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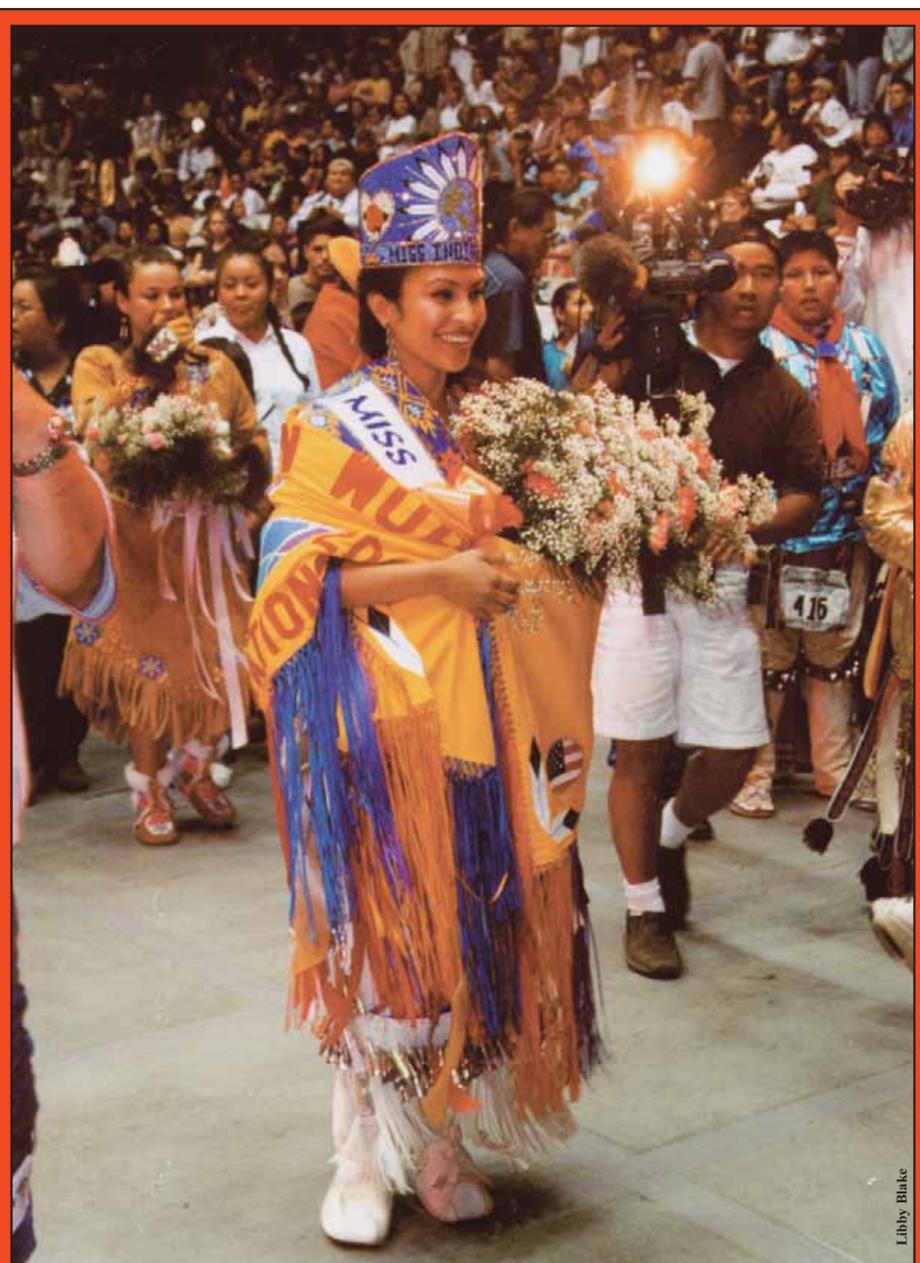
Lizina Bowers Receives Bail Bond License

By Tommy Benn
BRIGHTON — Miss Lizina Bowers, 19 has successfully completed the curriculum requirements and the qualification course standards set by the State of Florida to obtain her Florida Bail Bonds License. Miss Bowers meet the high standards of the Florida Bail Bonds School Program to receive her agents license issued by the Florida Criminal Justice Dept.'s as a Limited Surety Agent.

Lizina has been interested in criminal justice since high school. Obtaining her Florida Bail Bond License is her first step in pursuing higher education in her chosen field of study criminal justice.

The 80 hour class course held in Miami was offered by National Surety Services of Florida, Inc. Miss Bowers is the first Seminole Tribe of Florida member to receive her Bail Bond License. She now has to complete an apprenticeship program with an established Bail Bond Agency for six months.

A meeting and interview has been scheduled with Mr. John G. and Mr. Doug Miller of Miller and Sulh Bail Bond Agents located in Kissimmee, Florida. The Miller and Shul agency will to help the young Miss Bowers find a suitable bond agency for her to complete the needed hours required to serve her apprenticeship under.



Miss Indian World 2001 Ke Aloha Alo (White Mountain Apache/Hawaiian/Samoan).

Gathering Of Nations Biggest Ever

By Libby Blake
ALBUQUERQUE — The 18th Annual Gathering of Nations (GON) welcomed tens of thousands Native Americans and visitors to 'The Pit' April 26 – 28 for the largest pow-wow in North America. Over 3,000 drums, singers and

dancers participated and competed for \$125,000 in prize money.

Miss Seminole Princess, Desiree Jumper, joined with over 20 other young ladies represent-

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New Construction Plans Lead To Hotel Closure

By Dan McDonald
TAMPA — Once it was the crown jewel of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's accomplishments, a facility that, when it opened, attracted a crowd of dignitaries and praise as the first hotel constructed and run by an Indian tribe.

Called the Sheraton Tampa East, the \$11 million hotel on the Tampa Reservation opened in December of 1986 with 156 rooms. In 1990, then called the Sheraton Four-Points, the hotel added a six-story addition, which housed another 120 rooms. Now, since April 2, the sprawling white hotel is closed, awaiting a wrecking ball.

"It's sad in a way, that's for sure," said Sterling Howard, general manager of the facility that is making way for a \$150 million hotel, casino, parking garage and Hard Rock Cafe.

"We had a staff of 180 employees. They're all gone, except for six people doing last minute cleanup and security. I don't really understand the planning and concept of what's coming, but I guess someone has it all figured out. This was a good facility. We normally ran about 70 percent occupancy, which was competitive for this market. Hopefully, the new facility will do as well and even better. I guess the casino will draw more people."

