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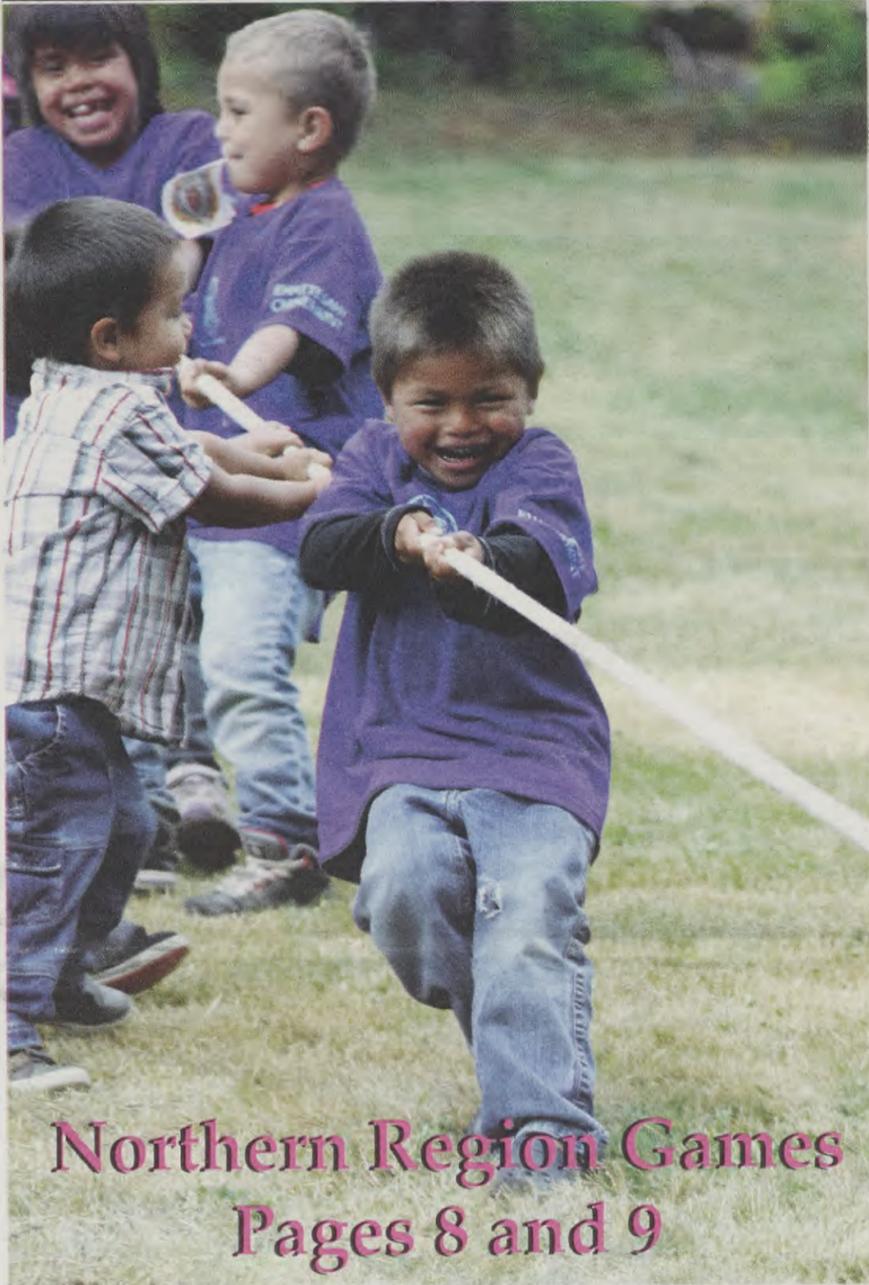


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## Five inducted to Nuu-chah-nulth Sports Hall of Fame

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Port Alberni**—Hesquiaht couple Simon and Julia Lucas, and three other honorees, Eugene ‘Oscar’ Tom, Brian Amos and Jeff Cook, were inducted into the Nuu-chah-nulth Sports Hall of Fame on Aug. 6. The induction took place during the 2013 Tlu-piich Games Opening Ceremony held at Maht Mahs.

“I am here to pay tribute to an old fella that did a lot for us in sports,” said Ruben Amos.

He remembered the days when Simon would pick the boys up from their homes, telling them that he signed them up for whatever sport was in season.

“They would buy us food, they would house us and never ask for anything in return,” Amos said.

Simon pointed out that sporting activities was one of the only positive things about residential schools; it got them out of the place and allowed them to meet other kids. He remembered that his first volleyball team at the residential school was called the Mush Eaters.

Matthew Lucas said his father Simon could not have done all of that without a great woman, Julia Lucas, there behind him.

Lucas said his father taught him how to catch while his mother was the super fan. “You can always hear your mom’s voice in the crowd and it would keep us going,” he said.

“She would wake us up early in the morning to get us running; she knew what it would take to prepare for tournaments,” he said.

Not only did Julia take care of the boys but she also made their first uniforms when they were known as the Mean



Nuu-chah-nulth Role Model Keanna Hamilton, inductees Jeff Cook, Simon Lucas, Julia Lucas, Eugene ‘Oscar’ Tom, Marge Amos for late husband Brian, and Nuu-chah-nulth Princess Jessica Hamilton.

Machines.

Eugene ‘Oscar’ Tom, also of Hesquiaht, was another Sports Hall of Fame inductee.

Bruce Lucas recalled how good Tom was at fast pitch and basketball.

“He had amazing jumping skills; we used to call him mowach (deer) because he could jump so high,” Lucas said.

Oscar thanked everyone, saying it was always about team effort; it was never a one-man show.

Tom went on to coach the younger Hesquiaht men.

“He was one of my first coaches and he was always there for us,” said Lucas, adding that it was Tom that inspired him to become a coach in later years.

Brian Amos was nominated posthu-

mously to the Sport Hall of Fame. His wife Marge, along with their daughters, was happy to accept the honor.

Linus Lucas said Brian was such a great shortstop that batters from the opposing team would often drop their bats and walk away if they saw the ball was going toward Amos.

“They knew they didn’t have much of a chance,” Lucas said.

Marge Amos thanked everyone for honoring her late husband.

“When I married him, I didn’t know I was marrying sports,” she said. Every weekend they were going to one tournament or another.

“How we did it? Well, we did it as a family,” she recalled. They would camp together and the women would do the

cooking. The kids were always along for the trip.

