site.

"It was a great life. It was a life that you could explain by saying there was no such thing as TV, there was no such thing as video games. Everything that you had to play with you made on your own," Gallic said. "The shells on the beach were great things to make different things for pretending... Our entertainment was hearing stories from



our grandfather." The stories were lessons in disguise, all with morals and clues about how to behave in life.

The visitors toured the dig site and asked questions about the painstaking work that was going on there.

Gus and Dick knelt in a square hole in the ground where they were slowly unearthing their ancestors' past. They had already uncovered a significant object of interest, one that spoke to the spiritual nature of the people who had once lived at the site in his childhood.

Hart Duinker, a UVic student from Belleville, Ont., was an able teacher, pointing out to the very interested Tseshahs the different levels of history being exposed as the dig progressed.

Nicole Smith is the instructor of the field school. She was very pleased to speak with the Tseshahs about the area, and hoped the students would take advantage of the visitors to ask questions about the culture and the history that was known about the site.

"There are very few opportunities to get out and dig," said Smith. "For all of the students, this is the first time they have ever been to an archaeological site

where they actually have the opportunity to explore what is beneath the ground... And so having the opportunity to come here, and meet the people whose site this is, they would have never had an opportunity like this before... It's a very special project to be involved in."

St. Claire said the project was a year in the making, involving Parks Canada, UVic, the University of British Columbia and Tseshah.

"It's really quite unusual to have that kind of partnership," he said.

"We'll probably end up with one-tenth of one per cent... of this site excavated with these five or six units. It's a very large site. But it's all about sampling... It's like pulling skins off of an onion. You're going down layer by layer, and the inter-relationship of artifacts and [other] remains, horizontally and vertically, tell us a story..."

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Tseshah visits Equis

Edgar family honors Siayasm with song and dance

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Ditidaht was next on the floor. Jimmy Chester called on his ha'wilh to come forward. Chief Arnold Shaw, Brian Tate and the Edgar family participated and showed their strong connections to the Frank family. Tate and Shaw brought out their hinkuits and Ralph Edgar and his family members also did their prayer song and dance.

The Edgar family stood up Siayasm and Dora Frank during the dance. After the dance Edgar explained that his family was giving permission to the Frank family to use the song and dance. Each dancer put a feather in a cedar box and presented it to the family.

Tate explained that with their family's connection that they share songs and dances which come from the Frank family from Tla-o-qui-aht.

"We know that some of these songs and dances that we do originally come from Tla-o-qui-aht and that we are connected through our blood lines,"

said Tate. After the Ditidaht finished doing their business, emceed David once again called on all Tla-o-qui-aht to prepare the gym for dinner.

After dinner Katie Fraser and a few of her family members presented the host with gifts. Pat Charleson Sr. then called on his relatives from Tla-o-qui-aht to assist him in his songs and dances and then passed on money to the host. Both Fraser and Charleson explained their strong family ties to the Frank family.

Kelly John was next and after performing a few of his songs and dances he too showed his strong family ties to the host family.

John and his family presented three drums to Siayasm. Marshall and Walter Thomas and Tim Sutherland then performed from Ahousaht. Others that took part included Ha'wilh Naaqua (Howard Tom), Ha'wilh Robert Martin and the Martin family and the Masso family from Tla-o-qui-aht.

The Masso family did the very

entertaining Kingfisher song and dance. Tom Curley spoke for the Masso family. He explained that the song was originally composed by a Tla-o-qui-aht man, an ancestor of the Masso family, Kleeichpi. He then took the song and dance to Ahousaht. Billy George from the Keitlah family (Hiiyupinulth) recently acknowledged that the Masso family also has the right to use this song and dance.

The Masso family acknowledged Wayne Wenstob with limited edition family print for making the head dresses for the Kingfisher dance. It was explained to everyone that it only

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Fisheries - ca-ca-tuk

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen and representatives met with Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) officials July 11 to receive an update on the Pacific Salmon treaty negotiations between Canada and the United States.

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(WCVI).

"We told them we're not interested in anything more than 30 per cent," Macgillivray said. "We want Alaska to reduce their harvest equally, but they were unwilling. Both countries are dealing with conservation concerns," he continued.

He reported that Canada eventually agreed to the proposed 30 per cent reduction on WCVI and they understand that is a concern for fishermen in the area. The U.S. has committed to spend \$30 million to help Canada mitigate the WCVI reduction.

In total the U.S. has agreed to spend \$59 million to support the implementation of the agreement if both countries agree to adopt the proposed changes.

Under the proposed agreement, the Area G troll allocation would be reduced, but First Nations food and ceremonial allocation would remain the same at 5,000.

There are three fishing areas contained in the agreement: WCVI, Northern British Columbia, and Alaska. More than half of all stocks originate in Canada for all three fishing areas, yet the Alaska fishery, under the proposed agreement, would face a 15 per cent reduction in TAC (total allowable catch), WCVI at 30 per cent reduction and no reduction in the northern BC fishery.

Macgillivray reported that Pacific Salmon treaty recommendations were made in May and Canada has an obligation to consult with First Nations and stake holders.

Of the six chapters in the Pacific Salmon treaty, five are about to expire.

1. trans-boundary rivers, all species
2. northern boundary; sockeye, pink, chum
3. Chinook, coast-wide
4. Fraser River, sockeye and pink expires in 2010
5. Coho, southern B.C., Washington and Oregon
6. chum, southern B.C. and Washington

According to Macgillivray, Canada argued consistently for Alaska to reduce its TAC because it is a major harvester of WCVI Chinook.

Reaction from Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen and representatives was strong in opposition to the proposed Chinook agreement. Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen and representatives are angry about the proposed TAC reduction. They say the last of their commercial fishermen are going bankrupt while Americans and sports fishing businesses continue to get rich off the dwindling resource.

"There's a resort near Ahousaht that sends out five chartered fishing boats a day starting at five in the morning," said John O. Frank.

Dr. Simon Lucas said Nuu-chah-nulth have been trying to make inroads with fisheries management since 1970 when they recognized their fishermen were starting to be phased out.

"Today there are only two fishermen in Hot Springs Cove," he said.

Without commercial fishing, Lucas said, Nuu-chah-nulth living in remote communities have few employment opportunities.

"It costs a family living in Hot Springs Cove nearly \$300 just to get to Tofino on a one-way trip; we have a new \$9 million school and no economy for our children," he pointed out.

"First Nations are supposed to have top priority. Our job should be to develop a plan to protect our fisheries economy," said Lucas. "WCVI is under attack and our ha'wilh, all 90 of them, should stand up and say we reject your proposal."

Con Charleson said his tye ha'wilh instructed him to tell DFO that, in the interest of the well-being of their people, Hesquiaht rejects the Chinook proposal.

Macgillivray said he appreciates the comments and is not surprised by some of them. He responded to some of the major points he heard.

Up until 1999, the Pacific Salmon Commission was not successful in negotiating a Canada/U.S. treaty. The commissioners are comprised of eight representatives from each country; five from each country negotiated the proposed Chinook agreement.

"Now we have a proposal and both countries are involved in ratification processes. Both countries have to make decisions. Do we go with it or do we not go with it?" said Macgillivray.

He explained that his meeting with the Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen and representatives is part of the ratification process. He will take the information he gathered back to his principals. Macgillivray will be attending the Uu-a-thluk Council of Ha'wilh meeting on July 31 for more discussion on the proposed Chinook agreement.

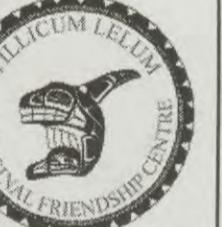
"We will be over-ridden by sports fishermen and other interest groups even though we own the resource," said Vic Amos about the proposal. "We're going through a court case to prove it. We have a responsibility to the people we represent to ensure they will have food in the future and can make a living from the resource."

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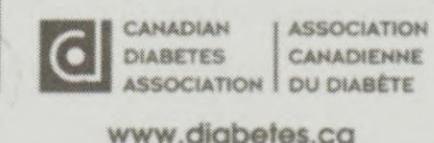
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Education - ha-ho-pa

New high school site proposed in Port Alberni

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni-The City of Port Alberni and SD 70 have agreed in principal to a unique land and cash swap that could see the new high school built in the vicinity of the multiplex and Bob Daily Stadium.

If approvals and zoning amendments go through, the new school will be built on the Echo ball fields and a portion of the adjacent Echo Woods on Roger St. just up from 10th Ave. The small flower garden at the corner of 10th and Roger is not included in the proposal.

Initially, SD 70 offered to build the new school on property it owns at 10 Ave, near Echo Centre on the Sweeney and Echo Major Fields, but the public raised concerns about traffic congestion, the close proximity to seniors' facilities, an elementary school and other issues.

While the new site has only skipped from the front of Echo Centre to the back, it offers better traffic flow, more parking and is closer to recreational facilities and North Island College.

According to a joint press release, the property in question is owned by the City of Port Alberni. "Under the proposed arrangements, ownership would transfer to School District 70. In exchange, the city would receive school district lands, comprising of Sweeney and Echo Major Fields, and \$622,500. The city would apply these funds to the

costs of relocating the Echo baseball facilities."

SD 70 and the city propose to consolidate the former Mt. Klitsa Junior Secondary School and adjacent Klitsa Park, property owned by the school district, to build suitable junior ballpark facilities.

Councillor Charles Mealey advises there will be a meeting of the advisory planning committee sometime in August regarding rezoning of the property. A

public hearing is being planned where citizens will have a chance to air their concerns or show support.

