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Debora Steel

Priscilla Sabbas accepts a high five from a supporter after the announcement that she had won her bid to become vice president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. The election was a three-way race between Sabbas, Iris Frank and David Watts. Voting took place on the first day of the organization's annual general assembly on Sept. 29 and 30. Sabbas needed 50 per cent plus one of the ballots cast, and managed to garner the support of 66 per cent of the delegates, getting the nod on the first ballot. (See AGM stories and photos inside.)

## Old wounds opened wide

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Nanaimo**—Colleen John and her extended family are caught between two worlds: A cultural one in which the elders have told them to dry their tears and put down the heavy burden of grief, and a world in which the justice system does not allow them any peace.

Colleen, the mother of the slain Kayla John of Ehattesaht, was forced back to court in September to relive the horrible tragedy of her 13-year-old daughter's death.

On Oct 5, surrounded by family and supporters from the Nuu-chah-nulth community, Colleen sat outside the room in which a judge was hearing closing arguments in the first-degree murder and sexual assault trial of George Roswell Osmond.

Colleen wept openly, overwhelmed by sadness and sleeplessness and misplaced guilt. "I can't think," she told Ha-Shilth-Sa. "My whole body hurts."

Thinking that the sad chapter had been closed back in 2005, when Osmond had been found guilty of the crime and sentenced to life without parole for 25 years, Kayla's family planned for the traditional ceremony that would officially set aside their pain. A potlatch was held in April 2008 to dry the family's tears. They even talked about forgiveness, not willing to allow bitterness to enter their hearts.

But then the John family learned that the BC Court of Appeal had granted Osmond a second trial, which began Sept. 23. A recent unanimous decision by the court said the man had been denied his right to consult a lawyer when interrogated during the police investigation in May of 2005, more than one year after Kayla's death.

The court said the standard two- to four-minute call allowed to Osmond by police was insufficient, and "put against a skilled interrogator lawfully entitled to persuade him to ignore the lawyer's advice," wrote Justice Ian Donald for the Court of Appeal. "[Osmond] was hopelessly outmatched."

Natalie Jack of Kyuquot was among those lending their support to the John family. She gave a rose to each person who attended court Oct. 5, just as she had during the first trial.

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## Robinson's dedication acknowledged

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Nanaimo**—The Inter-Tribal Health Committee held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sept. 22 at the Vancouver Island Community Centre and honored one of the elders that has supported the organization, Elsie Robinson from Ahousaht.

Geraldine Manson, a council member from Snuneymuxw, said the opening prayer. Manson sang a Coast Salish prayer song to start the day. She then explained the importance of grounding ourselves in prayer.

Snuneymuxw councillor Sandra Good welcomed people to their traditional territories.

Robinson had many of her family members in attendance to witness her special recognition, and including singer Tim Sutherland from Ahousaht.

It was explained by Coast Salish speaker Willie Seymour that two traditional songs would be sung honoring Robinson, the Coast Salish and Nuu-chah-nulth would both share in the



Elder Elsie Robinson was honored for her dedication to working with others on their healing journey in a ceremony in Nanaimo on Sept. 22.

acknowledgement.

Robinson was wrapped in a Coast Salish blanket. Two staff from the Inter-Tribal health office were asked to bring Robinson around the room as Seymour sang a healing and prayer song.

Once she finished walking around the room, Robinson was brought to sit in a chair and Seymour acknowledged and

thanked her for all of her work and commitment in helping many people who had embarked on changing their lives. Robinson, in her own quiet and calm manner, was always willing to share her wisdom and provide guidance to those seeking to make a better life for themselves and their families.

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**Maa-nulth effective date set**

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tseshah**—The Maa-nulth treaty nations have an implementation date. April 1, 2011 will be the effective date of the Maa-nulth Final Agreement.

The announcement was made on the first day of the annual general assembly of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council held at Maht Mahs gymnasium on Sept. 29 and 30.

The member nations were taking part in a sharing circle during which voting for the president/vice-president positions were taking place.

The theme of this year's assembly was Celebrating Our Accomplishments! Getting an effective date is a big accomplishment for Uchucklesaht Tribe, Ucluelet First Nation,

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es7et'h', Huu-ay-aht and the Toquaht. The agreement flew through Canada's House of Commons and the Senate to receive Royal Assent in June, and the nations have been meeting to push for the effective date throughout the summer.

Chief Councillor Vi Mundy of Ucluelet First Nation said her community has been very busy in the development of their laws, codes and election act. It's been a lot of work, she said, but required a lot of soul searching to determine what the nation wanted to see incorporated into their government.

Toquaht Tyee Anne Mack said her nation has yet to get a home base, an important step to get the people back to the territory, but the nation has been reaching out to its members to consult with them about what's been accomplished as Toquaht works toward implementation.

She was happy to announce that a new bridge is being built into Macoah and this will accommodate the machinery needed for an environmental clean-up project of the mill site there.

Huu-ay-aht's Chief Councillor Robert Dennis said he was proud to be a part of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council's fisheries litigation and being able to stay in it until after closing arguments in March.

Before the federal government would introduce the Maa-nulth agreement Bill to the House of Commons, it was a requirement that all the nations remove themselves from the litigation, which asserts that Nuu-chah-nulth have a right to a commercial fishery.

Huu-ay-aht was being pressured from all sides to pull out of the lawsuit, said Dennis, and the nation spent much of its political currency on their decision to stay. He said Huu-ay-aht ended up on a government "blacklist" as a result.

Huu-ay-aht continued to work toward implementation, however, and has its draft legislation ready.

Uchucklesaht Tribe Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes said the nation has been busy with its legislation project, prepar-

ing essential laws. Uchucklesaht is also finalizing funding for a three kilometer road to the reserve to begin work on a new subdivision, as well as economic development that will bring the people home after the treaty effective date.

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' Chief Councillor Tess Smith said her communities are in phase four of law making.

"It's been an eye-opening experience." She said this part of implementation "is very important to us."

Councillor Natalie Jack said the easy part of treaty making is saying "yes" to the agreement. The work toward implementation, with all the committee meetings and planning, requires a huge effort which has been undertaken by the

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tl'es7et'h' nations.

**An Uu-a-thluk Update: 2010 WCVI Herring Forecast and Recommendations**

On September 16, Uu-a-thluk Program Manager Don Hall attended a DFO meeting to learn more about the biological forecasts and potential harvest for B.C. herring in 2010. As in recent years, DFO's forecast for herring returning to Nuu-chah-nulth waters remains very low, this time at 6,063 metric tonnes.

Last year, DFO forecast that the WCVI return would be 3,894 metric tonnes. Their post-season assessment, however, estimated that the actual 2009 return was 5,523 metric tonnes. Even though the return was higher than expected, DFO prohibits commercial herring harvest on the WCVI if the forecast is below 18,800 metric tonnes. Currently the forecast return for 2010 is less than one-third (32%) of this cutoff value.

For this reason, DFO scientists and fisheries managers are recommending that no commercial herring harvests take place on the WCVI in 2010. This recommendation includes the commercial seine and gillnet herring roe fisheries, the commercial spawn-on-kelp fisheries, and the test fisheries. DFO is not recommending any restrictions on Nuu-chah-nulth food and ceremonial fisheries.

DFO test seine fisheries will operate on the WCVI in 2009, but will not harvest herring for payment from WCVI waters. DFO test vessels will likely be able to provide limited round herring to Nuu-chah-nulth Nations for food use.

For more information on the meeting or to discuss the DFO recommendations, please contact Don Hall at [Don.Hall@nuuchahnulth.org](mailto:Don.Hall@nuuchahnulth.org) or (250) 724-5757.



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**Seasonal and H1N1 influenza vaccine schedule change**

The province of British Columbia, in consultation with BCDC, has announced changes to the 2009 fall influenza vaccine schedule.

Given the patterns of activity over recent years in the northern hemisphere and more recently the southern hemisphere, it is unlikely the seasonal influenza will play a major role in influenza illness early in the 2009/2010 season. Also due to the potential of interaction between the seasonal influenza vaccine and the H1N1 vaccine, the following schedule has been established for this fall.

**Seasonal Influenza Vaccine: [3 strains of virus]**

1. October—persons over 65 years of age and residents of Long Term Care facilities.
2. All other persons to delay seasonal influenza vaccine until after the H1N1 vaccine. These eligible persons will be offered the seasonal influenza vaccine in January 2010.