Amos played many sports, including fastball, basketball, and floor hockey. He would always tell his team members to think ahead and he knew several tricks to get opposing player off of their game.

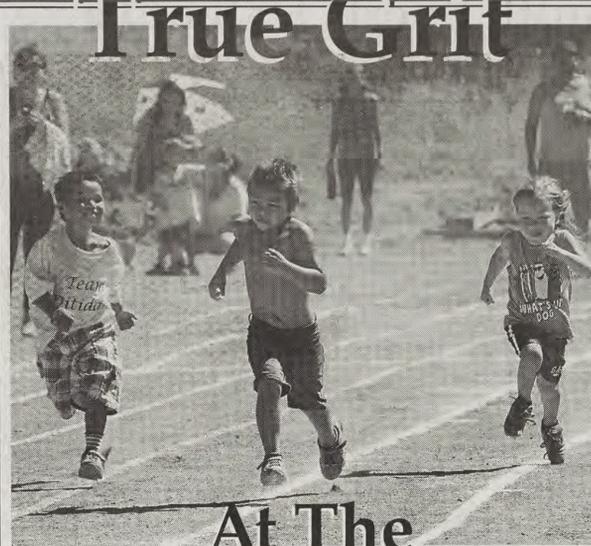
“We all miss Brian and it’s a real honor to bring him to the Hall of Fame,” said Lucas.

Ron Hamilton paid tribute to the final inductee, Jeff Cook of Huu-ay-aht, by reading the nomination letter Cook’s grandson Frederick wrote.

In the letter, Frederick said his grandpa Jeff used to play fastball, soccer, basketball, volleyball hockey, and he was a gymnast.

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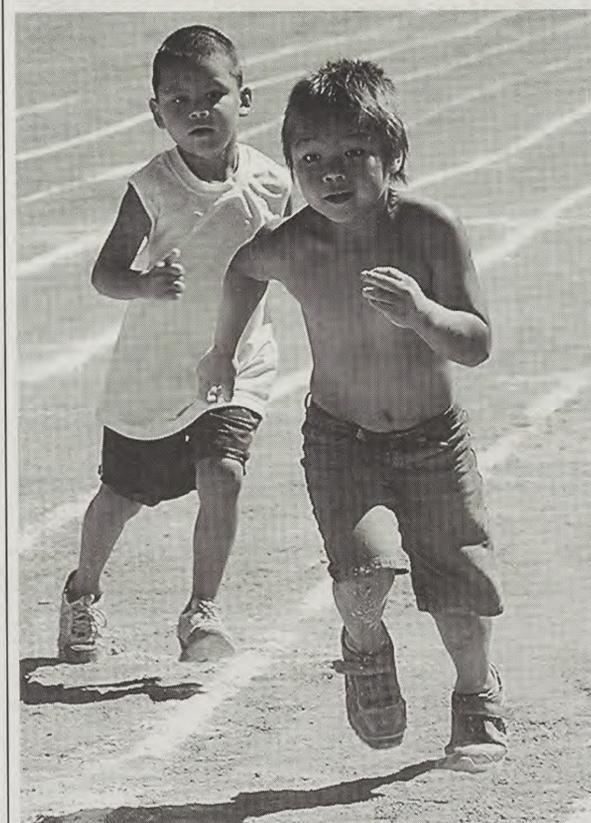
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## Tlu-piich Games



Shaune Frank, 5, has a never-give-up attitude. He was taking part in the Tlu-piich Games boys 100 metre track event held Aug. 7 and was out in front when he took, not one, but two tumbles. Still, he got up both times and kept on going to finish the race. Congratulations Shaune on an inspiring race.



Kim Rai, Cliff Atleo, Anita Charleson Touchie, Cathy Watts and Vina Robinson

## Attention residential school survivors, re: TRC event in Vancouver

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

**Vancouver**—The time for one of the largest gatherings of BC’s residential school survivors is fast approaching and organizers have important information to share. The TRC (Truth and Reconciliation Canada) British Columbia National Event will be taking place in Vancouver from Sept. 16 to Sept. 22 at the PNE grounds.

Those planning to attend must make travel arrangements as soon as possible.

Teechukt Manager Vina Robinson says the TRC will not be providing travel assistance to former residential school students; it is entirely up to each person to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

“Some groups began fundraising a long time ago,” she said, and she hopes that everyone who wants to go will be able to make it to one of the largest gatherings of BC’s first nations people ever.

There will be many components to the gathering and people need to know what they must do in order to take part in the events.

There will be an All Nations Canoe Gathering held Sept. 17 and this is particularly important to Nuu-chah-nulth-aht because their registered canoes will lead the flotilla of canoes with AFN National Chief Shawn Atleo in the lead canoe.

So far, no Nuu-chah-nulth canoes have registered for the canoe gathering. To register your canoe online, go to [www.reconciliationcanada.ca](http://www.reconciliationcanada.ca) or call Dawnda Joseph, All Nations Canoe Gathering Event Manager, at 1-604-770-4434 or e-mail her at [dawnda.joseph@reconciliationcanada.ca](mailto:dawnda.joseph@reconciliationcanada.ca).

According to Kim Rai of the NTC’s Teechukt program, this is the TRC’s largest gathering to date. More than 30,000 people are expected to attend every day. It is for this reason that facilities as large as the PNE had to be rented.

During the event, spaces will be set aside for both public and private statement gathering. There will be survivor gatherings, sharing circles, cultural events, films, displays and much more.

Making statements allows survivors or their descendants to share thoughts and feeling about how the residential experience has shaped their lives.

There is important information that people planning to make statements at this gathering should know.

Public statements will only be taken for people who haven’t already done so.

This event will be the last opportunity to make a private or public statement in British Columbia. After the event people will have to go to Alberta or further to make a statement, although written statements will continue to be accepted.

Written statements can be anything the writer wants it to be, from writing about the experience to poetry, to art work. Whatever the person is comfortable with is acceptable.

Due to the large numbers of people wishing to make statements, Quu-asa staff advises people wishing to make statements be there the first day in order to reserve a time-slot; the time slots are expected to fill quickly.

There is a strict 15-minute time limit for those making public statements; there will be no exceptions to this rule.

There is no time limit for private statements and one can take a private person with them during the statement.

Rooms will be set up for taking private, recorded statements

There are 209 First Nations in BC and all are invited to the event; some will be coming from Alberta.