According to Tim Cox, Seminole Government Operations Manager, the new facility will include a 250-room, 12-story hotel, the Hard Rock Cafe, 75,000 square feet of gaming space and a four-story parking garage.

"It (the old hotel) was supposed to be torn down in mid April sometime," Cox said, revealing the actual hotel site will become the site of the parking garage. "I know the project is waiting on the signing of loan documents, but, I'm not in charge and don't have many details."

While the actual demolition and new construction has been delayed, the decommission of the old hotel is pro-

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Chickee Church Academy Dedication Held In Hollywood

By Barbara Secody
HOLLYWOOD — As with all reservations within the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood has seen a lot of changes in the last decade. One major addition has been the opening of the only Christian school located on any Florida Seminole reservation.

On April 10, the Chickee Church Academy was officially dedicated after a celebration dinner and play held at the Chickee Independent Baptist Church in Hollywood. Although the academy actually opened in September of 2000, board and staff wanted to wait until the facility was better furnished before the formal dedication.

At 6 p.m., a dinner was served to community and church members, friends and guests who came to share in the celebration. Gladys Wigden and Pepper Harris, long-time missionaries on the reservation, visited unsuspectingly with friends – totally unaware of what surprise awaited them. Amazingly, even the young folks were able to suppress their excitement – so as not to give away the "secret".

By 7 p.m. the stage was set for the evenings' program. Rev. Arlen Payne, Pastor of the church, welcomed everyone, and shared a scripture reading of Psalm 1 and a prayer. The first presentation on the program was a Seminole language demonstration presented by Jo North and Bonnie Motlow. They displayed large flash cards depicting numbers, animals and nature scenes. They quizzed the audience on the Mikasuki language translations. Herbert Jim, who was unable to attend the dedication service, teaches the students the class daily at the Academy.

Next on the agenda was the presentation of the play, "That Morning After", written and directed by KiKi Shaller. The play, presented by cast and crew of the Resurrection Ensemble Theater, depicted emotional scenes from the day after Christ died. The students did an excellent job in their presentation.

"The Resurrection Ensemble Theater was organized in order to give CCA students, and other youth, the opportunity to participate in different areas of stagecraft. Because an ensemble cast has no 'stars', students are encouraged to work cooperatively for the good of the entire production. The term 'resurrection' was chosen because it suggests a rising up, and a birthing of what is highest and most beautiful in the spirit of man. Our young performers are all new to the craft of acting, and while a smooth performance without flaws is always to be encouraged and hoped for, the main focus of our theater is to provide wholesome theatrical experiences which reinforce Christian principles for our students," said Shaller.

Cast and crew members included Talina Castillo, Spencer and Zachary Battiest, Harmony Stewart, Lauren and

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Former Navajo Charirman MacDonald Comes Home

By Barbara Secody
TUBA CITY, AZ: THE NAVAJO NATION — Amidst cheers and jeers, former Navajo Chairman Peter MacDonald returned home to the Navajo Nation, after serving nearly eight years of his 14-year prison sentence. It was a prayer answered for him and his family, who never gave up in their tenacious attempts to secure his release. As it has always been, there are no lukewarm feelings when it comes to the former Chairman. He is either loved or hated by his people, with the ratio being closely split 50/50. Following his release, a website was set up, where people could express their opinions regarding the commutation of his sentence. Even though many still harbor the grudges regarding the incident in Window Rock – which resulted in the tragic death of one of his supporters, most of the Dine' feel it necessary to move on and make serious attempts at restoring hozho (harmony) among the people. Once that happens, the healing may begin.

After contacting Mr. MacDonald, he was gracious enough to grant an interview to *The Seminole Tribune* regarding his life, time spent in prison, his reunion with family and friends and his plans for the future.

The following is an interview with Mr. Peter MacDonald, former Chairman of the Navajo Nation who has been released from Federal prison after serving nearly eight years of a 14 year sentence. President Clinton commuted his sentence – the day he left office.

Secody: Ya aa teh! Mr. MacDonald, and thank you for your time. First of all, we would like to wel-

come you home and are in hopes that you are feeling well at this time.

MacDonald: Yes, hello. Greetings to Chairman James Billie and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. It is good to be home with my family and friends. I am feeling well, but have been taking things rather slowly since I had hip replacement surgery. The physicians have put certain restrictions on me, and there are things I still am not able to do. I look forward to visiting the Seminole Reservations in the future.

Secody: Mr. MacDonald, what is your clan?

MacDonald: I am Hashkaahazdzoho (yucca fruit in a row), born for Betanii (Father's clan). Paternal grandfather's clan is Tsinsikadni (tree standing) and maternal grandfather's clan is Ashi'I (salt).

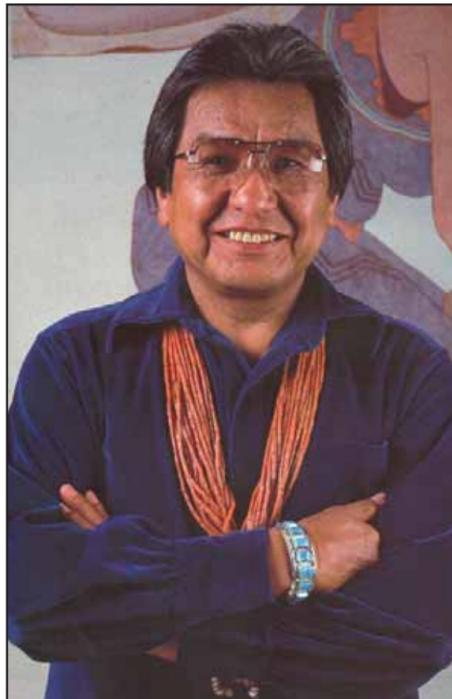
Secody: What Chapter on the Navajo Nation are you originally from?

MacDonald: I am from TeecNosPos chapter, born and raised there.

Secody: Could you please tell us about your family composition? For example, brothers, sisters, etc.

MacDonald: I have three living sisters, all

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Navajo Chief Peter MacDonald.

Pithlachocco Listed On National Historic Register

By Charles Flowers

TALLAHASSEE — Pithlachocco, the "place of long boats," has been officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris, who visited the site with Chairman James Billie this January, made the announcement last month. The Register is maintained by the National Park Service of properties significant to national, state, or local history. Other Florida examples include the Art Deco neighborhood of Miami Beach, St. Augustine's historic district, and six sites in Everglades National Park, including Anhinga Trail, Shark River Slough and the 10,000 Islands Archaeological District.

Listing on the Register provides some protection, especially from developments where federal funds or permits are required.

