



ELDERS VOICE

ATTENTION:

Elders Contact People
Please Remember To Make Copies
of The Elders Voice Each Month

For Your Elders And If You Could Also Make Copies For Your Chiefs and Councils
That Would Really Help In Keeping Everyone Up-To-Date On Elders Matters.

EV'S 106th Issue!

NUMBER OF PAID FEES IS DOWN: Please See If You Can Help

Dear Elders, Elders Workers, Presidents, Chief and Councils, & Boards
Support Invoices accompanied the Dec. issue.

Please see if you can assist with the costs for this provincial elder's office to operate
by paying the \$250 yearly support fee. If a copy of the invoice is needed please call
into the office. Thank you, Donna Stirling, BCECCS Coordinator

Godfrey Good of Gitanyow passed away July 2nd 2009. The eldest of Gitanyow. Godfrey was 93 years of age when he passed away. He has been attending the Elders Gathering since 1999. He was also registered for Elders Gathering in Terrace July 13th to the 15th. He will be missed dearly by all community members.

BIRTHDAY WISHES for month of Sept. to: Sally Holland on Sept29th on behalf her family, community, and the BC Elders Council

Happy Birthday (September) and best wishes to Donna Antoine and Dorothy Alexander. From Splatsin First Nation.

Dear Elders and FN Community Members,

I lost my camera during the Elders gathering in Terrace, if anyone has found it, I would really appreciate having it returned especially the memory card as there were over five hundred pictures in it. It is a grey Kodak Easy Share 2 650 Digital. If I get the memory card back would mean a lot, there are pictures that are irreplaceable. I phoned Terrace hoping that it was turned in to the lost and found with no luck. I am hoping that advertising it in the Elders Voice that it will be returned.

If anyone has found it I can be reached at 250 - 838 - 6496 ext. 215 Splatsin First Nation, Enderby Thanks, Ethel Thomas

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Trivia:

- A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

Easy Bakers Corner – Lemon Shortbread Sandwich Cookies

Preheat oven to 300°F. Combine 2 cups all purpose flour, 1 cup corn starch, 1 cup icing sugar, sifted and 2 Tbsp. of grated lemon zest in a large bowl. Blend in 1 1/2 cups of softened butter with a wooden spoon then kneads dough with hands until soft, smooth dough forms.

Roll dough out on lightly floured surface to 1/8" thick. Cut with 2" round cutter. Place on ungreased baking sheet.

Bake in center of pre-heated oven for 10-15 minutes or until edges are just starting to brown. Cool 10 minutes on sheet then remove and cool completely on rack.

Spread about 1 tsp. of your favorite flavor of jam on bottom of half the cookies and place another cookie on top. Enjoy!

JOKE

"An 84 year old man went to the doctor for a physical. A few days later the doctor saw him walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. The next time the doctor saw him he asked how he was doing.

"Great," said the old guy. "I did just what you told me. 'Get a hot momma and be cheerful.' "

"I didn't say that," said the doctor. "I said, 'You've got a heart murmur. Be careful!' From www.jokeclean.com

HANDY TIPS: Coffee Filters...

1. Do you think we used expensive strips to wax eyebrows? Use strips of coffee filters.
2. Weigh chopped foods. Place chopped ingredients in a coffee filter on a kitchen scale.
3. Prevent a Popsicle from dripping. Poke one or two holes as needed in a coffee filter.
4. Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods.

What Can you please share?

The following is a short list of Elders suggestions of what might be shared: Your local Newsletters/Upcoming Local Events/Prayers/Poems/Quotes/Comments/Storytelling/Drawings/Articles of Interest/Native Songs Lyrics/Wellness Seminars/Obituaries/Birthday Wishes, etc. Submissions are best forwarded to me via email by the 15th of the preceding month. If you are interested in providing articles, please do so, I look forward to hearing from anyone who wants to contribute to the content of your newsletter. Gilakasla, Donna Stirling

‘PRESERVING THE PAST’

New Elder’s Website: www.bcelders.com

The *First Ever* Elder’s Website “Preserving the Past” is now online (as of Sept. 2002). Registration forms, booth forms, maps of the host territory, accommodation information, etc. concerning the Annual Elders Gatherings are available each year on the BC Elders Communication Center Society’s website www.bcelders.com as soon as they are made available from each new host community.

Issues of your Elders Voice Newsletter are also posted on the website each month, though all issues still continue to be mailed out to your Elder’s Contact People throughout the province (to ensure that no one is left out because of a lack of access to the internet).

Comments? Please feel free to call in to the Communication Center - contact info is on the back page.

Disclaimer:

Health articles, etc. are provided as a courtesy and neither the BC Elders Communication Center Society’s Board/ Members or anyone working on its behalf mean this information to be used to replace your doctor’s and other professional’s advice. You should contact your family physician or health care worker for all health care matters. Information is provided in the Elders Voice for your reference only. And opinions contained in this publication are not those of Donna Stirling, Coordinator unless her name appears below the material.