Opened in 1952, Alberni District Secondary School is currently located on Burde St. and Anderson Ave. It needs seismic upgrades and is in constant need of repair. Traffic congestion in the residential neighborhood has been an ongoing major concern.

The proposed new high school, with a price tag of \$40 million, will be

constructed to a Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Gold standard.

"The school will contain modern technical labs and shops, fine arts and recreational facilities designed to equip students for the 21st century. We anticipate being able to proceed with design and construction when the site arrangements are finalized," said school board Chair Larry Ransom.

Klecko's - Ḵekoo

Appreciation for support

The staff of the Education Department wish to thank the following people for making this year's scholarship celebration a huge success:

Welcome/Prayer - Elder Alan Dick - Tseshah

M.C. - Jennifer Hanson
Keynote Address - Ruby Ambrose
Bank of Montreal - Julie Shepard
N.T.C. (Ed. Sub Committee) - Natalie Jack

Ha-Shilth-Sa - Denise Titian
Communications - Tyrone Marshall
N.T.C. - Support Staff

N.T.C. - Accounting staff
N.T.C. - Celeste Haldane (office sharing)

Caterer - Joan Dick and crew
Set up/clean up - Tseshah Youth Sports

Special thank you to the winners, parents, community members and School District #84 representative for coming out and joining in with the festivities. Thank you as well to all the people who supported the students to success throughout the year. Students keep up the good work!

Resource support was Eileen Haggard and Angie Miller of NTC.

Important Notice: Ha-Shilth-Sa Summer Publishing Schedule

Ha-Shilth-Sa will be published on the following dates: **Aug. 14** (deadline for submissions Aug. 8); **Aug. 28** (deadline for submissions Aug. 22).

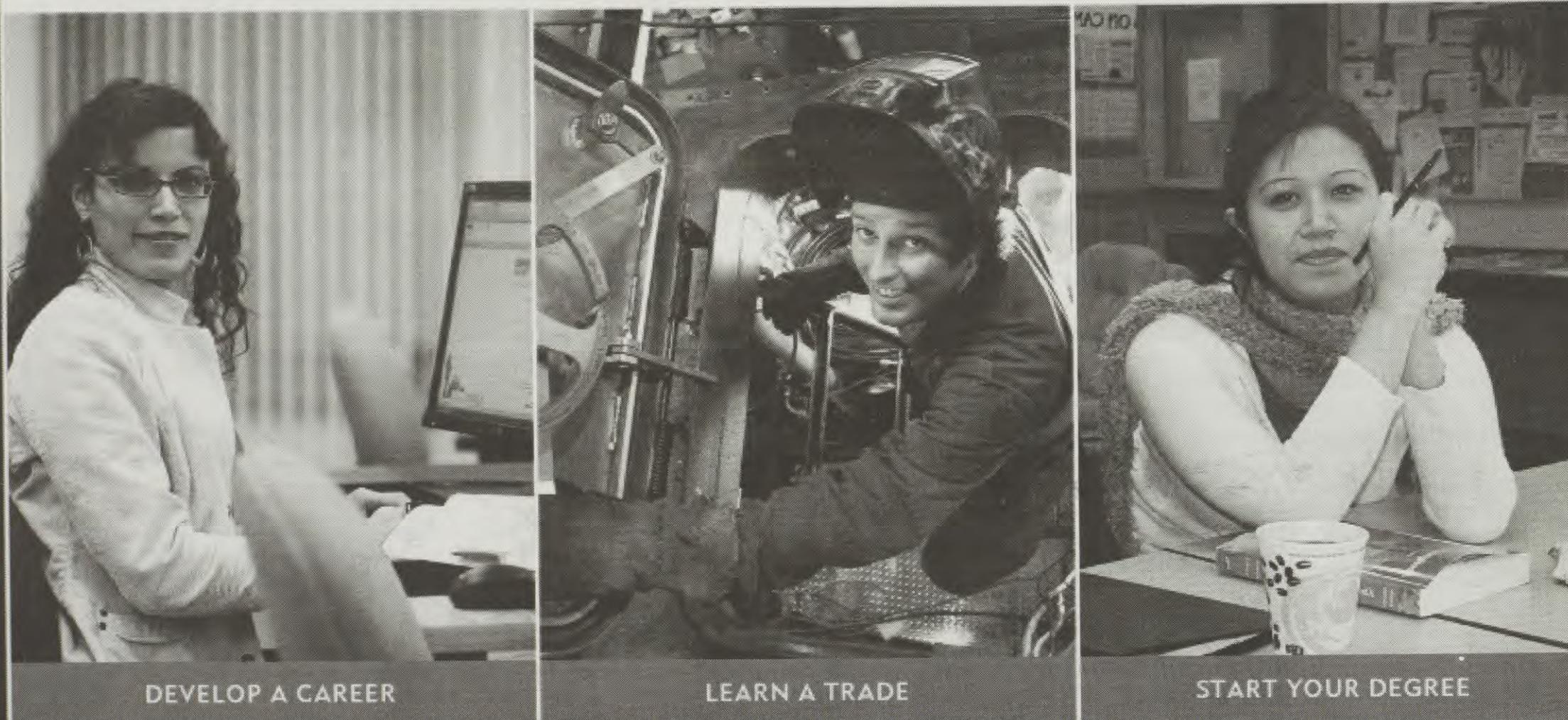
Difficult job

Kleco, Kleco to the scholarship review team. There were approximately 165 scholarship applications and you had the difficult job of narrowing the list down. Thank you: Julia Atleo, Mark Jack, Curtis Dick of Ahousaht, Maureen Knighton of Ditidaht, Georgina Amos of Ehattesaht, Ness Charlton of Hupacasath, Janice John of Kyuquot, Levi Martin of Tla-o-qui-aht, Diane Gallie of Tseshah, Tom Smith of Nuchatlaht, Lynette Barbosa of the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council.

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B.C. minister visits Ucluelet nation for ceremony

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Ka:yu:k't'h'/che:k'tles7et'h signed their final agreement with de Jong on July 24. Huu-ay-aht will not ratify their treaty until issues they have with the fisheries chapter of the final agreement are resolved.

Maa-nulth Treaty Society members that have signed their final agreements with the province in July must now wait for the federal government to ratify the final agreement in order to move to the implementation stage of the treaty process.

Minister de Jong said the province and Premier Gordon Campbell have urged Canada to ratify the treaty as soon as possible and hopes they will do so by next year.

Earlier in the day a small group of Ucluelet First Nation members gathered at the head of the trail to their Indian Reserve #6. From there they led de Jong and his entourage for a 15-minute hike to the west-facing beach.

Once there, Chief Vi Mundy explained to de Jong why the property is so important to her people. Walking the beach to the northwest would bring them to their Indian Reserve #7, where their ancient longhouses once stood. But a piece of Crown land in between the two reserves inhibited possibilities for economic development opportunities.

The treaty settlement lands now include the property in between the reserves, linking them and opening the doors to economic development. Tyson Touchie called the property the gem of Ucluelet First Nation.

In fact, the nation is already on the road to economic development. They've hired Trevor Jones to take over as chief executive officer of Ucluth Development Corporation, and are well on their way to planning for economic prosperity for their people.

While on the beach, the minister took the opportunity to praise the Ucluelet nation leadership for the work they had done with, and on behalf of, the youth. He presented \$5,000 to Vi Mundy from the province to be used for youth programming.

Minister de Jong said a similar presentation was made the night before to Tla-o-qui-aht council, and later that evening Toquaht youth would likely receive the same amount.

Dozens of Ucluelet members gathered at the waterfront to witness the signing ceremony. Treaty negotiators mingled with ha'wilh and neighboring leaders, including Ucluelet Mayor Diane St.

Jacques. Delegates from Hesquiaht and Tla-o-qui-aht joined in the celebration. Ucluelet nation councillor Tyson Touchie thanked everyone on behalf of Tyee Ha'wilh Wilson Jack, for coming to the celebration.

"It is truly special for all our people and those that were part of the process," he said. A final treaty, he explained, would hopefully bring a better way of life for their people.

"That's really what treaty is all about,

establishing a better relationship with government and with one another," he continued.

Elder Barb Touchie said an opening prayer before guest speakers made opening remarks.

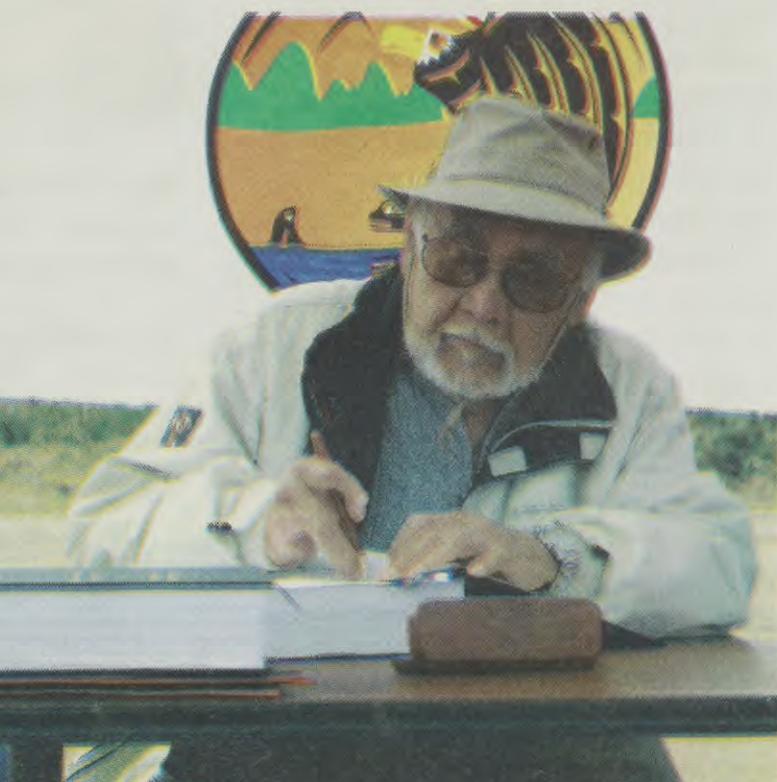
"All of us, including the premier,



Chief Bert Mack of Toquaht gives a thumbs up after the final Maa-nulth treaty agreement is signed. His daughter Anne Morgan stand behind him; Minister Mike de Jong is to Chief Mack's right, with B.C. chief negotiator Mark Lofthouse standing behind him. Charlie Cootes of Uchucklesaht, Barb Touchie, Vi Mundy, Tyson Touchie and Ucluelet First Nation Tyee Ha'wilh Wilson Jack round out the group.