"The listing of the Lake Pithlachocco Canoe Site provides national recognition of this extraordinary find of Indian dugout canoes — the largest of its kind in the United States," Harris said.

Chairman Billie supported the state's efforts to fast-track registration of the site on the National Register, to ensure protection of the ancient canoes, and other artifacts that may yet be discovered.

Last May, the first of what would be nearly 100 canoes that have been located and mapped, were discovered on the northwestern shore of the kidney-shaped lake named for an early-19th century Indian fighter from Georgia — Dan Newnan. Although little remains of Newnan's battle, the canoe evidence is striking.

Radiocarbon dating of 53 of the 93 canoes mapped so far shows they were built over a span of time from 5,000 to 500 years ago. That range alone "shows the continuity of boat-building traditions that continue to be an important aspect of modern Native American culture in Florida," according to a release from Harris' office.

"This canoe find is of great significance to the southeastern Indian people and all of Florida citizens," Harris said.

The discovery of the canoes coincided with a state-permitted logging operation that damaged at least seven of the ancient craft, according to archaeologists with the Division of Historic Resources.

The damage focused attention on the practice of dead-head logging — removing timber that had sunk during the intense logging. That caused Gov. Jeb Bush to ban deadhead logging on Florida lakes, a move which was praised by environmentalists, who have also sought an end to deadhead logging in Florida rivers.



Charles Flowers

Lahbungen pethet tahlahgim (In the mud lays a boat).

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Editor:

I grew up in Hollywood and went to school with Curtis Osceola. I also knew Moses Jumper Jr. He made me a blood brother a long time ago. I was born in 1959 in Hollywood. My name is Ray E. Wensel II. Can you let me know how Moses Jumper is doing? If you can, please find out more about me being a blood brother. Thank you all so much for your help on this matter. Only good things come to you all.

Ray Wensel II
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Editor:

My subscription to the *Seminole Tribune* expired, and I'm enclosing a \$25 check for renewal. I miss reading the *Seminole* news and news from "Indian Country." I want to write a few words about the *Seminole* Museums. My wish is every school child in Florida could visit the *Seminole* Museums.

I visited the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and campsite with my daughter on the Big Cypress Reservation. Such a beautiful and educational place. It's quiet and peaceful surroundings. It is one thing to read about clothing, crafts, and living, but to experience the demonstrations and traditions is the real experience.

Dorothy Eblin
Boynton Beach

Dear Ms. Connie Brightwell:

Regarding your letter to the editor of the *Seminole Tribune* dated 4/13/01, the *Ahfachkee School* is not interested in reviewing/critiquing the manuscript for *Bordering On The Edge*. Normal protocol asks that requests for the participation of my staff in such activities be made directly through the school's administration.

Regarding gauging the accuracy of the manuscript in question, I feel that Dr. Patricia R. Wickman, is in a much better position to judge the content validity of the prospective novel.

She works for the *Seminole Tribe* and is a renowned Florida historian. Perhaps if you contacted her, she would be interested in assisting you amidst her busy schedule.

Regarding your statement in your letter to the editor, "How can younger children who are living in this century understand the death of the Everglades and Tribal life...?", I disagree with you that Tribal life has experienced death. Tribal life, in my opinion, is alive and well though different possibly than what you recollect at another time. Please take care.

— Dr. Patrick V. Gaffney — Principal

The following is the letter from the April 13 issue,

Editor:

Shocked! The new Learning Center, the Gymnasium, the School (well deserved . . . those trips to Clewiston had to stop!), the old Learning Center that will become the police station, the future buildings that will be in the hammock besides the existing Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.

I was born and raised in Florida.

I grew up in Hollywood. Everything west of University Drive was no man's land. Everglades 84 (I-595—I-75) and Alligator Alley were spooky roads to travel upon. In the 1980s rapid change began, of course, I don't need to tell you. But for people who weren't around in the 50s and 60s this metropolis west of University Drive to the Eastern Everglades' border does not shock their souls like it does those who know it wasn't always developed.

I was camping in the Everglades (actually, Markham Park) four years ago. Weston offended me so profoundly that I wrote a children's novel. I wanted to write about the drastic change and at the same time not come off too didactic. I wanted, in the process of writing this fiction, to educate the young reader with the facts about the flora, fauna, nations, and death of the Everglades.

How can younger children, who are living in this century understand the death of the Everglades and Tribal life if they don't know its birth and life which is being strangled before their adulthood?

On the day I set up my tent, I asked my brother, "Are we really in the Everglades? Then, where's the boundaries for Weston, or Broward County now that Hollywood Boulevard goes all the way out to Flamingo where it's all developed? Do they keep erasing the border line?" Shocked!

The novel is entitled: *Bordering On The Edge*. An aging Everglades Indian, who manages a Fort Lauderdale Beach hotel, recruits two young hotel guests to help him deliver ancient saw grass dust to the angry geo-gods. I have forwarded the manuscript to various teachers who have categorized the novel as fictional history/study unit/supplemental reading, i.e., history text can be dry and a fictional history novel can be used to "pull from." "Pull from" means subjects are exposed in the novel about the Everglades formation, water control problems, extinction both in flora and fauna, Seminole Indian ways, etc.

I would like to send the manuscript to a willing teacher at Ahfachkee. I'm sure the subject matter is common sense at Ahfachkee, but I'd like to make sure the facts are portrayed in an entertaining yet fairly accurate manner.

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Editor:

It is only fitting that the Seminole Tribe acquirers land in Osceola County once again. That area was part of the land given to the Seminoles by Treaty of Moultrie Creek in 1823. Coacoochee was born in a village on an island in Lake Tohopelega around 1807. The northwest part of the county has Reedy Creek, which used to be Hatchee-Lustee Creek (Black Creek), and was also once the home of the Seminoles. And the county is named for one of the most famous warriors in Seminole history—Osceola. If the Orlando Sentinel or the county officials act surprised of the Tribe's land purchase, they only need to refresh their memory by reading their own newspaper articles about it that was published in the Sentinel about 3 years ago. This is no secret deal, and has been done in the

open. The attitudes reflected by the Sentinel and county officials show ignorance and stereotypical behavior. What is so wrong with allowing the original inhabitants of the area to come home

Sincerely,
Chris Kimball
Fort Morgan, Alabama

Editor:

I am a student from sawgrass springs who just finished coming from a school trip from billie swamp safari. I thought the place was awesome. I loved the chickee huts were very cool. I also liked when that guy cat tail was teaching us about snakes. He was very funny. The best part of the trip was when we went on the airboat and when we went on the swamp buggy in the night. Thanks alot I had a lot of fun. I planning to come back soon. Keep up the good work.