**H1N1 influenza vaccination:**

Vaccine will be available to all British Columbians and those visiting BC in mid- November.

Immediate priority to be given to:

1. Persons with chronic conditions under 65 years of age.
2. Pregnant women
3. Children 6 months to less than 5 years of age.
4. Persons residing in remote and isolated communities.
5. Health care workers involved in pandemic response or who deliver essential health services
6. Household contacts and care providers of infants less than 6 months of age and persons who are immunocompromised.
7. Populations otherwise identified as high risk.

**Reminder.....Reminder**

Prevention is still the main way you can protect yourself and your family from these viruses this fall.

1. Ask your nurse about the NTC booklet on LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF.
2. Hand washing is very important. This is the most common way the virus spreads.
3. Coughing and sneezing into your elbow.
4. If you are prone to get virus infections, then avoid gatherings.
5. If you are sick with a virus, then also avoid gatherings.
6. Stay healthy by eating well and getting the rest you require.

This virus is now active in all parts of Canada. For more information contact your community health nurse or visit BC health link on line. H1N1 is a new virus, but we can manage it through taking care of ourselves and our families by being informed and acting.

Chris Lemphers RN  
Acting Nurse Manager  
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**Hesquiaht Comprehensive Community Plan**

**Employment Opportunity**  
Hesquiaht First Nation has been successful in receiving funding for the Comprehensive Community Plan process until March 2010. Part of the process includes hiring a Community Communications Coordinator. This is a part time position.

**Coordinator Responsibilities**  
The responsibilities of the Coordinator will include the following:

- to assist the Planning Consultant to implement the Community Communication Strategy,
- to communicate with community members and groups by creating a contact lists,
- to assist in the coordination of community surveys, open houses, home visits, community meetings, and
- to gather community input and information into a draft report.

**Required Education and Experience**  
The required education and experience of the Coordinator includes:

- experience with community planning, communications or related experience;
- desirable to have a bachelors degree, or a form of post secondary education/training in community planning, communications or related field;
- ability to use friendly, pleasant, courteous, and helpful telephone demeanour;
- flexible work habits and the ability to adapt to variety of tasks and priorities;
- experience in providing information to clients and maintaining confidentiality; and
- the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others.

Please contact Cecil Sabbas, Hesquiaht Administrator for more details. If you are interested in applying, please send a cover letter and resume to the contact below.

**Deadline for application is October 9, 2009.**

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**Understanding past mistakes a key part of AFN leadership**

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter



Stewart Phillip

**Tseshah**—Stewart Phillip, a candidate for the election of regional vice-chief of the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) in British Columbia, apologized to Nuu-chah-nulth-ah for all the "ugly things" he said in the early days of treaty negotiations.

As head of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, he was staunchly opposed to the treaty process, and has never shied away from voicing his concerns about it. And his voice is a well-recognized voice in British Columbia, in government circles, and across the country.

Phillip was speaking to the delegates attending the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council annual general assembly during an all candidates forum on Sept. 29. Five of the Nuu-chah-nulth nations—the Maa-nulth—have negotiated a treaty, which will take effect on April 1, 2011. Another (Tla-o-qui-ah), has an incremental treaty it is working on. And the remaining Nuu-chah-nulth nations are at other stages of treaty negotiation.

"I have made mistakes," said Phillip. "I recall the first time that I entered a forum in regard to the BC Treaty Process was when the 10th annual celebration was held in this room and I walked through that back door," he said. "And it was the very, very first time, and I just took a real deep breath and opened the door and walked into this room and I was amazed at how I was treated in spite of all of the

ugly things that I had said over the years about the treaty process."

Phillip said part of leadership was coming to an understanding about the mistakes he had made in the past.

"It's this group that has made me understand the meaning of respect and self-determination." He said he now understands "the importance of the work that is being done through the Common Table and through the process."

Phillip, along with four other candidates, were seeking to replace Shawn Atleo, who left the vice-chief's seat to be elected as Assembly of First Nations national chief in July. Phillip served as Atleo's campaign co-chair, along with Sto:lo Tribal Council Chief Doug Kelly. Atleo is a citizen of the Ahousaht nation, the largest of the Nuu-chah-nulth nations on Vancouver Island.

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# Corfield puts the finishing touches on her term

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tseshah**—The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council bid a fond farewell to Dr. Michelle Corfield on Sept. 29 at the organization's annual general meeting. Corfield completed her term as vice-president, choosing not to seek re-election in order to concentrate on building her own consulting company, Corfield and Associates.

Huu-ay-aht Chief Councillor Robert Dennis said he was going to miss Corfield, and that seemed to be the sentiment of the room full of elected officials, NTC staff and community members who attended the AGM.

Chief Councillor Jack Thompson of Ditidaht thanked Corfield for all her years of service with the tribal council.

"A lot has been accomplished with this young lady," he said.

Chief Councillor Charlie Cootes of Uchucklesaht acknowledged Corfield for enduring the many "emotional ups and down" that the job brings. "I really like what you do in your job. I hope that you will continue to do some work on behalf of Nuu-chah-nulth, and will be able to put your education to work for the benefit of other First Nations." Corfield attained her doctorate during her time as vice-president.

Hesquiaht First Nation Chief Councillor Joe Tom thanked Corfield for "walking with us." He said she always asked if there was some assistance that she could provide his community.

Kiista, Keith Atleo, said he had never seen a political person attend a potlatch and clean-up tables and pick up garbage without being asked.

"We want to say kleco for the hard work you did for our national chief when he was elected," he said of the role she played to convince delegates to vote for



Dr. Michelle Corfield was wrapped in a blanket Sept. 29 by Toquaht Tyee Anne Mack and Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Office Manager to acknowledge the outgoing vice-president's efforts on behalf of Nuu-chah-nulth-aht.

Shawn Atleo.

Kiista acknowledged how committed Corfield was to her work.

"Kleco for your dedication to your job, and for being a kind-hearted person," he said.

Tyee Ha' with Mike Maquinna spoke on behalf of Mowachaht/Muchalaht saying the community was grateful for Corfield's work, often during "tough times." They were honored to know her.

Gifts were presented to Corfield on behalf of the NTC nations, and she was stood up and wrapped in a blanket to acknowledge her efforts.

NTC staff also provided a gift and acknowledgment.

Simon Read, director of Community and Human Services with the tribal council, spoke on behalf of the staff.

"The image that I have of Michelle is almost—and don't take this the wrong way—as the Tasmanian Devil in the old Walt Disney cartoons," he said.

Corfield laughed.

know without a doubt that over \$100 million is flowing to Nuu-chah-nulth communities this year. I know that. I'm excited about that. And we did it because we worked together."

She said the economic stimulus package was rolled out in six of the Nuu-chah-nulth communities, and "we are getting the lion's share of the money, because we were shovel ready."

"We have been thinking ahead and [have been] visionaries for awhile now, and it was due to the long hours you spent working," she told the delegates around the table, "and that's something that we should celebrate and be proud of."

Corfield said she is confident that the work done to advance the issues of Nuu-chah-nulth have been successful, evidenced by the projects coming into the community, the movement in communications, the ownership that's being taken and the pride being demonstrated.

"Through the good, the bad and the ugly, we have stuck together, we have worked hard, and we are continuing to work hard."

When asked by reporters what she was most proud of during her term, she said "Everything." But there remained one thing that Nuu-chah-nulth communities needed to work harder at, and that is the protection of their women and children, Corfield said.

"We have to step up and we have to protect them. It's our job... We have a job to do and we need to do it soon."

Corfield took time to thank the many people at the tribal council and in the communities who she worked with.

Choking with emotion, she said "It has been an honor to serve you and it will be an honor to watch you. I thank you all for everything."

Corfield received a standing ovation from the table.

"It's because she brings so much energy to what she does, and when she is set loose on a target, look out, because she moves immovable objects, and immovable governments. And that's a fantastic thing for Nuu-chah-nulth, that her presence on the team has made a huge difference to the profile of Nuu-chah-nulth nationally, and that's what, in the end, makes things happen for all of us."

Priscilla Sabbas, who replaces Corfield in the role of vice-president, said "In the communities I have been to I've heard many times that I have some big shoes to fill, and I take that to heart."

"I truly believe that you've done some amazing work for our people."