BC ELDERS COMMUNICATION CENTER SOCIETY

9th Year GRATITUDE LIST

**Groups who have thankfully paid their \$250 'Yearly Support Fee'
so far for the Dec. 2009 – Nov. 2010 Year**

1. Snuneymuxw First Nation
2. Ts'kw'aylaxw Elders
3. Hamatla Treaty Society
4. BC Assoc. of Aboriginal Friendship Centres
5. Mamalilikulla Qwe'Qwa'Sot'Em Band
6. Tansi Friendship Centre Society
7. Gitanyow Health Services
8. Qualicum First Nation Council
9. Tsleil-Waututh Nation
10. Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council
11. Lower Nicola Indian Band
12. K'omoks First Nation
13. McLeod Lake Tse'khene Elders Society
14. Hailika'as Heiltsuk Health Centre
15. Quatsino Band
16. Wei Wai Kum First Nation
17. Ehattesaht Tribe
18. Tobacco Plains Indian Band
19. Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation
20. Ktunaxa Nation Council
21. Xaxli'p Band
22. Tsawwassen First Nation
23. Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society
24. Simpew First Nation
25. Hesquiaht First Nation
26. Squiala First Nation
27. Lower Kootenay Band
28. Bridge River Indian Band
29. BC Transmission Corporation
30. Blueberry River First Nation
31. Carnegie Community Centre
32. Osoyoos Indian Band
33. Tl'azt'en Nation
34. Da'naxda'xw First Nation
35. Kermode Friendship Society
36. BCAFN
37. Cowichan Elders
38. UBCIC
39. Indian Residential School Survivors Society
40. Wet'suwet'en First Nation
41. Doig River First Nation
42. Cook's Ferry Indian Band
43. Akisqnuq First Nation
44. Mt. Currie Band Council
45. Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
46. Kwadacha Band
47. Wui'kinuxv Nation
48. First Nation Summit Society
49. Adams Lake Indian Band
50. Kamloops Indian Band
51. Gitwangak Education Society
52. Sumas First Nation
53. Kaien Island First Nation Elders
54. Gitsegukla Band Council
55. Uchucklesaht Band Council
56. Douglas Band
57. Musquem Indian Band
58. T'It'Qet Elders Council
59. Gingolx Elders
60. Skw'lax Elders Group
61. Spallumcheen Indian Band
62. Ka:'Yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' Nation
63. Chehalis Indian Band
64. In-SHUCK-ch Nation
65. Nicomen Indian Band
66. Homalco Indian Band
67. Old Massett Village Council
68. Lytton First Nation
69. New Aiyansh Village Government
70. Pacheedaht First Nation
71. Nuxalk Nation
72. Sechelt Indian Band
73. Upper Nicola Indian Band
74. We Wai Kai Nation

STATEMENT

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Office of the Premier

PREMIER'S STATEMENT ON PASSING OF CHIEF VIOLA WYSE

VANCOUVER – Premier Gordon Campbell issued the following statement today on the passing of Chief Viola Wyse of the Snuneymuxw First Nation:

“The Snuneymuxw First Nation and all of British Columbia are mourning the loss of a strong and passionate leader with the passing of Chief Viola Wyse.

“Chief Wyse worked to forge strong partnerships with the community and other levels of government. She advanced initiatives to create economic opportunity for the Snuneymuxw and to improve the health, environment and well-being of those she represented.

“As the first female chief in the history of the Snuneymuxw, Chief Wyse was a trailblazer. Through her tireless dedication to her people, she leaves a legacy of accomplishment that will echo for years to come throughout the region. Initiatives like the unprecedented collaborative management of Newcastle Island Marine Provincial Park were only possible because of the commitment and vision of leaders like Chief Wyse.

“Chief Wyse will be missed by many, and I join members of the Snuneymuxw and others in honouring her memory and her accomplishments.”

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Viola Wyse Aug. 29, 1947 -- Aug. 17, 2009

By Derek Spalding, Daily News August 19, 2009

The unexpected death of Snuneymuxw First Nation chief Viola Wyse rocked the small oceanside reserve Monday, leaving band councillors, family and friends mourning the loss of a leader who had accomplished more for her people in one political term than others had done in their lifetimes.

At 61, Wyse suffered from a brain aneurysm and collapsed in her home on the No. 1 reserve. Later that same day she laid nearly lifeless in a hospital bed until family members decided to pull her unresponsive body off life support. The political trailblazer and loving mother leaves behind an unparalleled legacy that may never be matched.

Wyse was expected to win a second term in office after the upcoming election in December. Her vision for the Snuneymuxw people began to take shape after she was elected to council in 2002, but accelerated tremendously when she became chief in 2006.

Wyse hired the right experts and support staff she needed to lobby all levels of government and their convoluted bureaucratic structures to obtain what appeared to be impossible for so many decades. Under her watch, the Snuneymuxw earned funding for new homes, as well as water and sewer infrastructure, increasing the standard of living for all her people.

All the while, she remained a rock within her immediate and extended family by always going the extra mile to make sure everyone had the support they needed to succeed.

Councillors say they can never replace this impeccable leader, but they have already agreed to carry on Wyse's vision, no matter who replaces her.

They will wait until after the funeral services later this week before deciding whether or not to select an interim leader before the next election, but they want to move forward with the same tenacity and vigour that Wyse brought to work with her every day.

"What she accomplished in three years is astounding," said councillor Doug White. "She had the ability to go places other people couldn't go. We will carry on with her vision, but anything we accomplish after this will be part of her legacy because of the work she has done here."

She understood politics, but she also knew the importance of family. Wyse selflessly put herself short when relatives needed help, particularly for her younger sister Doris Bonomo, who considered Wyse a mother figure as well as a sibling. The two grew up with their three brothers on the We Wai kum First Nation Reserve near Campbell River, where they started from humble beginnings and had to go on without their parents at a young age.