Ucluelet First Nation Tyee Ha'wilh Wilson Jack accepts \$5,000 from Aboriginal Relations Minister Mike de Jong as Chief Councillor Vi Mundy looks on. The funds will be used for youth programs in the nation.



Tyee Ha'wilh Bert Mack of Toquaht signs one of 16 copies of the Maa-nulth Final Agreement on July 22.

celebrate this great achievement," he said.

The signing ceremony followed with each of the principles signing 16 copies of the final agreement.

In the gift exchange that followed, the province presented each signing nation with framed satellite images of their treaty settlement lands along with an etched glass sculpture depicting each nation's logo.

The Ucluelet nation youth gave books on local history to Minister de Jong and his colleagues.

Tyson Touchie reminded everyone to remember the contribution everyone made to get their nations to the final agreement, including the late George



Mike de Jong, minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, hams it up for the cameras with members of Ucluelet First Nation on July 22.

Reaching for the stars

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Kamloops—"First Canadian aboriginal woman in space"—that could be Danielle Wilson's claim to fame if she continues her success in the screening process of the Canadian Astronaut Program.

But Danielle laughs at the idea, saying that with so many applicants, 5,351 to be exact, she is not getting her hopes up at this point in time.

Danielle, a young, highly-educated woman, comes from the Masso/Audet family of Tla-o-qui-aht. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from the University of Victoria, then went on to earn another Bachelor of Science degree in environmental health from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. She now works as a health inspector for the federal government in Kamloops.

In March, Minister of Industry Jim Prentice announced the government would be recruiting new candidates for Canada's space program. They were looking for highly educated, skilled, experienced and talented Canadians "who will be able to determine whether they have 'the right stuff' as they apply to become Canada's next astronauts—a new generation of explorers," he said.

Wilson first decided to apply for the program after an online search of the federal government job postings drew her attention to the most recent recruitment for astronaut candidates. Intrigued by the idea, she filled out the online application, which asked



Courtesy of Barb Audet

Danielle Wilson has made it through the first round of the screening process for a place in the Canadian Astronaut Program. The Tla-o-qui-aht woman has a science degree in biochemistry and another in environmental health.

questions about age, gender and education. "They seemed to be looking for people who have backgrounds in science or medicine and are fluent in French," Wilson recalled.

She filled out the application and promptly forgot about it. It wasn't until she received word in early July that she passed the initial screening process that she told her husband. Wilson laughed as she recalled his reaction.

"I wonder if you'll get a raise in pay".

Joking aside, she said her husband is not getting his hopes up either. Competition is stiff and very few are selected in the end. Her three children, all under the age of four, are too young to understand.

Wilson's mother, Barb Audet, is

thrilled about her daughter's success so far in the screening process and is very proud. She is already looking to the stars from her home in Opitsaht, dreaming of the possibility that her daughter could go there someday soon.

Wilson does not know how many candidates made it through the initial screening or how many potential astronauts the Canadian government is looking for. She said, at this point in time, it appears they have selected those that fit the academic and other baseline requirements.

The next step in the screening process calls for the successful candidates to fill out more detailed online questionnaires. Wilson expects to begin filling out her forms immediately even though she has until

the end of July to complete them. She expects to find out if she made the next cut by August or September.

If she makes the cut in this round of screening, the next level involves in-person interviews, expected to take place in October.

According to a federal government Web site, the Canadian Astronaut Program had its beginnings when NASA was about to expand its Space Program with projects like the International Space Station.

Looking for international partners for this next phase of space exploration, NASA chose to continue its long history of successful space collaborations with Canada. In 1982, Canada was invited to participate in the Space Station Program and send a Canadian on a shuttle mission.

When the NRC (National Research Council Canada) placed its help wanted ad in Canadian newspapers, it sparked widespread media and public attention. Amid an overwhelming flurry of applications, NRC eventually selected six people for its new Canadian Astronaut Program Office in 1983.

After intensive training and physical testing, Marc Garneau was selected to be the first Canadian to fly in space. In 1989, the Canadian Astronaut Program "spun off" from NRC to form the core of the Canadian Space Agency. Today, Canadians are full-fledged members of the international astronaut corps, contributing to the evolution of space programs and technology both in Canada and the world. As of 2008, eight Canadian astronauts have flown on 11 space shuttle flights.

Trip sparks fond memories of an earlier time

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We can make some pretty good deductions from even such a small percentage from this total volume here," said St. Claire.

The group had a luncheon on the beach together before it was time to leave.

Fred Gus was born at Equis in the early 1900s, and his late wife was born at Benson Island, the birthplace of Tseshah, in 1911. He said that their two families were the first of the Tseshah people.

He left the area when he was about five years old, because the herring was fished out and, with it gone, the other resources went into swift decline. He did, however, remember fondly those early days, digging clams, fishing cod and spring salmon.

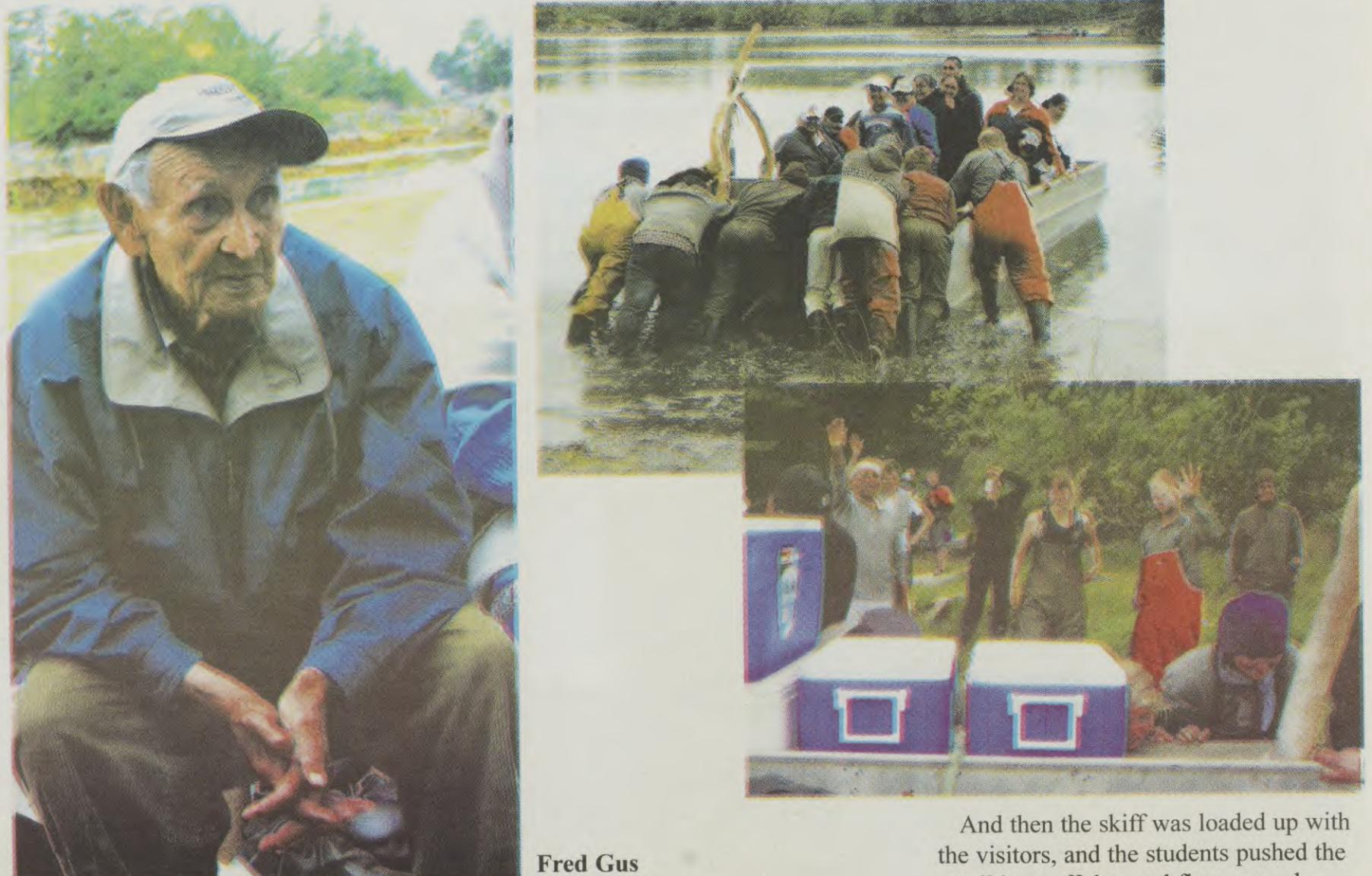
"They fished it right out, everything," he said, still astounded by the loss.