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Editor:

For one of my graduate classes, I was to gather an anthology of articles regarding funding of reservation schools. Unfortunately, the federal powers that be which are responsible for funding do not make a habit of publishing articles about the poor job they do funding Native American Education on the various reservations throughout the U.S. After observing their practices of a lack of funding for Native American Education in Florida and Arizona, somehow I'm not too surprised at the federal government's lack of bragging about it in published articles!

I have made some other observations & I will appreciate your response. It appears that those tribes which have natural resources to develop, such as on the Big Cypress which has the advantage of the nearness of the riparian area of the Everglades, into tourism or which have developed resorts & casinos near well-populated areas, such as Casino of the Sun & the Apache Hondo Casino, have generated their own funding which is used to improve education, housing, & health care on the rez.

I am impressed with the achievements of the Seminole Tribe, which has literally taken charge of the natural resources available on the Big Cy. The parental involvement in their children's education and the outspokenness reminds me of my mother, whose father was part Seminole. There is a world of difference in the websites and available developed resources of the Seminoles of Florida and those of Oklahoma, like day and night.

It would seem that those tribes which are doing the best are those which have made it a point to not wait for federal funding or regulations to improve education on the reservations. Is this an accurate conclusion on my part? If you know of any websites which could give me further information, I will be ever so grateful for your help with my research.

Sincerely,
Veronica Valentino

P.S. KXCI has Jim Billie's CD. It's great! Signup for your free USWEST.mail Email account <http://www.uswestmail.net>

Chickee Church

A long, long time ago, before the Chickee Church was built, our group used to go to many different places to hold our services. Joann Micco had a restaurant where the Seminole Police Department station is now, and this is where services were held for a while. Before that, we went to the gymnasium and at times we met in the home or empty apartment of one of the church members. I used to think that the way we moved around was the same as Moses when he used to roam with his group in the wilderness.

Then, finally, the Council gave us a small plot of land in front of the clinic. At first, we held services in a tent that was erected on the lot.

Then, one day, Ronnie Doctor got some men together and they went out and cut cypress logs and cabbage palm fronds and they made a church. The Chickee Church. That was over ten years ago, and we've been meeting there ever since. But, we always had a problem. The church was built over a water line and we were always being warned that if the line broke, it could wash our whole church right away.

Finally, this month, we're going to move into a new home. A new building is going to become our meeting place and the Chickee Church is coming down.

I thank God that He let our Church survive all this time, but I can't

tell you how sad I'll be to see that Chickee Church come down. We'd love to keep it, but it's time to move our Church away from that water line.

And, we've also gotten much bigger. Last Sunday there were about 87 people at the service. People had to stand outside to hear the sermon. It was a great turnout and it was especially nice because we had a lot of youngsters at the service. That's great to see.

Soon, we'll be in the new building, which holds over 150 people. It will seat everyone, but it won't be the same. But, we're going to save the old building and maybe we'll use some of the logs to make a covered porch for the new Church.

As for a name, well, chickee means house in the Miccosukee language. It doesn't mean a thatch covered house. It's any house. So, maybe we'll still call the new place the Chickee Church.

Until then, we'll still be meeting for a few more weeks in the original Chickee Church. Everyone is invited to come and visit before we move into our new home. It's an opportunity that will soon be gone, and I hope you come with us. It's your last chance to follow Moses as we move out of the wilderness for good.

Hope you come out and join us.

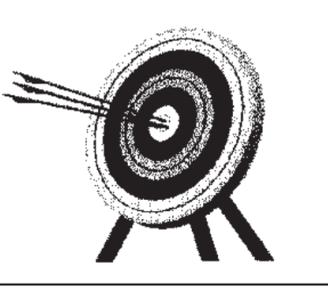


Betty Mae Jumper



Ten years ago, the Chickee Church was built.

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Seminoles And Law And Order

PART 1

Well into the 20th century and in some cases up to the 1950's, the Florida Seminole and Miccosukee Indians generally governed themselves judicially. The old adage of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" was the general rule, in other words if someone hurt someone, they could expect retaliation, this pitted clan against clan when a wrong was committed.

"Each time an Indian was caught telling a lie, a bit of ear was cropped off. Usually after a couple of crops they became either truthful or careful," recalled Miami pioneer Mary Douthit Conrad. Ear cropping was the punishment in the case of Crop Ear Charlie who had gotten drunk and divulged forbidden information in the 1870's. The alcohol stimulated Charlie to relate an incident to some white drinking buddies that incriminated his tribesmen. Charlie told how some young Seminole men had murdered a settler named Shives and his family years before in what was known as an "unsolved murder." The news was so shocking that Charlie's drinking buddies felt compelled to tell the Sheriff and the law came down on the local Seminoles. However, since the murder had taken place years before and was an isolated case, and since the area Seminoles had theretofore been exemplary citizens, the authorities decided to let it go. But, Charlie did not fare so well. Because he could have caused his peers to be imprisoned or worse yet provoked the whites to rise up against the Seminoles, he was punished by the tribal council and had his ear cropped off.

W. Stanley Hanson of Ft. Myers was referred to as the "white medicine man" of the Seminoles because of his close ties to the Big Cypress group, and his honorary involvement as a judge for at least one Seminole council decision which involved capital punishment. In the 1930's Hanson noted that a member of a slain Seminole's family (clan) had the right to take the life of the killer within four days of a murder. If the accused killer kept out of sight for 4 days however, he was granted immunity until the next Green Corn

Dance when he could plead his case. However, it was seldom that a murderer would go unpunished if the offender could be caught. There were ways around the system however. If someone had committed a punishable crime they could hide out until the next Green Corn Dance. If they were able to reach the Corn Dance grounds undiscovered, they would indeed go unpunished. It was the Wind clan, who upheld law and order according to Albert de Vane, an avocational historian who spent much time with the Seminoles in the 1940's and 1950's. The Wind clan could "hunt down and bring to justice an offender any time throughout the year, or until the following Green Corn Dance."

the children of so relations were still killed at least as late as the 1920's and at serious risk until the 1940's. Betty Mae Jumper and her brother Howard were the first half breed Seminole children to escape being killed in the 1920's.