More than 300 support workers will be at the event to provide assistance to survivors. Nuu-chah-nulth support workers will be among them and will be wearing green or red vests.

Squamish Nation will open their campgrounds for canoe families and former residential school students and their families. People are advised to register at the campground as soon as possible with Dawnda Joseph.

Lastly, Kim Rai advises survivors to be prepared mentally. Talk to your support people in order to be prepared for what may be an intense emotional experience.

If you wish to make a statement at the gathering it is vitally important that you be at the event the first day to sign up for a time slot.

Be prepared financially because there is no financial assistance for those wishing to attend.

The Mayor of Vancouver had declared Vancouver the 2013/14 City of Reconciliation. Several Vancouver area cultural groups have been meeting regularly as they plan to take part in multicultural events during the gathering like the Walk for Reconciliation on Sept. 22.

The national gathering will take place in Ottawa in 2015.

Go to [TRC.ca](http://TRC.ca) website for more information or call Kim Rai or Lisa Robinson at the NTC Teechukt Program at 250-724-3939.

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# Canada must apologize for experiments~Tseshaht

By Shayne Morrow  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Contributor

**Port Alberni**—Tseshaht First Nation has demanded a public apology from the federal government and a full disclosure of facts surrounding nutritional and medical experiments performed on children at the Alberni Indian Residential School (AIRS) beginning in the late 1940s.

Details of the experiments were outlined in the May edition of the scholarly journal *Social History*, in a paper by University of Guelph researcher, Dr. Ian Mosby, entitled *Administering Colonial Science: Nutrition Research and Human Bio-medical Experimentation in Aboriginal Communities and Residential Schools, 1942-1952*.

Revelations that the Canadian government allowed researchers access to malnourished children at six residential schools, including AIRS, hit the national media like a bombshell.

At a media conference on July 17, Tseshaht Chief Councillor Hugh Braker demanded a full disclosure of facts from the federal government, along with a public apology and compensation for the victims. Braker also demanded a full accounting from the Red Cross for their role in the outrage, and an apology, if warranted.

"Tseshaht condemns those experiments. They were done without the consent of the students and without the knowledge of the students or the First Nations involved; we think they were horrific," Braker said. "These were innocent children. They were yanked from their homes. They had no parents with them at the residential school. Their diet was already bad. They were isolated and they were deprived of their language. Only after the federal government had already victimized them did it re-victimize them by subjecting them to experiments that were beyond their capacity to consent to."

In his paper, Mosby chronicled a series of experiments that came as the result of a visit in 1942 by a team of respected Canadian researchers to a number of First Nations reserves in Northern Manitoba.

There, the researchers were shocked at the poor health of residents in the remote villages, where a downturn in the trapping economy and cutbacks to the meager social assistance programs of the day had exacerbated already marginal economic conditions.

Their findings led them to speculate that what was widely thought of as the "Indian Problem" might hinge on nutrition and living conditions as opposed to race and genetics.

Their "Summary of Findings From a Nutritional Survey of Approximately Three Hundred Indians (March 15, 1942) concluded that:

*It is not unlikely that many characteristics, such as shiffliness, indolence, improvidence and inertia, so long regarded as inherent or hereditary traits in the Indian race may, at the root, be really the manifestations of malnutrition. Furthermore, it is highly probable that their great susceptibility to many diseases, paramount amongst which is tuberculosis, may be directly attributable to their high degree of malnutrition arising from lack of proper foods.*

The team proposed a one-to-two year study "on a limited number of Indians" to prove that with education and nutritional interventions, they could improve the performance standard of the aboriginal population.

But from a small study involving a small sample group, the program soon evolved



**Benson Nookemis and Debra Foxcroft speak to media on the former site of the Alberni Indian Residential School. Nookemis said the students at AIRS were always hungry. Foxcroft said her father attended the school during the nutritional experiments that have recently been revealed. He told her that the pigs and cows there ate better than the students. Foxcroft said she is very angry that her father was experimented on by government researchers.**

into a wide-ranging series of experiments that spread to residential schools across Canada, including AIRS.

Under the guise of improving health conditions for Canada's aboriginal population, scientists Dr. Frederick Tisdall, inventor of Pablum and considered Canada's leading nutritional expert, and biochemist/researcher Dr. Lionel

*"The word we use for the attitude of the scientists and the government of the time is 'racism,' plain and simple."*

**~Hugh Braker, Chief Councillor of Tseshaht**

Bradley Pett apparently decided they had a captive population of malnourished children to experiment on.

As Mosby describes it, the scientists "came to view Aboriginal bodies as 'experimental materials' and residential schools and Aboriginal communities as kinds of 'laboratories' that they could use to pursue a number of different political and professional interests."

The research teams, with assistance from the Nutrition Services Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society, and later from federal Indian Affairs, first looked at the diet of residential school students across the country.

At AIRS it was discovered that the children were lacking in vitamins A, B and C, due to the poor diet, and had the highest incidence of riboflavin deficiency of the entire test group.

Pett decided to test the effectiveness of tripling the school's daily allotment of milk, from eight ounces per day (half the recommended level in Canada's Food Rules) to 24 ounces. But first, he ordered that the existing eight-ounce daily ration be maintained for two years to establish a baseline for study.

To compound the physical insult to the vulnerable children, Pett ordered that in order to monitor the effects of vitamin deficiency on the teeth of his subjects, they were no longer to receive dental care from the visiting dentists from Indian Health Services.

Huu-ay-aht member Benson Nookemis was taken from his community in 1942 and stayed through 1947, the first year of the program. Nookemis said like many of his fellow survivors, he has blanked out some details, such as the daily diet.

"All I know is we had porridge in the mornings. Always porridge, seven days a week. Through the days, we were always hungry," he recalled.

Students were required to work in the school's vegetable garden.

"We'd get so hungry we'd steal potatoes and eat them raw. In the afternoon, they'd line us up and we'd get one slice of stale bread to hold us off till supper."

That's in stark contrast to the diet Nookemis was used to.

"We lived off the resources out on the Coast. We ate salmon, mostly, shellfish, crabs and prawns — whatever we can catch. We really enjoyed that type of food. That's what we grew up on."

Nookemis said he was fortunate in that he had relatives in the Tseshaht community on the other side of the security fence, including several students his own age.

"Once in a while we'd crawl underneath the fence and go to our relatives and have something to eat."

According to Dolly McRae, who arrived at the school in 1945, the dental care that was provided at AIRS was brutal. She was often called on to assist the visiting dentist, who formerly practiced in the army.

