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Friends and family of Eva and Gilbert Moose Frank gathered in Ahousaht on May 23 to remember the generous and loving couple during a thank you feast hosted by Louie Frank Sr. and family. The family wanted to take the time to let people know that they appreciated their kindness coming to their aid during Gilbert's long illness and when Eva passed a year later. See story and photos on page 16. Photo by Denise Tiltan

A-in-chut launches campaign for top spot

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa
Reporter

Vancouver—Well, he's off and running. On May 27, Shawn A-in-chut Atleo launched his official campaign in the election of national chief for the Assembly of First Nations. Hundreds of supporters were in attendance at Joe's house, the recreation centre named after the legendary Chief Joe Mathias of the Squamish Nation.

Friends and family from Ahousaht, A-in-chut's home community, and from the Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council, where he once sat as president, sang and danced for their celebrated son.

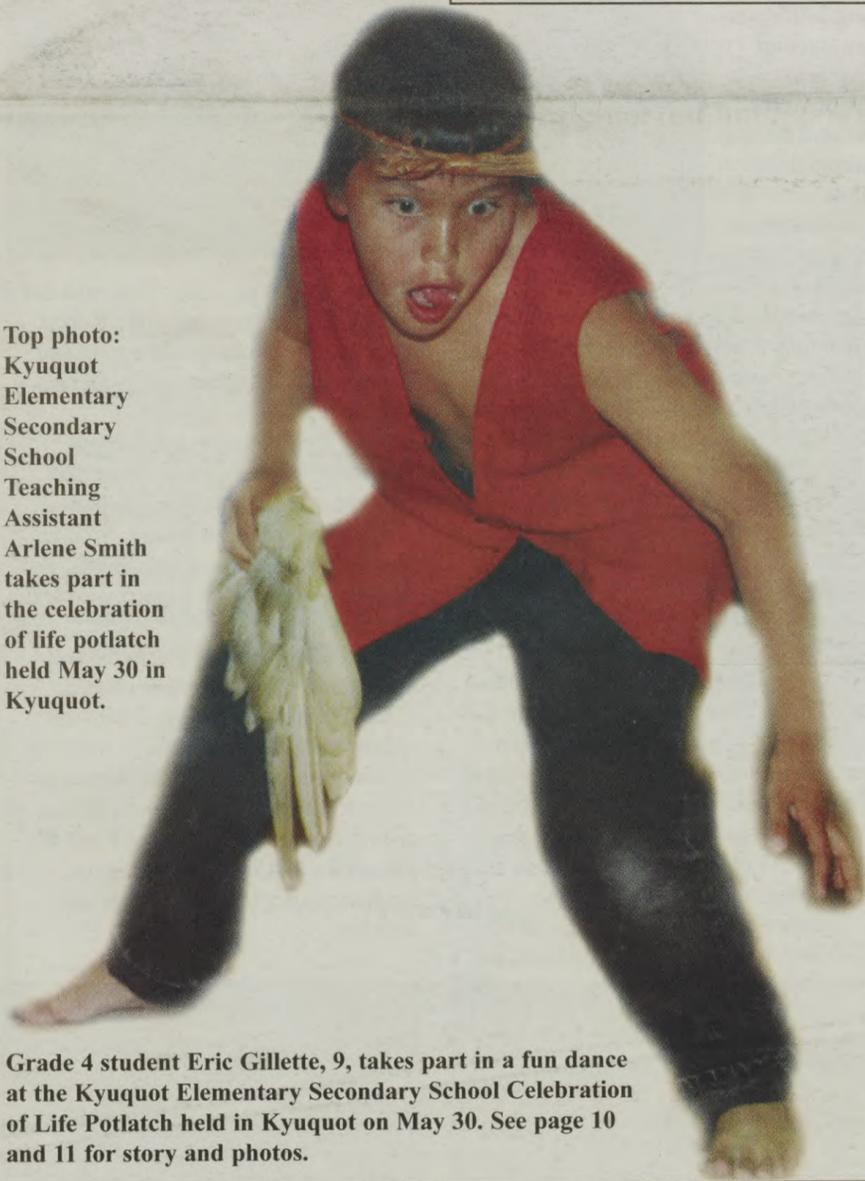
Chiefs from across Canada made their way to Vancouver to sign A-in-chut's



Shawn Atleo kick-starts his campaign for the post of national chief of the Assembly of First Nations at a celebration on May 27 in Vancouver. Chiefs from across the country traveled to the event to sign his nomination papers and the Atleos thanked them for their support with the gift of hand-crafted paddles.

nomination papers. Shawn and his wife Nancy thanked them by giving them handcrafted paddles to show they were pulling together for the good of First Nations grassroots people.

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Top photo: Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School Teaching Assistant Arlene Smith takes part in the celebration of life potlatch held May 30 in Kyuquot.

Grade 4 student Eric Gillette, 9, takes part in a fun dance at the Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School Celebration of Life Potlatch held in Kyuquot on May 30. See page 10 and 11 for story and photos.

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Alberni Elementary celebrates aboriginal day

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—Richard Samuel, the Nuu-chah-nulth education worker for Alberni Elementary School organized a full day celebration of Aboriginal Day on May 22.

During the course of the morning there was many information workshops, educational, as well as fun activities. Colleen Goodrich did singing and drumming; Iris Batsch and Iris Saunders each did beading for two different age groups; Lena Ross shared Tseshaht history.

Deb Atleo shared the Nuu-chah-nulth language and Moy Sutherland Sr. taught the students the popular game of lahal.

Doug Sam shared his knowledge of making cedar mats and had the students make a mat from paper. Diane Gallic and Vanessa Hamilton George taught the students the popular game of stealing sticks.

Caroline Thompson shared her knowledge about dreamcatchers and artist Cecil Dawson talked about First Nations art, sharing his knowledge and experience. Haul Mack also shared his artistic talents. Mark Sutherland did some storytelling.

In the drumming and singing workshop Goodrich demonstrated the technique and explained that there was always a leader of a song. Each of the

Above: **Dancing, drumming and cultural games and activities were enjoyed at Alberni elementary school during aboriginal day celebrations.**



students followed her as she demonstrated and a few of the students then took a turn to be a leader.

The Ahousaht Cultural Group performed a few of their fun dances for the staff and students.

Wally Samuel, the spokesperson of the group, explained that it had been taught by many elders, including Caroline and Harold Little Sr., Mark and Evelyn Atleo, and Robert Thomas, all from Ahousaht. Nelson Keitlah Sr. was also acknowledged for his contributions.

Next on the program was the Grade 4 classes from Alberni middle school, the English classes of Gutosky and Girard and the French classes of teachers Fryer and Vera Kaiser. They performed Aaron Watts from Tseshaht's lightning song that he had composed and given permission for the school to use.

Grade 4 student Bailey Sam, son of Lisa and Terry Sam from Tseshaht, led

the students in the song. They also did a song and dance composed by Robert Dennis Jr. who composed a song and dance for his daughter Sylvia Dennis, a student at Alberni School.

After the entertainment Richard Samuel presented gifts to those that assisted in the celebration, including Kathy Ruel, Maghen Dirard, Bonnie Rattan, Cathy Cross, Tanya Jarvis, and Madame Annie Vera Kaiser who is the principal.

The aboriginal day concluded and students went back to their classes.

Samuel was very pleased with the celebration and would like to thank all the resource people and the Ahousaht Cultural Group for their participation. A special thanks also to Aaron Watts and Robert Dennis Jr. for allowing the students to perform their songs and dances.

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Tofino parking regulations change again

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—The District of Tofino has announced changes to parking regulations that take effect immediately.

On May 12, Tofino council adopted the District of Tofino Traffic and Parking Regulation Bylaw No. 1091, which will suspend the permit parking system for the remainder of 2009.

"We have only suspended the permit parking requirements. The parking areas are still available for long-term parking as before, but without a permit," said Bob Long, chief administrative officer for the District of Tofino. "All other parking will still be in effect as before except the two municipal lots," he said, adding that outstanding parking violation tickets are still payable.

"Residents with existing tickets are required to pay them; tickets can be paid at the district office during office hours or payments can be mailed to us."

According to Long, parking tickets will be issued as usual in timed parking zones as before. Parking fines are usually \$50. If payment is not received the district of Tofino will 'collect through other means.'

Free long-term parking is now available to residents and visitors in zones previously dedicated to permit parking and decals are no longer required.

There are two parking lots adjacent to the municipal hall; a gravel lot at Third Street and Main Street, and a paved lot fronting Campbell Street, which was closed May 30, so that they can be converted to pay parking lots.

Improvements to the lots are scheduled to begin immediately. Pay parking will be in effect from June 1 to

Sept. 30, and will be available on a daily (\$10), weekly (\$40), and monthly (\$80) basis.

Long is sending letters out to the local band councils from Tofino Mayor John Fraser, which will explain more about the most recent changes in parking regulations.

Long said he is new to the area and doesn't know why the original parking plan was scrapped, but he says an overall new plan will be worked on over the fall and winter with input from the First Nations' communities affected.

The District of Tofino attempted to institute parking regulations in the summer of 2006.

There are about 1,800 residents in Tofino, but when summer arrives, the population of the popular tourist destination swells with as many as 25,000 visitors arriving each summer.

Tofino council needed to address the heavy traffic congestion and find ways to generate revenue to develop tourist-related infrastructure.

In the summer of 2006 Tofino saw the installation of the first traffic meters which were intended to be used by tourists only, who paid parking rates based on the amount of time they used the parking space.

Small business owners were against the plan, fearing that it would drive business away.

In 2007 the Tofino pay parking issue was revisited in an attempt to eliminate flaws in the 2006 plan. A committee was formed and parking meters were installed while locals were invited to get parking decals from the municipal office that would allow them to park free in some zones.

The committee came up with a complicated map showing the various parking zones in Tofino. There were short-term parking zones, long-term parking zones, free parking areas and

pay parking in the city lots. Unless you know Tofino well, the maps were very difficult to interpret.

The new parking zones did not go over well with the offshore residents who offload groceries, cargo and family at the 1st and 4th street docks. There were no nearby free parking areas. All the waterfront parking spaces were designated short-term, while the long-term parking spaces were several blocks away.

Often times all the parking spaces would be full and people were being told to park in residential neighborhoods.

Almost immediately after their installation, the \$10,000 ticket dispensing machines were vandalized. Some locals were unaware of pay

parking regulations while others were confused by the complicated and often-changing system.

Finally, in November 2007 the District of Tofino voted to have the ticket dispensing machines removed.

Dorothy Ng of the District of Tofino office said that the new pay parking maps are much easier to read. She said the areas once marked permit parking will now be known as long-term parking.

In order to avoid the dreaded parking tickets, locals need to avoid parking in areas marked short-term parking. Signs are posted in places along the waterfront on Main Street and First Street where much of the short-term parking spaces are located.

Tseshaht and Hupacasath welcomed with open arms

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Port Alberni—On May 21, the Port Alberni Torch Relay Committee welcomed to their monthly meeting Tseshaht and Hupacasath representatives and Wickaninnish, Cliff Atleo, Sr., Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council president.

The committee is preparing for the

torch, which will come through Port Alberni on Nov. 1.

Brenda Read from Hupacasath and Williard Gallic Sr. from Tseshaht were at the meeting.

Committee chair Donna Brett said it was important the First Nations were represented in the planning process of the historic event.

Brett said Bob Dailey Stadium would be the site for an event that will showcase the valley.