Offences of a more minor nature, but nonetheless punishable were slothfulness (not assuming one's share of the daily camp regimen), drunkenness, shirking of marital responsibilities, acting in a way that the Seminole cultural mores considered to be abnormal or indiscreet which included: boasting, ambitious behavior, or in Charlie's case, discussing things that he shouldn't with outsiders. Signing documents, a tribal taboo well



Tom Billie, John Willie, and Billy Motlow. Elders and Councilmen were responsible for decisions concerning the welfare of tribal individuals.

Capital punishment was also practiced by the Florida Seminoles into the twentieth century. Most murderers were considered candidates for capital punishment, but incest was also punishable by death. Incest, as it applied to the Seminoles' matrilineal kinship system, meant having relations with a person of your own clan. This was considered a serious crime, as it undercut the important basic kinship system on which the culture was based. Miscegenation or having a child outside the Seminole gene pool was also punishable by death for the mother and the child. By the 1920's the mother was apparently exempted, as a couple of instances in the 1920's show. However,

into this century, might also come under that ruling. Individuals who were repeat offenders of non capital punishable crimes could find themselves on death row because the minor punishments and counseling did not seem to have an effect. The intervention of tribal medicine to effect a cure for disruptive behavior was also very important to the process of integrating the person back into the graces of the tribe. A person who had been condemned to die by the Tribal Council was given time to settle his affairs before he was put to death.

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Gladys A. Wigden And H. Pepper Harris: First Ladies Of Seminole Christian Ministry

By Barbara Secody
HOLLYWOOD — Gladys and Pepper are their names — and saving souls is their game! It seems like they have been around forever, and for some — they have. For 34 years the two missionaries have been permanent fixtures on the Seminole reservation. They are two of the most highly respected and revered non-Seminole residents ever to reside among the Seminole people.

Gladys, who is currently 84 years young, was born and raised in Naples, New York. The only girl in a family of six children began singing gospel music with her five brothers. They soon began touring the United States as the Wigden Family Gospel Singers. Along the way, she was introduced to Shirley Antone, matriarch of the original Antone Family Singers. She also met the Sonny Claus Family as well as other Native American singing groups who preached and sang along the gospel music circuit. Gladys quickly connected with these wonderful people, who eventually would be her strength during the most difficult years of her life.

Meanwhile, Pepper Harris, a long-time acquaintance of Gladys (since 1945), was residing in Millville, New Jersey. She graduated from Kings College with a Bachelor's degree in 1956 - after successfully completing Pine Brook Bible College in Pine Brook, New Jersey. They stayed in touch through the years and met for visits when both schedules permitted.

By the mid sixties, the last of Gladys' family had passed on, leaving her to continue on alone with their music ministry. It was at that time she was reunited with Shirley Antone, who invited her to accompany them to Hollywood, Florida where they were scheduled to sing for the Seminole people at the Mekusukey Baptist Church. She decided to join them on their visit, where she met other Seminole Christian people. She learned of the great need for missionaries here, and vowed to pray for guidance.

Eventually Joe Billie, of Brighton, who had met Gladys through the Antone Family, extended an offer for her to come and minister to the people of the Brighton reservation. She agreed to come; and made a commitment to help in any way the Lord would lead her. However, Joe passed on prior to her arrival, before informing his successor, Dick Bowers, of his invitation. So when Gladys arrived, everyone was confused for a short time about where she was really needed the most.

It was 1967, and Betty Mae Jumper was the Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Betty Mae, already a devout Christian herself, received word of the situation, and requested that Gladys come to Hollywood. When the two spoke, she convinced Gladys that Hollywood had the most urgent need — especially in regards to the young people. After meeting with Pastor Bill Osceola, it was decided that Gladys would reside on the Hollywood reservation, where she

would help wherever she was needed. She was provided a mobile home, which was set up behind the Mekesukey Baptist Church.

Gladys, with her kind and gentle ways, immediately bonded to many of the people as she began teaching music to the young people. She made herself available for anyone who needed spiritual guidance. Some just wanted to talk about their problems — everyone trusted her. She offered spiritual guidance to those who were troubled and turned away no one.

Through the years, her unfaltering example was the basis for many coming to the Lord to serve. She fed the people spiritually and even fed those who had no food. Gladys would give anything she had to someone in need and, by 1969, she found herself overwhelmed with her music teaching and ministry work.

After consulting with Pastor Osceola and the church Elders, she contacted long-time friend Pepper who was working in New Jersey. She invited Pepper to come and visit — sharing with her the great need for missionary work among the Seminole people. Pepper eagerly agreed to come, and took up residence with Gladys in her trailer

behind the church. Her services as a teacher and her rapport with the young people took her back and forth between Hollywood, Brighton and the other reservations.

Pepper eventually began to tutor the children at the old Dorothy S. Osceola Building, located near the Hollywood gym. There, the children would come in after school and she would spend time daily with them — helping them with their schoolwork, and counseling those with problems. She too, soon became a trusted friend to the Seminole people.

Through the years, Gladys and Pepper have done much for the Seminole people, and have been accepted by many — as part of the family.

Thirty-four years later, the two missionaries are still spreading God's word and are still committed to the Seminole people. In an emotional ceremony held on April 10 in Hollywood, they were bestowed with one of the greatest honors they had ever received. (See Chickee Christian Academy story.)

Gladys and Pepper both worked tirelessly in their efforts to help the Chickee Church realize their dream of starting a Christian school on the Seminole reservation — after all it had always been their dream as well.

Although the ladies were totally stunned by the dedication service — which had been a well-kept secret up until the time of the actual announcement by Rev. Arlen Payne, they were honored by the gesture. Although they are not able to get around to as many functions as they would like, they are still going strong and are still there for the people — their people - now and always.



Pepper (L) and Gladys pose with Pastor Payne.



Bigger building with bigger name.

Chickee Independent Baptist Church Recalls Humble Beginning

By Barbara Secody
HOLLYWOOD — The Chickee Independent Baptist Church on the Hollywood reservation, like many of its members, has evolved from humble beginnings. At one time, it was simply known as "the little Chickee Church at the corner."

The one-room "chickee" - (the Mikasuki word for house) - served as a temporary facility for the new church, which only had a handful of members at that time. Today, the congregation, whose population has grown to great numbers, enjoys a beautiful doublewide mobile building — located right next door to the original building — and is now known as the Chickee Independent Baptist Church. The little chickee is now gone it will always remain dear in the hearts of those it served for so many years.

The history of the Chickee Church dates back to 1983, when circumstances dictated the need for a new church to serve the Hollywood community. Several of the members began the process it would take to start in a new church. The group prayed for spiritual guidance and prayed for a sign that they were doing God's will. They began to move forward with the idea, and were able to acquire land located at the corner of 64th Avenue and Osceola Circle. It didn't take long to realize that no money was available for the purchase of a building to house a new church, so the decision was made to construct a chickee, which would temporarily serve as their new place of worship.