In her final report to the tribal council, Corfield said she was happy that all aspects of the strategic plan, which was developed to guide the executive in their work, has been considered, implemented or reviewed for further action.

"I'm pretty proud of the work that we've done over the last three years. I

we face in this room and in our communities, and it's just about bringing those solutions to the forefront. And I look forward to doing that."

Hesquiaht's Chief Councillor Joe Tom said his community was very happy about the election of Sabbas.

"Words really can't describe this moment, what has happened here," he said. "At the same time, we know that we have also lost one of our councillors, who has been a great part of this team that we have. A very strong person."

"We want you to know Nuu-chah-nulth that you are getting a very good, strong, powerful person who is very open-minded, always listens, and never hesitates to ask a question when in doubt."

Tom also acknowledged the other candidates vying for the position.

"Without you, this process would not work. You have brought out a lot of things that our communities need to hear and our leaders need to hear... As slow as it is, we always make progress."

Tom expressed his gratitude to Sabbas' husband and children for giving up their time with Priscilla in order to take up the responsibilities of her new role. He said to husband Ken Watts "It's a great honor to have you standing with us here."

Hesquiaht then invited the other nations to join them in a victory song, "because we are seriously very proud of Priscilla today."

Hesquiaht community members gather around Priscilla Sabbas to celebrate her win of the vice-president's role with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. Chief Councillor Joe Tom was happy that she received the support from the voting delegates, but was sad to see her leave her role as a councillor in the community.

Sabbas told the delegates that she would be seeking out their advice and help.

"And I'm going to be asking what you need done and what you see as priorities within this tribal council."

She said it has been one of her "ultimate goals" to be able to bring her skills, experience and knowledge home to the community.

She stood with many of her supporters, and acknowledged, in particular, her late grandmother's younger sisters—"two very important women in my life"—Regina Martin and Vi George.

"These are my grannies... and they

mean a lot to me. They are people that I lean on and that support me and that love me and let me know when I'm making a mistake and people that I have the utmost respect for."

Of the people standing with her, she said that she is accountable to them.

"And I take that very seriously, just as I am now accountable to all of you. And I take that very, very seriously."

Sabbas said that each and every leader in the hall that day had the best interests of the Nuu-chah-nulth community at heart, wanting to see the communities thrive, be healthy and strong.

"The solutions to all of the issues that

# Religious leader enchanted by Atleo's drumming



The Dalai Lama took great interest in the drum of Assembly of First Nations National Chief Shawn Atleo and the dinner song the chief sang during a luncheon held as part of the Connecting for Change dialogues during the Vancouver Peace Summit held Sept. 26 through Sept. 29. (Right) His holiness told Atleo he would try to drum as well. He did a quick beat of the drum and everyone had a good laugh. The Dalai Lama is a humorous man, always laughing and telling jokes. Connecting for Change engaged an invited group of business, social sector, and philanthropic leaders to learn from each other about how people can create and enhance cross-sector collaborations to address pressing issues. The dialogue, which was part of the , provided an opportunity for this group of invited participants to meet privately with a group of distinguished international leaders and award recipients. Connecting for Change participants also attended several of the public Peace Summit events, which included a line-up of highly-respected luminaries and leaders from the realms of the arts, entertainment, social change, conservation, politics, education, business and other sectors.



# Family and friends gather at court to show support

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"Roses are beautiful," she said, and they signified how beautiful Kayla was. Jack said Kayla used to visit Kyuquot with Velina Vincent (a grandmother in the Quu?us way) and remembered Kayla as a carefree young girl.

Pink and blue lapel ribbons were also distributed, made by Kayla's cousin who has waged a small campaign against violence in the first nation community at Zeballos. Pink and blue were Kayla's favorite colors.

Kayla was a unique youngster, said Vincent. She was "totally against" drinking and drugs and went to her faith to find answers to any problems in life. Her friend Sara said Kayla attended Esperanza Christian Camp and was a youth councilor in training. Even though they said Kayla was too young for the training, Sara convinced organizers that Kayla was ready. At a family treatment centre, Kayla gave her life to the Lord, Sara said. A youth centre at Ehattes has since been named in Kayla's memory.

Kayla's dreams included building a healthy community, where rifts between community members could be mended, Vincent said, who describes Kayla as a good role model who befriended the little ones in the community. When he was only three, Vincent's son would call Kayla "Princess."

Though just in Grade 7, Kayla also dreamed of the day she would graduate high school, and had even picked out her graduation dress. She wanted to wear pink. The family bought the dress for Kayla to wear for her journey to sit at the Creator's feet.

Kayla's father Simon wants his daughter to remember for the way she was in the community, how she dealt with life, her prayers and her words.

I pray. We all pray because we need help and we just want to say "Hi". You



On April 12 and 13, 2008, the Simon and Colleen John families celebrated the life of daughter Kayla in Campbell River. In 2004, Kayla's life was taken in a horrific crime that rocked the small community of Zeballos. The families were back in court in September and early October for a second trial to determine the fate of the man accused in her death.

can tell God anything you want to tell him and he will try to solve your problems and show you the good path, not the bad. One day you will become a Christian and you will be saying, I wish I became one a long time ago, but I am happy. I believe in him and trust in him to solve all of my problems, she wrote.

Simon asked that Kayla's memory not be put aside.

Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council President Cliff Atleo sat in the courtroom gallery, which was filled with other supporters. Atleo said he attended in response to a plea made by Kayla's

decision. I hope that it makes a positive impression on the judge.... He's bound by a system." A decision in the case is expected Dec. 11.

Atleo said it was gratifying to him to see that Kayla had not been forgotten.

Newly-elected tribal council Vice-President Priscilla Sabbas was also in attendance.

"This is a really tragic event that happened to one of our young people and [the family needs] to know that we stand behind them, yet again."

Former vice-president Dr. Michelle Corfield said in her final report at the AGM that there is a lot of work to be done in the protection of young people in the Nuu-chah-nulth communities.

Sabbas said it's important that everyone be aware about the effort in this area that is required.

"Our children are precious and we need to watch over them. Our women are important and they have a lot to offer our community," Sabbas said. "And it's about not just intervening, but it's about the prevention of it too. It's about educating people about how to prevent things like this from happening ever again."

No one can know the depths of despair of a mother who has lost her child in such a brutal way. But Colleen is grateful to the community that has rallied around her.

"I love that support."

"People were there for us through the whole trial... It brought peace to my heart and happiness that they were there for me."

Colleen too said she wanted everyone to "remember the kind of girl Kayla was. How she still is in our hearts."

Kayla Nicole Shyanne John, born Jan. 18, 1991 to Simon John and Colleen John of Ehatis. Sister to Troy, Ashley, Shaylene and Caleb.

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tseshah**—The voting delegates of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council have elected Hesquiaht's Priscilla Sabbas as the organization's new vice-president and affirmed the acclamation of President Cliff Atleo Sr.

Voting took place on Sept. 29 during the annual general assembly held at Maht Mahs gym.

Sabbas needed 50 per cent plus one to take the win, and on the first ballot achieved 61.6 per cent. Candidate Iris Frank received 28 per cent support, and candidate Dave Watts received 10.4 per cent. There were 86 ballots cast, with zero ballots spoiled.

Though acclaimed as president, the delegates had to accept Atleo's continuation in the role of president. By vote he received 77.9 per cent support.

During her victory speech, Sabbas commended the other candidates for running an honorable race.

"We ran across each other a lot and we always had kind words to say to one another. And we always encouraged one another. And that meant a lot to me," Sabbas said.

"I am absolutely elated that you have put your faith in me to be able to do this job. And I commit to all of you that I'm going to do it to the best of my ability."



Hesquiaht community members gather around Priscilla Sabbas to celebrate her win of the vice-president's role with the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council. Chief Councillor Joe Tom was happy that she received the support from the voting delegates, but was sad to see her leave her role as a councillor in the community.

# Pimachiowin Aki takes lessons in Clayoquot Sound

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tofino**—A small delegation arrived in Tofino Sept. 28 to meet with proponents of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (CSUBR) so that they could learn to develop their own application to have a vast territory in northern Canada designated a world heritage site.