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**CLAM BOARD
SECOND CALL FOR
NOMINATIONS**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL
JUNE 26, 2009**

Have you ever wanted more say in the clam fishery? Here's your chance. The WCVI Clam Board is seeking harvester nominations to fill eight positions for the next three years. If elected to the board, you will attend two meetings and several conference calls per year and help choose the duration and opening and closing dates of the fishery. For a little bit of time, you'll have a very big voice.

So how do you get elected? In March, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) sent information packages to all regular Z2 and ACL licence holders explaining how the election works. Unfortunately, the fax number receiving the nominations was not operational for about 10 days. As some nomination forms sent to the fax number may not have been received, DFO will be mailing out a second nomination package. If you'd like to nominate yourself or someone else, gather two signatures from other licensed diggers on the form inside this package and return them to DFO by June 26, 2009. DFO will consider nominations valid and will include them on the ballot if they are received by the close of business on June 26th, 2009. After that, your name (or your nominee's) will appear on the ballot that will be mailed out by DFO. Voting will take place this summer. Look for notices posted in your Nation's administration office and the Ha-Shilth-Sa.

Why should you be a part of the Clam Board? The clam fishery is one fishery where Nuu-chah-nulth people have a dominant interest. Over 80% of diggers on the West Coast are Nuu-chah-nulth. We need your voice to revitalize the Clam Board and ensure Nuu-chah-nulth Nations are fairly represented. For more information, call Roger Dunlop at 250-283-2012.

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Energy in, energy out

Assertion of aboriginal rights leads to power plant agreement

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tsaxana—The Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations and Green Island Energy have come to a meeting of the minds. On May 23 the parties signed an agreement that will pave the way for the construction of a new power plant in the Gold River area.

The traditional leadership of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht invited guests to Tsaxana to share in a feast to celebrate the signing of the agreement. The power plant will turn waste into energy. It will also provide jobs and considerable financial consideration to the people of the area.

Once the shovels hit the dirt in early 2010, as many as 350 construction jobs will be created, with about 160 full-time jobs added to the community once the plant is complete, said Dave Kingston, Chief Executive Officer of Green Island Energy and Kingston Companies. "It's huge for this community. It's a huge economic impetus."

And the Mowachaht/Muchalaht won't be left out of the hiring. Part of the energy company's commitment to the community's leadership through the agreement is to employ their people.

Kingston said the plan to build the plant in the area was sparked about six years ago. The company joined forces with Covanta Energy Corporation, which builds facilities that convert municipal solid wastes into energy enough to fuel a number of communities. The Gold River plant will have a 90 megawatts net output.

Had it not been for the leadership of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht, however, said Mowachaht Tye Ha'wiltch Mike Maquinna, the plant may have been constructed without the active participation of the First Nation. Guided by various court decisions that ruled that consultations with First Nations must take place before development in their traditional territory goes forward. The Mowachaht/Muchalaht asserted their aboriginal title and rights as the catalyst to get the parties to the negotiation table to nail down the details of an accommodation agreement.

"It wasn't as easy as we thought it was going to be," said Ben Jack. It turned around when Mowachaht/Muchalaht started to use the negotiators



Dave Kingston, Chief Executive Officer of Green Island Energy and Kingston Companies shakes on the deal with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nations with Mowachaht Tye Ha'wiltch Mike Maquinna.

from the tribal council, "and with Celeste's assistance, it really helped us," Jack said of treaty manager Celeste Haldane. "It gave them the understanding that they couldn't operate the way they were trying to operate. They had to talk to us and come to a better agreement with us than they were offering."

The neighboring community of Gold River was represented at the feast by Mayor Craig Anderson and a number of councillors. They were pleased to see this phase of the process complete. The delay to the project was a concern to the village, which had suffered a mill closure, and was in need of an industry that could replace the high-paying jobs earned there. In fact, the Green Island Energy plant will be built on the old mill site in the ha'houlthee of Muchalaht Tye Ha'wiltch Norman George. The high paying jobs will return, with engineers and accountants, steam operators and the variety of other jobs that come with a business of this size.

Mowachaht/Muchalaht leaders were acutely aware of the worry of their neighbors, said Maquinna, but needed all parties to understand that any economic activity in the region had to benefit the rightful owners of the territory.

"I hope that it shows that these things can't be done without the First Nations people," said Maquinna. "What we've been saying, and what we've been consistent with throughout, is that Mowachaht/Muchalaht is to be considered whether in partnership, joint ventures, or whatever the case may be,

been acknowledged.

"Ha'wiih, kleco, kleco. You have done an amazing job for your people," she said.

Has Green Island Energy and others involved given adequate consideration to the ha'wiih, the ha-houlthee and the rights that reside with the Mowachaht/Muchalaht, Maquinna was asked.

"I would say yes, but it may have taken some time. Once the acknowledgement or recognition came about, it certainly created a better understanding of who they were working with, the rightful owners of the land and the territory. So yeah, I think it has come about fairly well."

Frustrated by the treaty process, where Maquinna says the Nuu-chah-nulth treaty table has been ignored and put on the backburner, the nations asserted their authority over the territory through the province's resource development referral process—the consultation and accommodation process.

Maquinna also credits Nuu-chah-nulth treaty manager Celeste Haldane for helping with a number of issues throughout the negotiations. She also brought Mike Rodger of West Bay Strategic Resources on board to lead the negotiations with Green Island Energy, "which worked out very well for us," Maquinna said.

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by way of coming to the rightful owners of the land and knowing that we want to work with and be part of the economic development in the territory, not working against it." Kingston said the agreement with Mowachaht/Muchalaht was monumental.

"It's a necessary part of the project to have the support of the First Nations. It would be very difficult to accomplish a power plant here, or any other economic development for that matter [without it]. Jack is cautiously optimistic about working with Green Island Energy.

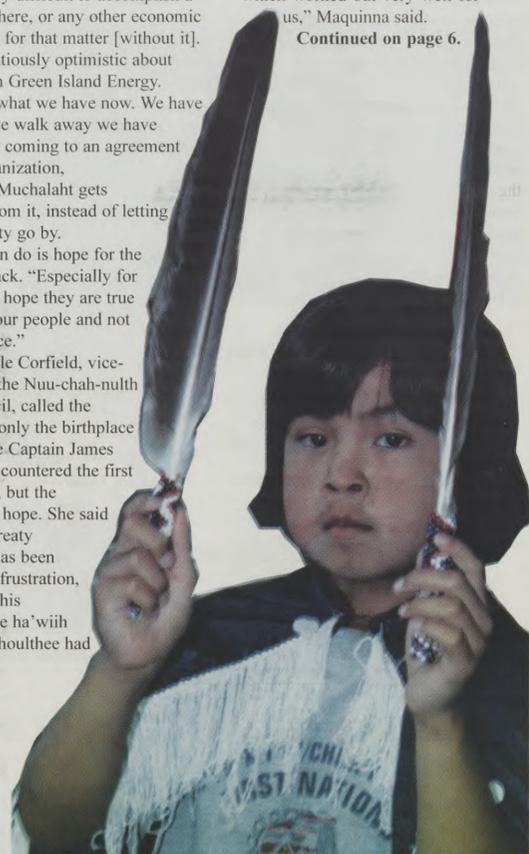
"I look at what we have now. We have nothing. If we walk away we have nothing." By coming to an agreement with the organization, Mowachaht/Muchalaht gets something from it, instead of letting an opportunity go by.

"All we can do is hope for the best," said Jack. "Especially for our people. I hope they are true benefits for our people and not just lip service."

Dr. Michelle Corfield, vice-president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, called the territory not only the birthplace of BC, where Captain James Cook first encountered the first peoples here, but the birthplace of hope. She said 14 years of treaty negotiation has been fraught with frustration, but through this agreement the ha'wiih and their ha'houlthee had



Muchalaht Tye Ha'wiltch Norman George



Mourning over as family dries their tears

By Jack F. Little
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tseshah—It has been two years since the passing of Jim (Hobby) Hamilton. Ki-ke-in, his brother, and the family held a Thlaakt'uultha (end of grief ceremony) at Maht Mahs on May 23, with many friends and family honoring the invitation to attend.

Four mourning songs were sung by the Ki'ke'in and his family. Speaker Shane Point, Ki-ke-in's brother, announced that it was important to do this prior to any business the family had to do.

"What the family is also going to do is honor and acknowledge those people that came forward at the time of my brother's death to help our family, and we are going to shake their hands and thank them publicly," said Point. Gifts were given to those that helped to clean their late brother's apartment, thanking them for their kindness and generosity.

A very good friend of late Jim Hamilton was then acknowledged. Joe Matilda had found Jim on the May long weekend in 2007. He was thanked with a Cowichan knit toque and \$130.

"Our late brother had never missed a day of work and just before the May long weekend he had missed work. After the weekend Matilda went to check on

Jim and found him. Our family was grateful for this," said Ki-ke-in.

Next all of the honorary pall bearers were given a sum of \$130 each, \$100 from Ki-ke-in and \$30 from Hughie Watts and Shaunee Casavant. They too received Cowichan toques.

Ke-ke-in and his family then acknowledged Alton Watts who took the ashes of late Jim Hamilton to his favorite places to fish in the Barclay Sound area.

The next item of business was the acknowledgement of the ha'wiih that were present. They were presented with money and a blanket from Ki-ke-in and his family. Richard George, son of Tye Ha'wiltch Maquinna Lewis George received a cedar box.

Ha'wiih that received money and blankets were Maquinna; Ha'wehtuu-is - Ben Nookemis; Minsiyi - Wilson Bob; Sixilaaxayts - Noel Pootlass, the tye ha'wiih from Bella Coola; Yaalthuu-a - Jeff Cook; Thlaayaem - Charlie Nelson from Bella Coola; Kumiltha Rhonda Sandoral and Nusyatamayts, Billy Andy Jr., also from Bella Coola; Uu-uchisat-h - Arnold Shaw; Kakaltin - Gibby Jacobs from Squamish; Muuchink - Bruce Frank; Kuumin - Eddie Jones; and Tuu-chii - Jay Miller. Kwitchiinim (Danny Watts) presented a drum to Slade Charlong and a Canucks baseball cap to Josh Vissia.

Bookwilla (Charlie Thompson) and his family provided the lunch for everyone.

After lunch was served, Maquinna was first on the floor. Nelson Keitlah spoke on behalf of Maquinna explaining that Ki-ke-in had received names from his house and noted that Ki-ke-in had always stood by Maquinna. Maquinna and Ki-ke-in worked at the school in

Ahousaht for a few years together.

Maquinna gave Ke-ke-in \$700 and jars of canned fish and chumas, as well as other goods. He concluded his presentation and informed Ke-ke-in that he and his wife will be taking him to New Zealand sometime in the future.

Bookwilla then took the floor. He

called out Ki-ke-in and Yaalthuu-a (Jeff Cook) and announced their very close connection as a family.

"We come from three sisters, our great grandmothers. I want you to know Ron that our family has the greatest amount of love and respect for you and you have always been there for myself and my family."

Bookwilla then explained that the three of them (Cook, Hamilton and himself) are the only rightful owners and the ones that can use and sing a Haatsholthaayak song and dance from Hiikkuhth. Bookwilla then gave \$350 to Ki-ke-in.

Shane Point, Ki-ke-in's younger brother was then next. Point explained how he grew up watching Ki-ke-in and had a tremendous amount of respect for him. Point gave a rough plank to Ki-ke-in.