Wyse was 11 and Bonomo 10 when their mother died of breast cancer. Five years later the family lost their father, who had a severe internal ulcer and died in his sleep. The children lived with various relatives, most of them separated, but always stayed in touch on the small reserve. Wyse lived with her aunt Grace Pollard, but always made sure to watch out for her younger sister.

Taking on a maternal role, Wyse would track her sister when she was skipping classes and she would offered guidance whenever problems arose, a practise that continued well into adulthood.

"I feel like I lost my mother, my sister and my best friend," Bonomo said over the telephone from her home in Henderson, Nev. "Whenever I had something come up, she sheltered me. She was just always there. Even later in life, when I struggled with things, she would always say: 'You can come home. I will send you money to come home.' Any obstacle in my life, Viola would fix it or give me suggestions about what to do and how to handle it."

The two sisters share the same birthday, just one year apart. They finished high school and both attended Nanaimo Vocational School. Wyse completed her accounting program one year ahead of her sister and could have taken a job on her uncle's fishing boat, which was a lucrative industry in the 1960s, but the eager graduate had other plans. She took a job at the Snuneymuxw band office, located at the time, in the post office downtown.

"She's been doing similar work ever since," Bonomo said.

"She dedicated her life to the Indian people, especially the people in Nanaimo. She took care of her family, her people, she took care of everybody."

Wyse's administrative position led to a well of knowledge and experience she later used to navigate the bogged-down bureaucratic systems of government that every First Nations group in the country has struggled with for decades.

She went on to work for the Department of Indian Affairs by the early 1970s and held her position in the department's Land and Trust field office in Nanaimo for 20 years, until it was moved to Vancouver in 1994. Wyse rejoined the Snuneymuxw band office the following year and worked tirelessly through to 2001 when she took a similar position in the Chemainus First Nation band office. Wyse eventually made the leap into politics when she became councillor after winning in the 2002 election.

She gave up her seat after her four-year term and decided to run for chief. Fellow councillors and family encouraged the decision and rooted for her in what would prove to be a close race between her and incumbent chief John Wesley. In the end, she made history by becoming the first woman to hold the position, earning 169 of the 436 valid votes. Wesley picked up 134, much higher than that of the two other candidates Richard White (70) and Gary Manson (59).

This unprecedented accomplishment in the Snuneymuxw history broke ground for other women to follow. But with this huge feat behind her, the admittedly media-shy Wyse immediately looked ahead to forging new relationships with the "white" world that surrounded her community and occupied her people's traditional territory.

"Viola was really able to walk in both worlds and she had this ability to bridge both sides," said Jean Crowder, NDP MP for Nanaimo-Cowichan.

Wyse's vision took shape once she became chief. Her accomplishments in just more than three years may never be matched and her fellow councillors give her credit for building a template that will benefit the Snuneymuxw people for decades to come.

Before signing the protocol agreement with the City of Nanaimo, band council members and municipal politicians could barely sit in the same room as one another, according to Snuneymuxw councillor Bill Yoachim. Working closely with former chief Wesley, Wyse helped push for signatures on a document that would set the tone for service agreements, the protection of culturally sensitive sites, and enhancing the economic and environmental status of the Nanaimo area.

More importantly, however, it was a blueprint for similar arrangements with other governments. Next came an inked deal with the Nanaimo Port Authority in 2007, then another with the Island Trust in 2008 and finally an agreement with the Regional District of Nanaimo earlier this year. These documents adorn the walls of council's board room and send a strong message to the provincial and federal government: The Snuneymuxw First Nation is serious and organized.

Such agreements are fundamental when applying for more infrastructure and housing funding. Under Wyse's watch, the Snuneymuxw built 39 new homes and signed deals to add more water and sewer infrastructure on the three reserves in Cedar. Plus, the federal government has agreed to build a 32-unit subdivision on the No. 4 Indian Reserve.

No other chief has accomplished as much as Wyse. She had a motto of transparency within her government, often saying that "no one's going to be left in the dark," according to Yoachim. Wyse fought for her people and made sure that the Snuneymuxw had a say about the activity taking place on their traditional land.

"The chief always said that there is so much happening in our territory and the days of the Snuneymuxw being lost in the dust are a thing of the past," Yoachim said.

"She demanded that we be included in the development of our territory and that agreement demonstrated that."

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TRIBUTES

B.C. PREMIER GORDON CAMPBELL:

"As the first female chief in the history of the Snuneymuxw, Chief Wyse was a trailblazer. Through her tireless dedication to her people, she leaves a legacy of accomplishment that will echo for years to come throughout the region."

NANAIMO MLA LEONARD KROG:

"Her passing is more than just a great loss to the Snuneymuxw it is a great loss to the entire Nanaimo community. I'm shocked and quite speechless. She was far too young to die. I can only hope that her successor at the Snuneymuxw demonstrates as much integrity and leaves as lasting a legacy as Viola has."

PARKSVILLE-QUALICUM MLA RON CANTELON:

"Chief Wyse was a determined and visionary leader of Snuneymuxw First Nations. I will miss her quiet sincerity and good humour."

NANAIMO-COWICHAN MP JEAN CROWDER:

"I'm in complete shock. It's an enormous loss for Snuneymuxw, the city and for B.C. politics in general. Viola was really able to walk in both worlds and she had this ability to bridge both sides, which I think will be hugely missed."