"I was 11, and I was tall, so it was my job to hold the kids' heads when he pulled their teeth. He didn't do fillings; he just pulled teeth. He used to ask if any of the kids cried after having them pulled, because it might mean they had 'dry socket.' Sometimes the kids cried all

## Hall of Fame induction

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Not only was Jeff a great athlete, but he also gives good advice, Frederick wrote.

Now that Frederick is involved in sports, he is grateful for his grandfather's tireless support and contributions to his team.

Jeff once drove endless hours to get Frederick to a tournament. He not only stayed at the games to cheer his grandson on, he drove him all the way back to get him home in time for school.

In recent years, Jeff supports local athletic events and is a season ticket holder to the Alberni Valley Bulldogs hockey team.

"He loves playing sports, watching sports and having fun," Frederick wrote.

night."

In 1952, Pett concluded that Canada's aboriginal people were caught in a transition where they were unable to obtain either "the fully adequate native diet" or "an adequate white man's diet." The only solution, he argued, was to expand the sort of nutritional interventions he was testing at the residential schools.

Braker now vehemently rejects the notion that the program was undertaken for the benefit of Canada's aboriginal people.

"First of all, these children in the residential schools were held captive," he said. "The word we use for the attitude of the scientists and the government of the time is 'racism,' plain and simple. The government officials of the day said that Indians were lazy, they were indolent, they didn't want to work — the fact that the statement was made in the early 1950s does not erase the fact that it's a racist statement."

Along with a meaningful apology and a complete disclosure of facts, Braker and Tseshaht are now calling on the federal government to compensate victims of the program, and to provide funding for further research into the effects of the experimentation on the students.

On July 17, Braker called on the Canadian Red Cross Society to provide a full accounting of its involvement in the experiments. Following the media conference, Ha-Shilth-Sa requested a full report, with supporting documents, from the Red Cross. As of Aug. 2, the agency was "still conducting our research, so we have nothing new to share at this time," according to Red Cross spokeswoman Celine St-Louis.

In a July 20 interview with Ha-Shilth-Sa, Mosby said according to his trail of documents, the Red Cross involvement ended with the nutrition/health assessments at the six residential schools.

Mosby said he has been horrified to hear some of the personal accounts, such as Dolly McRae's description of the "dental practices" at AIRS, that have emerged since his study was published. He points to a series of letters written by Alberni students at the urging of the researchers and sent to the federal government in 1952. On the surface, the children express thanks for the health care and education they were receiving, but underneath, the fear pulsates.

"I can only make the claims that I can make in my paper. I tried to be very careful in my wording to tell the story without making myself the story. I quote these letters at length because of that.

"It seems children talking about how much things didn't hurt but then describing all the things that were done to them is a good way to say that things did hurt."

Frederick estimates that Jeff has raised more than \$40,000 to support various tournaments.

"He is a gentleman, very dignified, a family man that is looked up to," said Ron Hamilton of Jeff.

Jeff thanked Denny Grisdale for being part of his sporting career.

"Team sports are really about building friendships," said Cook.

He recalled his younger days when his team would have to travel for tournaments, but Jeff's family was of limited means and he sometimes couldn't afford to go.

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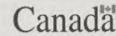
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From left to right: Gabriel Barbosa, Jayne Noel, Lynnette Lucas, Ethan Barbosa, Bernie Noel and Shayne Noel get ready to enjoy Starlight Theatre at Bob Daily Stadium on Tuesday Aug. 6.

Shannon Thompson, 8, and her brother Leland, 5, make masks before the show starts at the Starlight Theatre at Bob Daily Stadium on Aug. 6



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A meet and greet was held in the Tseshaht Administration great room on July 31.

**Job readiness program a success**

By Denise Titian  
Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

More than two dozen young people from Tseshaht First Nation are taking part in an employment skills program that will arm employable band members with the skills necessary to enter the manufacturing work force.

On July 31, participants hosted a gathering at the Tseshaht Administrative Building where they could meet with potential employers. The purpose of the meet-and-greet was to bring the students and potential employers together to allow the two sides to share information.

The Bridge to Success (BTS) program is Tseshaht First Nation's effort to address the skills shortage in the local labour force and to decrease unemployment statistics in their community.

The students shared what they've learned in the BTS program with the employers, and in return the employers talked about employment opportunities in their companies.

Kevin Somerville, General Manager at Western Forest Products, said he likes how the BTS program puts an emphasis on work safety.

Bridge to Success was launched in May 2012 in two groups, or cohorts as coordinator Nene Kraneveldt calls them.

Tseshaht First Nations teamed up with North Island College, Nuu-chah-nulth Employment Training Program and Catalyst Paper to put the program together.

The students were divided into two groups based on their levels of education and work experience.

Cohort One is set to graduate in October, while those in Cohort Two will

graduate in March 2014. The program allows students who haven't received their Grade 12 Dogwood Diploma the chance to do so. Students in Cohort One have so far earned certificates in First Aid, Fork Lift Operation, Essential Skills for the Workplace, Computer Basics, WHMIS, Hazard Recognition and Control, Fall Protection, Confined Space and Lock Out.

Matt Fred said he hoped to upgrade his skills through the BTS Program so that he

could move away from seasonal work to full-time employment.

"I want to graduate before my daughter and get my career on path," said Nathan Lucas.

The BTS was made available through funding from the Canada/British Columbia Labour market Agreement, the Ministry of Advanced Education, and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.



Tseshaht is working to address the skills shortage in the local labour force and decrease unemployment in its community.



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The newly proposed boundaries of the West Coast FSP include the Cous, Nahmint, and Sproat Landscape Units, along with portions of the Effingham, Toquart, Barkley Sound Islands, Corrigan, Sarita, Nitinat and Klanawa Landscape Units within the South Island Resource District. It also covers additional areas where BCTS retains free growing obligations.

The review and comment period is Aug. 2 to Oct. 4, 2013. Information and maps associated with the amendment can be viewed at [http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TSG/TSG\\_FSP.htm](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/bcts/areas/TSG/TSG_FSP.htm) or in person (by appointment) at the following BCTS offices:

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**Tribal Council Society goes to the polls Sept. 23**

Two candidates will vie for the position of president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council on voting day Sept. 23.

Incumbent Clifford Atleo Sr. of Ahousaht will face challenger Debra Foxcroft of Tseshaht at the polls.