"I am gifting you this plank and it is the first plank for the rebuilding of your house—Takiishtakamlthath-h which translated means Earthquake House," said Point.

Along with the plank Point also transferred to Ki-ke-in a Hiinkitsim (headdress) which was given to him by their maternal grandmother Tlopinap. Minsiyi Wilson Bob and his family presented blankets and money to Ki-ke-in.

Next was a very powerful performance by the Nuxalk Nation from the four hereditary chiefs from Bella Coola. Tye Ha'wiltch Sixilaaxayts Noel Pootlass, Thlaayaem Charlie Nelson, Kumiltha Rhonda Sandoral and Nusyatamayts Billy Andy Jr. and 57 members from their community took the floor for almost three hours.

"We want to thank Ki-ke-in for the invitation and also thank the Tseshah for allowing us to be in their beautiful territories. Our chiefs and community want to pay respect and honor a great man who had done wonderful things for the Nuxalk Nation and many other people as well," said Pootlass. Many years ago Ki-ke-in passed on three songs to the community of Bella Coola and the chiefs and community want to pay respects back to him.

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Tye Ha'wiltch Noel Pootlass (Sixilaaxayts) honors Ki-ke-in with a singer/composer mask that he made as a gift.

Nelson Keitlah Sr., Ha'wiltch Maquinna and Robert Watts sing one of Maquinna's songs.

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Reg David gives advice to his nephew Ki-ke-in and speaker Shane Point.

Family ends public grief

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A mask of the singer/composer, which Pootlass made himself, was given to Ke-ke-in as well as the sum of \$700 from the chiefs. Pootlass respectfully asked for it to be included on Ki-ke-in's curtain and that he wants the mask to be used in the future with a song and dance. Other gifts were also passed to Ki-ke-in by the chiefs and community members and Ki-ke-in was invited by the chiefs to a centennial celebration on July 30 in Bella Coola. Ki-ke-in explained that the chiefs want to dress him in full Nuxalk regalia to honor him. Ki-ke-in explained to Ha-Shilth-Sa that the Nuxalk chiefs and their community members who came to the ceremony had practiced dancing and singing for four months to prepare for his potlatch and that it was an honor to have so many of the Nuxalk Nation attend the ceremony and perform for his guests.

Salmon, halibut and codfish, which was caught fresh and contributed by Vic Amos, was served for dinner. Alton Watts contributed the sockeye. Prawns were also served and contributed by James Martin from Uchucklesaht. A whole elk was served and was caught by Cory Hanson from Ka'yu:k't'h'.

Many volunteers then stepped forward to serve all of the guests of Ki-ke-in. Various tribes sang their Ha-ukshityak, or what is known as their feast song, and enjoyed a great meal. "My niece Shaanee Casavant and Lee Cooper made a huge fruit salad in honor and memory of my late brother Jim who always looked forward to one of our family's feasts as he usually always made a huge fruit salad," said Ki-ke-in.

Many others stepped forward and presented Ki-ke-in with gifts, including Tuutaa Fredrick Cook; Nachaa-aks Marjorie White, who also invited Ki-ke-in to a family campout to discuss name giving. She had asked for Ki-ke-in's

help. Utsinakisat-h Jimmy Chester, shared information about his strong blood ties to Ki-ke-in. Saakwistl Hilda Hanson and her family performed their Tlamiikyak dance.

Tlaakishtka-is Simon Lucas performed two Hiinkit dances and explained to Ki-ke-in how much he admired him. Ki-ke-in has helped his family and community in many ways. Tim Paul also thanked Ki-ke-in for the invitation.

Other gifts came from Anisa White, who gave sweetgrass, and Tuuchii Jay Miller, Haptaatuk Rita Marshall gave beaded glass and money. Gifts were received from Amy Thompson and Marianne Thompson. Lo Edgar, Kanuuxat Daniel Blackstone and Viv Jacob and her extended family presented gifts to Ki-ke-in.

Nuukmiis, Ha'wilth Robert Martin, asked to close the floor prior to the host and was granted this. He explained that Ki-ke-in has not only been a close relative but also a very good friend all of his life. Nuukmiis is also on Ki-ke-in's curtain. He gave Ron a name—Aapheykwaa-ap, which means "generous."

Finally the host performed for his guests and 20 of Ki-ke-in's nieces, sisters, and cousins danced a Tlaaxsaata dance, which Ki-ke-in shares with Wiiwimta-iik Christina Cox.

Names were also passed down to Reg David- Kwaasawin; Buddy Hamilton — Chiichikis; Shane Point—T'it'i'an and Ron received the name Chuuchkamalthnii.

After a long day—the party ended at 6:30 a.m.—the family had finished their business, which was to have a cry for the last time in public and to bring an end to public grief for the loss of their late brother.

The family was also able to show some of the rights and treasures that their brother never got to show the public.

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Environmental issues still to be overcome

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Others around the table were Richard Reece, Bruce Clark and Brandon Snyder of Green Island Energy, Tom Lyons, Covanta, and the Mowachaht/Muchalaht ha'wiih.

Green Island Energy must still jump a number of hurdles before moving forward, including dealing with issues around environment and a reliable supply of fuel, said Kingston. The negotiation team will continue to work together and work through these issues collectively, said Haldane. Mowachaht/Muchalaht ha'wiih will also be an integral part of the discussions with upcoming discussions with Environment Canada and other government agencies.

And the people of the area are working to solidify relations. The communities of Gold River and Mowachaht/Muchalaht have worked together on a number of grassroots activities over the course of last year.

"I think the initial awareness, the seed that we planted a year or two ago, has taken hold. We just have to water the plant, so to speak, more often than not," said Maquinna.

"Just to keep reminding them, the Village of Gold River, B.C. and Canada, that the consultative process is in place for any kind of development within Mowachaht/Muchalaht territory, and we take it very seriously."

Nuu-chah-nulth Tii'caq̓t̓ (Mental Health)

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NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL

SCHOLARSHIP CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009

MAHT MAHS, GYM, PORT ALBERNI 6:00 P.M.

CHUMAS PROVIDED AFTER AWARD PRESENTATIONS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CALL EILEEN HAGGARD, 724-5757.

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The Maht Mahs was full for the luncheon, which was prepared for by Charlie Thompson and his family, for Ki-ke-in and his family's potlatch.

NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL GRADUATION CELEBRATION (Grade 12)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2009

huuhtik̓i̓ihuwi̓t̓ Hesquiaht School of Learning
 Hot Springs Cove

2:00 P.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL
 EILEEN HAGGARD, 724-5757.

Graduation application forms can be picked up from your band office or the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council office. If are living away from home you can down load the application off of the N.T.C. website — www.nuuchahnulth.org



Job Opportunity Band Manager

Ka'yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl̓es7et'h' First Nations

The Ka'yu:k't'h'/Che:k:tl̓es7et'h' First Nations (KCFN) are accepting applications for the position of Band Manager. This full time, permanent position is the point of contact for the administrative operations and related corporate interests of KCFN. The Band Manager is a hands-on-manager and a proactive executive.

As Band Manager, you will witness and play a role in history in the making — the Implementation of the Maa-nulth Treaty. As an innovative, dynamic and inspired leader, you will play an important role in the KCFN implementation team, which will bring economic and social change to the KCFN membership through treaty related opportunities.

The successful candidate will have the following combination of education, experience and skill:

- A university degree in a related field and two years work experience in project management, community development planning, financial management, business management, economic development, first Nations issues or natural resource management or at least five years work experience in these areas.
- Excellent organizational, planning and communication skills
- Knowledge and understanding of first Nations culture, history and current issues, preferably related to the Nuu-chah-nulth-aht.
- The ability to form consensus and provide direction in an appropriate way.
- A valid driver's license, as travel is a requirement of this position
- An absolute commitment to the by-law prohibiting intoxicants is a requirement
- A commitment to volunteerism would be considered a strong asset

The position is based in beautiful Kyuquot, on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Kyuquot is a happy and active community, is socially progressive and is a dry reserve. Housing can be provided to the successful applicant. The salary for this position is negotiable.

To apply for this position: please submit a cover letter and resume to the attention of the Band Council by fax (250) 332-5210 or in writing to our address. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 5, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.Kyuquot.ca OR call 250-332-5259.

The race is on

Hundreds gather to support election bid

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Sitting in the front row was Shawn's good friend and supporter Rick Hansen, the Man in Motion himself. He watched intently as members of B.C.'s First Nations sang his fishing buddy's praises and prayed for A-in-chut and his family on the hard journey ahead.

The election will be held in Calgary on July 22. Nominations close on June 20, but there are already a number of serious contenders for the job. Perry Bellegarde of Saskatchewan, John Beaucage of Ontario and Bill Wilson from B.C.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, Grand Chief Doug Kelly of the Sto:lo Nation join Rhonda Sim as co-chairs of Atleo's campaign.

Kelly said the support from outside of the province showed the respect A-in-chut has amongst the 633 nations in the country. He said the new national chief will need that widespread support. "We're going to have to get behind one candidate, to get behind one leader."

Kelly said Canada has not been kind to aboriginal people or First Nations rights.

"Canada for too long has denied its obligations."

Both Kelly and Phillip talked about Atleo's abilities, not only to lead, but to pull together divergent factions and smooth the waters of dissent.

Kelly believes the time is now to elect

a leader that is capable of bringing nations together. He said A-in-chut has a leadership style that calms tension and conflict so leaders can focus on the

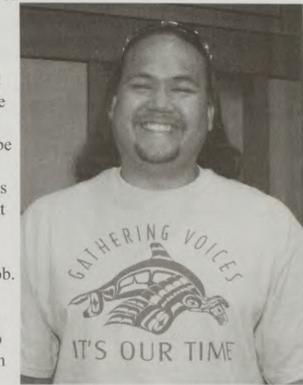
shared vision of recognition and reconciliation.

The purpose of coming together in such a big way was not only to have the people in BC witness the chiefs signing A-in-chut's nomination papers, but to raise money for the campaign, and Aousaht and the tribal council showed that they believed in Shawn's vision in a big way by donating \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively. The Sto:lo Nation also contributed \$5,000 as did the BC Association of

Friendship Centres and the BC Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Society.

The campaign also raised funds that night from the sale of t-shirts with the slogan "It's Our Time" emblazoned on them. It's time to implement treaties, to fulfill rights and responsibilities, for Indigenous people to take their place in the economy and as stewards of the earth, A-in-chut believes.

Shawn is running on the theme of balance—the four pillar strategy of attending to first nations families and communities, building first nations governments, implementation of treaties, with recognition of title and rights, and building economies and respecting the environment.



It's Our Time, and Jeff Gallie of Tseshaht seems to agree. He was among the Nuu-chah-nulth supporting the launch of A-in-chut Shawn Atleo's election campaign for national chief on May 27 in

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Vice-President Dr. Michelle Corfield and The Man in Motion Rick Hansen, were among A-in-chut's supporters.



ATTENTION CATERERS

THE NUU-CHAH-NULTH TRIBAL COUNCIL WILL ONCE AGAIN BE ACCEPTING BIDS FROM CATERERS TO PROVIDE CHUMAS, COFFEE, TEA AND JUICE FOR THE N.T.C. SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 17, 09 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M., MAHT MAHS GYM. CATERERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:
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DEADLINE FOR BIDS – JULY 3, 2009, NOON

NWeavers review basketry at the UBC Museum Anthropology

On May 4 and 5, 2009, a group of Nuu-chah-nulth weavers and elders visited the Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia (MOA). Coordinated by Karen Duffek, MOA's Curator of Contemporary Visual Arts & Pacific Northwest, and Kathy Happynook, the group's visit was the beginning of a project to better document the museum's collection of over 300 Nuu-chah-nulth baskets. New displays are being developed at MOA that will show some of these baskets, as well as other heritage objects, under the theme of *hishuk ish ts'awalk* (everything is one).