VIU PRESIDENT RALPH NILSON:

"Chief Wyse's contribution to the success of VIU's First Nation programs is immeasurable. She was a constant supporter of the evolution of our institution and a strong advocate for post-secondary education"

THE LEGACY OF VIOLA WYSE

Signed protocol agreements with the Regional District of Nanaimo, the Nanaimo Port Authority and the Island Trust. She also helped create the ground-breaking agreement with the City of Nanaimo.

Created 39 new housing units on reserve land in just her one term in office, while obtaining funding to improve other homes. Before this construction, the band went 16 years without a new house.

Partnered with the city and B.C. government for management of Newcastle Island.

Implemented the economic development corporation board, which was key to working out a deal for the Sandstone development, a 294-hectare community that will provide 2,400 homes and commercial space just south of Nanaimo.

Reached a deal with the federal government to build water and sewer infrastructure for Indian Reserves 2, 3 and 4.

This will lead to a subdivision and give the band increased housing.

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TERRACE STANDARD

Elders gathering goes 'green'

By Molly McNulty - Terrace Standard

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THE 33RD annual Aboriginal Elders Gathering won't leave much of an environmental footprint this year, as the food was served on Tater Ware, a biodegradable product made from potatoes.

Instead of the usual plastic or polystyrene (Styrofoam), the food committee in charge of the gathering, which took place July 13 to 15 here, chose to take the environmental route, using only Tater Ware for all three days of food service.

Debbie Azak, a member of the food committee, said that with the number of people attending the gathering, they wanted to reduce their amount of waste.

In fact, they expected around 3,000 attendees, with food services five times a day: breakfast, lunch and dinner plus two snacks for three days.

"We didn't want to go with Styrofoam, it's too much to spend and to then throw it into the earth...it's a lot of waste," said Azak.

So all of the plates, bowls, juice cups, napkins, cutlery and garbage bags were made of potatoes and will all break down into the earth afterward.

The company that makes Tater Ware is based out of Bend, Oregon in the United States. According to its website, how fast it breaks down depends on the type of product but in general, when combined with heat and moisture, the products decompose between 35 to 100 days. Helen Martinot of M&M Supplies put the large order through for the committee and said that she's been supplying Tater Ware for Northwest Community College since around March.

Azak said the potato-made products were the more expensive route compared to Styrofoam, costing around \$18,000, but added that it's worth the cost knowing that it will decompose.

Campbell River Mirror

Aboriginal elders gather down Island

By Black Press - Campbell River Mirror

Published: July 30, 2009 3:00 PM

In a throwback to ancient aboriginal tradition, hundreds of elders gathered in Duncan Tuesday to look at the year ahead.

The full-day gathering doubled as the first annual general meeting for the O'opthut Sul'hween (Gathering of Elders) Society, which spans the Coast Salish, Kwakwaka'wakw and Nuu-chal-nuth nations.

"We wanted our elders to get together," said Nanoose First Nation Chief David Bob. "So we found a way to make it happen."

Bob and a group of other co-ordinators took care of the necessary paperwork, but now that the society is up and running the reins are fully in the elders' hands.

"This is run by the elders, for the elders," Bob explained.

The society aims to raise funds for regular elders' luncheons, held in locations across the island as well as some coastal communities,

These luncheons mean elders can regularly get together and ensure the preservation of tradition, culture, language and more.

"Our elders are our teachers — we know only a quarter of what they know because of their life experiences," said Bob. "A lot of people talk about education, but there are life stories and experiences the elders have gone through in their lives that you won't learn in school — and they teach you that."

The society also aims to alleviate poverty amongst First Nations elders through housing initiatives and more in the long-term.

After all, said Bob, the elders are pillars in First Nations' communities.

"And one of the things the elders have said is they're tired of being used — they feel like they're tokens," he said.

"You invite them to a meeting to say a prayer, then you stuff them in a corner, invite them out again to bless the food then stick them back in the corner before you invite them back out at the end of the meeting."

That certainly wasn't the case Tuesday when elders met at the Si'em Lelum fields for what Bob called a "historic gathering."

Nachapa, an elder with ties to both the Coast Salish and Nuu-chal-nuth nations, agreed.

"Historically we had many meetings where the elders got together to find common ground for the coming year," he said.

Discussions centred on matters like marriage and trading, as well as the distribution of resources like salmon, berries, furs and more.

Tuesday's event, meanwhile, included whatever the elders wanted it to.

"The only thing we're focusing on is the comfort of the elders," said Bob.

"It's for them. I've found in the past when you just let the elders get together, if someone decides they want to, say, get up and sing, they'll get up and sing. We don't rush our elders. We don't tell our elders they have to follow an agenda. This is for them."

Freom www.bclocalnews.com

Re: Report of the 33rd Annual BC Elders Gathering

Dear Elders and First Nations Community Members,

Our group, the Port Alberni Friendship Center Elders' Committee, arrived at the Terrace Sportsplex on July 12, 2009 in the afternoon, to pick up our kits and name tags. We picked up our kits and tags with no problem. We stayed and enjoyed the entertainment for a time then went back to our rooms as it had been a long day of travel.

The next day, we arrived early for breakfast. (Our group never went hungry for the next three days. Water, juice and snacks were always available.) We visited with other groups, exchanged stories, we had a lot of opportunities to see how other first nations elders fit in with BC communities, off and on reserve. We have a common concern about our young people. We want them to be safe and healthy. We also met with many people with the "*BC Elders Council*" vests. It was an instant invitation to talk to one another. We also exchanged business card. All were friendly and were having a good time.