The position of vice president is held currently by Kenneth Watts of Tseshaht, and facing no other for the position, the electoral officer Beryl Guerin has declared him vice president by acclamation. It is, however, important to note that a vote will be held to accept Watts as vice-president, as per the instruction of the NTC Board of Directors.

An all-candidates open forum will be held at the Best Western Barclay Inn in

Port Alberni on Sept. 22 commencing at 7 p.m. and will run until 8 p.m. Watts will be included in this Sunday evening event. Snacks will be provided and the doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The election process, according to the constitution and bylaws of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council, states that a president or vice president shall be declared elected if he or she receives 50 per cent plus one of the unspoiled votes cast by members of the tribal council society.

The first round of voting will be open for one-and-a-half hours and will begin at 9:30 in the main boardroom of the tribal council office in Port Alberni.



Ken Watts goes unchallenged, but a vote will be held to accept him for the position as vice president of the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council.



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# Ehattesah Chenehkint played host to busy Northern Region Games Aug. 2 to 5 in Zeballos

The Northern Region Games, held in Zeballos on Aug. 2 to 5, was a terrific event for young and old. Young people took part in a variety of sporting activities, both outside on the ball field and around the village of Zeballos, and in the new school. The older folks enjoyed watching the activities and visiting with their friends.

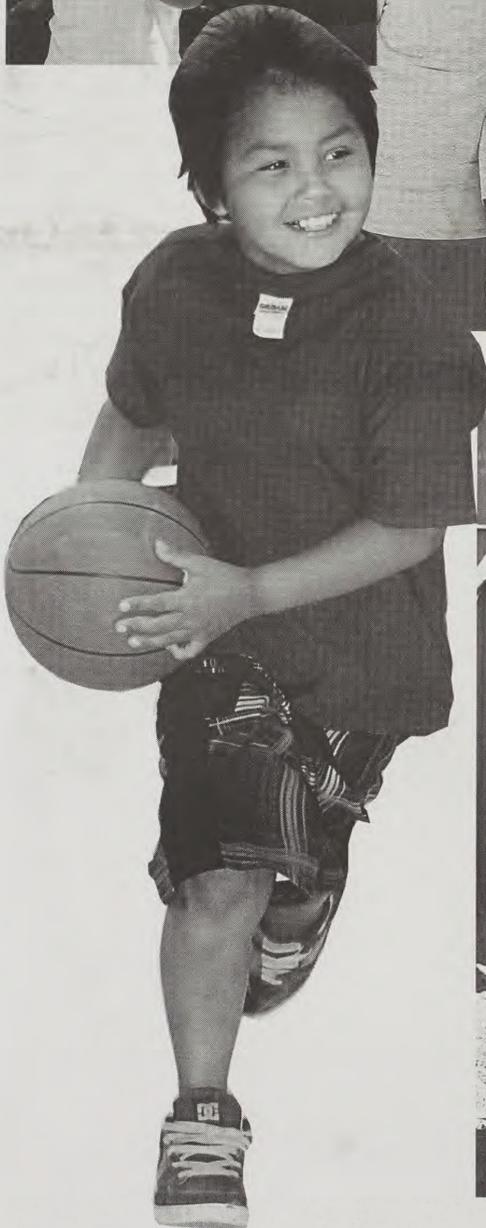
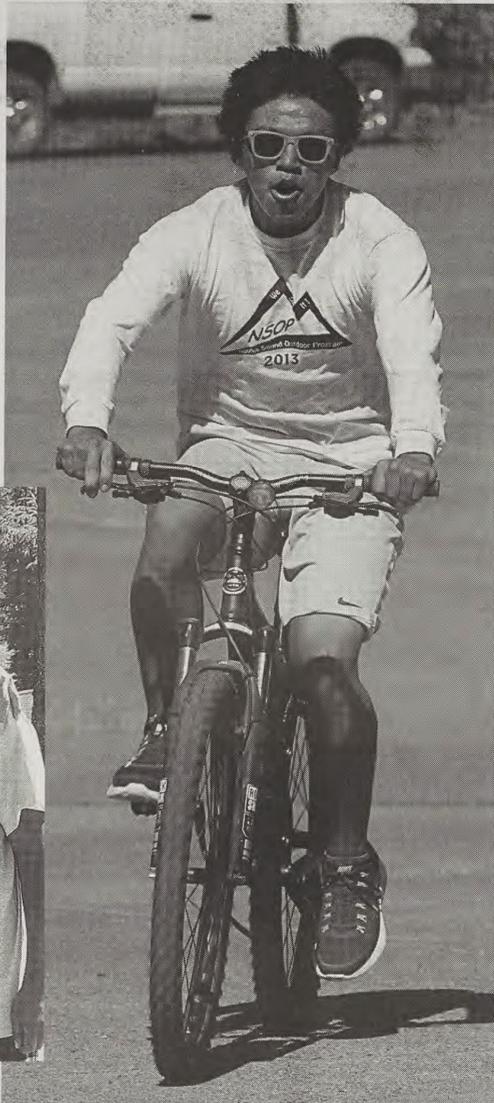
Some of the sports really tested the strength and endurance of the athletes taking part. On the first day were three ironman events, for boys, women and men.

The participants ran from the start in front of the school to the river, where they navigated the rocky

shore and bottom to cross and scramble to the top of the bank, jumped on a bike to peddle to the other side of the town near the wharf then back to the river for the cross back and then a foot race to the finish line. The boys needed only cross the river once, while the men and women crossed there and back.

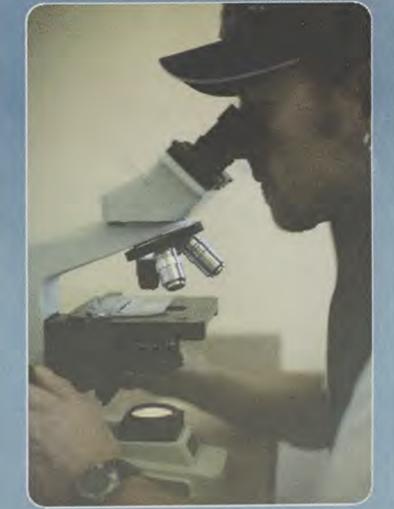
A similar test came with the triathlon. While this was a team event, in a relay style with team members each taking one leg of the run, bike, swim, bike and run event, three brothers— Archie, Brandon and Simon Frank—competed against one another taking on all components of the triathlon.