Ronnie Doctor, who was an independent chickee builder, gathered his workers together, and with the help of many of the other men in the group, began construction as soon as the necessary paperwork was completed. Even the ladies pitched in and everyone did their part. They worked hand-in-hand for long hours each day until the beautiful chickee was completed in 1984.

Dr. Lew Stewart, who was a retired preacher from Pennsylvania, accepted the invitation to serve as the pastor of the new church - which immediately started drawing in new members. For seven years, he led the congregation and

preached at the little church until he was forced to leave — due to his wife's health problems. Her illness would require much of his time, so with great sadness in leaving the church he had helped grow, and the people he had come to love, he resigned.

In 1991, Rev. Arlen Payne filled the vacancy as pastor of the church, which was now growing larger each week. Eventually, the little chickee became too small to accommodate the large congregation, and the decision was made that a larger building must become their number one priority.

Several members approached Chairman James Billie, and pleaded their cause. The Chairman assisted them in their acquisition of a new building, and in the summer of 1994, the congregation celebrated the dedication of the new building — which was placed next door to the little chickee. With a bigger building, came a bigger name. They became known as the Chickee Independent Baptist Church.

This summer will mark the tenth anniversary of Rev Payne's service to the church as pastor. He, wife Lana, and children Sara, Rachael and James have enjoyed living among the Seminoles and are well liked by the members.

Rev. Payne has done much during his tenure as pastor. He was instrumental in the planning and implementation of the concept to bring in a Christian school to the Hollywood reservation. Church members say that he has gone above and beyond his duties as pastor, and has always been there for the people. They look forward to a long, continued relationship between the Payne family and the Seminole people.

Visitors and new members are welcome to the church, which always has something exciting happening. "Sing-spirations," revivals, dinners, (dinners...dinners... and more dinners), birthdays and much more are celebrated. One member stated, "If there is nothing in particular to celebrate, we make up something to celebrate: but we always celebrate something — especially our salvation and the many blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us."

Seminole Libraries On The Move — Growing Inside And Out

BRIGHTON — On March 23 the Billy Osceola Memorial Library on the Brighton Reservation opened its new, glass-etched doors to a spacious expanded facility which more than doubles its size. One side is able to accommodate the juvenile materials and resources and there is a nicely furnished new adult section with a quiet reading and meeting area.

The United Methodist Volunteers in Mission, represented by their Seminole member, Mabel Haught, graciously sponsored this undertaking. However, completion of the two-year project was not possible without the additional assistance of the Chairman's office, Councilman Jack Smith Jr. and his staff, Ray Collier and his construction crew as well as the many Methodist volunteers.

An official inauguration will take place in the near future, but until then the library is welcoming everyone to check out this beautiful new facility and the several hundred new books that recently arrived.

The Hollywood Dorothy Scott Osceola Memorial Library also has received lots of new titles to browse or

check out, and the computer lab now has all 12 PCs hooked up to the Internet. The library staff encourages anyone to come over to read or use the computers. Instruction is available for novices and there are several fun typing programs available for adults or kids to practice keyboard skills.

Big Cypress Willie Frank Memorial Library is keeping most of its new books in boxes, waiting for the upcoming move to a spacious first floor location in the new office complex scheduled to open soon. Immokalee hasn't been left out either, because plans have started for the construction of a new community building, which will include a library. In the mean time Immokalee staff are busy with new music classes as well as evening adult and junior scrabble contests.

Contact your individual libraries by phone, e-mail or just drop by to read, explore, study or surf! Also, look for Library Summer Program information in the next Tribune. — Submitted by Diane Diaz, Librarian



Deidre Hall with museum attendant Linda Frank.

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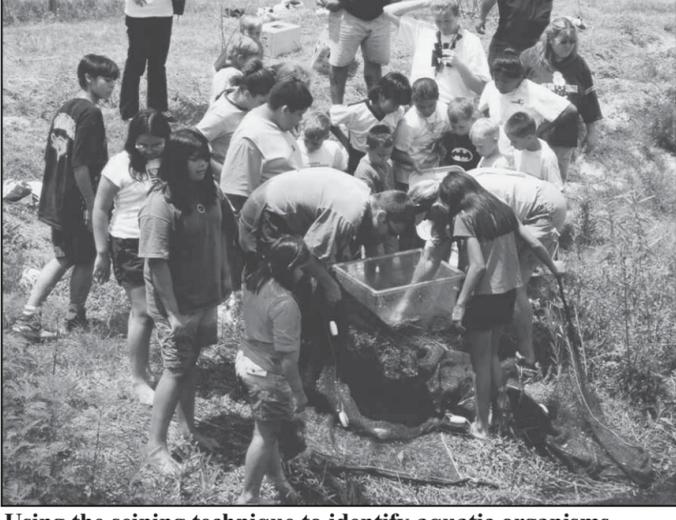
Brighton Kids Spend A Day With Nature

BIG CYPRESS — On April 16, while many students were sleeping in or watching TV on their day off from school, approximately 20 students from the Brighton Reservation traveled to Big Cypress to learn about archaeology, medicinal plants, and water resources. The students and their chaperones were hosted by the Tribe's Water Resource Management Department and AH-TAH-TI-KI Museum, which has provided similar programs for the past several years.

This year's trip was also a chance to show the students the international significance of their homeland by hosting members of the Everglades-Pantanal Initiative (EPI), Maria do Carmo Zinato, of the Center for Environmental Studies, and Cecy Oliviera, a Brazilian journalist and author of Agua Online. EPI is a joint project between the Florida Center for Environmental Studies and South American institutes trying to protect the Pantanal from the dredging and draining that damaged the Everglades ecosystem. The Pantanal Matogrosso, located between Brazil, Paraguay and Bolivia, is very similar to the Everglades ecosystem, and native peoples in that area are concerned that navigation canals will threaten their traditional practices which will be threatened by the navigation canals.

Maria do Carmo Zinato, of the Center for Environmental Studies, and Cecy Oliviera, a Brazilian journalist and author of the Agua Online. Cecy was particularly interested in the cultural importance of the plant and animal species on Big Cypress and the Tribe's efforts to protect its water resources.