The Nisga'a made presentations throughout the day regarding their Treaty and Government. They profiled the four Nisga'a communities. We learned a lot about Nisga'a history and culture, the Past, Now and the Future. The Nisga'a Council of Elders has a very important role to "nurture our way of life" where language and culture are the foundation of the Nisga'a identity.

The food at the Welcome Banquet was scrumptious. Gifts were given to the Elders. We loved the mass band (all the bands from the four Nisga'a communities), who played while we were eating.

Our group agrees that the Nisga'a Nation dance group's performance was the highlight of the 2009 Gathering. Very uplifting. We ended the evening with a good feeling.

We learned about diabetes and how it could affect your heart health. Also on the Agenda was "Smoking Cessation". A couple of our Elders went on a six-hour tour of three Nisga'a villages. The highlight was a visit to the Carving Shed in Greenville where several poles were being cared. The carver explained the history of the poles. The carvers were very hospitable; there was an atmosphere of creativity and good spirits in the carving shed.

On the second evening, was talent night. There was a variety of entertainment. Three young girls gave an awesome performance. I'm sure we'll be seeing more of them in the future.

On the final day, a profile of the Urban Nisga'a locals was presented, Prince Rupert, Terrace and Vancouver.

Our feelings were mixed on that final day. We want to be with our families back home, but what we have experienced in the last three day will be with us for many days to come. The theme of this gathering was "One heart, One path, One Nation", a very good description of the feeling of the Elders. We have the same concerns, dreams and hopes.

Sincerely,

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Port Alberni Friendship Center

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Attention: Assignment Editor, City Editor, Health/Medical Editor, News Editor, Government/Political Affairs Editor

Aboriginal Man Dies in Broad Daylight

Aboriginal Man Dies in Busy City Park on Hottest Day in Vancouver History and Not One Person Stopped to Help

Vancouver, BC, MEDIA RELEASE, Aug.14 /CCNMatthews/ - On Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at 9:00 am, an Aboriginal man was spotted and appeared to be sleeping by Eric Schweig (renowned Aboriginal actor) in Grandview Park. At 4pm on the same day, Eric was again walking by and noticed the same man was lying in the same position but was in obvious physical distress (convulsing). This was the hottest day in Vancouver history, so the heat was very intense. When Eric checked on the man (later identified as Curtis Brick) he was convulsing and did not look in good shape. Eric immediately called 911 and one of our Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services outreach workers to attend. Jennifer (VATJSS employee) attended and they began wetting Curtis down with cold water until 45 minutes later help came.

During the waiting time, Eric was able to get out of the man, his name and that he had drunken alcohol earlier that day. The fire truck was first on scene, two fireman jumped out of the truck, Eric began to explain his condition and that Curtis had taken had nodded that he had drunken l earlier that day and Eric told the fireman that he thinks it maybe Lysol, the fireman than commented toward Curtis, "that's what you get for drinking Lysol" Eric than proceeded to explain that people are addicted to Lysol for various reasons. The other fireman proceeded to walk up to Curtis and with his foot pushed Curtis leg and told him to "Get up!"

There was no response from Curtis because he was convulsing, they attempted to hollar at him, trying to wake him up, no response, and two minutes later the ambulance attended and came on scene (47 minutes from first call and two calls to 911 later). They again were attempting to wake him up and they couldn't so they put an oxygen mask on Curtis but the VATJSS employee (Jen) said "they put it on so rough that they caused his nose to bleed profusely! It was horrible". They loaded him onto the stretcher, put him into the Ambulance, another witness (homeless client of VATJSS) said "they didn't even work on him, the lights were all off in the ambulance, they close the door and just drove off, no lights. Two days later VATJSS Jennifer and actor Eric Schweig were contacted by VPD Homicide Squad detective Will Cho (Detective 1800) and questioned.

Eric Schweig statement was that it was like it was from a twisted movie plot, here are children playing, hippies playing love songs (50 yards away), people laughing and playing in the water park, business all around, and here was Curtis Brick waiting for someone to care enough to help him as he dies. This stuff only happens in the Desert, not on Commercial Drive with a park full of people, unless you're a homeless ABORIGINAL man".

Facts

- * At this point we know that Curtis Brick was in need of help for approximately 6-8 hours in Grandview Park (Britannia Park Commercial Drive) and nobody assisted him
- * We know that on this day, it was the hottest day in Vancouver history and the park was full
- * We know that Curtis slowly died in the park not more than a 100 yards from the Grandview-Woodland policing Centre

- * Curtis died less than 50 feet from a water park (where Eric and Jennifer wet the towels trying to save Curtis life)
- * We don't know what happen to Curtis after he was taken away in the Ambulance, did they treat him better once they got to the hospital? Or did they leave him in the hall to wait his turn?
- * Why did for 6-8 hours people in the park walked right by Curtis? Even when he was in distress.
- * When help arrived they treated him horribly and commented to him that he deserved this

I have contacted Kat Norris who is one of our respected Advocates/organizers in our Aboriginal Community in Vancouver. A gathering organized by Kat Norris will be taking place at Grandview Park, to bring awareness to this horrible tragedy. We are inviting all Aboriginal leaders, we have invited the mayor, media and our community at large to mourn his death, bring awareness about his death and to hold everyone accountable that should have helped and treated Curtis Brick with the respect that he and all Aboriginal people deserve. We having been trying to locate Curtis Brick family, we are certain that they have not been provided the full story of what happen to their loved one, please forward the family to Vancouver Aboriginal Transformative Justice Services tel (604) 251-7200 or Cell (604) 340-6197.