The Nuu-chah-nulth group included Dolores Bayne (Hesquiaht), Rosa Wilson (Ucluelet), Christina Cox (Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h'), Kathy Robinson (Tseshaht), Ann Robinson Hunter (Tseshaht), Susan Sport (Huu-ay-ah), Rita Dennis (Huu-ay-ah), Geraldine Touchie (Ucluelet), Alice Sam (Ahouasht), and Jan Green (Ahouasht). Kelly Poirier (Tseshaht) and baby Mackenzie also joined the group.

Throughout the visit many of the women were thrilled to see works from their family members, teachers, and mentors. Although most of the older baskets have little or no documentation about their makers or communities of origin, the weavers didn't hesitate to share their thoughts on who may have constructed such diverse, intricate basketry. Often they exclaimed, "Look how they started it!" or, "I would never have thought of doing that!" "This is awesome," Rita Dennis said many times during the visit. There were ideas shared around the table that could have been trade secrets, but these Nuu-chah-nulth women were so excited to review the material that it didn't matter.

Susan Sport made a discovery of a basket made by her late mother, Katherine Lucas. She explained that this basket was "definitely" her mother's because it showed a style and technique of weaving joins that only she would do.

The technique intrigued the women and led to more discussions and excitement. Susan later found another basket that she thought could also be her mother's work, opening January 2010.



I would like to wish my handsome son, Daniel Price, a very happy 12th birthday for May 24. Love you son. From dad, sister Raquel and brother Alvin.



I would like to wish my beautiful daughter Raquel Price a very happy 11th birthday on May 18. Love you lots from dad, daniel, and Alvin.

Torch relay

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On the list of features are the Mars Bombers, and possibly the torch being carried in their canoes.

Gallic informed the committee that Tseshaht had been discussing their participation.

"Our council has had a meeting with a VANOC committee member and we had agreed mutually that an elder and a youth shall be included when the torch comes through our traditional territory," said Gallic.

Gallic thought that the concept of bringing the torch is a great idea. Tentative plans will see the torch brought in a canoe from Clutesi Haven Marina to the Tseshaht Administration Building. Tentative plans include a traditional ceremony there.

Brenda informed the committee that the Hupacasath will also be appointing a couple of youth to carry the torch.

For more information, contact Karen Duffek at 604-822-4604 or

kduffek@interchange.ubc.ca.



Congratulations! Adeline Rita George (Kyuquot Checklesheht) on earning your degree in Child Youth Care at Vancouver Island University and your new job at Usma. Proud of you.

I would like to wish my precious son Jadin Arthur Wilson a very Happy 1st Birthday, May 28th. Mommy, sister and daddy love you so much son, you've grow to be a smart and joyful boy. I would also like to wish my aunt Wendy Thompson a happy belated Birthday. Deanna Samuel.



Facilitator for StrongStart
Parents/Caregivers and Children (Ages 0-5)

School District 70 (Alberni) will be operating StrongStart Centres at **Eighth Ave Elementary** and **Ucluelet Elementary** for the 2009-10 school year. These programs provide opportunities for parents and caregivers to participate alongside their children in a purposeful, play based environment. The program concentrates on key aspects of family literacy, numeracy, parent support and education, stages of early childhood development and community resource sharing.

The two facilitators will possess excellent interpersonal skills, and the ability to be culturally sensitive, creative, collaborative and resourceful. The facilitator will be responsible for setting up, establishing and operating the program, including the following:

The facilitators will:

- Set up and establish the StrongStart Centre
- Establish and post a daily schedule for the program with participant involvement
- Ensure that the activities available for the children reflect the stages of child development and encourage creativity and language development
- Plan and prepare active, participant oriented, circle times that involve stories, songs, puppets and props
- Make connections with service providers in the community and facilitate referrals for families where necessary
- Make connections with school personnel to facilitate a smooth transition for families into the formal school system
- Attend StrongStart Steering Committee meetings
- Participate in training sessions as necessary

Qualifications:

- ECE and a minimum of five years of education and experience in a related field, e.g. Early Childhood Education, teaching, recreation, social work, community development.
- Training and/or experience working with children in the 0-5 age range.
- Training and/or experience working with parents/adults in a facilitative role.
- Knowledge of local community services.

Term/Salary:

Each contract position is for 20 hours per week starting September 2009 and ending June 2010 with a flexible schedule. Salary is \$25.00 per hour. For additional information please contact either:

Stacey Manson, District Principal 250 720-2778
Jennifer Auld, Principal Ucluelet Elementary 250 726-7793
Lauralee Edgell, Principal Eighth Ave Elementary 250 723-7631

Application packages, including resume, covering letter and professional references, must be submitted to

Diana Moore, Human Resources
Fax: 250-723-0318 or dmoore@sd70.bc.ca

Applications must be received no later than 4:00 pm June 3, 2009. Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



Facilitator for Outreach StrongStart
Parents/Caregivers and Children (Ages 0-5)

School District 70 (Alberni) will be operating a StrongStart in Bamfield Community School and in the community of Anacra for September 09 - June 2010. These programs provide opportunities for parents and caregivers to participate alongside their children in a purposeful, play based environment. The program concentrates on key aspects of family literacy, numeracy, parent support and education, stages of early childhood development and community resource sharing.

The facilitator will possess excellent interpersonal skills, and the ability to be culturally sensitive, creative, collaborative and resourceful.

The facilitator will:

- Set up and establish an Outreach StrongStart
- Establish and post a daily schedule for the program with participant involvement
- Ensure that the activities available for the children reflect the stages of child development and encourage creativity and language development
- Plan and prepare active, participant oriented, circle times that involve stories, songs, puppets and props
- Make connections with service providers in the communities and facilitate referrals for families where necessary
- Make connections with school personnel to facilitate a smooth transition for families into the formal school system
- Attend StrongStart Steering Committee meetings
- Participate in training sessions as necessary

Qualifications:

- ECE and a minimum of five years of education and experience in a related field, e.g. Early Childhood Education, teaching, recreation, social work, community development.
- Training and/or experience working with children in the 0-5 age range.
- Training and/or experience working with parents/adults in a facilitative role.
- Knowledge of local community services.

Term/Salary:

This is a contract position for 3 hours per week starting September 2009 and ending June 2010 with a flexible schedule. Salary is \$25.00 per hour. A travel subsidy may be available. For additional information please contact either:

Stacey Manson, District Principal 250 720 2778
Cam Pinkerton, Superintendent 250 720 2770

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Ahouasht welcomes friends from the north

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—"We're kicking the tires," said John Jensen of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation executive council.

Jensen and a contingent of community members from the Yukon territory had come to the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort (CWR) for three days of meetings. They would gather information there to help them decide whether to partner to build a similar business in their treaty settlement lands.

Ahouasht First Nation members were on site May 29 to provide a traditional welcome to the guests and to impress upon them the value of a relationship with resort owner Rick Genovese, and managing director John Caton.

Ahouasht is preparing to sign a tourism protocol with the CWR group and ARG Services that will establish a \$65-million resort of their own, as well as a wellness centre and adventure park in the territory.

Chief Councillor John O. Frank said he had come to the resort that day to show support for CWR, as CWR has supported the Ahousahts to "get up off its knees, stand up and be independent."

He said his community, plagued with social issues and a crumbling infrastructure, was coming over the horizon to see the good things that are possible because of the association with CWR. Caton and his associates have been very helpful, said Frank.

"If you work side by side with your neighbors, good things come out of it...Our needs are the same as many.

Our dreams our big."

CWR is located 30 miles by boat from Tofino at an old village site of the Ahousahts. The resort is described in promotional materials as a premier eco-safari destination inspired by late 19th century Great Camps, complete with big white canvas tents and the luxurious treatment typically reserved for society's upper crust.

A three-day "camping" trip will set an individual back about \$4,700. The business model has worked so well for CWR, they're preparing to seed other areas in Canada with it.

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John O. Frank



Danny Cresswell

Tourism: The trapline of the future

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Tofino—Edwin Frank sits quietly watching as a young culinary school graduate chops vegetables in the rustic kitchen/dining room of the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort. Edwin is "pushing 80," he says, and he has a lot of stories to tell.

He is the last Nuu-chah-nulth on the West Coast to harpoon a whale. This was in the 1960s and he tells Ha-Shilth-Sa how happy the people were at Ahousaht to have that food, how the community rolled the giant grey up onto the beach, and how he'd never do it again.

He never really developed a taste for whale, but there were many in the village who gladly loaded up their freezers with the meat.



Edwin Frank, the last Nuu-chah-nulth on the West Coast to harpoon a whale.

His harpoon hangs in one of the houses in Ahousaht now. The last close encounter Edwin had with the giant mammals was while out alone in his

boat. He was playing his Elvis loudly, and a baby grey came to check things out.

"There's something in that man's voice," Edwin said.

He reached out and patted the grey, which recoiled at his touch. But over the weeks, he and the baby and a large adult developed a relationship. The music played while the whales swam beside Edwin's boat and allowed him to stroke their skin.

It was nice, "but, oh, the breath." Edwin winces. The relationship ended when government authorities told him he couldn't go near the whales again.

Edwin also remembers a time when the land that the resort now occupies was the hunting grounds of a nearby village where he lived as a boy.

Bear and deer and elk came to the area. Salmon filled the river.

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Outreach StrongStart Facilitator
Parents/Caregivers and Children (Ages 0-5)

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- Participate in training sessions as necessary

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- Training and/or experience working with children in the 0-5 age range.
- Training and/or experience working with parents/adults in a facilitative role.
- Knowledge of local community services.

Term/Salary:

This is a contract position for 9 hours per week starting September 2009 and ending June 2010 with a flexible schedule. Salary is \$25.00 per hour. A travel subsidy may be available. For additional information please contact either:

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FOR GENERATIONS

Students celebrate life with friends and neighbors

By Debora Steel
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Houpsitas—Guests crowded into the small gymnasium of Kyuquot Elementary and Secondary School (KESS) on May 30 for a celebration. The students were celebrating life, and young people from as far away as Ottawa had been invited to take part in the potlatch.

After the floor had been brushed with cedar boughs and the party's security had been introduced, elders Kelly John and Patricia Nicolaye stood as twin towers of strength on either side of emcee Kliihwiih Brandon Smith who addressed the crowd in his own language.

He told who his parents and grandparents were and thanked the ha'wiih for witnessing the event. After his speech there was a huge round of applause to show Kliihwiih appreciation for the effort he's made to learn and use his language. The children of the school stood behind him dressed in their regalia, ready to take to the floor to dance or pick up their drums to sing.

Principal Jeff Rockwell was introduced and received the first of many honors as Kelly John talked about the big role he plays, not only in the school, but in the community. Rockwell then introduced his staff.

As a cane to hold up the people who had recently lost loved ones, hand-woven cedar baskets or cedar headdresses were presented to them. Then the singers performed one of Peter Hanson's songs, given to the school to use, and the dancers paddled onto the floor.