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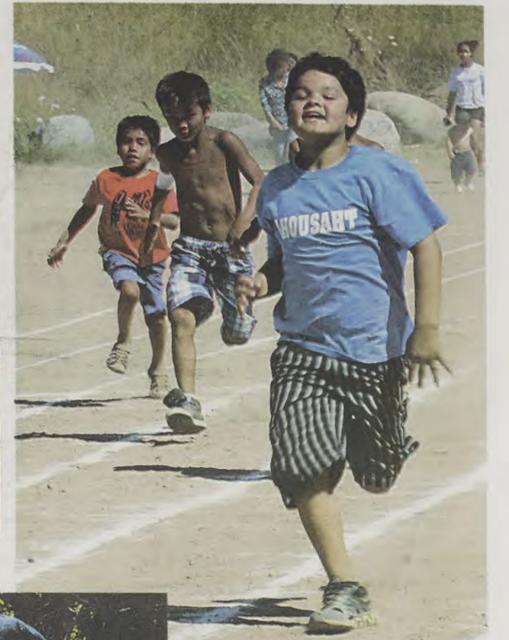
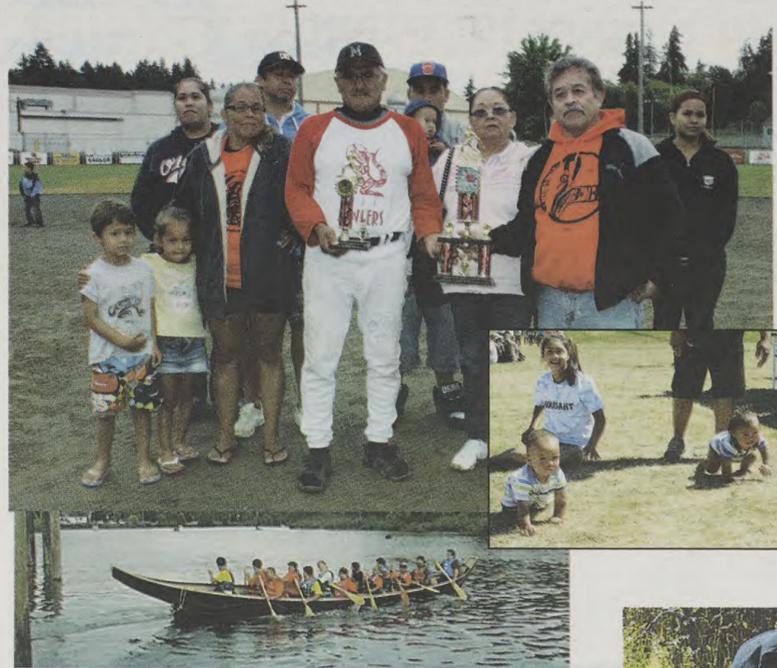
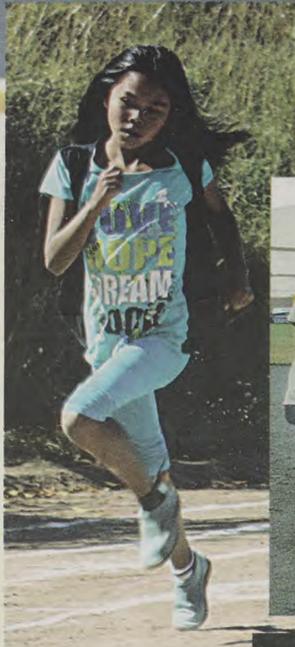
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# Friends, family travel to Yuquot for summer wedding

Renee Mitchell of K'omoks First Nation was married to Nuu-chah-nulth Ha'wilt with Jerome L. Jack of Mowachat/Muchalaht at Yuquot (Friendly Cove) on Aug. 10 in a traditional Coast Salish and Mowachat/Muchalaht ceremony. The bride was paddled to shore in a

dugout canoe by her family, and they were greeted at the beach by the groom, his family and chiefs, including Tyece Ha-wilt with Mike Maquinna. The canoe had earlier been loaded onto the Uchuck III, and delivered to the remote community, two hours to the coast by the freighter

from Gold River. Speaking on behalf of the groom was Earl Smith, who described the history of Yuquot, the birthplace of British Columbia, to the bride's family. Smith talked of the great chief Maquinna, who greeted Captain James Cook on the very beach where the Mitchells were landing. He spoke of the lineage of the groom and his links to Callicum, who died in a dispute

with the Spanish in Yuquot in 1789. Smith told the bride's family that the groom was ready for the responsibility of taking Renee as his wife, and assured them that she would be cared for and her needs would be met. Once the Mitchell family was welcomed to the territory, the festivities moved to the higher ground above the beach where each family shared their dances.



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# Wedding in Yuquot~ Aug. 10, 2013





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# Birthdays & Congratulations



I would like to wish my husband, K. Andrew Mack a very Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on Aug. 23. "Wow 10 years!"

We have been through so much these past 10 years, but most importantly we continue to build our foundation. We have been through some good times and bad, but we have managed to survive and keep on going forward.

I am thankful for friends and family who have stuck by us and who have supported us along the way and are still here with us today. I am also saddened by the friends and loved ones we have lost along the way, our memory of time with them will always be in our hearts.

We will always cherish our time spent in Ditidaht (Nitinat Lake) before and after our wedding. We gained a lot of

experience and training in the field of work we do now. We will always be grateful for that. Andrew and I miss the time spent with our family and friends in Nitinat and we thank you for the memories!

Our children have all grown to fine young adults and are working and going to school. We are proud of all of you, and we love you with all our hearts!

"I would like to thank you Andrew, for all you continue to do for us. And I look forward to the many wonderful years ahead."

Don't forget Andrew... SUCCESS, HEALTH & WEALTH! Thank you for being a part of and sharing 'The Secret' with me! Love you <3

Happy anniversary to us!  
Love from KLM



Focus on Balance, oak wood carving by Gordon Dick

## Tseshaht artist in Germany

Three years ago a wood carver, Thorsten Schutt, saw Gordon Dick carving a pole in front of his business, Ahtsik Native Art Gallery. He was excited to stop and watch Gordon carve and shared that he is an artist from Northern Germany who organizes carving symposiums every three years. After viewing the book of the pole Gordon carved to acknowledge residential school survivors, he invited Gordon to participate in the next symposium in June 2013. Thorsten only invites people he meets on his journeys to participate in the symposium.

There were six carvers, three from various parts of Germany and one from Italy, one from Turkey and Gordon from Canada. The artists had nine days to carve a public art piece that would stay in the community on permanent loan.