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UBCIC Calls for Complete Closure of Sports Fishery On Fraser River

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Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, President of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs (UBCIC) stated today "We are horrified that an altercation between sports fishers and Aboriginal driftnet fishers quickly escalated to the point where one aboriginal fisher, Chief Willie Charlie, was shot in the face by a pellet gun. It is abundantly clear that tensions on the Fraser River are rising to dangerous levels."

Grand Chief Phillip stated "The Union of BC Indian Chiefs fully supports the Sto:lo's call for an emergency meeting with DFO, RCMP and First Nations. Furthermore, to ensure the safety of all, DFO should close the sports fishery on the Fraser when First Nations exercise their constitutionally-enshrined and judicially recognized right to fish."

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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EDUCATION SERIES

AUTUMN 2009

RAVEN SONG COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE **ADDICTION SERVICES**

2450 ONTARIO STREET
(at East 8th Avenue)

No registration / No charge
Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The Education Series, a community service of Vancouver Coastal Health, includes videos, lectures and discussions dealing with alcohol and other drugs. The Series was developed for clients, potential clients, concerned family members or friends, interested community members, and professionals

For more information call 604-709-6530

Session 1	Pleasure To problems Understanding abuse, dependency and development of addiction.	September 22	November 10
Session 2	Chemicals & The Body How body systems are affected by alcohol and other drugs.	September 29	November 17
Session 3	Turning It Around The Recovery Process. What is treatment? Relapse prevention.	October 6	November 24
Session 4	Families & Substance Abuse Family dynamics where addiction is a problem.	October 13	December 1
Session 5	Helping Others What we can do if our child, partner or friend has a substance abuse problem.	October 20	December 8
Session 6	Harm Reduction & Social Policy How our alcohol and drug use is affected by the society we live in.	October 27	December 15



August 7, 2009

Opportunity to Participate in an Artisan Village

To interested Aboriginal artists and artisans:

The Four Host First Nations (FHFN), in partnership with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC), have set a goal of unprecedented Aboriginal participation during the Games by focusing on five key areas of interest, including economic development and cultural involvement. All of the existing programs and opportunities for Aboriginal participation in the Games were created jointly by VANOC and the FHFN, and include:

- Aboriginal Licensing and Merchandising Program
- Aboriginal Procurement Strategy
- Aboriginal Recruitment Strategy
- Aboriginal Participation in the Cultural Olympiad
- Venues Aboriginal Arts Program

To enhance economic development and cultural showcase opportunities provided by the Games, the FHFN, in partnership with VANOC, the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and Métis Nation of Canada/Métis Nation of BC, have developed a Games-time Aboriginal Artisan Village and Business Showcase program.

The FHFN, in partnership with VANOC, is seeking experienced and talented Canadian Aboriginal artists and artisans interested in participating in the Artisan Village and Business Showcase. This program will include First Nations, Inuit and Métis artists and artisans from a variety of professional levels, backgrounds and styles.

Through an evaluation process, pre-qualified artists and artisans will have the opportunity to display and sell artwork, products and services that will play a role in creating a lasting impression of Games experience for millions of people worldwide. The Artisan Village and Business Showcase will be seen by thousands of visitors during the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games which run from February 12 to February 28, 2010. Through this program, the FHFN, will:

- Provide opportunities for Aboriginal artists and artisans to share their traditional art and culture with the world, by displaying and selling authentic Aboriginal products.
- Showcase the diversity of Aboriginal peoples of Canada to the world.
- Help support the Vancouver 2010 Aboriginal Youth Legacy Fund — a fund created by VANOC and the FHFN to support sport, culture, sustainability and education initiatives for First Nations, Inuit and Métis youth, Canada-wide.

Each successful proponent will have a booth set up in typical trade booth configuration which includes draping and piping, a table and two chairs, and a standard booth size of approximately 8' x 8'. The fee schedule for a booth is located on page 6 of this document. Proceeds from the booth fees go towards the Vancouver 2010 Aboriginal Youth Legacy Fund. The Artisan Village and Business Showcase hours are noon to 9:00 pm daily from February 10 to 28, 2010 (subject to change). Successful artists and artisans will be notified of the specific dates when booth space will be available as we will be allocating booths on a rotating basis. The number of days and specific dates of artists/artisans participation will be announced after the evaluation process has been completed.

If you are interested in being considered for the program, please complete the enclosed artist credentials application in full (including all requirements outlined in the application) and submit it **no later than September 30, 2009**. Please describe the items you wish to showcase and sell as these will be the items evaluated for acceptance into the program. No additional items/products will be considered for acceptance into the program after the evaluation has taken place. Please only provide the requested information.

Successful artists and artisans will be solely responsible for their own travel and accommodations if they intend to be in attendance at the Artisan Village and Business Showcase. Successful proponents will also be required to provide confirmation of travel arrangements along with booth fees to FHFN by October 30, 2009. Confirmation is to be in the form of receipts, paid invoices and/or letters.