The Pimachiowin Aki, which means 'the land that gives life', is made up of the Pikangikum First Nation, Poplar River First Nation, Pauingassi First Nation, Little Grand Rapids First Nation, the Manitoba Conservancy and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

The partners hope that world heritage site status will help them protect their boreal forests, which they say play a significant role in protecting the earth by lowering greenhouse gases. They say the boreal forests act as the lungs of the earth.

They also want to protect the viability of their centuries-old traditional ways of life.

The land base of the Pimachiowin Aki World Heritage project encompasses 40,000 sq. km of vast boreal forest, rivers, lakes and wetlands all on the granite-shield landscape.

It provides critically important habitat for wildlife, including woodland caribou, wolverine and bald eagles.

First Nation members of the project say their future is tied to this land.

"By caring for it according to Anishinabe values and with both traditional and Western science knowledge,



Pimachiowin Aki are seeking for world heritage site status for their territories.

we will support our people and maintain the ecological health of the land," reads their Web site. "We expect increased tourism, job creation and developments that will invite Canadians and people from all over the world to this area."

According to Project Manager Gord Jones, 13 delegates from Manitoba and Ontario spent four days in Tofino learning about how locals prepared for UNESCO Biosphere designation in Clayoquot Sound and what the designation has done for the people and the environment.

There were to be 20 delegates, but erroneous reports of an H1N1 pandemic in Ahousaht caused Anishinabe leaders to exercise caution and advise their people to cancel a planned trip to that Nuu-chah-nulth nation. Seven delegates chose to stay away from the area due to health

concerns.

Jones said their group has traveled all over Canada visiting other world heritage sites and national parks so that they could learn what others are doing to protect their environment and still involve First Nations and allow for economic development activities.

He said the project was established in 2006 with a focus on developing their world heritage site nomination. They hope to have the nomination completed in 2011.

"The project area is largely an undeveloped expanse of boreal forest and is the homeland of four first nations," he said. There are no all-weather roads into the area and there's some forestry and mining activity that the tribes receive no benefit from.

The group fears that construction of

new all-weather roads will open their territories up to exploitation. They want a part in the management plans that will come with development.

"The first nations took a leadership role," said Jones. "They have pride in their culture, which they want recognized and they are willing to share." He said the first nations want to be part of the development of a tourist-based economic development strategy with a vision of caring for the land.

On the last day of their stay, the group gathered at the Clayoquot Field Station for an information-sharing discussion about the biosphere reserve.

Elder Ray Rabliauskas said he heard many things about this place and was anxious to come. He thanked his hosts before saying, "It is very beautiful here, and I hear if I go to Hot Springs Cove and swim around in the water a bit I will be a young man again." He chuckled before saying he regretted not being able to visit the cove but promised he would be back.

George Patterson of the Clayoquot Field Station said the facility was built as part of the biosphere designation so that visiting scientists could have affordable accommodations in the expensive tourist destination that Tofino has become.

In fact, he advised visitors to buy their real estate before the world heritage site designation is made because property values will soar.

The group heard about how science-based activities could help bolster their nomination application and how forming partnerships with people outside the area can open doors for economic development.

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# Instant Noodles — Are they really good for our diet?

By Jennifer Touchie  
Infant Development Program

As a lot of our families including mine like to have Instant Noodles as a snack or a meal. Some of us eat it raw with the seasoning or cooked as itself. I have been reading the ingredients and am finding out that it is not so healthy for you or your family. I know it is a preference of what to eat or not. I think it is great to let communities aware of nutrition intake on this product or similar products of Ichiban Noodles such as CO-OP Instant Noodles, No Name Brand Noodles ETC.

The Ichiban Noodles Has a high content of MSG or the proper term is Monosodium Glutamate. This is actually a flavor enhancer for the sauce. It is a base of dehydrated sodium glutamate. This is made from starches, cornstarch, or molasses. This MSG is also high in Sodium which is salt.

The noodles itself has a high content of fats such as Saturated and Trans fats,

which makes it out to be a total of 1470 mg of fat. I guess that works out to be 58.5 Teaspoons of fat. That is just not healthy for a bowl of noodles. We try to eat healthy and watch our nutrition. I think it is best to add some vegetables to the noodles. I sometimes add leftover meat that I have that needs to be used up and some tasty veggies and you have a delicious soup that is nutritious and good for you.

It is important to read the package of food that you are getting to see what kind of ingredients it has in them. Some people have allergies to MSG.

I think it is important for us to have our favorite foods but to also make sure we have nutrition added and we need to set examples for our children and families. So it is great to enjoy your noodles but in another content of high nutrition. Thanks and hope you all appreciate and read the labels on packages of food items. It is curious to know what we eat and put into our bodies. Keep healthy in mind, spirit and body, for we only have one. Let's keep healthy Communities.

# Robinson celebrated for her contribution

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"On behalf of the Inter-Tribal Health Committee, all of the representatives of Inter-Tribal Health and all of our communities, we want to say thank you for your wonderful guidance and support. You have embraced all of our children and many families," said Seymour.

Seymour then called on the Nuu-chah-nulth to come and honor of one of their own. Many members of Robinson's family stood at her side. Sutherland shared a couple of celebratory songs, one of them being a song he had composed, "Kleco Ha'wilh," as the ladies danced to honor their mother, grandmother, grand-aunt and matriarch from Ahousaht.

Louise White then asked Sutherland to present a blanket to thank speaker Willie Seymour for not only his kind words but also for doing what he does. Seymour is always there for the communities to speak at many functions, especially when it involves the Coast Salish traditions at a longhouse.

Sutherland also spoke about his dear relative Elsie Robinson. He commented on how he has admired her gentle manner, how she conducts herself with dignity and patience.

"She is a matriarch and has been brought up with great teachings of which she is now passing on, not only to her children, grand and great grandchildren, but to everyone she has worked with in the Coast Salish territories. I am honored to witness and take part in her celebration today as it is very deserving," Sutherland said.

Robinson has raised 15 children and has lived in the Nanaimo area for almost 40 years, with a brief stint of living in Port Alberni. Robinson now resides in Ladysmith. She has been an avid basket weaver.

Seymour asked everyone gathered to witness the honoring of a distinguished elder to once again applaud her in her life's work to date. He also thanked the Nuu-chah-nulth for their participation. "What did I do? I do not think I did anything special?" said Robinson to her youngest son Gerald. "You were just



Umeek, Dr. Richard Atleo

being you mom," her son replied in a very touching embrace. Many tears of happiness were shed in the special presentation. There was a little more to follow though as Robinson's son Umeek (Dr. Richard Atleo was the guest speaker.

Umeek told a brief story of Koishimmit (Raven), a story that was passed down to him when he was young. "Koishimmit had gone on the wrong path many times until one day he got it right and we as human beings have also traveled on the wrong path many times until we get it right," Umeek said.

He related this to the many challenges that aboriginals face on a day to day basis. Umeek encouraged everyone not to be afraid to fail. One day, he said, you will get it right and go on the right path.

"We are connected to our ancestors and our ancestors are our roots. It is who we are. Also our culture has taught us not to back away from problems or concerns, but to deal with them and tackle them. We as aboriginals have great teachings, such as a vision of the future, which is a gift from the Creator.

Umeek encouraged everyone to move in a good way forward, as it is important to always keep our families' health and welfare as the priorities.

After his speech Umeek was acknowledged and thanked with a gift from the executive director of Inter-Tribal Health Norman Lewsey.



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# Special day celebrated with friends and family

By Debora Steel  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**—Catherine Tom has a warm and ready smile that can light up a room, and that's what it did on Oct. 1 as she walked into a surprise party celebrating her 19th birthday.

Gathered in the conference room at the Usma Family and Child Services building were relatives, friends and workers who had been at the core of Tom's upbringing for many years.

The special day was made unique, not because at the age of 19 Tom would no longer be under the care of Usma, but because she would no longer be under the care of the single child welfare case worker she's had for 16 years.

John Mayba organized the party for Tom who he met when she was just three years old.

Mayba would be the first to say that it's a very rare thing for a child to have the same social worker throughout her many years in care.

Workers come and go in the lives of these children, and Tom admits that she's been a lucky one. Mayba, Tom

says, has become a real father figure in her life, and a force that will continue as she moves into her independent future, caring for her baby son Christopher and finishing school.

Mayba called the experience of watching Tom grow from a toddler to a young woman a privilege; a responsibility that could have its frustrations, but was overall a joyful time.

The party reunited Tom with her first foster mother, who travelled from a small community near Williams Lake to celebrate Tom's birthday.