Elder Gloria Maquinna, mother of Mowachaht Tyee Ha'wiih Mike Maquinna, gave honors to the school for their efforts. She was accompanied by Marie Jack, wife of Ha'wiih Ben Jack from Mowachaht/Muchalaht.

Students, teachers and guest from Tahsis and Ehattesaht were asked to stand as they had traveled by bus and boat to be with the KESS students on their special day.

Next the drummers performed a celebration of life song. Because the community was bringing culture back into the school, and because parents and grandparents of the students didn't have that opportunity in residential school, candles were handed out to the survivors to honor them.

Patricia Nicolaye said it was a real honor for her to see what the students were doing in the school. "I'm so proud of what the school is bringing back." The school is able to "open the doors for our children so they will know who they are."

While the song was sung the survivors stood and the candles burned.

"I am very grateful that you survived," said Nicolaye. It was a difficult time when the First Nations' voice was lost, the language was lost.

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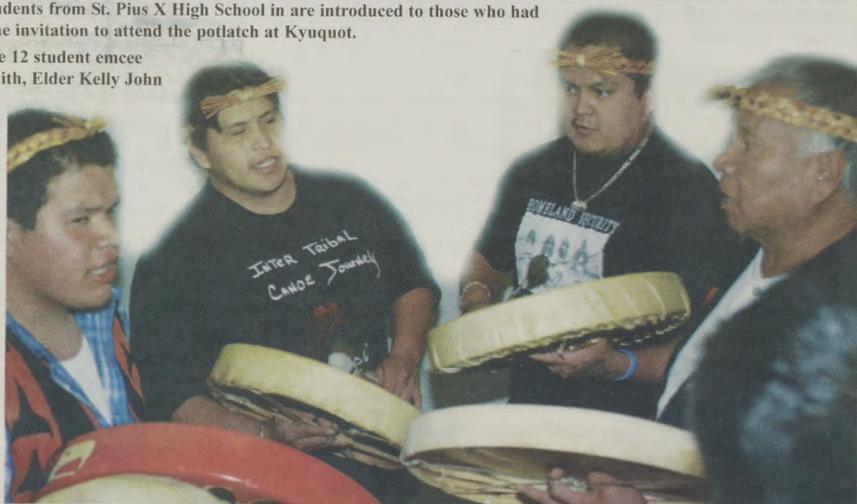
Tom John and Carol Smith from Kyuquot take part in a ceremony to honor the spirit of the residential school survivors.

Austine Smith-Leo was stood up in front of her grandmothers to be acknowledged for her dancing. Kelly John said Dennis John asked that she be stood up as she has demonstrated hard work to make her dancing perfect.



Above: Students from St. Pius X High School in are introduced to those who had honored the invitation to attend the potlatch at Kyuquot.

Right: Grade 12 student emcee Brandon Smith, Elder Kelly John and Kyuquot youth singers Shawn Hanson and Edward John.



Below: Student Dameon Cox, Teacher Assistant Clifford Johnson and singers Dennis John and James Nicolaye belt out a song at the celebration of life potlatch on May 30.



Above: Kelly John teases Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School Principal Jeff Rockwell about being shy during the celebration of life potlatch held in Kyuquot.

Kyuquot youth impress

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"Our children will know who they are... We didn't."

The song was composed by Dennis John and was given to his sister Janice by their mother. Janice had survived cancer.

"We have survived the most horrible part of our lives," said Kelly John. "Thank you for standing together with the candles... some are so heavy that it hurts yet." He again thanked Jeff Rockwell for "opening the doors for our children. We are really grateful for all you have done."

Kelly John said people were grateful that they can walk into the culture now without shame.

It was time then to introduce some special guests. About 10 years ago, Kyuquot sent some dancers down to the Tulip Festival in Victoria. A man named Chuck Daley was there with some

exchange students and was so impressed with the young people from Kyuquot he stayed in touch with the group.

This year, Kyuquot students visited Ottawa for a week, billeted in the homes of the young people of St. Pius X High School, and this week St. Pius X students were guests at Kyuquot.

Wearing cedar headbands, the young people were introduced to the party guests.

A group of young people from Victoria's Spectrum School had also been invited to the community and were introduced.

Eileen Haggard, the

education, culture, and curriculum supervisor with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC), explained that the tribal council and School District #84 had reached an enhancement agreement and this successful activity in Kyuquot was an example of how enhancement worked. School Superintendent Lawrence Tarasoff later said that he valued the relationship that has been developing between the First Nations and the district.

Haggard then distributed prints to the Kyuquot, Spectrum and St. Pius X schools as a gift to remember the day by, making the recipients dance for their gifts.

Victoria Wells of Ehattesaht presented lap blankets to the host community for their give-away. She said she was "so amazed" by the celebration, "especially when I heard the young man [speak] our native language. It makes me really, really happy."

The floor was open to other comments and then the students led their guests in some fun dances.

NTC Vice-President Michelle Corfield told the crowd that she was "absolutely honored to be in the presence of our youth. This is your day. You deserve this day."

She said it was time in the history of the Nuu-chah-nulth "to take our place."

"You are our leaders of tomorrow. You are our future."

Kelly John encouraged the young guests from Ottawa and Victoria to come to the front and try drumming while the community joined together in one more fun dance.

Then special presentations were made to the students. Kliihwiih had a special gift for his billet. He had made him a paddle and had burned an intricate design down the shaft to the blade. It was the first paddle Kliihwiih had ever made.



Grade 12 student and emcee Kliihwiih Brandon Smith listens as elder Kelly John provides encouragement during the opening of the Celebration of Life potlatch hosted by Kyuquot Elementary Secondary School.

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Qualifications: The ideal candidate will have:

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- A high school diploma/GED; post-secondary experience/degree desirable.
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- Must be a self-starter and able to work independently.
- Knowledge of the history of the Tlu-piich Games would be an asset.



Apply by June 12, 2009, by sending your cover letter and resume to: Human Resource Manager, by Fax: (250) 724-1907 or email: hr@nuuchahnulth.org or mail to: P.O. Box 1383, Port Alberni, BC V9Y 7M2

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

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Birthdays & congratulations

Happy birthday to our son Charlie Felix Tom who turned 21 on May 16. My big baby! Lots of love for you son. Enjoy this special day. Lots of love from mom and dad and your only sister Rachel and brothers Jr. and Matt and our precious baby Desirae.

Happy birthday to my Uncle Remi Tom for May 23, from your nephew Matthew Remi Joseph Tom.

Happy birthday to our niece Lisa Marie Tom. Love you niece pie. Have a good day. Love you uncle Des and Auntie Sheila and you niece Desirae.

Happy third birthday to my grandson Norman Campbell. Love Mama Shirley. May 21: Happy 20th birthday Danielle Tom. From Mel and niece Kiana.

May 28: Happy 19th birthday Leroy Tom. From Sis Mel and niece Kiana.

June 11: Happy birthday Grandma Martha Tom. We love you. Enjoy your special day! Love Melissa and Kiana.

June 22: Happy ?? birthday Alysia Martin. From Mel and Kiana.

June 23: Happy birthday to my uncle Lance Martin. Love niece Kiana.

June 23: Happy birthday Corinne

Ortiz-Castro (Martin). From Mel and Kiana.

June 26: Happy birthday to my nana Martha Stewart. Enjoy your day! Love Kiana.

June 29: Happy birthday to Kim Williams. Enjoy your day! From Mel and Kiana.

Happy birthday to two of my dearest friends. Lana (Thompson) Olsen, June 14, and Sugar Thompson, June 18. Love you guys lots. Have a good one. Sharon (Louie) Bond.

I would like to send a birthday wish June 12 to our niece Sapphire Dorward. Happy 11th birthday Saffie. Lots of love from Aunt Sharon, Uncle John, cousins Ren and Rande. Love you so much.

Happy 32 anniversary on June 11 to

my husband Dave Watts. With lots of love, not only on our special day, but every day. Happy Father's Day too! Annie.

Happy birthday to my nephews all the way in Cali, Desean Happy 16th Birthday, June 4. Kobe, June 18. Love you two very much. Love Aunt Sharon and your cousins Ren and Rande.

Happy birthday uncle Chuck D. on May 20, uncle Rick T. on May 21, Boyd G and Linda T. on May 22. From Marvin Jr., Michael, Violet, Lisa Tutube.

Happy birthday Natasha Charleson on May 23. From Pearl, Marvin Sr., Lisa, Mike, Marv Jr., Violet.

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In Loving Memory

In Loving Memory

Brother Ernest D. Wilson May 7, 1998

Mom Mamie Wilson May 12, 2000

Auntie Rosie Dolly Ross May 27, 2000

Auntie Nancy Victoria Joe May 31, 1997



There is some one missed you sadly, And finds the time long since you went, There is someone who thinks of you always, And tries to be brave and content. Gone is the face we loved so dear, Silent is the voice we loved to hear, Tis sad but true, we wonder why, The best are always the first to die.

Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there; I do not sleep. I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sun on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain. When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush Of quiet birds in circled flight. I am the soft stars that shine at night. Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die.



It's lonely here without you.

We miss you more each day.

For life is not the same to us

Since you were called away.

We will always remember

The way you looked,

The way you walked and smiled,

All the things you did for us,

Will be with us all the while.

You always did your best,

Your heart was true and tender,

You lived your life

For those you loved,

And those you loved will remember.

Lovingly remembered by sister, daughter, niece, Pearl W. Tutube



BladeRunners



Caterer Needed

Nuu-chah-nulth BladeRunners is looking for a caterer for 6 weeks Monday to Friday to provide lunches to the participants at the Tofino BladeRunners location - 230 Main Street, Tofino, BC

- > June 15 to July 24, 2009
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- > Deliver to the training site
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All bids can be directed to April Charleson at the BladeRunners office in Tofino no later than Friday June 5th by 4:30PM.

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April Charleson

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The Board of Education of School District No. 70 (Alberni) is seeking a design-builder to undertake the design and construction of the new Alberni District Secondary School.

A selection process will be used to identify a Shortlist of up to three qualified Respondent teams which will be invited to respond to a Request for Proposals.

The RFQ outlines the overall scope of the Project, the requirements for the Responses to the RFQ, and the process to be used to select the shortlisted Respondents.

NOTE: the RFQ is subject to the terms of the Agreement on Internal Trade.

The School District invites local firms and individuals to explore opportunities to participate in the Project. Accordingly, any contractors, design professionals or suppliers of goods and services who would like to make their interest known to others can provide information to the Contact Person for placement on the School District website. (www.sd70.bc.ca)

Interested Parties can view complete details of this RFQ including the registration form on BC Bid (www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca)

The Contact Person for the RFQ is:

Doug Hibbins, P. Eng.
Alberni District Secondary School Project
School District No. 70 (Alberni)
Email: dhiggins@trillium-bc.com



Community Beyond

Directors Business Meeting and AGM June 4

Tofino

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust will hold the Directors Business Meeting and AGM at the Tofino Community Hall at 351 Arnet Rd. from AGM starts at 11 a.m. and runs to 1 p.m.

Loonie/Twoonie Auction June 14

Port Alberni

To be held at the Cup and Saucer Eatery, #6-4505 Victoria Quay (250) 723-9449. Pre-ticket sales will open up at 9 a.m. with the main draws to begin at 1 p.m. Concession will be onsite. All proceeds will be donated to the Weekend to End Breast Cancer Walk for team "Bosom Buddies" which consists of Darlene Thoen and Arlene Bill.