The first of three stops was a hammock behind James Billie's pasture. After nearly getting stuck in the sand, the various vehicles made it back to the beautiful spot, where students gathered around an archaeologist employed by the AH-TAHHA-TI-KI Museum, Mr. Bill Steele, to learn what archaeology can tell us about the past. Mr. Steele, who attended the class trip, first reminded them that the most important resource for understanding their history is their elders, and he encouraged them to speak with their families about how archaeological research should be done. Steele then discussed the tools that archaeologists use to understand the past, including documents, artifacts, and ecofacts (information from the natural environment). Using artifacts such as a turtle-back scraper and glass bottles, Steele introduced them to the basic principles of archaeology, such as design. With the Museum and Mr. Steele's guidance, the students began to detect clues in their surroundings: they learned why Indians chose to build settlements on high ground, they recognized a settlement site by nearby citrus plants, and they even helped dig and screen for artifacts. Sure enough, they found animal bones and a piece of pottery, and from this they learned about long-ago residents' lives.



Using the seining technique to identify aquatic organisms.

The whole group piled back into vans and headed for a pine flatwood, where they enjoyed lunch and took a break before their lesson on medicinal plants. Happy Jones identified the names and uses of several important plants, with Willie Johns as her translator. The students had the privilege of learning from an expert, and some shared stories about how Indian medicine helped them or their families. Jones encouraged them to learn about medicine plants in order to take care of future generations.

Finally, it was time to get wet and dirty. Everyone headed for the borrow ponds in James Billie's pasture that were dug as part of the Wetland Reserve Program effort to return the area to a thriving wetland. Dr. Bill Dunson, environmental scientist in the Water Resource Management Department, helped students to use the seining technique - gathering aquatic organisms with a fine mesh net - as a way to learn about all of the life beneath the water surface. Students identified fish, spiders, plants, frogs and insects. After taking some time to swim and play, everyone cracked up their just-caught critters and headed back to Brighton.

Willie Johns, Brighton Education Department, considers these programs important for teaching Brighton kids about their natural surroundings: "We're educators. We want our kids to know about the animals that live with them and the environmental differences between reservations." Bill Dunson hopes that these programs will help Seminole youth to develop a greater appreciation for their own natural world, to "understand the incredible beauty of nature" and learn to preserve it. Since most public schools offer very little environmental education, he believes that tribal departments can and should provide supplementary instruction. Judging from the students' tired but smiling faces, they seem to agree.



L/R: Brad Cooley, Cooley Jr., Kelly Raulerson, Guy LaBree, and Shawn Henderson.

Three Artists With Seminole Ties

By Tommy Benn
OKEECHOBEE — "Barefoot Artist" Guy LaBree, Photographer "Borjn" and father and son sculptors Brad and Brad Cooley Jr — all with long time ties to the Seminole Tribe of Florida — showcased their work at Miss Kitty Raulerson's "Absolutely Art Gallery" in downtown earlier this month.

Arcadia resident Guy LaBree spent much of his time with his Seminole friends on the Dania(Hollywood) Reservation sleeping in the Native American's Chickee, drinking coffee "These friendships have stayed in my heart and have been the title subject of much of my work."

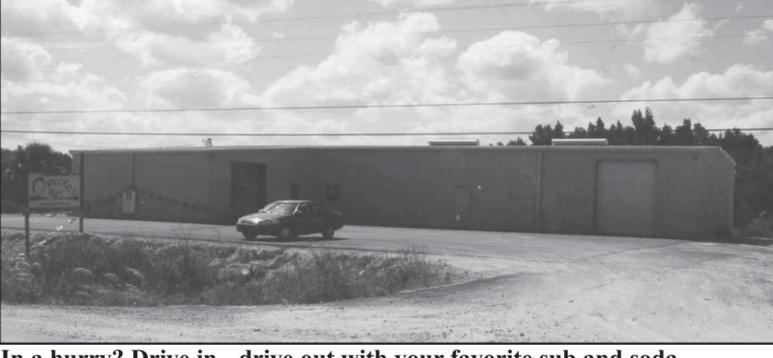
Swedish born "Borjn" lives in the tiny hamlet of Lakeport where the 'glades and Lake Okeechobee have been the center of much of his work. Honing a special relationship with Florida wildlife, natural habitat, native foliage, and Florida native peo-

ple one, the photographer travels by airboat ,bass boat, buggy or horseback to make his camera lens shutter.

The Cooley also use the Seminoles and their local wildlife as subject material. The senior Cooley has been sculpting for over 30 years ; the younger Cooley about 10. They start with models carved in clay, hand tooling and covering with latex rubber. After a wax impression, the image is dipped into a ceramic plaster and replaced with molten liquid bronze. Once cooled the cast is removed using a small sculptor's hammer. Voila! Bronze!

The Cooley are presently working on a special larger than life bronze image of the great Seminole leader "Sam Jones". The evening events also served to promote Raulerson's Gallery business and to allow the "Friends of the Okeechobee Battlefield" a forum to promote the saving of the historic landmark.

Full Service Deli In Big Cypress



In a hurry? Drive in - drive out with your favorite sub and soda.

By Tommy Benn
BIG CYPRESS — Glenn Osceola has open the newest business on the Big Cypress Reservation Osceola's Feed, Ranch Supply and Deli.

A full service Deli with an excellent sandwich board serving both hot and cold fare. Soda Fountain with ample seating to enjoy your choices of bill of fare. There is also two (2) regulation sized pool tables for a quick game or two while you wait for your food being prepared. Osceola's also has a DRIVE-THRU SERVICE offering canned bottled and fountain drinks candy snacks cookies chips ice cream for when you get the munchies.

Glenn tries to keep plenty of feed and hay on hand always for his customers livestock needs. Caring various (TDN) digestible protein rations to maintain a healthy well balanced diet for your individ-

ual animals needs.

" We plan on adding more inventory as our business grows" stated Osceola, adding more animal health products and supplies horse and dog wormers vet wrap fly spray tick flea collars. Various barn type hardware items, snaps feed and water buckets, stock tanks, livestock panels, muck forks rakes, shovels, garden supplies. Eventually we hope to have a full line of saddle and tack, bits, spurs, ropes fence pliers, fence post and fencing materials what ever the rancher might need we will eventually have." added Osceola..

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Kudos To Kiki

By Barbara Secody
HOLLYWOOD — As prayers are being answered in a big way at the Chickee Church on the Hollywood reservation, one block in that yellow brick road to advancement has been the addition of KiKi Shaller to the congregation. KiKi, who serves as an assistant to the Pastor, Rev. Arlen Payne - also wears many other hats these days. She serves as Special Projects Director/Independent Consultant and art instructor for the Chickee Church Academy (CCA). In fact, KiKi has been instrumental in the success of the inception of the new school, which was recently dedicated.