Julia Hencheroff had Tom in her care in Ucluelet from 1993 to 2002, which put the girl close to her Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation roots.

Tom was obviously thrilled to see Hencheroff and hugged her close, burying her head in the woman's neck to shed a few tears.

Hencheroff described Tom as a beautiful, happy child, and invited her to visit for awhile in the place Hencheroff now calls home, Horsefly, a place to ride horses and have a carefree time.

Others attending the party were family members, Cathy Tom (Catherine's aunt) and Amanda Tom (her cousin), representatives from VAST, where Tom attends school, the Hummingburde daycare

where Christopher goes, ministry social workers, and Usma workers.

Plus the people that will gather around Tom to support her as she strikes out on her own were in attendance, including community living, outreach and Knee Waas workers, and even the caretaker of her apartment building in Port Alberni.

Tom was touched by the effort to collect all these people together.

"I'm happy to be around all the people that I love," she said.



**Surprise!** Catherine Tom gets a pleasant shock on Oct. 1 as she walks into a surprise party held in her honor marking her 19th birthday. She is accompanied by son Christopher and her long-time social worker John Mayba, who organized the event.



Julia Hencheroff, Catherine Tom's first foster mother, traveled from her home at Horsefly, near Williams Lake to celebrate Tom's birthday with her.



What's a birthday party without a cake? Surrounded by the people that love and support her, Catherine Tom celebrates turning 19.



Simon Joseph and Irene Hanson tied the knot on Sept. 26.

# Couple marries at Maht Mahs

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**—Simon Joseph and Irene Hanson were joined by friends and family at Maht Mahs on a warm September 26 as they exchanged vows and rings in front of Minister Jim Miller.

Simon and his groomsmen Al Titian, Richard Joseph, Michael Joseph, Russell Hanson, Shawn Hanson, Collin Hanson and ring bearer Braden Hanson arrived early to seat guests. The gym was decorated in red and white with dozens of tea light candles softly lighting the aisle.

The bride arrived in a restored 1940 Pontiac Coupe, stopping at the entrance to pose for photos with her bridesmaids Jennifer Hanson, Stacey Ambrose, Tara Hanson, Alicia Robinson, Allison Vincent and Dawn John. Serving as flower girls were Miranda Mack and Jenelle Smith.

The groom waited on the stage as the wedding party took their places next to him after walking down the red-carpeted aisle. Irene later told their guests that Minister Miller asked Simon if he was nervous, to which he replied, "No, because I love her."

After being declared husband and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph were joined by their infant daughter, Kamea. The

bridal party went to Rollin Art Center gazebo and gardens for formal wedding photos.

They arrived back at Maht Mahs for the dinner reception, which started with Ahousaht men singing a dinner song. Irene has strong ties to Ahousaht; her mother Daisy was Ahousaht and is from the Sutherland/Haiyupis family.

Irene also has ties to Hesquiaht; her maternal grandmother, Maggie Sutherland, is from the Ignace family. Simon Joseph is connected to the Joseph family in Ahousaht and also Mowachah because his grandmother married into the Johnson family there.

Master of Ceremonies, Wally Samuel, welcomed the people and saying that mother of the bride Daisy Hanson wanted to acknowledge couples with long marriages. Pat and Mamie Charleson smiled and waved as people applauded their 62-year marriage.

Syd and Doreen Sam of Ahousaht were acknowledged for their 52-year marriage. Pointing out that Simon is her grandson, Doreen wished the couple all the best adding this word of advice, "never go to bed mad...stay up and fight!"

Maid of Honor and sister of the bride Jennifer Hanson welcomed Simon to her family.

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# Construction begins on Ahousaht high school

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Ahousaht**—The staff and students of Maaqtusiis School gathered at the school basketball court Sept. 22 to witness the ground breaking ceremony marking the beginning of construction of a new high school.

Former principal and now construction project leader Greg Louie said the existing school, built in 1987, is overcrowded.

Prior to 1987, Ahousaht children attended Ahousaht Day School until they reached the Grade 8. After that they would be forced to live at Christie Residence in Tofino or find places outside the community to attend high school.

More families moved home after 1987, because families could stay together with a new school that children could attend until they were ready for college.

When it first opened, Maaqtusiis School housed nursery to Grade 12 classes with the elementary grades occupying one wing and the high school classrooms in the other.

Since that time annexes were added behind the school to house the day care, Head Start and cultural programs.

Louie said the new high school will be a two-storey structure featuring cedar siding that will compliment the existing school and gym. It will house grades 9-12, freeing up one half of the existing school for the younger children.

The building will be located below the school gym at the corner of the track.



Former Maaqtusiis School principal and now construction project leader Greg Louie takes his turn at the shovel during the official sod turning ceremony held Sept. 22 to break ground for the new high school in Ahousaht.

The outdoor basketball pad will be sacrificed for the high school and students will lose use of the track, which is being used for construction crew bunkhouses and offices.

Ahousaht leaders, elders and construction team members including New Haven Construction president Terry Ward, Architect Tad Young, Gerry Gruneau and John Dwyer of INAC, Brent Baron INAC Project Engineer, McGill Engineering, Lance Adair and Doug Neff of NTC and Site Supervisor Max McGrath assembled on the basketball court for the ground-breaking ceremony.

Louie introduced dignitaries and guests before sharing some good news and bad

awarded the civil site servicing contract, bringing economic benefits to the community.

Cover Creek Contracting will clear and prep the site for construction. Their first order of business is to tear up the popular basketball court the very next day. The announcement was met with a chorus of groans by the school kids, but Louie promised another would be built, hopefully within the next two years.

Community members and guests joined a blessing ceremony for the site as the school children and staff looked on. Louie explained the celebration would remain low-key due the recent passing of a chief's daughter.

Dignitaries posed with a gold painted shovel at the site before Rick Lindholm lifted the first shovel full of dirt, officially breaking the ground.

The \$11.3 million project, includes the construction of an eight-plex for teachers' housing that will be built near the access road to Lot #363, Ahousaht's new subdivision.

The entire project is scheduled to be complete in 2011.

news. Cover Creek Contracting, a business owned by Ahousaht's Harvey Robinson and Rick Lindholm, was



The blessing of the new high school site began with a chant and a procession. Community members looked on.

# Kakawis Centre bids fond farewell to Tofino

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Tofino**—After 35 years of family treatment services, Kakawis Family Development Center is closing its doors at its Meares Island home and is moving to Port Alberni.

Past and present staff and directors gathered with well-wishers Oct. 4 at the Tofino Community Hall to join in thanking the community of Tofino and others who have shared in Kakawis success stories.

Acting as emcee, Barney Williams thanked everyone that had a part in the



development of the treatment centre, which has helped hundreds of families achieve healthier lifestyles.

The facility opened in 1974 on the grounds of the old Christie Indian Residential School. The main building

subsequently burned to the ground, but the family treatment centre was able to continue operations and add several smaller buildings to the site.

Kakawis Family Development Centre is a First Nations Family Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre. They offer six 42-day family sessions per year.

Besides treating adults for addictions, the centre offers school classes to the children so that they may keep up with their studies while the entire family learns skills to achieve healthier lifestyles.

Ahousaht Tyee Ha'wilt'ha Maquinna, Lewis George, talked about how the centre has impacted his family and his people. He thanked Sadie Greenaway and Florence Michael for all they've done to help people as they work at Kakawis.

He talked about how Kakawis helped his brother and recited a poem that Bill wrote, which was published in the Kakawis Star back in 1985. Maquinna said Bill couldn't be there for the celebration that day, but he wanted everyone to know how very much he loves his brother and is thankful to the staff of Kakawis, both past and present, for all they've done for families.

Having worked there himself for two years, Maquinna knows first-hand the kind of work staff at Kakawis do. "Alcohol and drugs affects us all and Kakawis helps families deal with those addictions. We need to step up to the plate and look to our teachings to deal with these things," said Maquinna.

He pointed out that there is no government funding for traditional forms of treatment that many coastal communities are reviving.

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## Treatment centre closes its doors in Tofino

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"We will continue to support the healing of our people," he said before presenting a carved paddle to Kakawis Executive Director Greenaway.

Ahouasht members joined in a paddle dance, which they said represents the people continuing to paddle together in the right direction toward the healing of the people.