NTC DAC Annual Health Ability Fair June 17 to 19

Tseshah

Presentations at the upcoming DAC Health Ability Fair will include: general and diabetic foot care by Happy Soles; hearing aid maintenance and importance of hearing tests by Island Hearing; denture and gum care and maintenance by Alberni Denturist; prescriptions and over-the-counter medications - Shopper's Drug Mart; NIHB update; We will also have self-care service providers on-site.

Eric and Fanny Mack Anniversary June 26 and 27

Toquart Bay

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Tic Kaa Ii Kwink Games July 2 to 5

Zeballos

The Ehattesaht Tribe is hosting the Tic Kaa Ii Kwink (Northern Region) Games 2009 in Zeballos on July 2 to 5. This is our 8th annual games. More information at

a later date. Cherie John, Northern Region Games Coordinator.

Chuck Windsor and Naomi Howard Wedding July 8

Campbell River

Wedding Announcement: Chuck Windsor & Naomi Howard would like to announce their Wedding Day, July 8, 2009 at the Thunderbird Hall, Campbell River BC. Please join us in celebrating. For more information or questions please email: sweetcashes@hotmail.com

Garage Sale July 11 and 12

Port Alberni

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Annual BC Elders Gathering July 13, 14, 15

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At the Terrace Arena. Groups are already booking rooms in Kitamaat as Terrace is booked up. Contact Group: Nisga'a Nation Elders Association. Address 5200 Skateen Ave. New Aiyansh, BC V0J 1A0. Phone: 250-633-2242 or fax: 250-633-2265

Memorial Potlatch for late Jerry Jack Sr. and late Colleen Pendleton October 10 and 11

Port Alberni

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Submissions to Ha-Shilth-Sa are due by June 12.

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Drop the typed bid off in an envelope marked Attn: Holly / Maria to the Front Desk @ NTC Main Office

Deadline For Submission: Thursday May 28th

Birthdays & congratulations

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Happy Father's Day to Marvin T, Rick V, Kevin W. Coy W. Chuck W, all my cousins and uncles. Hope you enjoy your day. From Pearl and family.

Happy birthday to Leona D. on June 4; Mike L. on June 6; June S. Billie and Dennis Bill on June 17; Phillip George on June 19; Rosie Bear Thomas on June 19; Charlene Wanda Knighton on June 25. Hope you all had a great day. From Marvin Sr., Carol, Lisa, Michael, Marvin Jr., Violet Tutube.

Happy Father's Day uncle Chuck D, uncle Neil Thomas, uncle Ben Nookmis, uncle Richard Nookmis, uncle Oscar Nookmis, uncle Harvey Dick, uncle Dick Morris, uncle Dave Watts, uncle Dixie Watts. Hope you all enjoyed your day. Niece Lisa, Violet, nephews Marvin Jr. and Mike.

Happy Father's Day Marvin C. Tutube. We love you dad. Thanks for all you do for us, your four wonderful children. Love Lisa, Michael, Marvin Jr. and Violet.

Happy birthday to the following students of Maaqtusiis School from the Social Studies dept: Luke Mills—June 3, Teralay Duncan—June 5, Paris Little—June 1, Tay-Shaun—June 6, Gabriel Campbell—June 23, Richard Little—June 25, Greg Charlie Jr. —June 26, Robyn, happy birthday—June 25, and many more. We love you daughter, mom and dad. Mason Titian Frank—June 6: Happy birthday grandson. Have a great day, year, and life. We love you from Grandpa Peter and Grandma Rose. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Frank Jr. on their official wedding vows. It was a great day to experience. Have a wonderful life together.

Happy 5th birthday to our grandson Marcus Christopher John for June 7. We love you so much son. You always make our day. Luv Grandma Gen and Poppa Chris, Aunties Tammy and Shaunique and Uncle Brad.

Happy 14th birthday to our daughter Tammy John for June 11. We love you babe so much. You are becoming a beautiful young lady. Make us so proud. Luv Mom and Dad Jr., Brad and Shaunique.

Happy anniversary to the most wonderful couple ,Wayne and Esther Robinson for June 10. So lucky to have you both in our lives. You mean the world to our lil family. Luv Gen, Chris, Jr., Brad, Tammy and Shaunique.

Happy 5th anniversary to my husband Christopher John Sr. You are my life, my joy. Thank you for being there when I needed you most. Losing my Mom is so hard, but you stood by me, and that I am so thankful. To have you beside me was just what I needed. Love you always, your wife Genny John.

Belated 5th H-B.day to granddaughter Alvena Little (Wolfear). Belated Happy Birthday to my son Norman E. Little on May 19. From Mom and Rob. Love you. Happy B-day to Paris Little June 1. I love ya to the stars babe. Gramma and Rob. Happy birthday to my honey Rob Atleo on June 8. I love you so much. Erma T. Happy b-day to my sister Marlene A. Williams on June 17. Have an awesome day. Love ya Rob and Erma.

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Fisheries - ca'ca'ruk

Eelgrass: "candy of the sea"

Zostera marina as a sweet spring treat

Submitted by Katie Beach
Uu-a-thluk Central Region Biologist

Long before the Co-op opened its doors in Tofino, Nuu-chah-nulth people relied almost entirely on the ocean for their food. They harvested an exciting diversity of seafood from local waters, adding a variety of tastes to staples such as salmon and herring. After a long winter of eating mostly dried foods, Nuu-chah-nulth undoubtedly welcomed the warm spring sun. Besides the return of fresh salmon and herring roe, the spring signaled the harvest of the first sweet treat of the season—eelgrass rhizomes.

People can eat eelgrass?

Yes, it's true: you can eat eelgrass. Tla-o-qui-ah member Gisele Martin explained to me that historically, Nuu-chah-nulth harvested eelgrass rhizomes in the spring, gathering carbohydrates that were not easily accessible in the local traditional diets. Today, however, hardly anyone harvests this important seafood. But Martin does not want to see the tradition lost.

On May 14 at low tide, Martin and I paddled to a nearby eelgrass bed in her newest traditional canoe. On the ride over, she told me how Severn Cullis-Suzuki, a graduate student from the University of Victoria, had reminded her that eelgrass was good to eat. Armed with knowledge from Kwakwaka'wakw elders interviewed by Cullis-Suzuki, the two women had gone searching for a clean source of edible eelgrass. They found some close by, in Martin's home territory. Since that time, Martin has returned with friends to enjoy this sweet treat of the sea meadows.

How is eelgrass harvested?

An eelgrass harvester today has to be picky about finding good places to



Above: A sweet and salty treat from days gone by, eelgrass was harvested by Nuu-chah-nulth in spring. Right: Gisele Martin shows off the edible grass.

gather eelgrass. The Kwakwaka'wakw elders interviewed by Cullis-Suzuki noted that few locations today yield eelgrass fit to eat due to excessive bacterial growth. However, they were impressed with samples brought to them from the Tofino area.

Although eelgrass can be harvested using a harvesting pole (usually made out of a hemlock sapling), Martin and I decided to do it by hand. Once on the beach, we looked for clean eelgrass blades of about 1 to 1.5 feet long. (Do not harvest from eelgrass that appears dark with a brown slime covering the blades). Martin then demonstrated how to dig out the eelgrass rhizomes (the stem of a plant that is often found underground), clean off the top leaves and shoots, and eat the newest growth—usually the first four rhizomes.

Because eelgrass dries up and loses flavor when stored, it has to be eaten almost immediately. My first sample reminded me of celery, only sweeter. Apparently this sweetness will vary depending on harvest location and time: eelgrass is most edible during April, May

and early June. The sweetness, paired with the salt of the ocean, is a unique treat.

Besides their role as fish nurseries, eelgrass beds also help stabilize the shoreline. They slow water flow, resulting in clearer water and abundant animal populations. Seagrasses like eelgrass also produce an estimated 34 per cent of the world's oxygen—an important factor in these days of climate change.

Despite their importance, eelgrass beds are in decline. At least 15 per cent of the world's seagrasses are already lost, and this trend is worsening as coastal populations continue to grow.

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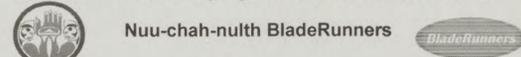
and early June. The sweetness, paired with the salt of the ocean, is a unique treat.

Is it a grass or a seaweed?

Neither a grass nor a seaweed, eelgrass (*Zostera marina*) is a perennial angiosperm (a flowering plant that survives for many years). *Z. marina* is usually found in shallow, clear waters (usually less than 15 meters deep) within a very wide range of temperatures. Eelgrass habitats are among the most productive and biologically diverse ecosystems on the planet.

For small and young fish they provide food and protection from waves and predators. Eighty per cent of commercially important fish and invertebrates, such as herring, salmon, lingcod, rockfish, and Dungeness crab,

Nuu-chah-nulth Employment & Training Program



New Program Starts in Tofino June 15th, 2009

The BladeRunners Program prepares participants for employment in the construction industry with job readiness skills through a structured and standardized training program.

Program Date: June 15 to July 24th, 2009
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- The BladeRunner receives a bonus on completion of 20 weeks worked
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To apply: visit or call the Nuuchahnulth Employment and Training Program (NETP) office in Port Alberni or Tofino



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Fisheries - ca'ca'ruk

Uu-a-thluk sponsors summer fun with youth camps

Last summer, over 100 youth attended summer camps sponsored by Uu-a-thluk. At least one of them is

looking forward to going back. "It was one of the best camps I've ever been to," said Justin Wells of Ehattesaht, one of

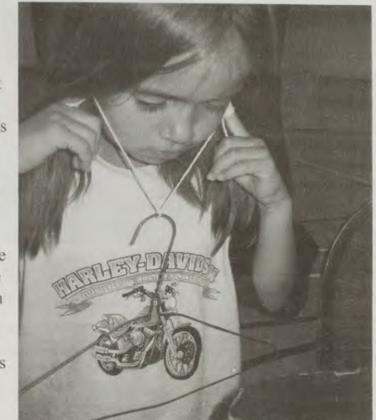
nine Nuu-chah-nulth teens who took part in the Future Leaders on the Water (FLOW) program developed by Vancouver Island University.

A weeklong overnight camp hosted at Moorecroft Camp in Nanoose, FLOW introduces First Nations youth to adult mentors from various communities and helps them discover how each other's cultures and life experiences are gifts that enrich the world. The program builds leadership skills in participants through cooperative games, creative activities, heart-to-heart talks, and adventurous challenges.

Although the camp's focus is on rearing First Nations for jobs in shellfish aquaculture, participants leave with a better understanding of the ocean and themselves. While at FLOW, Wells enjoyed the chance to travel away from home and learn new skills. He particularly liked the time his group looked at fossilized fish remains, seeing a new window into the ocean's past.

This year's FLOW camp will be from July 2 - 7. The program is for First Nations youth 13 - 19 years of age. Like last year, Uu-a-thluk will sponsor a limited number of Nuu-chah-nulth to attend. To reserve your spot, contact Norine Messer, Capacity Building Coordinator, at 250-735-4111. Please call soon because spots fill up quickly. This is a great opportunity at no cost to families. Other returning programs will include the weeklong Science Venture day camps delivered by the University of Victoria, and the three-day (and two night) Sustainability Camp hosted by the Clayoquot Field Station. This June will mark the fourth summer Uu-a-thluk has sponsored educational programs for youth.