"There was no way to live here anymore. You couldn't make a living. No way."

The families moved to their lands on the Soman River in Port Alberni, to use the salmon run there to feed their people.

Gus moved back to the nearby Nettle Island in his 30s and tried to survive, but that lasted less than a year, he said.

"Everything was fished right out. I didn't really believe it, but you couldn't



Fred Gus

exist... So I moved away from there."

The end of a long, but happy day was soon to end. Leisa Fred, with the help of

her grandmother Marlene Dick, took time to harvest some grasses for weaving.

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Helping through the difficult times

One doesn't realize how precious life is until it is almost too late. On June 9, 2007, I was involved in a very serious car accident, and what pulled me out of this was who came first to my mind when I first came to after being knocked out—my baby granddaughter. Minutes before the car accident, I had dropped her off with her mother. With her in the back of my mind, I immediately looked for her, then realized that I had dropped her off.

With my serious injuries and fuzzy mind, I realized that I can't let this get the best of me.

My husband, George Atleo, and two beautiful children, Nellie and Randall, my three grandchildren, Gregory, Georgia and Randall Jr., my mother, Nellie Joseph, and all my brothers and sisters, then my best friends, all came to my mind; I have so much wealth to give up and let go.

Thank you to Mom, all my brothers and sisters for coming to my side. Willie and Carol, thank you for being there for my husband, and Nellie and Georgia while they stayed with me during my stay in Vic Gen. Hosp. It really meant a lot just knowing that they had you two for morale support during this time.

I want to thank my nephew Karl Wagner and my best friend Brenda Tom and Hazel Curley for fundraising for my family by doing a benefit dinner.

Thank you to Mid-Island Framers for your kind donation, Tofino Co-op,

Bids received

Thank you to those who sent in bids for the catering and setup/clean up for the Scholarship celebration. The contracts have been awarded. Chu!

Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program Aboriginal Workplace Essential Skills Initiative

The Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program staff would like to thank each and every person that participated in the Essential Skills Survey. The survey was completed by many people from various organizations and First Nation communities.

The survey will assist us to identify:

- Existing Essential Skills resources, tools, programs and training
- Skill Gaps within the learner group
- Training needs.
- Potential Pilot Projects

Jacquie Watts
Administrative Assistant
a-m'a-sip Learning Place

Celebrating One Year.... a-m'a-sip Learning Place

Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program wants to acknowledge the a-m'a-sip Learning Place for celebrating their first year of operation. a-m'a-sip Learning Place is a "learning to learn" centre and a pre-employment program, where people can learn how they learn best and develop strategies and skills to learn better.

Staff members; Jacqueline Watts, Rena Logan and Jan Green work with Aboriginal youth, from 15 to 30. The staff support learners who are coming from a variety of backgrounds and for a variety of purposes; those who are attending school or working part time to those who hope to go to school or go on to full time work. There is a learning gym where we warm up the brain to get it ready to learn and then we work in learning modules that both develop and enhance learning abilities. There is also an audio book library to support learners' abilities with increasing vocabulary, creativity and comfort with written text and writing. Learners can come to the program for a few hours each day and complete the program in approximately three months.

Judy Rumney, NETP's Employment Counsellor works out of a-m'a-sip Learning Place several days each week. If you want to learn more about trades' training and how to look for work you are welcome to contact her.

a-m'a-sip Learning Place is located at the lights, on the corner of 10th and Roger St. The staff will be pleased to meet with you, Monday to Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 250-723-1331 or drop by, #3 4310 10th Ave. and find out what they have to offer!



And then the skiff was loaded up with the visitors, and the students pushed the small boat off the mud flats, waved goodbye, returning to their work and rare experience of spending at least a short time at Equis.

Kleco, kleco to teachers

Thank you to the teachers who wrote support letters for our scholarship applicants. We are aware that June is a very crueling time for you, yet you have taken the time to support our children in a very positive way. The scholarships help to: Build confidence and self esteem in our youth; Encourage students to do their best; Encourage parents to be supportive and involved; Encourage extra curricular involvement; Bridge the statistical gap between our nations; Teach our children to respect and value education; Increase the Nuu-chah-nulth graduation rate

Thank you for being a part of a very important initiative.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Education Department

Apology a new beginning

that school system is a major reason why.

I've heard it said that most times "hate does not effect the hated. It mostly hurts the hater." I can't tell anyone to "forgive." Each one of us has our own feelings and will forgive (or not) in our own time. Even though we know we have every right, I hope we don't spend too much of our energy hating them. They are not worthy of that much of our attention.

I know that "apology" did not make it all better. How could it? I know it will not bring back those who died too soon to hear it. It won't un-do the injuries too severe and numerous to count. But what it is is a "public acknowledgement" of all that had happened to all those children (our mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, cousins) in those awful places.

In my own way, and in honor of all those who are now gone, I am choosing to see this as a beginning; a turning point of healing for us all, and the generations to come.

Dora Joe

Nuu-chah-nulth Central Region First Nation Scholarship Announcement

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) and Genus Capital Management are pleased to announce a \$3000 scholarship to a Central Region First Nation student who will be attending post-secondary school for the 2008-2009 academic year. The scholarship will be available to a student for up to four years by maintaining academic standing.

To have your application considered, you must be a member of the Hesquiaht, Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht, Ucluelet or Toquaht First Nation and you must have graduated from secondary school in June 2008.

The awarding of the scholarships will be based on a combination of:

- Academic achievement on provincial grade 12 exams;
- Citizenship (e.g. involvement in your community); and
- Three letters of reference supporting your scholarship application.

Please provide a transcript of your grades and reference letters with your letter of application.

Please direct all questions and completed applications in writing to:

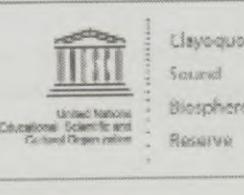
Rebecca Hurwitz
CBT Community Coordinator
P.O. Box 67, Tofino, BC V0R 2Z0
phone: 250-725-2219
fax: 250-725-2384
rebecca@clayoquotbiosphere.org

Application deadline:

September 12, 2008
4:30 p.m.

The scholarship award will be announced October 1, 2008.

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust supports research, education, and training initiatives for conservation, sustainable economic development and community health in the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Region.
www.clayoquotbiosphere.org



Birthdays & congratulations

I would like to send birthday messages out to the following: Aug. 12 to Carol Mattersdorff, Aug. 24 to Greta John, Aug. 25 or 26 to my b/f David Dabb, Aug. 29 to my mother Deanna Shirley John.

These people mentioned are two of my wonderful sisters, whom I have a rare chance to see, and they both deserve to enjoy the day on which they were born, with much joy, peace and harmony. They have wonderful people who surround them and I know will spend time with them to celebrate it.

Mother, you are always a phone call away, and I pray that our Creator blesses your health, lifts your burdens, walks with you, and praises your day with

much love and compassion. You are my everything mom. I love you tremendously and miss you everyday. I hope that I can make your day more pleasurable and memorable by coming to visit you at home of Ahousat.

David Dabb, you put so much time and effort into your job, you manage to find time to give to us, your instant family. I praise you for all that you offer to me and my children. You're well respected by others and your family. I truly appreciate having you in our family. May our Creator shine on you this day with loving kindness and mercy.

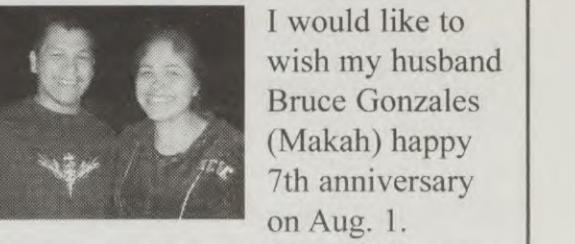
I love you all, from the bottom of my toosh, to the tippy toes, and the top of

my beautiful shining halo! :) My soft delicate hands, and my firm muscles are ready to embrace you all at once... lol Take care and have a wonderful summer as well as a birthday. God Bless!

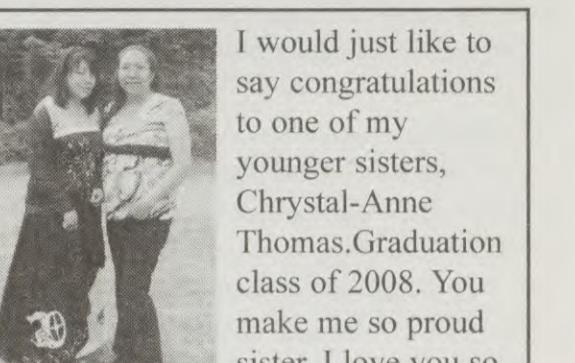


Happy birthday to Grandma Selina Frank on Aug. 4. Have a great day Grandma! Love, your kids in Ukee.

Beverley, Cecil, Constantine and Kathleen.



I would like to wish my husband Bruce Gonzales (Makah) happy 7th anniversary on Aug. 1.



I would just like to say congratulations to one of my younger sisters, Chrystal-Anne Thomas. Graduation class of 2008. You make me so proud sister. I love you so much.

Congratulations on your honor stoll, top student of the year! Gawsh babe, you made me cry on your day! You were so gorgeous and beautiful. You sure made mom so happy. We love you babe and hope you continue on with your education. I was glad to be a part of your big day. Again congratulations Chrystal. We love you and take care and also I want to say thank you to poppa Dave Tate for showing up for her grad day. It really meant a lot to her and to all of us. You have always been there for us and we cherish that poppa. Love always Catherine Wlesia and Gary.