Completed applications are to be sent by hand, e-mail or fax to:
Rosi Niedermayer
Director, International Business, Economic Development, and Sustainability
FHFN
610 – 100 Park Royal
West Vancouver, BC V7T 1A2
E-mail: rosi.fourhostfirstnations@gmail.com
Fax: 604-913-1815

Applications will be reviewed by a qualified evaluation panel, including representation from our Aboriginal partners. The selected artists and artisans will be invited to participate in the Aboriginal Artisan Village and Business Showcase.

If you have any questions about the program, please contact Rosi Niedermayer at the contact information above.

We look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,



Tewanee Joseph
Chief Executive Officer
Four Host First Nations Society

Vancouver 2010 Artisan Village and Business Showcase

Aboriginal Artist/Artisan Credentials

Artist name			
Contact person (if different from artist)			
E-mail			
Phone number (including area code)		Fax number	
Mailing address			

Requirements Checklist

- Member's card or other documentation
- Three references (names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail)
- Ten images of your product(s) – preferably digital
- Signed Supplier Database Release Form

Proof of Aboriginal Ancestry: for example, a copy of your status card, Métis card that is reaffirmed by the Métis Nation; Inuit beneficiary card issued by a regional lands claims organization; or legal proof in the form of a registered Band Council Resolution.			
Four Host First Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> Lil'wat <input type="checkbox"/> Musqueam <input type="checkbox"/> Squamish <input type="checkbox"/> Tsleil-Waututh		
Aboriginal ancestry: <input type="checkbox"/> Status First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Status First Nation <input type="checkbox"/> Métis <input type="checkbox"/> Inuit	Nation (for example, Cree, Ojibway)		
	Name of reserve(s)	Province/ Territory	Membership number
	Name of Métis association	Province/ Territory	Nation card number
	Name of land claim organization	Province/ Territory	Membership number

References

1) Name _____
E-mail _____
Phone number _____
Mailing address _____

2) Name _____
E-mail _____
Phone number _____
Mailing address _____

3) Name _____
E-mail _____
Phone number _____
Mailing address _____

Product Description Form

The following list provides examples of the types of authentic Aboriginal (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) products that the FHFN is interested in showcasing in the Artisan Village:

- carvings
- drums
- paddles
- dream catchers
- traditional crafts
- bentwood boxes
- prints
- traditional clothing
- plaques
- products specific to your community/culture (excluding food products)

All successful proponents will be required to enter into a service agreement with the FHFN outlining the products agreed upon to be sold along with other requirements as per a standard service agreement.

Product(s) description (including pricing) *Please describe only the items you wish to showcase as these will be the items evaluated for acceptance into the program. No additional items/products can be sold after the selection process has taken place.*

Please feel free to submit the description on a separate document.

Availability

Please indicate below your availability to attend the program. (Note: this will not be criteria in the selection process)

Fee Schedule

Number of Days	Main Venue
<input type="checkbox"/> 1–3 days	\$300.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 4–6 days	\$500.00

Important: All successful proponents will be responsible for their own travel, accommodation and meals. (Confirmation of travel arrangements will be required by October 30, 2009 in the form of documentation, receipts and/or letters.)

Supplier Registry Information and Opt-Out Option

VANOC is committed to showcasing and sharing extraordinary talent with the world. In keeping with this commitment, we have created a supplier registry that gives us the opportunity to stay informed and in touch with Aboriginal suppliers from across Canada and abroad.

The supplier registry is a centralized database that members and affiliates of VANOC can reference when programming events. We may eventually share this legacy with our partners, supporters, affiliates, sponsors and others involved in the Olympic Movement* as well as other arts and cultural organizations.

We hope that our supplier registry would be something you are interested in being a part of; but if not, please let us know by checking the “opt out” box below.

*The Olympic Movement encompasses organizations, athletes and other persons who agree to be guided by the Olympic Charter.

Please take a moment to read the following privacy policy describing VANOC’s practices for the collection, use and disclosure of personal information.

Supplier Registry Privacy Policy

Your privacy is important to VANOC. That is why we want you to be informed about how we protect the privacy of applicants.

By agreeing to participate in the supplier registry, you agree that your personal information may be used to:

- Confirm your identity.
- Facilitate discussions with you regarding your application, its posting on the supplier registry and about possible engagements with VANOC and/or VANOC affiliates.
- Assess the suitability of your proposal for VANOC and VANOC-related events.
- Assess the suitability of your proposal for sponsor, supporter, supplier and other affiliated events.
- Through providing access to the supplier registry to third parties for legacy purposes, assess the suitability of your proposal by such third parties for future, non-VANOC related events.
- Carry out the planning, staging and administration of our programs requiring access to the supplier registry.

By submitting an application, you agree that your personal information may be disclosed to:

- VANOC affiliates, including the Four Host First Nations.
- VANOC affiliates from other countries including, but not limited to, the International Olympic Committee, any person, organization or institution recognized by the International Olympic Committee or belonging in any capacity to the Olympic Movement (such as International Federations, National Olympic Committees, athletes) who may wish to source goods/services.

- Current and future sponsors, supporters, suppliers of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games who may wish to acquire goods/services.
- Business organizations that may benefit, as determined by VANOC, in acquiring the database as part of a lasting legacy.
- To the extent permitted by law, we may also collect, use and disclose personal information in connection with security-related or law enforcement investigations, or in the course of cooperation with authorities or complying with legal requirements.

Security

We will maintain the security of your personal information and prevent unauthorized access to it by those who do not have a legitimate need for it. We will only disclose your personal information as discussed herein, or if we otherwise obtain your consent to do so.