Director Lisa Charleson introduced the board of directors and talked about her personal experience with Kakawis. Her late mother was one of the first Kakawis clients when Lisa was only nine years old.

"When I think back I remember how safe I felt; safe from the alcohol and the violence," she remembered.

Charleson herself went through the program when she reached adulthood. Calling it a life changing experience, she was proud to say that she is near 20 years of sobriety.

The Kakawis Board has been working for a decade to raise the needed funds for the move to Port Alberni. The infrastructure on Meares Island is old and the costs of transporting people and supplies to the isolated island are expensive.

The larger facility being constructed at the former Beaver Creek School in Port Alberni will be capable of housing larger numbers of clients. Something Charleson thinks is necessary given the large number of youth approaching adulthood.

The new treatment centre will no longer be called Kakawis, but has been renamed Kac-kaa-min, the Nuu-chah-nulth word for butterfly.

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation performed their own paddle dance and sang a prayer song in gratitude for Kakawis' contributions to their community.

"We want to say thank you to the Kakawis staff for what they have done for all of the families that went through there," said Williams.

Ray Seitcher Sr. said he too was a client back in 1980. He described the anxiety he felt when he first arrived there. "It's a hell of a feeling going to a treatment centre to ask for help from total strangers," he remembered.

But he went on to say that he became comfortable with the people and the staff that were part of his experience. He reserved a special thank you for counselor Wendy Amrhein of Tofino for all the people she helped along the way.

Seitcher went on to work as a counselor at Kakawis for 13 years. He remembers former executive director Pat Koreski using his own personal boat during a time when Kakawis had no boat; and how much wear and tear the boat went through as a result of the heavy work load.

Seitcher has a special place in his heart for the people of Tofino.

"They treated us like people," he said. "I want to say how much I appreciate everyone; there's a lot of healthy people out there because of Kakawis and you're (the people of Tofino) are a part of that," he added.

"Kakawis gives us the gift of making someone believe in themselves and that's what it's all about," Seitcher concluded. The Thomas family of Ahousaht performed several dances to celebrate the successes of Kakawis. At the conclusion of the last dance, Roberta Adams thanked Kakawis for helping members of her family achieve sobriety.

"About 70 per cent of our family is alcohol and drug free and we will continue to pray for those that need it," she said, before presenting a paddle to Greenaway.

Williams concluded the evening by acknowledging Tofino Co-op, Tin Wis Best Western Resort, John Tom Water Taxi Service, the Sisters of St. Anne, Tom Cavanaugh of the Oblates and Pat Koreski for their generous contributions to Kakawis Family Development Centre.

## New vice-chief for BC Assembly of First Nations

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Since Phillip became involved in the First Nations Leadership Council, an organization that brings together BC First Nations, whether they are involved in treaty negotiations or not, the UBCIC grand chief has softened his position on treaty-making.

The election for regional vice-chief went to three ballots during voting at the Chief Joe Mathias Centre on Oct. 1.

Stewart came in third behind winner Jody Wilson Raybould and second place finisher Shane Gottfriedson.

Wilson Raybould of the We Wai Kai First Nation on Vancouver Island received 54 per cent of the vote. Her traditional name is Puglaas and comes from the Musgamagw/Laich-Kwil-Tech people, part of the Kwakwaka'wakw.

Wilson Raybould lives in Cape Mudge Village, Quadra Island. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and political science and obtained her law degree at the University of British Columbia. She served as a provincial Crown prosecutor in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, and became a commissioner of the BC Treaty Commission in 2003. One year was spent as acting

chief commissioner.

This experience, she said, provided her with an "enormous in-depth understanding" of the issues and challenges the nations are facing with respect to implementing title and rights, including treaty rights.

"I want the office of regional chief of the BC Assembly of First Nations to be relevant to our communities... I want to be able to support you... I know that no one can speak for a community or a nation but that nation."

She ran on a commitment to four key areas: strong governance, getting a fair settlement to land and resource issues, having well-educated and well-trained citizenry, and achieving a health first nation citizenry.

"I have a plan... and for me the plan is four steps."

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Hospitality and Tourism along the west coast of Vancouver Island is growing and offers many opportunities for employment, a career and business ownership.

The Nuu-chah-nulth Employment and Training Program has received funding to conduct training in Hospitality and Tourism. The **cha-chum-7a-lthuk Program** is based on the BladeRunner Job Placement and Coaching Model, is offered at Tin Wis for First Nation communities along the west coast, and includes the following opportunities:

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## Career opportunities for Aboriginals in Defense

By Jack F. Little  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Esquimalt**-Are you an Aboriginal youth or adult looking for a career? Have you got three weeks to spare? If you do you may want to contact the Canadian Forces Aboriginal Entry Program (CFAEP). It is a program for eligible Aboriginal people who are interested in a career with the Navy, Army or Air Force.

The first step in the program is a three-week Pre-Recruit Training Course (PRTC) which is held in either Borden, Ont. or Esquimalt, BC. Here you will learn valuable skills and find out about the Canadian Forces (CF) way of life, without an obligation to join.

The PRTC at Esquimalt and Borden is called "Getting Ready" and it provides information about Basic Recruit Training.

Successful participants who complete the programs may be offered a three-year employment contract in a suitable occu-



**Billy Stewart, who has Ahousaht ancestry, has been working in the CF in the Esquimalt region for 16 years.**

To speak to a CF recruiter call 1-800-856-8488.

To be eligible you must be an Aboriginal person, have completed a

minimum of Grade 10 (Grade 12 preferable), and meet Canadian Forces medical and enrollment standards. This past August at Esquimalt BC there was a successful graduating class, which included Beau Campbell from Ahousaht.

Campbell just graduated from the Maaqtusiis School. The physical challenge and discipline that the CF is known for seemed to be a good fit for Campbell who is an excellent athlete, especially in the sport of basketball where Campbell has excelled.

He played for the Ahousaht Wolfpack Junior Boys team, as well as in many

men's basketball tournaments. He currently is attending Camosun College.

"It was an experience of a lifetime for me and the 59 aboriginal youth who graduated from the Maritime Forces Pacific's Raven Program recently on Aug. 28," said Campbell. The Raven Program is designed to build bridges between aboriginal communities and the Canadian Forces, as well as ensure aboriginal youth are aware of potential job opportunities within the Canadian Forces.

Billy Stewart, who has Ahousaht ancestry, has been working in the CF in the Esquimalt region for 16 years as a Drawing Reproduction Coordinator. Stewart would like to see more aboriginal people consider the opportunities for a career in the CF.

Campbell was one of three Nuu-chah-nulth who recently took the training through the Esquimalt region and was pleased that he persevered. He has been offered a continuation of his Canadian Forces career. Stewart hopes that there will be more Nuu-chah-nulth who becomes interested in the CF. He would especially like to congratulate Campbell on his recent graduation.

Ha-Shilth-Sa would like to also apologize to Stewart for material published in a recent story. He is no longer the co-chairperson of the Pacific Regional Area nor the co-chairperson of the National Defense Aboriginal Advisory Group, as was stated in the article.



### To ALL Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations Members:

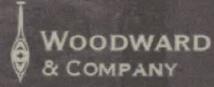
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Kleco! Kleco!

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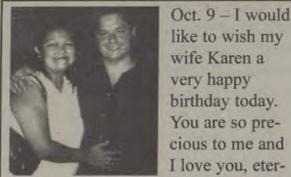
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## Birthdays & Congratulations



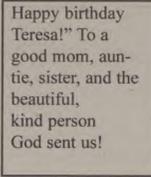
Oct. 9 - I would like to wish my wife Karen a very happy birthday today. You are so precious to me and I love you, eternally. I wish you nothing but happiness on your birthday and for always. Let's keep reaching for the stars. Love you always, your husband Andrew.



Happy birthday Pearl "Mumma" Tutube on Oct. 9. We love you with all our hearts always and forever. Have a good day. Lotsa love from Lisa, Mike, Marv, Vily Lady and Wulfy :-).



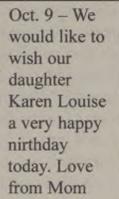
Happy birthday to Maryanne on Oct. 10. Hope you have a great day. Keep smiling! From Lisa and Jami "White Feather" haha. Take care.



Happy birthday Teresa! To a good mom, auntie, sister, and the beautiful, kind person God sent us!