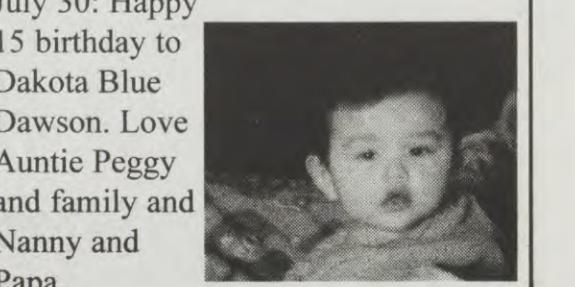
Congratulations Danielle Wilson: The daughter of Dan and Barb Audet (Masso family) has successfully completed the initial screening for the Canadian Astronaut program. Out of 5,300 applicants, Danielle will go onto the next round of selection at the end of August.

Danielle is Saya Masso's sister and her adopted brother Daniel Sailland. She lives in Kamloops where she is an environmental health inspector. Danielle has three kids under the age of five (Elly, Andie and Owen). She speaks French and has completed two university science degrees at UVIC in microbiology and biochemistry.

Danielle, over the next month, when we look up in space, all of Opitsaht will be thinking of you and wish you the best of luck in the upcoming astronaut selection process. Mom



On July 29: I'd like to wish my beautiful daughter Marquel Lee-Ann happy 20th birthday. I hope you have a very special day. I love you so much. July 15: Happy 11th birthday to my niece Jessica Tate. July 15: Happy birthday to George Edgar. From Auntie Peggy and Family. July 17: Happy special 1st birthday to Jaden Donna Gram Peggy and family. Also July 17: Happy birthday to my cousin Julie Joseph. From cousin Peggy and family. Happy belated birthday Pam Bolton on July 6. From your Cuz Peggy and family. Love you lots and we sure miss you. July 30: Happy 15 birthday to Dakota Blue Dawson. Love Auntie Peggy and family and Nanny and Papa.



Sports and Recreation

Lead dissolves in final minutes of the game

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tyees struck quickly as they came out of the gate and seemed determined to capitalize on their opportunity in the championship.

Campbell River tallied their first goal at the 14-minute mark.

Campbell River's Savannah Roberts tied with six-and-a-half minutes left in the first quarter, but with only seconds left on the shot clock. League rules dictate that once a team gains full possession of the ball they must have a shot on goal within 30 seconds.

Both teams knew each other well and had played games fairly evenly during league play. Matt Mollon scored the third goal for the Tyees, taking another brief lead. Again Campbell River tied the game with just over four-and-a-half minutes left in the second quarter.

The Tyees scored on a power play goal to again take the lead. Campbell River had two breakaways at the two-minute mark and again with just over a minute

to play in the period, but could not capitalize. The Tyees led 4-3 after two complete periods.

Mollon unfortunately took a penalty for the Tyees early in the last period.

Campbell River capitalized and tied the game with about 15 minutes left in the game. Each team had their chance to take the lead, but both goalies were playing well.

With four minutes left in the game, however, Campbell River took the lead, their first of the game. Once again it was Savannah Roberts who scored the key goal. In the last minute Campbell River scored another power play goal. The final score was Campbell River defeating their rivals 6-4.

The Tyees seemed to have outplayed the host Campbell River team, but were not successful. The difference in the game was that Campbell River was able to capitalize on the man advantage and squeak out a come-from-behind win.

The Tyees had led for the majority of the

game, but let the game slip through their fingers in the last four minutes of the game.

In the round robin tournament, three of the top four teams came from the Island. Victoria, the host Campbell River and the Port Alberni Tyees, who came in fourth place, all displayed their talents. Lacrosse is a very physical game and players often suffer injuries. Marcus Thomas has had back problems, has had a concussion and also played with wrist problems. Fredrick Cook has had a torn ligament on his left ankle and also played with a badly sprained thumb.

Despite the injuries, Thomas demonstrated his abilities in the Trix with Stix competition during the BC Championships, finishing in fourth place. Fredrick Cook was nominated from his team as the Pepsi Player of the Year, however he did not win the award.

Both Cook and Thomas will be playing for Team BC in the upcoming North American Indigenous Games held

Community & Beyond

Loonie/Toonie

July 26

PaperMill Dam Park

Show your support of Richard Sam Jr. and family. Richard will be spending a lengthy time away from home in Vancouver General Hospital. The Loonie/Toonie will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the park, or at Maht Mabs gym if weather does not cooperate. 50/50; Lunch by donation. Any and all donations welcome. Volunteers are welcome. Contact Gail K. Gus at (250) 724-1225 or on her cell at 250-720-6454.

The UBC Basketball Camp Fundraiser Loonie/Twoonie draw which was held on July 12, 2008 at the Hupacasath House of Gathering has been postponed to July 26, 2008. Sorry for any inconvenience.

UBC Basketball Camp Fundraiser
July 26, 2008

Hupacasath

Flea Market & Loonie/Twoonie at the House of Gathering. Flea Market 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Loonie/Twoonie pre-bids at 9 a.m. Draws start at 1 p.m. Contact Heather Joseph to book a Flea Market table for \$5.

Uu'a'thluk Council of Ha'wiih
July 30 and 31

Bamfield

To be held at the House of Huu-ay-aht. Forum for Nuu-chah-nulth to receive information and make recommendations on Crab Reform, the proposed Canada-U.S. Chinook Agreement and other fisheries matters. Contact Don Hall at (250) 724-5757 or dhall@nuuchahnulth.org for more information.

Seating of Ha'wilth
Aug. 16

Yuquot

Third Ha'wilth Maximus Savey of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation will seat his son Daniel Savey, who will take over for Maximus. This special event will take place at Yuquot (Friendly Cove). For more information please contact Maximus Savey at 1-250-283-7715 or Sheila Savey at ssavey@hotmail.com .

Family meeting

Aug. 17

Nanaimo

All Too-Tah'sm, a.k.a. Barney Williams Sr., family Grandpa, Great-Grandpa would like all the grandchildren, great-grands and so on to come to a family meeting. To be held at the Nanaimo Friendship Centre. Time: 10 a.m. Contacts: Barney Senior 250-754-5837, Ross 250-714-0003, Denise 250-382-7379, Barney Junior 250-248-4486, Dennis 250-725-4431, Nicky 250-923-0069, David 250-

949-8820, Cherie 250-724-0375.

Kelsmaht Family Camp
Aug. 18 to 22

Kelsmaht

Welcome to our family camp. Enjoy the best of a wild West Coast summer. You'll notice the difference the moment you arrive. A special atmosphere of fun and caring. Kelsmaht is located on the east side of Vargas Island, three miles from the village of Tofino and 14 miles from the village of Ahousat. It is an ideal setting for life-changing adventure and wise investment in your family's life. Enjoy hiking, swimming, mountain climbing, canoeing, fishing, gathering traditional foods and whale watching. For information, contact Louise Frank Jr. Selina Frank, Darlene Dick, Ramona Mark, Louie Joseph Sr. or Barb Atleo at the Ahousat Holistic Centre at (250) 670-9558.

First Nations Student Programming
Aug. 27 and 28

Port Alberni

Attention parents of ADSS students: On Aug. 27 at the Port Alberni Friendship Centre, and on Aug. 28 at the Tseshah First Nation Band office, Bruce Carlos (First Nations Counsellor) and Angie Mille (Nuu-chah-nulth Education Worker) will be available to discuss the Alberni District Secondary School's First Nations Student Programming for Grades 9 to 12. Go over your child's classes for the fall. Make changes to your child's schedule. Discuss plans for graduating Grade 12. Look at what credits your child need to graduate in June 2009. For more information contact Bruce at bcarlos@sd70.bc.ca .

Memorial Potlatch
Aug. 30 and 31

Campbell River

You are invited to join us in honoring the memory of our beloved Darrell Darren Jack (parents: Leroy Jack and Patricia John), on the Quinsam Reserve, located behind the Shell Gas Station (new HWY off Willis Road). If you have any questions, please contact Leroy Jack 250.332.5301 (Kyuquot) or Margaret Jack 250.286.9926 (Campbell River). The memorial potlatch for Leo Jack Sr. has been postponed until further notice.

Klaquakeela Memorial Potlatch
Oct. 11, 12 and 13

Port Alberni

For the late hereditary Chief Jerry Jack of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation. The family of Klaquakeela invite you to join them as they pay tribute and honor the memory of our dear dad / spouse / grandfather/brother and leader to our nation. The memorial potlatch will be held at the Alberni Athletic Hall in Port Alberni. Contact Ben Jack Sr at (250) 283-2614 (home). E-mail benjack@hotmai.com or Claire Newman at (250) 957-2485 (home). E-mail clarettajoan@hotmail.com

Birthdays & congratulations

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tyees struck quickly as they came out of the gate and seemed determined to capitalize on their opportunity in the championship.

Campbell River tallied their first goal at the 14-minute mark.

Campbell River's Savannah Roberts tied with six-and-a-half minutes left in the first quarter, but with only seconds left on the shot clock. League rules dictate that once a team gains full possession of the ball they must have a shot on goal within 30 seconds.

Both teams knew each other well and had played games fairly evenly during league play. Matt Mollon scored the third goal for the Tyees, taking another brief lead. Again Campbell River tied the game with just over four-and-a-half minutes left in the second quarter.