Contact Us

If you have any questions concerning this privacy policy or would like to review, update, change or delete any personal information that you have submitted to us, please send a letter to:

VANOC
400 - 3585 Graveley Street
Vancouver, BC V5K 5L5
Attention: Aboriginal Participation – SUPPLIER REGISTRY

Acknowledgement

BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU CONSENT TO OUR COLLECTION, USE AND DISCLOSURE OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION AS DESCRIBED IN THIS POLICY.

Signature

Date

CHECK THIS BOX ONLY IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICPATE IN THE SUPPLIER REGISTRY.

5 Little Known Truths About Maintaining Healthy Hair

By Jackie Burns Sympatico/MSN Shopping Contributor from www.msn.ca

Having healthy, vibrant hair helps make a great first impression which is bad news for me because my straw-like mop is probably scaring people away lately. After a lengthy consultation with Christine Singh-Gaglia, an owner at ONE Salon + Boutique Inc., she came to the conclusion that I burned my hair through the improper use of my flat iron. She cut my hair, used a deep conditioning treatment and prescribed a mask to use twice a week. My latest hair debacle (and there have been many) got me to thinking about other little known truths about maintaining a healthy head of hair. I asked Singh-Gaglia to share some of her best stylist secrets:

1. Natural Products Aren't Always Better

Natural does not always mean better, nor does it mean it will meet the needs of your hair. Many so-called natural products are not natural at all. There is very little regulation in the natural health market so companies are able to market their products whichever way they like. There are, however, some very reputable hair care products that have moved away from using harsh ingredients and are committed to providing products that are sulfate, DEA and paraben-free. The next thing to consider is the type of haircare product that your hair requires. Fine hair needs volume, weak hair needs protein and dry hair needs moisture. It is important to use the correct haircare products on your hair in order to keep your hair looking healthy and manageable.

2. Caution When Combing Conditioner Through Hair

To get the most from your conditioner, you need to work it well into the hair. This may be achieved by using your fingers or by using a wide-tooth comb. While it is not recommended to comb wet hair with an average comb, the teeth on a wide-tooth comb are spaced out enough to ensure that hair does not get damaged. Not only will this work through your conditioner but it will detangle your hair as well. Look for a comb whose teeth are about ¼ inch apart.

3. Limit Flat or Curling Iron Use to Once or Twice a Week

Flat irons and curling irons are often necessary in order to achieve the desired style. Keep in mind, however, that these tools are very hot, much hotter than anything our hair was meant to endure. In order to keep your hair in optimal condition, use a heat-protecting spray prior to applying the hot tool. Remember to adjust the heat setting as required for your hair type. Simply using the hottest setting may damage your hair, while using the correct lowered temperature will achieve the same look without the damage. Processed hair requires less heat. Most importantly, limit the frequency in which you use a hot tool. No more than once or twice a week.

4. Certain Hair Types Should Only be Washed Once a Week

Hair density, texture, condition as well as your lifestyle, will play a factor in how often your hair requires washing. By washing your hair everyday, it removes your natural oil often resulting in, dry frizzy hair. This oil, called sebum, is necessary as it keeps the scalp and the hair from drying out. It is recommended that you wash your hair two-to-three times per week at the most. Thick, coarse or curly hair may only require washing once a week, while fine hair may require three times a week. If you must wash your hair more often it is imperative to restore the removed oils with a moisturizing shampoo and conditioner.

5. Masks Aren't Just for Your Face

While hair contains no living tissue, there are ways to make it appear lustrous and healthier. One way to do this is by using a hair conditioning mask. There are many types to choose from, so identifying what needs to be addressed is the first step. Dry, brittle hair requires moisture, while weak, limp hair requires protein. Consistency is key with these products. Once or twice a week for about six weeks will truly demonstrate the progress that your hair is making. Keep in mind that over time, the needs of your hair may change, and hair that once required a protein mask, may now require a moisture mask.

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From www.jokeclean.com

Having lost most of his hearing a number of years ago, this elderly man goes to the doctor to be fitted with hearing aids which promise to allow him to hear 100%. A month later, he returns to the doctor for a check up on his progress. The doctor tells him that his hearing is perfect and asks if his family is pleased.

The man says, "Oh, I haven't told them about the hearing aids yet. I just sit around and listen to them talk. I've changed my will three times!"

MURPHY'S LAW

- Anything you try to fix will take longer and cost more than you thought.
- If it jams – force it, if it breaks, it needed replacing anyway.
- If you fool around with a thing for very long, you will screw it up.
- Any tool dropped while repairing a car will roll underneath to the exact center.
- When a broken appliance is demonstrated for the repairman, it will work perfectly.
- The repairman will never have seen a model quite like your before.
- No matter how long or hard you shop for an item, after you've brought it, it will be on sale somewhere cheaper.

***Please mail, fax, email, or call in your
Birthday, Anniversary and other Special Wishes and Community Events !!***

Happy! Happy! Birthday To All Elders Born in September!!

VIRGO - The Perfectionist (August 23 - Sept 22)

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**PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR RE-VAMPED WEBSITE AT: www.bcelders.com
Including Grand Entry Photos from the Annual Elders Gathering**

ANNUAL BC ELDERS GATHERING INFORMATION CORNER

Special Thanks to the 2009 Host!!!

Info on the 2010 Gathering is not available from the new host yet.