Oct. 9 - We would like to wish our daughter Karen Louise a very happy birthday today. Love from Mom and Dad.



Oct. 9 - We would like to wish our 'muma' a very happy birthday today. We love you and guidance you give us. We love you for your understanding and teaching us right from wrong. Thank you Mom for your strength and knowledge you show us. Thank you Mom for just being 'you.' We'll love you forever. We'll like you for always. As long as we're living. Our Mommy you'll be. Lots of love, from your children "your Cediese-girl" and your "Kode-Blu"

I would like to wish a VERY SPECIAL happy 4th birthday to my "baby" (my niece-pie) Camille Fraser on Oct. 6th. I remember when your mommy first brought you home, I wanted to be the first to hold u, so... that's when I knew u were auntie's baby. You are the joy of my life and don't you forget it. Today is your special day, so have tons-o-fun baby aka. Dora. Love u with all my heart. xoxo: Auntie Sunshine Savey.

Happy Birthday Marla K. I hope you have a wonderful day on Oct. 7th...woot woot. Hope all your wishes come true. love ya. from Robyn, Allen and kids.

Happy Birthday to my auntie Val Jack!!!! I hope you have a great day and best wishes to you and your family. Love ya. I miss you too. from Straw and kids. Happy anniversary to Marla and Maya!!!! Love is so rare, I hope you both enjoyed this special day on Oct 2nd....Live, love and Laugh...is always great...love u both...from straw and kids.

Oct. 1 - Happy belated birthday to auntie Bonnie Mack. Hope you had a great day, we were thinking of you. Tonnes of love. From nephew Andrew and Karen.

We would like to wish our families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving Day! From Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mack.

Oct. 12 - I would like to wish my sister-in-law, Sheryl McKay a very Happy Birthday. Enjoy your day sis, and you better get spoiled:) Love you, and Happy Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for having you in my life. From sis Karen.

Happy belated Birthday Nina Robinson Oct. 6. 84. My ray of sunshine. Wow 1/4 of a century. How time flies, seems like only yesterday. Love you baby gurl. Your Mom & John.

Birthday wishes go out to bro Doug A. Wilson Sept. 13. Love your sis.

Happy birthday Peter Wilson. Enjoy your day - Oct. 2. On Oct. 4, wishes go out to Deb, Betsy and Phillip. Hope you all enjoy your day. Happy birthday to Pearl on Oct. 9. Have fun. Wishing Pat Williams a happy birthday Oct. 9 as well. Special wishes to son Josh James, Happy 25th birthday, golfing huh. Love Mom. Have fun. The day is yours.



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## In Memory

### In Loving Memory of Soxy

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I thought of you with love today,  
But this is nothing new,  
I thought of you yesterday  
And the days before that too.  
I think of you in silence  
And yes, I often speak your name  
All I have now are memories,  
And a picture in a frame.

Broke my heart to lose you,  
But Dad, you never went alone  
A big part of me went with you,  
The day the Creator took you home.  
A million times I needed you  
A million times I sadly cried  
If my love for you could have saved you  
Dad, you never would have died.

### In Loving Memory of Thomas Keith Dick

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"My Sweet Angel"  
Today, I touched your face again  
And watched you for awhile,  
I talked of things deep in my heart  
And wished I could make you smile  
I rubbed your head and told you  
I'm proud of you my brother  
For all the things you done  
And the way you did each one!  
You showed such courage daily  
And you taught me how to live  
To make each moment count in life  
And give all I can give.  
I know your time on earth was short  
But it's how you lived each day,

You made the most of what you had  
And always found a way.  
To touch the hearts around you,  
To love while you may  
I wished with all my heart right now  
The face I touched today,  
Wasn't on paper, or neatly placed away.  
But I put you on the shelf again  
For all the world to see  
I'll just talk to you tomorrow  
Just like I do each day  
And I'll tell you "you're my hero"  
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For my baby bro, love you and miss you.  
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## Community Beyond

### Web Marketing/Promotion Oct. 8

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### Youth Self Discovery Camp, Southern Region Oct. 14 to Oct. 17

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### Aboriginal Taxation Workshop Oct. 16

Port Alberni

The Nuuchah-nulth Economic Development Corporation is hosting at the Hupacasath House of Gathering this workshop from 8:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$55. Presenter is Peter Ranson. Call 250 724-3131.

### Marge White Family Naming Potlatch Oct. 24 (POSTPONED)

Port Alberni

Out of respect on the passing of two very close relatives, Chief Edward Shewish, Tseshahat, and Steven Peters, Huu-ay-aht, Marge White and Family are postponing their Family Potlatch scheduled for Oct. 24, until further notice.

### Financial Management Basics--Part 1 Oct 27

Port Alberni

### The Nuuchah-nulth Economic Development Corporation is hosting at their office at 7563 Pacific Rim Highway this workshop from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event. Presenter is Caledonia Fred. Call 250 724-3131.

### Financial Management Basics Part 2 Oct 29

Port Alberni

### The Nuuchah-nulth Economic Development Corporation is hosting at their office at 7563 Pacific Rim Highway this workshop from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event. Presenter is Caledonia Fred. Call 250 724-3131.

### HR 101--Human Resources Nov. 3

Port Alberni

### The Nuuchah-nulth Economic Development Corporation is hosting at their office at 7563 Pacific Rim Highway

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Development Corporation is hosting at their office at 7563 Pacific Rim Highway this workshop from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event. Presenter is Bill Squires, HR Mgmt. Professional. Call 250 724-3131.

### Projecting Sales Nov. 5

Port Alberni

The Nuuchah-nulth Economic Development Corporation is hosting at their office at 7563 Pacific Rim Highway this workshop from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event. Presenter is Caledonia Fred. Call 250 724-3131.

### Men's Open Basketball Tournament Nov. 6 to 8

Ucluelet

Evan Touchie Legacy to be held at Ucluelet Secondary School gym. Contact Melody Charlie if you'd like to be involved, volunteering, donations, sponsor. For more info contact 250-726-2507 melodycharlie@mac.com. Looking forward to seeing you here! Bring your hearts.

### Saayaachapis Potlatch Nov. 7

Tseshahat

On February 16, 2008, Saayaachapis (Walter Thomas) held a Memorial Potlatch to honour his late father Bob Thomas, and late brother, Harve, of Tseshahat. At the time of the Memorial, it was explained that there would be another gathering at a later date to finish important family business. The plans for the later gathering had to be delayed, after Saayaachapis was seriously injured as result of a grizzly bear attack while he was working on the lower mainland in November 2008. Saayaachapis (Walter Thomas) extends invitation to all to attend potlatch on November 7, 2009, at Maht Mahs starting at 10 a.m. We believe the ancestors were with Saayaachapis was he was attacked by the grizzly bear last fall, and we have great appreciation for his life. Contact: Saayaachapis @ 250-720-1322

### Ahousaht Islanders Men's Hockey Tournament Nov. 13 to 15

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Entry fee: \$350.00. Deadline November 11, 2009 at 5:00 pm. 1st place \$1000.00 (based on 8 men's teams). 2nd place \$500.00 plus trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. (will accept up to 10 men's teams). There will also be concession, raffles, 50/50's etc. See you there come out and have some fun and cheer on your teams! Contact: Gena Swan or Larry Swan @ home 250-670-2447 or email: islanders58@hotmail.com

### Turn to Tourism Nov. 13

Port Alberni

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Nov. 13

Port Alberni

The Nuuchah-nulth Economic

this workshop from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This is a free event. Presenter is Steven Crowhurst, SMP Training. Call 250 724-3131.

### Celebration of Life Nov. 14

Hupacasath

Ceremony for Aaron Lucas to be held at the House of Gathering at 3 p.m. As some of you are aware, our son Aaron Lucas was in a serious biking accident on June 18 and was critically injured and is currently continuing on his road to recovery. We would like to ask you to come out and join us in acknowledging the support people who were there for our family and to assist us in celebrating our son's life. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by email: Bruce-bruce@shaw.ca Kelly-kuwana4@shaw.ca

### Business Relief Series Part 1 Nov. 17

Port Alberni

The Nuuchah-nulth Economic Development Corporation is hosting at their office at 7563 Pacific Rim Highway this workshop from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event. Presenter is Jennifer Gallic. Call 250 724-3131.