"These camps are a big hit because they combine learning about science with fun," said Messer. "They also respect Nuu-chah-nulth's unique cultural context and incorporate that into programming." For more information about Uu-a-thluk capacity building programs, please contact Norine Messer at 250-735-4111 or norinemesser@hotmail.com.



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Uu-a-thluk's 2009 Summer Camp Schedule

Camp	Location/Date	Age
Sustainability Camp	Clayoquot Field Station, Tofino—open to students from Wickaninnish Community School and Maaqtusis Elementary School (June 9-11)	Grade 6
Science Venture Camps	Anacla (July 13 - 17) Yuquot (August 10 - 14) Kyuquot August (3 - 7)	Grades 3-6+
Future Leaders on the Water (FLOW)	Moorecroft Camp, Nanoose (July 2-7)	Ages 13-19

Habitat threatened

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Local threats include damage from boat propellers and anchors and pollution from raw sewage.

To help preserve this important resource, organizations throughout North America are currently mapping eelgrass beds. The Strawberry Isle Research Society in Tofino and the Ucluelet Harbour Project both mapped local beds a number of years ago, but updates to these databases would be valuable research.

Get re-acquainted with eelgrass

Aside from Martin's family and friends, harvesting eelgrass for food doesn't appear to be practiced anymore. Carl Martin, Gisele's uncle, remembers his grandmother and other women harvesting when he was a child, but the practice seems to have died out. Although the reasons for this decline are many, one thing is certain: First Nations hold the key to getting reacquainted with eelgrass.

As pointed out by the

Kwakwaka'wakw elders, eelgrass beds are a great source of food, but they are in trouble. As residents of the coast, we need to be careful not to damage beds and to reduce pollution where they grow. We also need to do more than prevention.

Cullis-Suzuki's thesis points out that sustainable harvest of an eelgrass bed in the spring can actually enhance the size and quality of the population. With this in mind, we need to harvest eelgrass, and do it responsibly. This includes seeking a guide and being mindful of the fragile environment.

For more information, talk to Gisele, Carl or Joe Martin. (You can reach Gisele through Tlaook Cultural Adventures at 250-725-2656.) To read Cullis-Suzuki's thesis on the subject, entitled "Tending to the meadows of the sea: Traditional Kwakwaka'wakw harvesting of *Ts'ats'ayem*," visit the University of Victoria library Web page at <http://library.uvic.ca/>.

Streamkeepers Course

Tofino/Esowista
June 10 & 11, 2009

Are you worried about the health of the local streams and rivers?

Are you worried about poor salmon returns and want to do something to help?

Uu-a-thluk, with support from Tla-o-qui-ah Tribal Parks and Tofino Streamkeepers, is hosting a 2-day Streamkeepers Course on Wednesday and Thursday, June 10 & 11 for people who want to learn what streams need to be healthy and how to make it happen!



Interested? What should you expect?

The course will begin every day at 8:30am at the Tla-o-qui-ah treaty office (1119 Pacific Highway). The instructor, Dave Clough, will spend approximately 4 hours each day teaching indoors (lecture format), and then will take students out into the field for another 4 hours (expect to be done by 5pm). Classroom topics will include:

- 1) Introduction to the stream habitat survey (walking streams and mapping features)
- 2) Advanced stream habitat assessment (learning how to determine what work needs to be done to enhance the productivity of the streams)
- 3) Water quality survey techniques (temperature, pH, etc.)
- 4) Stream invertebrate survey (collect and identify aquatic bugs to assess stream health)

For the field component, you will need to come prepared to get wet! Please bring gumboots, raingear, chest waders (if you have them), warm clothes, and a lunch/snacks.

What does it cost?

The Pacific Salmon Foundation will cover the course and handbook fees. So it's free to participate!

Still interested?

If you would like to participate in the course, you must sign up for it ahead of time (so we know how many handbooks to order). Phone Katie Beach (Uu-a-thluk, NTC Fisheries biologist) at 250-726-5229.

Remembering Eva and Moose Frank

Family thanks community for caring

By Denise Titian
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

Ahousaht – Louie Frank Sr. and his very large family hosted a thank you feast May 23. It was a glorious, sunny day, a warmly fitting environment as hundreds of people arrived at the Maaqtusiis School gym to remember Gilbert, better known as Moose, and Eva Frank.

Louie Frank Sr. said he wanted to thank all those that came to his family's side during the time his wife and son became ill. Moose struggled long and hard for decades with his illness, but is always remembered for his athleticism and generous community spirit. He succumbed to cancer in late 2007.

Not long after, in spring 2008, Eva, the matriarch of the family died suddenly from natural causes.

The family prepared for one year for the May 23 party.

The evening started with a feast served up by Louie and Eva's children, grandchildren and their spouses. The largest gym on the west coast was filled to capacity, but there was plenty of food for everyone. Some were even treated to herring eggs or kwukmis, something many haven't tasted in years since the decline of herring stocks.

In keeping with Ahousaht protocol, Louie Frank Sr. took time to lift up the spirits of those families that recently lost loved ones but came to the party to celebrate with his family. The head of each family was wrapped in a blanket to comfort them.

Harold Little told the people that he was speaking on behalf of his brother-in-law, Louie, and told them that the event that day was not a memorial potlatch but a thank you dinner for all those that helped the Frank family in their time of need.

"There were people who helped when Moose first got sick and had to go to Alberta and they were there again when Eva got sick," he said. The family wanted to take time to let people know they hadn't forgotten the kindness and



Speaker Harold Little is flanked by Louie Frank Jr. (left) and Louie Frank Sr. He tells the people that the dinner is being hosted to thank them for helping the Frank family during their time of need.

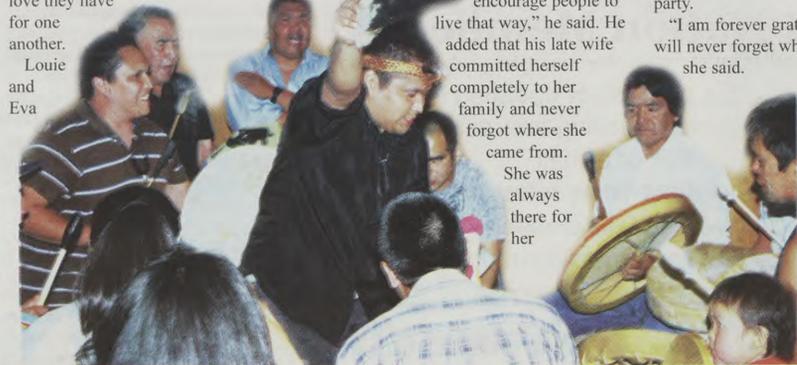
generosity of friends and relatives.

Louie's grandsons Shane Frank and Rob Stanley danced in the floor cleansing ceremony which is done to protect all the speakers and dancers from harm.

Many of Louie and Eva's descendants took part in a paddle dance in which cloth-draped framed portraits of Moose and Eva were carried by close relatives. Some struggled to hold back their tears as the drapes were removed and they remembered how terribly they missed their loved ones.

At the end of the dance they stood in front of the ceremonial curtain to show the portraits and rejoiced in the love they have for one another.

Louie and Eva



Wally Thomas leads the Ahousaht singers at the thank you dinner hosted by Louie Frank Sr. on May 23.

relatives on both parents' sides of the family.

"No matter how far away they were, if they needed family she would be there. Her heart was big enough not to forget anyone," he told them.

Of his son Gilbert, Louie remembered how humble he was.

"Moose was a fantastic athlete, yet he never talked about it."

He went on to say that Moose learned to take things as they come and, when he got sickly, that didn't stop him from loving everyone.

"Thank you to the people who would call him and maybe bring him clams," said the grateful father.

He talked about the last time the Thunderbird Hall was being renovated with the help of volunteers in the community.

"He was so weak he couldn't even stand, but he would sit and roll extension cords and do whatever he could, giving right until the end," he remembered.

Louie concluded by talking about how selfless his late son was.

"I asked him if the Creator could grant him one wish, what it would be." Gilbert's answer: "I'd ask him not to let my sons go through what I am going through."

The community celebration went on late into the night.

Lisa Sabbas, daughter of Louie and Eva, said she wants to thank the very many people who showed up for the party.

"I am forever grateful to them and will never forget what they did for us," she said.

"To Eva, the Creator always came first and I encourage people to live that way," he said. He added that his late wife committed herself completely to her family and never forgot where she came from. She was always there for her

were blessed with eight children who gave them dozens of grandchildren and great grandchildren. They have more than 75 descendants that now have each other to turn to in times of need.

At the end of the dance Louie Sr. stood with his family to talk about his beloved wife and son.

"Eva made me what I am today. Most of who I am comes from her," he told his people. With her by his side they were able to have such a large, loving family that now includes a fourth generation of great grandchildren.

"To Eva, the Creator always came first and I encourage people to live that way," he said. He added that his late wife committed herself completely to her family and never forgot where she came from. She was always there for her

Sharing experience and culture part of Ahousaht journey to prosperity

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"I've always had a dream that if this model is a success, I'd like to take it to other places on the planet, and as a young man in my late teens and early 20s, I spent two summers in the Yukon," said Caton, so that's where CWR will set up camp next.

Caton has a location picked out and a partner in Rod Taylor, a tourism operator with a business in the Yukon called Uncommon Journeys, which offers dog-sled expeditions in the winter and paddling expeditions in the summer.

All that's left is the cultural component; the key piece of the product, said Taylor.

"We know that around the world there are millions of people that want to come and experience this, and a huge part of it is the cultural side," he explained. "It's not just about whales and bears... The cultural side is huge, and so we needed to find a partner that could see that."

As part of the welcome to the Carcross/Tagish, the youngsters from Maaqtusiis school in Ahousaht performed a number of dances. Eighty-one-year-old Stanley Sam, speaker for the second and third chiefs of Ahousaht, shared information about the songs that were performed and stories about the history of the people dating back 11,000 years to the ice-age and the names that still survive today from that long ago time.

Paddles designed and beautifully painted by Sam's son Q'aamina were offered to each of the Yukon guests. Q'aamina has worked for the resort since the beginning, he said, first as a boat driver and now as a storyteller and hiking guide. Today he is helping the resort's chef smoke the salmon the prospective partners will be having for dinner.

Despite all the protocols and the cultural sharing, the group from the Yukon were taking things slow. Caton said it's history repeating itself.

When he first came to Clayoquot Sound, he told Ha-Shilth-Sa, he sought the approval of the Ahousaht First Nation to build the resort.

"Out of respect I sat down and talked to them about what would be the advantages for tourism in their territory, and I must say 10 years ago, 11 years ago, it was very lukewarm.

"There was still the issue in their minds that they were going to go back to resource-based management of logging, fishing, which had been the mainstay of the economy for the last six or seven decades."

Birthdays & congratulation

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Happy b-day to my son Eddie Little on June 11. Hope you have a great day son. Many more. Love Mom and Rob.

Happy Birthday Warren Atleo on June 13. Have an awesome day. Rob and Erma.

Continued on page Happy Birthday Jorie-Anne Atleo on June 24. Love you babe. Rob and Erma. Happy Birthday Auntie Bev Robinson and Archie Frank for June 8. Rob and Erma.

Happy birthday Arlene, Molina, Miss Anne, Courtenay, Waylon. From Rob and Erma.

Happy 40th anniversary Tim and Monica Paul. From Erma and Rob.



Students from Maaqtusiis school in Ahousaht dance for guests at the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort about 30 minutes by boat from Tofino.

What the Ahousahts were telling Caton at that time was that they weren't really interested in people coming into their territory, and that their culture was not for sale.