The Tyees scored on a power play goal to again take the lead. Campbell River had two breakaways at the two-minute mark and again with just over a minute

to play in the period, but could not capitalize. The Tyees led 4-3 after two complete periods.

Mollon unfortunately took a penalty for the Tyees early in the last period.

Campbell River capitalized and tied the game with about 15 minutes left in the game. Each team had their chance to take the lead, but both goalies were playing well.

With four minutes left in the game, however, Campbell River took the lead, their first of the game. Once again it was Savannah Roberts who scored the key goal. In the last minute Campbell River scored another power play goal. The final score was Campbell River defeating their rivals 6-4.

The Tyees seemed to have outplayed the host Campbell River team, but were not successful. The difference in the game was that Campbell River was able to capitalize on the man advantage and squeak out a come-from-behind win.

The Tyees had led for the majority of the

game, but let the game slip through their fingers in the last four minutes of the game.

In the round robin tournament, three of the top four teams came from the Island. Victoria, the host Campbell River and the Port Alberni Tyees, who came in fourth place, all displayed their talents. Lacrosse is a very physical game and players often suffer injuries. Marcus Thomas has had back problems, has had a concussion and also played with wrist problems. Fredrick Cook has had a torn ligament on his left ankle and also played with a badly sprained thumb.

Despite the injuries, Thomas demonstrated his abilities in the Trix with Stix competition during the BC Championships, finishing in fourth place. Fredrick Cook was nominated from his team as the Pepsi Player of the Year, however he did not win the award.

Both Cook and Thomas will be playing for Team BC in the upcoming North American Indigenous Games held

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Many hands made language conference a success

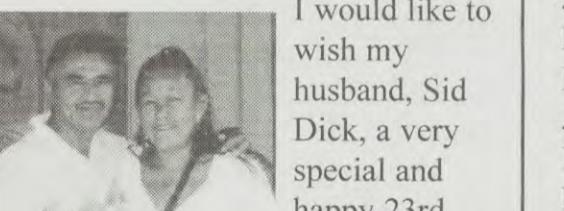
On behalf of the ad hoc Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, School District 84 and School District 70. We hope we can make this happen again next year.

We acknowledge the emotional support that came from the NTC Community and Human Service Department; from the Ha-Shilth-Sa for helping record this historic occasion, to our Chairman, Tom Happyhook, for taking an active role and participating with heart.

Firstly, our Creator, everyone got there and back home safely.

Kleco, kleco to the funders without whom there would have been a smaller

Birthdays & congratulations



I would like to wish my husband, Sid Dick, a very special and happy 23rd anniversary for

July 28: Happy birthday to Shaylene T. Have an awesome day! Love your Dad, Martha Roxy and Kaileigh.

July 28: Happy birthday Janessa Swan. Love grandma Martha, Grandpa Russ and the gang.

Aug. 4: Happy 8th anniversary to my husband Russ Taylor. Also happy birthday, Love ya. Love Martha Taylor

I would like to wish my brother Richard George a happy birthday on July 23. P.S. How old are you now Richard? Love from your brother Corbett George.

"Bonne fete Azia and Beziko!" Our son Beziko Seitcher-Hamel was born Sept. 29, 2007. Our daughter Azia Seitcher-Hamel was born July 23, 2004. Congratulations to my niece Savannah Mousseau for getting into the Art Institute. She's the second youngest to achieve this. Love from Aunt Bernice and Uncle Gary Newham.

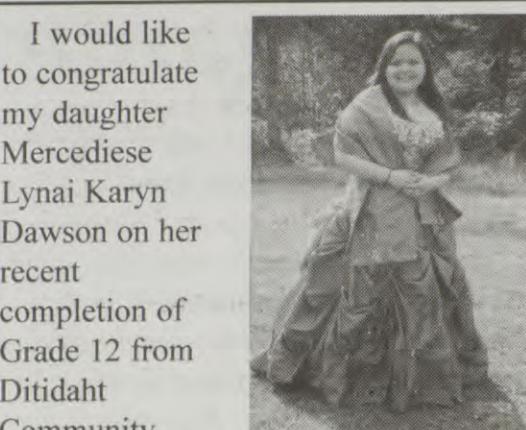
Happy 28th birthday to our son Stephen Lucas Jr. on July 28. Love Eyes, April and granddaughter Lakisha.

Happy 26th birthday to our daughter Lariona Lucas on July 26. Love Eyes, April and Lakisha.

Happy birthday to Sherry Ross on July 31. Love from Annie and Dave and your family.

Happy 4th birthday to our daughter Shaqai W. Thomas on Aug. 10. Shaqai, our little sweetie pie. You are so sweet. We love you. Enjoy your day. Love from Mom, Dad, Herman and Rakaylyn.

Birthdays & congratulations



I would like to congratulate my daughter Mercediese Lynai Karyn Dawson on her recent completion of Grade 12 from Ditidaht Community School in Nitinah Lake. Mercediese has come a long way to reach her goals today. I would just like to take this time to share my daughters 13 years of education with you, to show how proud I am of her achievements.

She started kindergarten in Courtenay in 1995, but her stay there was a short one. Mercediese moved to other parts of the Island with family members, where she would attend elementary and middle schools. She moved from Courtenay to Ucluelet and Campbell River to Port Alberni. She eventually made her way back to her nation's territory of Ditidaht. Here Mercediese completed her Grade 10, 11 and 12.

I can't express how proud I am of my daughter today! This is at a very happy time in her life as she finishes one step and continues on with the next. She has had many great teachers along the way, and I would like to first start off by thanking Mr. Geddes and Jessie Stephens of haahuupayak, who did such a wonderful job in the years she attended. Mercediese completed Grade 6 and received the lisaak (respect) Award for the class of 2002.

Mercediese also attended A.W. Neill middle school and A.D.S.S. where she made tons of friends along the way. While at A.D.S.S., she had a great opportunity of travelling to New York City with her Grade 9 Drama class. In the year to follow Mercediese joined the Port Alberni Jets Jr. Girls basketball team. I would like to thank coach/cousin Joe-Joe Charleson for all the support and dedication you have shown throughout the years, not just to my daughter, but to all the young ladies who have played many good years of ball under your wing. Thank you so much Joe-Joe. And also to a great manager, my cousin, Doreen Charleson. Thank you Doreen for all the support you show the girls. In Grade 10, Mercediese moved to Ditidaht and started her years at Ditidaht Community School. She comes to another great opportunity in her life to travel. Thank you to Miss Joanne Pearson for allowing my daughter to venture out and have belief

Congratulations My Babe Mercediese. I love you with all my heart. And good luck with college. I know you can do it! You have big goals and big dreams. Keep reaching for them. I love you forever, my baby you'll be.

Love from your overly proud mom, Karen. Andrew says congratulations and he's waiting for the rent LOL! And your little bit taller than you brother Dakota Blu (a.k.a. Koda or DQ) loves you and is going to miss you here with us. And Papa and Nanny love you too ... this much! (Papa says see you in the funny paper).

Happy 12th birthday to my beautiful sister Violet Louise Tutube. I love you so very much and you have grown into a lovely young lady before my eyes. Have fun. Just don't eat all the cake on us.

Happy birthday to our Aunty Victoria 'Nancy.' Love you enjoy your day. Love Lisa, Danny, Mike, Marv & Violet

Happy 12th birthday to our baby sister Purple Bear. Oh it only seems like the other day when we were teaching you how to walk, talk, and make funny faces to Dad and Mumma. Lot of love, your brothers Danny, Marv, Michael and sister Kris.

in herself that she could do it (across the country) with her cousin Sarah Edgar to travel to Ottawa. This trip, I'm sure will be remembered forever. In Grade 11 and 12, Mercediese continued to work hard and gain many new friends. I would like to take this time to thank Kelly Edgar, Mr. Darrell Schaan, Mr. Crookford and Mr. David Maher of the Ditidaht Community School and V.A.S.T. Center for having the faith and belief and, of course, assistance with Mercediese, every step of the way through her senior years. I just want to add that without the help from Kelly Edgar and David Maher, two very well educated people along my daughter's path of education, who have worked extremely hard, above and beyond their duties to help my daughter complete Grade 12, and assist with all the necessary steps that were needed to be taken to apply for Camosun College. She is now registered at Camosun College for the Fall of 2008. Thank you Kelly and Dave. We appreciate everything you have done for us.

I just want you to know, my babe Mercediese, how very proud I am of you today for all the hard work you have done to get to where you are today, and all the hard work ahead of you. I know you can do it.

I would like to thank all of the teachers, teacher's assistants, substitute teachers, principals and vice-principals who may have had the opportunity to guide my daughter through and along her educational path. Myself and my daughter raise our hands up to you and say klecko klecko. Mercediese was also chosen to be the valedictorian for the Ditidaht Class of 2008, and I believe she may have brought a tear or a giggle to all family and friends in attendance.

Your speech was so well written, and you addressed the audience in the proper manner. You did an awesome job! You also looked just gorgeous in your grad dress.

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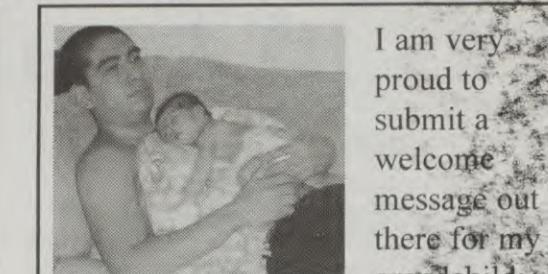
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The next deadline for Ha-Shilth-Sa is Aug. 8.



I am very proud to submit a welcome message out there for my grandchild.