The logs provided were oak and various sizes. It was Gordon's first time carving an oak log. Oak is a much harder wood to carve than the traditional Red and Yellow cedar used in northwest coast art. The

carvers had nine days to complete their carving. The public art piece Gordon carved is entitled "Focus on Balance". The oak log balances on a large stone. On the right is a northwest coast star symbolizing the four directions and the four seasons.

The carving was made to remind us to focus on balance and pay attention to Mother Nature. "Everything is connected: the rain that falls, the trees that clean the air, the roots, soil and stones that filter the water. This carving just shows a small part of the cycle of all of Mother Nature's connection. The eggs as they are growing, and then maturing into a salmon. We need to keep the balance so the cycle keeps moving. If the balance is interrupted too much it will cease to exist.

Therefore, the black shows a fossilized salmon on the left of the carving. If we do not pay attention, that is all that will remain," said Gordon Dick. "It was a great opportunity to meet other artists and travel to a different part of the world."

Ahtsik Native Art Gallery hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Gallery is located at 7133A Pacific Rim Highway.

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## Birthdays & Congratulations



Just days after the Tlu-piich Games wrapped up on Aug. 11, Games Coordinator Marisa Bennett gave birth to her baby, a boy, who was born Aug. 13 weighing 8 lbs, 4 oz. Mom and baby are doing "awesome". Dad is Ian Caplette, sister is Semiah, brother is Heexal. Girl in the photo is baby's cousin Nisma Marshall. Parents are still looking for a name for the new arrival.



Photo by Christine Hintz



Happy Birthday to my Husband Mike on August 31st— have a wonderful day and enjoy — Love You Always, Carla & Brianna.



"Happy Birthday to my Little Sister Tina on August 29. You are such a great, fun, and smart sister — take a break from work and celebrate your birthday with me!" - Love You Always, Your Sister Carla.

## Community & Beyond

### All Nations Canoe Gathering Sept. 17 Vancouver

Come out to this free event and discover a significant piece of First Nations' culture. Watch as beautiful cedar dugout canoes paddle into False Creek from Kits Point to Science World and are welcomed in a traditional ceremony to Coast Salish lands. This event opens the Truth and Reconciliation Commission British Columbia National Event slated for Sept. 18 to 21 at the PNE in Vancouver.

### National Event TRC Sept. 18 to 21 Vancouver

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission will hold its British Columbia National Event at the PNE in Vancouver Sept. 18 to Sept. 21. This event is for survivors of the Indian residential schools to share their experiences by speaking their truth, by hearing from others, and by working towards healing. The national events will engage the Canadian public and provide education about the history of the residential schools system, the experience of former students and their families and the ongoing legacies of the institutions within communities. The national events will also be opportunities to celebrate regional diversity and honor those touched by residential schools.

### "A New Way Forward" Event Sept. 21 Vancouver

This is an event not to be missed! Be welcomed into the Ceremonial House, explore Aboriginal culture and multicultural celebrations of song and dance. Listen to world peace leaders and residential school survivors share their personal stories of reconciliation and witness performances by talented Canadian artists. This event will take place in downtown Vancouver. (Location tba)

### Walk for Reconciliation Sept. 22 Vancouver

Come together with people of all ages, backgrounds, faiths and cultures to walk for reconciliation. By joining the walk, you will be part of a shared commitment to create a new way forward in the relationship between aboriginal and non-aboriginal Canadians. You will be helping to bring awareness to shared histories as Canadians and demonstrate a shared understanding that will help to build resilient communities.

### Memorial for Anthony Miccy Now Oct. 12 Port Alberni

All invited to come to the Maht Mahs at 12 noon. For more info please call Les Miccy at 250-266-0148.

### Coming of Age party Oct. 16 Port Alberni

Lareina Lucas, along with her parents Steven Lucas and April Gus, will be hosting an Aitstuthla (Coming-of-age) for her daughter Lakisha. The party will be held Oct. 26 starting at noon at Maht Mahs. Lunch and dinner will be served. Everyone is welcome. For information, contact Lareina at 778-421-1411.

### Basketball Tournament Nov. 1 to 3 Ucluelet

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### Memorial Potlatch Nan Vi Johnson Feb. 22, 2014 Tsaxana, Gold River, B.C.

A memorial potlatch for late mom, grandmother, who everyone knew as Nana Violet Johnson set for Feb. 22, 2014 in Tsaxana at Wahmeesh gym. Time will be posted in future issue. For more info, please contact Shirlee Johnson. 250-283-2665 or Sam Johnson at 250-283-9264.



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## Northern Region Games



Boys Ironman participants



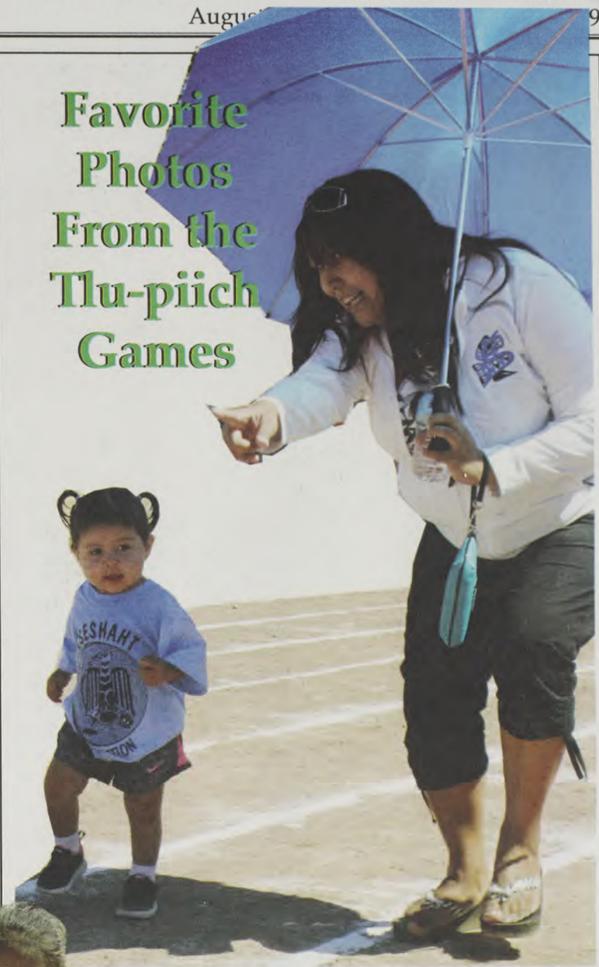
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Other highlights including tug of war, three-legged race, volleyball, basketball, stick games, and a language treasure hunt that got the elders testing 12 teams of five eager treasure hunters on their use of the Nuu-chah-nulth language. A Much Music dance was held one

evening, and to cool off on the very hot days, the participants took time just to play in the waters at the dock, which included jumping from the pier a long way down. Volunteers provided lunch and dinners for the many guests to the area. Next year's Northern Region Games will be held in Nuchatlaht.