Caton has spent the last decade showing the Ahousahts that tourism, done properly, can be the new economy that will sustain them into the future.

That's why the Ahousahts have so much they can share with the Carcross/Tagish, said Caton.

"Lean on us, and ask us how we have done this," Frank told the

Carcross/Tagish, a group that represents 750 people that desperately need employment, said Danny Cresswell, executive council member. With similar issues to the Ahousahts the Carcross/Tagish need a plan that will transition the community out of poverty. There is a highway that runs through the territory, he said, bringing benefits to many, but so far the Carcross/Tagish have been left out of the equation. That has to change.

Cresswell said it brought a smile to his face to see the paddles the Ahousahts

were presenting. He also presented a paddle from his community to the Ahousahts, and one to Adele and John Caton for developing the land with their First Nations neighbors.

Cresswell talked about the opportunity that was before them with CWR, and the responsibility to make decisions on settlement land use that would benefit the generations to come.

"This is our land and we need to develop it, but we need to develop it in our own way."

Ahousaht understood.

"Our wish is [that] you have a better life for your people," said Kiista Keith Atleo.



Stanley Sam

Trees worth millions left standing

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That the resort is here now is bittersweet. Edwin is glad that young people like the budding chef he is watching have jobs that will take care of them, but he wonders how the lands got sold in the first place; how they became lost to the ha'wiih, the rightful owners of the territory.

Edwin's brother John sympathizes with the elder, though John never lived in the area. The village amalgamated with the Maaqtusiis at Ahousaht before he was born and the land was left behind. A mine site in the mountains contributed to the destruction of the environment. The salmon habitat was decimated and the people were forced to move away.

"I hear my brother," said John O. Frank, the chief councillor of Ahousaht. He sees, however, the positive side of the situation.

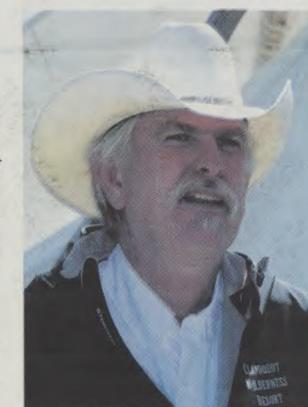
"We have friends located on these lands now," he said of John Caton, managing director of the Clayoquot Wilderness Resort (CWR). "They have been good neighbors."

John Frank talked about how these neighbors were helping the Ahousahts to develop their own businesses, and how they were restoring the rivers and the area.

"They've started a hatchery, and I've never seen so many fish come from these waters," Frank said, adding that soon the Ahousahts will benefit from being able to harvest some of the healthy return of the stocks.

In the 1960s, the Bedwell River, which runs past the resort, was made an indicator stream by the department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO). Since then they have been able to track what's happening to the wild salmon stocks on the West Coast of Vancouver Island.

By swimming the river and counting



John Caton, managing director of Clayoquot Wilderness Resort.

the salmon for six weeks in the fall every year, data shows that in the '60s there were 5,000 Chinook salmon in the Bedwell River. By 2008 there were only 68.

Coho salmon declined from 15,000 in the '60s to 800 in 2004.

"In the fall of 2008 we had 2,800," said Caton. This improvement was noted just four years after his crew began their \$1.5 million habitat restoration of the river.

"A lifecycle of a Coho salmon is four years," said Caton. "Four years ago we had 800 males and females swim into the system. That was the first year we had our salmon rearing channel completed; two kilometers of it. So that first cycle four years ago came back in 2008... That's just one lifecycle. I can take you up there right now and show you in that rearing channel where thousands and thousands are in that channel swimming around."

He estimates that four years from now there will be 10,000.

"When we came here, this valley was just basically dead.

Because of the winter feeding ground CWR has put in, the elk and deer are back. There is about 60 acres of cleared land where 30 horses roam. And the grasses there have brought back about 50 black bear that reside in the first six miles of the valley, Caton said. They wander through the camp and get food from the estuary.

"They are fat, they're full and they are just like big baby buffalo." Red tail hawks are back in the valley and so are a few peregrine falcons.

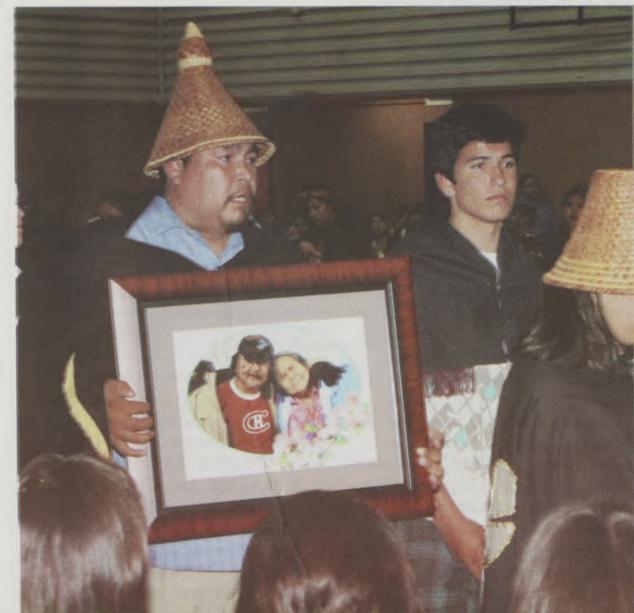
Caton said he doesn't want to see another old growth tree cut down. He said there is money in keeping trees standing. People will pay to come and see them. The future for the Ahousaht's great, great grandchildren will be in that economy.

"One old growth tree itself is worth millions of dollars if it is left standing for people from around the world to come and see it," Caton said. "People would come from all over the world to see the salmon spawning in the channels. For generations to come Nuu-chah-nulth would have the benefit of that."

Over 11 years, since Caton came to Clayoquot Sound, he and the Ahousahts have learned to work together. They are working on a multi-million dollar tourism protocol that will see a \$65 million resort built, a healing centre and an adventure park. Caton is gratified that the Ahousahts have seen that tourism, done properly with low impact, is the way of the future, he said.

John O. said that the Ahousaht economy was once based in part in the trapping of marten and lynx.

"We have to find a new way of trapping," he said, and that means trapping the tourism trade, he joked.



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

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

LOST: Red Camera (720-5191).
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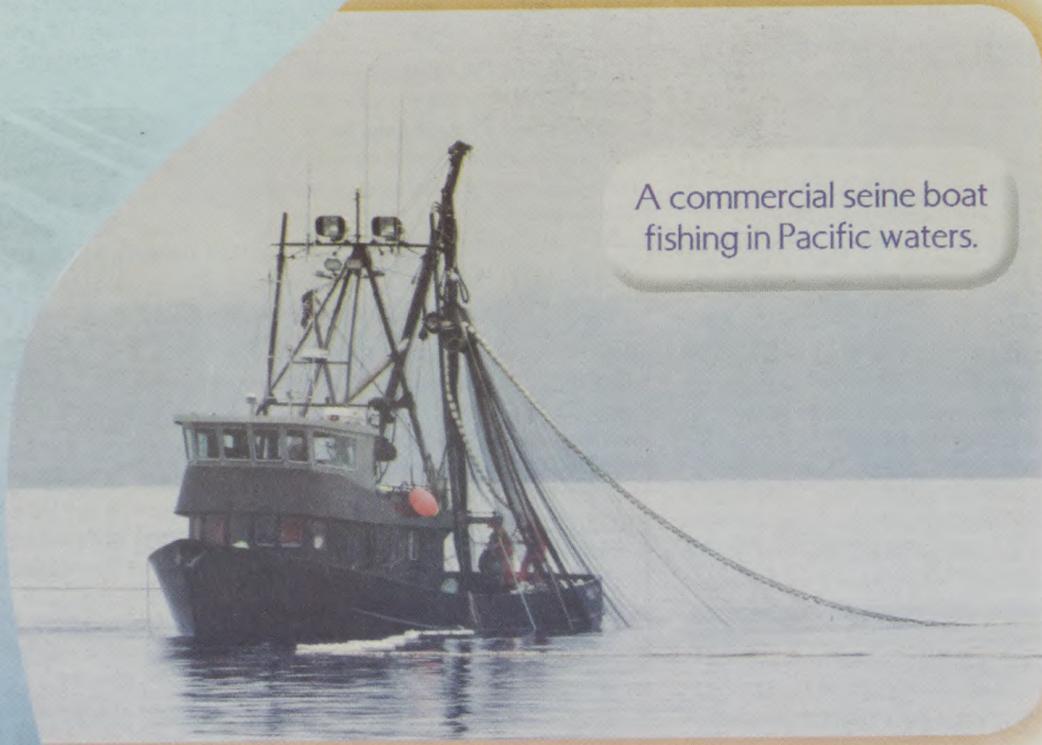
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Planning Time for Salmon Fishing



A commercial seine boat fishing in Pacific waters.

Although no one needs to look very far for reasons to celebrate summer, Nuu-chah-nulth communities have one particular reason to welcome the change of season: with the warmer weather comes salmon, and the opportunity to feed elders and families through salmon fishing.

Each year, individual Nations have the chance to coordinate salmon fishing for their communities, enabling families to receive a share of the salmon that is available for eating and preserving. Chiefs, councillors, and other people responsible for organizing the fishery can improve their chances of getting fish by planning well in advance.

In some cases, Nations hire Nuu-chah-nulth fishermen to catch salmon and bring them directly to the community. In other cases, individuals exercise the Aboriginal

right to harvest and meet their family's needs for food fish. Either way, salmon fishing for your community takes planning and organization.

"The message is 'get ready early,'" said Paul Preston from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. "If a fisherman gets calls in the middle of the season, often it's too late for him to do the fishing...If Nations get hold of fishermen now, they'll know what they're fishing for and we can write our supplemental communal licence for the place where most of the fish will be coming through."

Fishermen agree with this urgency. Con Charleson, who fishes on the Princess Colleen, is one of the fishermen contracted out by Nuu-chah-nulth Nations for salmon fishing. "We just want to have our plan all ready so we don't have to be running around and phoning them when it's time to go," he said, noting that many Nations have to first get approvals from Chief and Council in order to get things rolling. This can be difficult in the summer when people are on

holidays. "I already contacted all the Nations who ordered fish from us last year," he added.

Although many of the forecasts for salmon this year are low, there may be some harvest potential for Somass sockeye. Thanks to cooler sea temperatures, DFO also expects that over half of the Fraser River's sockeye runs will pass by the west coast of Vancouver Island rather than going through Johnson Strait.

Nations looking to contract out their harvesting of Fraser River sockeye can hire a seine boat to fish in San Juan or trollers to fish the west coast of Vancouver Island (WCVI). Based on early forecasts, there is also some harvest potential for Fraser River pinks. Forecast abundances for WCVI coho and chum are low. Wild WCVI chinook remain a stock of concern, although there are fishing opportunities for First Nations on hatchery stocks in terminal areas.

For more information about salmon fishing, contact your Nation's fisheries department or Uu-a-thluk at 250-724-5757.

In 1990, the Supreme Court of Canada held that, after conservation and other "valid legislative objectives," Aboriginal rights to fish for food and ceremonial purposes have priority over all other uses of the fishery.

DFO is holding a meeting with interested First Nations on June 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to discuss this year's Fraser River sockeye fishing plans and provide updates. The meeting will be at the Dorchester Hotel in Nanaimo.

Sockeye salmon roasts beside the fire following a successful food fishery



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