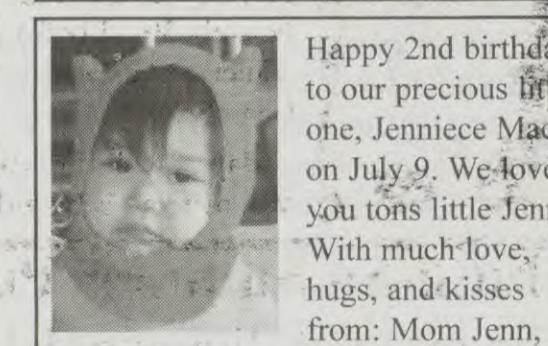
Damian Aiden Frank Creighton. My son Cecil G. Creighton Jr. and girlfriend Kim Jansen brought their gorgeous son into our lives on March 30, 2008. He is the first grandchild of Cecil Creighton Sr., who would be very proud of him, knowing that his adoptive (late) father's name Frank is placed in there. God Bless his soul. We hope that this message gets out to you Cecil Sr. If you'd like to e-mail, write, call, feel free to contact your son at this number (778) 737-8879. He is a very proud father and I'm sure you'd be a very proud grandfather. It has been years since we've seen you. We have been residing in Vancouver for about 4 years and would love it if you connect with the family. Chut, klecko, Beverley, David, Cecil, Kim, Constantine, and Kathleen.



Happy birthday to the full moon across the street. Miss Georgia

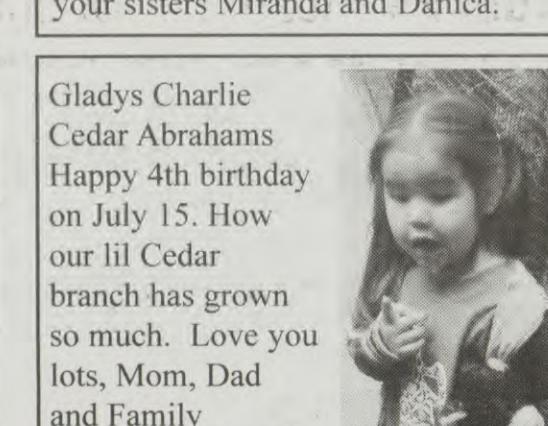
"Peanut" Atleo turns two years old on July 5. Gia, you're a precious gem in everything you do. You keep us all entertained and laughing with your comical lil' personality. We love you

so very much and we wish you all the best in your second year, and we will always catch your daily appearances in the window sweetheart. Love you so very much. Lotsa love, Papa "Elmer" Fish, and Mama "Melanie" Fish.



Happy 2nd birthday to our precious little one, Jennie Mack (Bear Bear) a happy 4th-birthday for July 31. Love always,

Grandpa Sid, Grandma Sharleen, uncles Sid, Sheldon, Steven, auntie Sabrina and cousin Brad Jr.



We would like to wish our grandson Bradley Frank Jr a happy 3rd birthday for Aug. 4. Love

always, Grandpa Sid, grandma Sharleen, uncles Sid, Sheldon, Steven and mommy Sabrina.

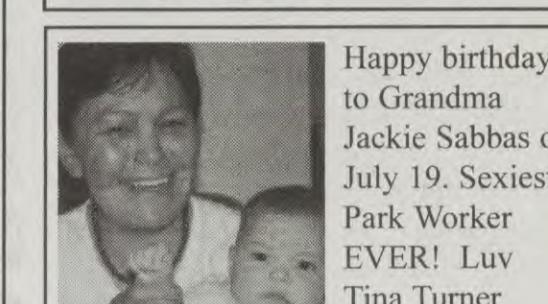
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To Ucluelet First Nation Council, Staff, and all Relatives from the 'Touchie' Family, Rainbow Gardens Staff, Usma Child & Family Services, Rich Parlee, and all the friends who were there to support us in our time of sorrow.

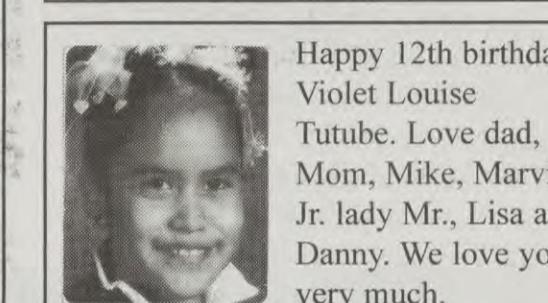
Paul Touchie will be remembered for the many things he was to so many people. He was a father, a grandpa, an uncle, a brother, a teacher, a good friend, and a good person to work with and



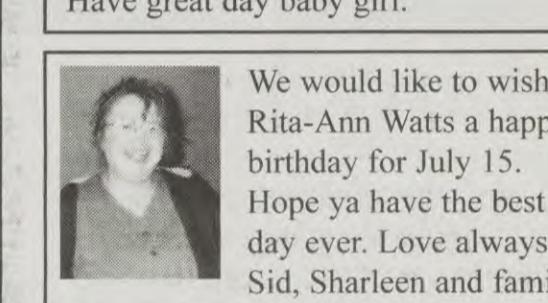
Happy 50th birthday Julie J. and Robert K. Fifty years ago we were living carefree in the village of Whyac. Here's wishing you more of those great times. This is a picture of us with our beautiful mothers, Clara, Betty, and Edith. Best of wishes for you both, Janice K.



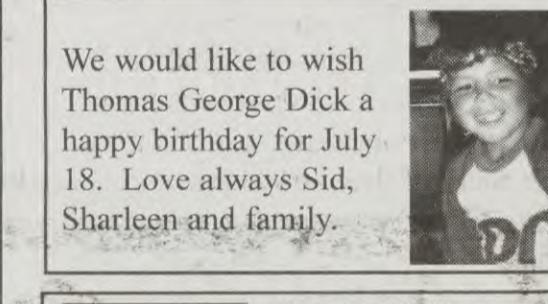
Happy birthday to Grandma Jackie Sabbas on July 19. Sexiest Park Worker EVER! Luv Tina Turner



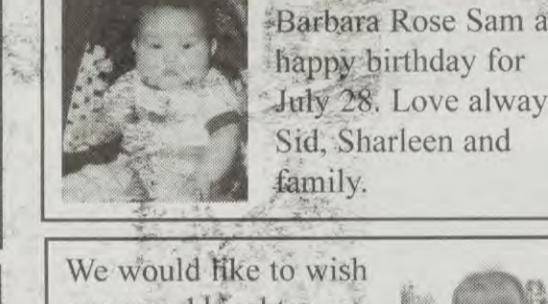
Happy 12th birthday Violet Louise Tutube. Love dad, Mom, Mike, Marvin Jr. lady Mr., Lisa and Danny. We love you very much. Have great day baby girl.



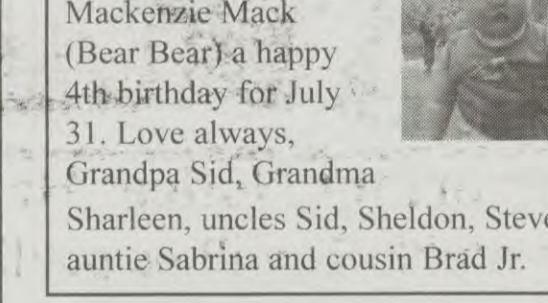
We would like to wish Rita-Ann Watts a happy birthday for July 15. Hope ya have the best day ever. Love always, Sid, Sharleen and family.



We would like to wish Thomas George Dick a happy birthday for July 18. Love always Sid, Sharleen and family.



We would like to wish Barbara Rose Sam a happy birthday for July 28. Love always Sid, Sharleen and family.



We would like to wish our granddaughter Mackenzie Mack (Bear Bear) a happy 4th-birthday for July 31. Love always,

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Nuu-chah-nulth youth explore shellfish and science

Thinking about summer camp usually conjures up images of children learning to pilot kayaks or mastering singsongs around a campfire. For some Nuu-chah-nulth youth, however, summer camp paints a very different picture.

From July 2 to 6, nine teens ages 13 to 18 attended Vancouver Island University's First Nations Youth Leadership and Shellfish Program at Moorecroft Camp in Nanoose. The program was the brainchild of the new university's Center for Shellfish Research (CSR), offering a total of 20 participants the chance to learn leadership skills and gain a basic knowledge of shellfish aquaculture.

For several years now, the CSR has offered training and support to B.C. First Nations to allay concerns over the future availability of aquaculture workers. These training programs have usually focused on adults and post-secondary students. With shellfish aquaculture becoming a key area of interest for many coastal First Nations, the CSR decided to pilot a program targeting youth.

"Our aim [for the leadership program] was to get youth involved and interested so they can go home and champion the cause," said Program Coordinator Stephanie Richards.

For five days, students at the camp did everything from surveying beaches to looking at scallop and cockle seed under microscopes. Part of the program also involved learning about the cultural significance of the CSR's Deep Bay site, a location where archaeologists and local First Nations recently unearthed well-preserved artefacts from the 2,500-year old shell middens. Team-building, trust exercises, and cooperative-skill building were also part of the curriculum.



Science camp students learn why hot air rises in this outdoor experiment at the Anacala science camp sponsored by Uu-a-thluk.

"I would have to say that the most important part of the program was teaching students that

they are all leaders. We wanted them to see that by using inclusive leadership, they can accomplish anything," Richards said.