## Favorite Photos From the Tlu-piich Games



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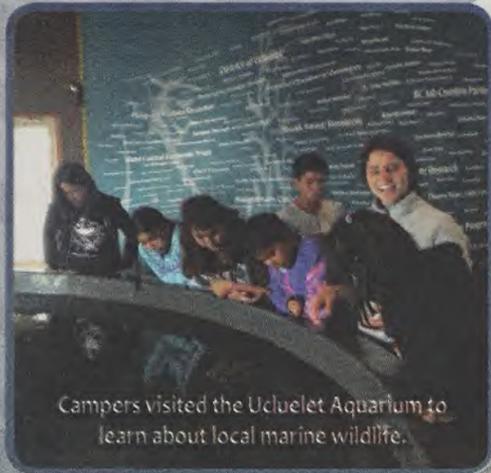
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## Uu-a-thluk Summer Program Puts Kids in Touch with Science



Campers visited the Ucluelet Aquarium to learn about local marine wildlife.

On a hot summer day in August, children gather around a basin of soapy water behind the Hupacasath House of Gathering. One by one they dip straws into the basin and carefully blow into the centre of a cube made from pipe cleaners. Presto: a colourful, six-sided bubble fills the frame, much to the delight of onlookers.

"They're making cubic bubbles," says Diane Kiss, one of the instructors of the day's activities. The bubbles are part of a weeklong science camp coordinated by the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council fisheries department.

One of six hosted in Nuu-chah-nulth territories this summer, the camp is funded by donors and organizations interested in cultivating science (particularly aquatic science) among the next generation of Nuu-chah-nulth.

Delivered through the University of Victoria's Science Venture program, the camps have been a mainstay of Uu-a-thluk summer programming for children and youth since 2006. This year Kiss, her colleague Adrienne Duimering, and Michelle Colyn of Uu-a-thluk are travelling from Port Alberni to Zeballos, with many stops in between.

The goal is to bring science to Nuu-chah-nulth communities and present subjects like chemistry, biology, and engineering in a non-threatening way. Integrating Nuu-chah-nulth science is also a priority, and elders contribute their knowledge during the camps through community partnerships.

So far the program has been very successful at attracting and holding children's attention, but making camps fun is just one piece of the puzzle.

### A Cultural Mismatch

Before hosting the first Nuu-chah-nulth science camp back in 2006, Uu-a-thluk team members surveyed parents, grandparents, and educators to find out why so few Nuu-chah-nulth people studied fisheries science at a high school or post-secondary level. The department's long term goal was (and still is) to see more Nuu-chah-nulth working in jobs related to aquatic resources. But to secure many of these jobs, job-seekers need scientific training or knowledge. At the time of the survey, those questioned talked about the lack of role models in science and the isolation of living in communities far removed from educational opportunities.

A study commissioned four years earlier by the UBC Fisheries Centre echoed these sentiments, noting that while many factors were at play, the consistent failure of Western education to incorporate aboriginal values and experiences at all levels of study was paramount.

A year later, the Canadian Council on Learning summed up the issue in their study, *The Cultural Divide in Science Education for Aboriginal Learners*: "A cultural mismatch between the values and philosophy of Western science (particularly as these are typically exemplified in the classroom) and the values and philosophy held by many Aboriginal people and communities, makes the issue of increasing Aboriginal participation in science and technology a particularly thorny one."

### Bringing Science Home

To address these challenges, Uu-a-thluk worked with Science Venture and communities to design camps that are both fun and relevant to Nuu-chah-nulth children. After eight years of programming, camps have included botany walks leading into cedar weaving; dip netting leading to discussions about invasive species; traditional food harvests and salmon dissections happening in conjunction with traditional teachings and a salmon barbecue.

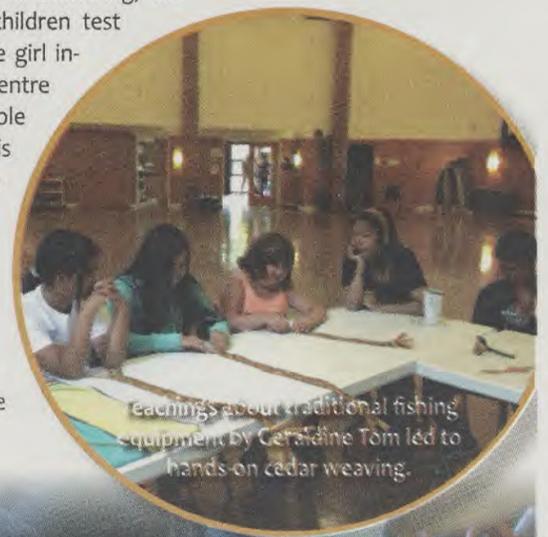
Even activities like the cubic bubbles, which may lack a traditional component, take place outside in familiar surroundings, down the street from many children's homes. For Kiss and colleague Adrienne Duimering, integrating activities within the local community and culture is key to the camps' success.

"It has been an amazing experience to be welcomed by communities," Kiss says, adding that the children have embraced the program. "One day we learned about returning bones to the water after eating the salmon. We walked down the dock all together, and when some started to throw bones in, some of the girls shouted, 'Wait, you have to do it respectfully!' And that's just one example..."

Uu-a-thluk hopes this enthusiasm will lead to increased participation in marine resource jobs down the road. Already children are returning to the camps in successive years. And with increased exposure comes increased comfort.

Back at the House of Gathering, the learning continues as children test their cubic bubbles. One girl inserts the straw into its centre and blows another bubble for double effect. This one is spherical, but no less impressive. Children gather round, rapt at the results. "Look at that!" they point, eyes wide.

Her success is infectious: now everyone wants to try.



Teachings about traditional fishing equipment by Geraldine Tom led to hands-on cedar weaving.



Campers make cubic bubbles with Science Venture instructor Adrienne Duimering (pictured right in blue).

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