### Business Relief Series Part 2 Nov. 19

Port Alberni

The Nuuchah-nulth Economic Development Corporation is hosting at their office at 7563 Pacific Rim Highway this workshop from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This is a free event. Presenter is Jennifer Gallic. Call 250 724-3131.

### Potlatch for Linda Watts Nov. 21

Port Alberni

We would like to announce the memorial for the late Linda Watts. We ask you to join us in the celebration of her life, as she had a passion for her language, culture, children and family. The potlatch will be held at the Maht Mahs gym at 10:30 a.m.

### Quu'asa Women's Gathering Jan. 6 to 9, 2010

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### Memorial Potlatch for late Jerry Jack Sr. and late Colleen Pendleton April 3 and 4, 2010

Port Alberni

The Jack and Pendleton Families would

## Wedding day

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In her speech to the couple she said, "I want to take credit for getting you two together." She explained that she brought her little sister along to a potlatch in Ahousaht.

"Little did I know I was bringing her to meet her husband, and two years later here we are!" she said.

"I'm happy to have you as a brother...I love the way you respect Irene and the way you love Kamea."

Best Man, Al Titian thanked the people for joining Simon, Irene and Kamea in this special day before wishing them peace and happiness. "May Naas bless your union," he said.

Karen Cook of Alert Bay said she has been a close friend of the Hanson family for years. She congratulated the couple, advising them to always keep the lines of communication open.

Speaking on behalf of the Joseph family, Harold Little told the people how he was related to both the bride and groom and how he was a very close friend with Irene's late grandfather Sully Sutherland.

"I wish you nothing but the best, and many, many happy years together," he said. The Ignaces, representing Irene's grandmother's side of the family introduced themselves through speaker Tom Campbell. He reminded Simon that Irene comes from a big, big family and asked that he always take care of her.

Tim Sutherland stood with dozens of his family members as they congratulated their late brother's granddaughter on her marriage. "We are very proud of you for bringing a sacredness to you love, letting us all know you're serious about this," he told the couple.

Pat and Mamie Charleson wished the couple well saying they hope the young couple's marriage lasts as long as their own 62 (and counting) year union.

Wally and Donna Samuel told the couple that a successful marriage is all about give and take. "It's about understanding and forgiveness and respect for one another's family," Wally said. He told them that it is important to be there for each other's family in good times and in bad.

Simon and Irene stood to thank people for contributions made to the wedding. "Thank you guests, Chiefs Mike Maquinna and Derek Peters for being here, Bill and Judy Surrey for taking us out in your 1940 Pontiac and thank you to the elders, I have a lot of respect for elders, like you Nan Hilda (Hanson); I'm really glad you could come, it means so much to us," said Irene.

Daisy Hanson thanked Wally Samuel for always being there to speak for her family. She gave him a carved talking stick, made by her son-in-law Ritchie Mack.

The mother of the bride has only two requests of Simon; she asked that Irene be allowed to return home (Kyuquot) from time to time for visits. She also asked that she keeps her love of culture alive by staying involved with the Ahousaht culture groups and activities." Daisy praised Simon for respecting her daughter and for his care of Kamea and Irene. "You are so kind and gentle and I love you," she told him, before welcoming him to her family.

Speaking on behalf of Simon, Harold Little told Daisy and her family that Simon accepts her conditions.

Gifts from the grooms' family to the bride's family were presented before the Josephs crossed the floor, wrapping Irene and Kamea in family shawls and joining the Hansons and extended family.

The Jack and Pendleton Families would

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

Registering events are very important!

- Birth Registrations:** It is important to get baby registered as soon as possible. You must complete the parental consent for Registration/Statement of Band Affiliation form and provide the LARGE form birth certificate, these consent forms can be obtained through your Band Office or at the NTC Office. Registration takes 6 - 8 weeks.
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- All documents are to be submitted to Rosie Marsden - Indian Registry Administrator** at the NTC Office, with the exception of Ditidaht, Hesquiaht, Huu-ay-aht and Tla-o-qui-aht. Contact these First Nations directly. To have a status card issued through NTC from these four First Nations please have your Indian Registry Administrator fax approval and your information prior to coming into the office if possible.
- Does your First Nation have their membership code in place? If so, and you would like the above events recorded for "BAND MEMBERSHIP" then it is EQUALLY AS IMPORTANT that you contact them as well.**
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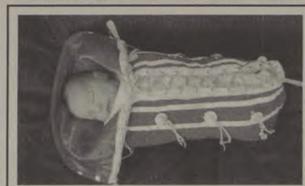
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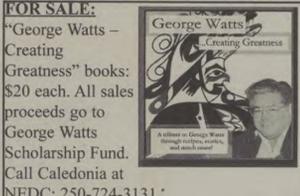
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**LOST:** Drum with whale painted on it. On Jan. 28 at party at Maht Mahs Gym. Call (250) 745-3483.

**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 ballgrrl@hotmail.com. Thanks.

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# Feasting in Ittatsoo

**Nuu-chah-nulth** people have long known that sharing fresh and healthy food brings communities together.

That teaching was one reason five men from Ittatsoo spent a week in August building a communal smokehouse next to their Nation's administration office.

Having a place to collectively smoke fish would give people from Ucluelet First Nation a chance to work together, something that has already started to happen thanks to the building's construction.

"I'm amazingly connected to my community, and it feels great!" said project organizer Melody Charlie. "Others are already looking forward to more learning with [events] like these."

Built with timber donated by Ucluelet First Nation, the smokehouse will soon be filled with colourful strips of salmon filleted and prepared by community members. As part of the project, Ucluelet member Brenda Clayton taught Ittatsoo's women how to cut fish and later mentored volunteers in building and tending the fire. Everyone who took part in the demonstrations—including NTC health nurse Michelle Eng—learned how to make traditional smoked fish and *ʔapʔcɥʔI* (uptlsquee).

"I lost my 33-year-old husband to a heart attack, so I am very passionate about health," Charlie said. "This project is so important because there are too many unhealthy food choices today that are making people very sick, overweight, and even killing our people... Our traditional foods kept us alive and very healthy for years. We all need to reconnect to the basics in our backyard."

Coordinated by Uu-a-thluk, the smokehouse was just one part of a month-long series of activities sponsored by the BC Healthy Living Alliance, the BC Cancer Society, and the BC Capacity Initiative. Ucluelet First Nation and community members also donated materials, time, and space to make the activities happen.

In addition to smoking and preparing fish, men, women, and youth spent time picking berries, preparing jam, canning fruit, and fishing. Watson Touchie also taught a group of youth how to fillet and barbecue salmon the traditional way—on Nuu-chah-nulth cudjas (cedar sticks).

"We've had very positive feedback from all community members. It was really nice to see people of all ages participate," Charlie said.

Although passing on traditional food knowledge was the main goal of the project, participants were also getting ready for a community-wide feast to share their skills and celebrate the Nuu-chah-nulth connection to sea resources.

"All the food that we've been making—the chumus, the jam, the smoked fish—it's all for the feast," said Uu-a-thluk's capacity building coordinator, Norine Messer. "Everyone who helped got some jars of jam and smoked fish to take home, but the rest is to feed the community."

The final feast will take place on October 17, but the new smokehouse is a permanent fixture in Ittatsoo. "The smokehouse will be for the community, and people can sign up to use it," Messer said.

For more information on Uu-a-thluk's traditional foods activities or the Ittatsoo community smokehouse, contact Norine Messer at 250-723-5504 or [norinemesser@hotmail.com](mailto:norinemesser@hotmail.com).

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## Uu-a-thluk

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### Nuu-chah-nulth cooking terms

boiled—*mux̄cuu*

baked—*camaq̄x̄*

barbecued—*kacas*

dried—*kūscu*

smoked—*qūscu*

fried—*ciix̄cu*

From top: Salmon cures in Brenda Clayton's smokehouse; Watson Touchie teaches youth from Ittatsoo how to fillet and barbecue salmon the traditional way—on cedar sticks; Feasting organizer Melody Charlie displays her filleting handiwork.



*"Traditional foods are a part of who we are today. I was lucky that my mom taught me how to smoke fish and prepare fish. It is good to see young women learning how to clean, cut, smoke fish and make the fire for the smoke house which is different than making a regular fire."*

—Lisa Sabbas, from Sacred Teachings, [www.nuuchahnulth.org](http://www.nuuchahnulth.org)