Birthdays & congratulations

Happy birthday July 9 - Quira Marshall, 6 years old. July 11 - Auntie Irma Bos, July 13 - Joyce Gus Hleck, July 22 - cousin Jenny Lee Lucas, July 23 - Rosalee Williams, July 24 - Rose Marie Gus, July 29 - Clifford N. July 30 - Liz Bos. From Marvin Pearl, Violet, Mike, Marvin Tutube, Danny & Lisa Campbell.

Happy 12th Birthday Violet Louise Tutube. We love you baby girl so much, have a great

day. Love Daddy, Mommy, Marvin, Michael, Lisa, Danny, Miss Lady and Mr.

August 5th - Happy Birthday bro Harvey. Have a great day bro. From Marvin and Pearl, nephews Michael, Marvin Jr and nieces Lisa and Violet and Danny.

August 5 - Reg Jr. From your buddies Mike and Marvin Jr.

August 7 - Dora Joe. August 15 - sister Dorothy Wilson. August 16 - cousin Hammy Watts. August 20

- Cindy Mack. August 26 - Skibba Johnson. August 28th - uncle Ray Watts Sr. August 30 - Clink. From Mike & Marvin Jr ur taxi buddies. From Marvin and Pearl Tutube and kids.

Important Notice: Ha-Shilth-Sa Summer Publishing Schedule
Ha-Shilth-Sa will be published on the following dates: Aug. 14 (deadline for submissions Aug. 8); Aug. 28 (deadline for submissions Aug. 22).

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We would like to congratulate Victoria Gallic and Johnson Sport on the birth of their new baby girl Mariah, Dorothy, Ruby-Anne Gallic-Manson. She was born on June 18, 2008, 12:55 P.M. weighing 8 lbs, 10 oz. We would just like to add, we are very proud of you Victoria and Johnson. She really is a miracle baby girl, an angel from heaven. Thank you for giving us our first grandchild. Love always, Grandpa and Grandma Jacob, Ruby Gallic, and auntie Allison, Uncle Kameron, Roman.

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

Registering events are very important!

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

Ahousaht

(250) 670-9563 - Fax: (250) 670-9696
General Delivery Ahousaht, B.C. V0R 1A0



Ditidaht First Nation
1-888-745-3366 - Fax: (250) 745-3332
PO Box 340 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M8

Ehattesaht

1-888-761-4155 - Fax: (250) 761-4156
PO Box 59 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0



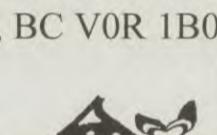
Hesquiaht First Nation
New Toll Free 1-866-670-1181 - Fax: (250) 670-1102
PO Box 2000 Tofino, B.C. V0R 2Z0

**Hupacasath First Nation**

(250) 724-4041 - Fax: (250) 724-1232
PO Box 211 Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 7M7



Huu-ay-aht First Nation
1-250-728-3414
PO Box 70, Bamfield, BC V0R 1B0

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(250) 332-5259 - Fax: (250) 332-5210
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Mowachaht / Muchalaht
(250) 283-2015 - Fax: (250) 283-2335
Toll free - (800) 238 - 2933
PO Box 459 Gold River, B.C. V0P 1G0

**Nuchatlah First Nation**

(250) 332-5908 - Fax: (250) 332-5907
PO Box 40 Zeballos, B.C. V0P 2A0



Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations
(250) 725-3233 - Fax: (250) 725-4233
PO Box 18 Tofino, BC. V0R 2Z0

**Tseshah First Nation**

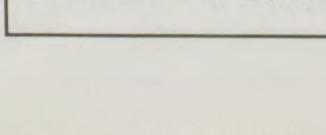
Toll Free: 1-888-724-1225 - Fax: (250) 724-4385
5091 Mission Rd. Port Alberni, B.C. V9Y 8X9



Uchucklesaht Tribe
(250) 724-1832 - Fax: (250) 724-1806
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**Ucluelet First Nation**

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FOR SALE: Native Beadwork: Chokers, Anklets, Bracelets, Keychains, Earrings and also fancy Chokers, moccasin pins or earrings. E-mail me at muriel_malcolm@hotmail.com

FOR SALE: Deer hides. \$10.00 each. Excellent for drum making. 724-2932.

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FOR SALE: 1997 Ford Aro-Star van. Well maintained. Serious inquiries. If interested call (250) 670-2393.

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JUST A FRIENDLY reminder to caregivers of children that were born from January 1st 2003 through to December 31 2003, PLEASE register your child at an elementary school for this September for Kindergarten.

HOUSE RENOVATIONS: Phone Bill Webster (250) 724-4094. Car for Sale (Campbell River) – 1991 Chevy Lumina. Automatic, 4-door, power windows. Excellent condition. \$1,500. Belonged to the late Leo Jack Sr. Wife Margaret doesn't drive and it's hard seeing his car in the driveway. Leo kept everything tuned up. It has great tires, breaks, muffler, etc... Questions contact: Margaret Jack at 250 286-9926.

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House for Sale: On Tseshah Reserve. (Only available to Tseshah members) \$70,000 obo. Call 723-7083.

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Looking for my speed boat: 18 ½ foot, colour is white with orange stripe, hard top, in board out board motor, 14K31371, leave a message for Henry Charlie at 723-1984 or 670-2355.

Rooms for rent in Nanaimo: Close to Vancouver Island University (Malaspina). \$500 per month available August 1st. phone: (250) 716-9991 Cell: (250) 668-9118

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UFN Fisheries Crabbing in Ucluelet Harbour

Written by Katie Beach, Uu-a-thluk Central Region Biologist



UFN Fisheries Coordinator Tad Williams enjoys a day working in the field.

Crabs caught during the UFN survey.

Ex-commercial crabber and crew member Dave Hurwitz sets traps as part of the UFN crab survey.

In 2005, Ucluelet First Nation (UFN) asked the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to implement closures to commercial dungeness crab fishing in Ucluelet Harbour. UFN made this request due to a community-wide concern about the inability to access sufficient crab for food, especially during the winter months when weather makes travel outside the harbour difficult. Furthermore, there were community voiced concerns about the sustainability of year round commercial and recreational pressure on crab resources without a full understanding of inter-annual variations the health of the crab population and the fishing pressure in the harbour. DFO and UFN negotiated a six month winter commercial closure (between Oct 1-March 31) in the harbour, acknowledging that a year-round closure would be possible if more information regarding UFN catch effort and food needs could be provided to the Department.

To address the lack of information about crabs in Ucluelet Harbour, UFN Fisheries is conducting a study to determine the abundance, male/female ratio, movement, catch effort, and food needs of membership. DFO has noted

that such research would help to address some of the factors causing the high rates of sublegal or female crabs being discarded, which results in the overall decline of productivity in local stocks (Review and Reform of the Dungeness Crab Fishery, DFO, 2007). UFN will also submit crab samples to test for heavy metal contamination, a component of the study funded by the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust.

Why is this information important to collect?

The information that will be obtained through the study is important for making informed decisions for the maintenance of a viable crab fishery within Ucluelet Harbour. It can also be used to justify seasonal closures and gear restrictions (that will reduce unnecessary loss of crabs), address allocation issues, and support the ongoing tests into the toxicological safety of Harbour crabs.

How is the study being done?

In early June, UFN Fisheries Coordinator Tad Williams, along with his crew Katie Beach of Uu-a-thluk and ex-commercial crabber Dave Hurwitz, loaded up the fisheries boat with eight crab traps and ventured into Ucluelet Harbour. The next day, the crew collected the traps and measured the crabs for size and shell hardness and noted sex and injuries. The legal size male crabs were then distributed as food to elders in the Itattsoo community.

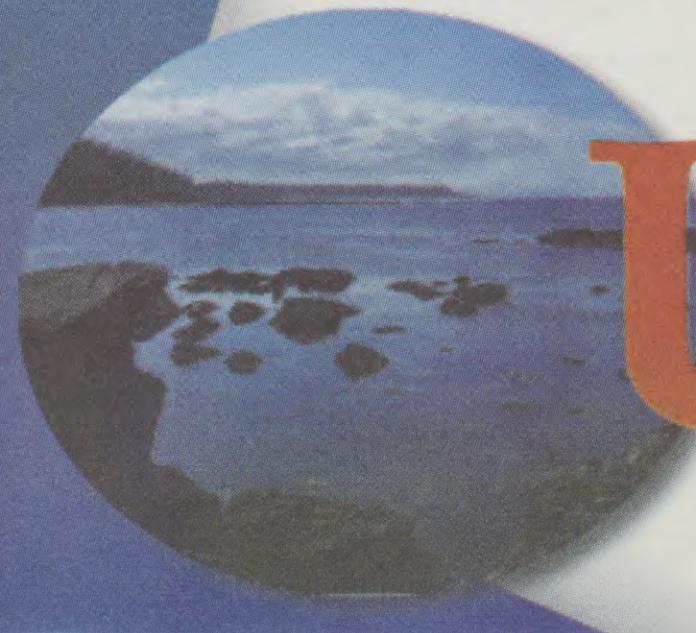
Using a methodology similar to that of Ditidaht First Nation, Williams and his crew will conduct regular crab monitoring in Ucluelet Harbour twice monthly from May-October (when crabs are most abundant), and monthly from November through April. Three times throughout the year, the crew will collect toxicological data

about the metals present in crab tissue. Bodycote Testing Group will analyze composite samples from six sites for 33 metals (including cadmium and mercury) to provide a seasonal indication of potential exposure levels.

If you would like further information, please contact Tad Williams at 250-726-2416 (ext 223) or Katie Beach at 250-726-5229.



Uu-a-thluk biologist Katie Beach measures crabs for size and shell hardness during a June survey of Ucluelet Harbour.



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