A whirlwind ball of energy, KiKi, with her constant warm smile and sparkling dark eyes, has been a Godsend to the church and school with her multi-talented skills and contributions to the children and youth. She has a background in the arts - and even more experience in public relations, which she has used to benefit the curriculum at the academy.

KiKi teaches an art class for the students at the school, which includes multi-media, clay artistry and theater. She has recently started the Resurrection Ensemble Theater, comprised of the CCA students, who enjoy the experience of performing before live audiences. Most recently the group performed at the dedication of the new school, and presented a one-act play aptly entitled "That Morning After", which was written and directed by KiKi.

Since becoming involved in theater projects, the students have gained more self-esteem and have been able to conquer their shyness and hesitations to speak in front of people.

KiKi's arrival to the church in 1999 came about through what church members refer to as "divine intervention." KiKi was searching the Internet for a Christian-based indigenous group where she could use her expertise to assist in whatever way she was needed. She came across the Seminole website and subsequently got in touch with Rev. Arlen Payne.

Rev. Payne invited her to visit the church, where she immediately fell in love with the Seminole people. Not long after, she began her daily commute from West Palm Beach to Hollywood to help out where needed. Church members recall that she was always available to assist with everything from administrative duties assigned by the pastor - to working with the young people. Help is always needed at the church, as so



Kiki Shaller accepts dedication from Pastor Payne.

many of the members are strapped for time during the daytime hours - due to work or other necessary daily businesses.

Eventually, after a year of commuting between Hollywood and West Palm Beach, KiKi decided to take up residence in Hollywood making her much closer to the church and her work. It was in Hollywood that she met her husband Jim, and the two were eventually married. Jim now also helps out around the church and school - recently designing the beautiful certificates presented to the youth for their special achievements.

Church and community members, especially the youth, feel blessed that KiKi has become a part of what Joann Osceola recently called "the family of God," and want her to know that she is greatly appreciated for her unconditional dedication to the church and school. Kudos to Sho-naa-bi-shaa' to KiKi!

Dale Carnegie Graduation



CLASS 7: Anji Walton - Highest Award for Achievement, Grace Holdiness, Alan Jumper, Barbara Lukas, Barbara Calisanti, Lizette Jimenez, Lisa Mullennix, Andrea Lieberman, Suzanne Jaeger, Catherine Terburgh, Micheal Onco, Glenn Derrick, Hannah Billie, Nathan Gowen, Douglas Smith, Randy Santiago, Stephen Bowers, Janice Osceola, Candy Cypress, Brenda Cypress, Tilde Fleites, Laura Cook, Kern Cook- Descheene.



CLASS 6: Yvette Jumper, Charlotte Burgess, Lorene Gopher, Mary Ella Gereak, Charles Hiers, Jr., Ron Padgett, Tasha DeRienzo, Christina Billie, Pauline Good - Highest Award for Achievement, Ciara Billie, Tom Gallagher, Samuel Tommie.



2001 SEMINOLE PRINCESS JUDGES LUNCHEON: Chairman James Billie was the host for the 2001 Seminole Princess judges luncheon at The Clewiston Inn on March 30. Almost every judge was able to attend and they all received lovely plaques with the Seminole Princess Desiree Jumper and the Junior Miss Seminole flanking the Chairman with the great backdrop of the August evening. Desiree Jumper gave a short synopsis of what she's been doing these past six months as the Tribe's princess. Her speech was wonderful and full of great anecdotes on her adventures.

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Front Row (l-r) Jill Ching and Vivian Tang "Wonders of the World" show hostesses, Back Row Sunny Chen, Director; Wennie Chen, Florida Representative to Taiwan; James Chen, cameraman; Yueng Chung, Director; Jinchieng Ho, cameraman; Lucy Evanicki, Marketing Director, Billie Swamp Safari.

Chinese TV Selects Billie Swamp Safari For "Wonders Of The World"

BIG CYPRESS — On Monday, April 23, a team of Taiwanese filmmakers representing Chinese Television Services (CTS) came to film Billie Swamp Safari, the Big Cypress community and some of the Tribe's enterprises.

The CTS team first took off on an airboat to visit the cypress domes and other areas of the wet prairie the Big Cypress Reservation's Billie Swamp Safari. Next, James Billie met with the team and exchanged greeting and phrases in native tongues and discovered a Seminole phrase was also a Chinese phrase, much to everyone's surprise.

Off the team flew to the Turtle Farm and Feed Production Plant on the Brighton Reservation, then back to Big Cypress for a tour of the community. CTS team members reflected that the viewers of their program will be pleasantly surprised to see how modern the Seminole Tribe is. According to Sunny, the director of the series, "this documentary will break the concept of what the viewers think of how Native Americans live and work as they believe Native Americans still live like the Indians in Cowboy and Indian movies".

The Swamp Water Café offered the team fry bread with honey, alligator nuggets, frog legs and at fish to sample. They sampled all but liked the catfish and fry bread the most.

To round out the visit, the team went to the Ah Tah Thi Ki Museum to learn more of the history and culture of the Seminoles.

CTS has been filming their award-winning documentary show "Wonders of the

World" for twenty years. They have four film teams circling the globe to film the ongoing program and have only been to the U.S. three times, including this visit. The program has a viewing audience of over 200 million in Taiwan, Mainland China and the Pacific Rim.

Through TV programs like this, the promotion and TV show on Nick at Night's "Wild Thornberries" to a viewing audience of 92 million, E! Entertainment Channel's feature on the Safari to over 52 million viewers and many more like this, Billie Swamp Safari's Marketing Director, Lucy Evanicki, has stretched the reach to layer on top of advertising. She has been able to increase revenues by an average of 27% per year and average of 39% in attendance yearly. Last year's attendance topped 270,000.



Yueng Chung, Director with cameraman Jinchieng Ho.

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Fighting Fires In Kissimmee Park

Tommy Benn
Okeechobee — Firefighters from the North Florida task force battled to contain a 16,500 acer blaze in the Kissimmee Praire State Presserve. The task force is a 21 man firefighting crew including its crew leader from North Florida where wildfires are not so prevalent or active as down here in South Florida this time of year

The Kissimmee Praire State Park fire is believed to be the biggest wildfire the crew has fought this year. The blaze consumed some 16,500 acres.

With the local area weath into its third year of drought and the fire going in extreme over the past week low humidity and high winds and dry foliage that can be set in flames in a heartbeat and there is no break in sight.

The Kissimmee Praire fire may have been set by a man burning trash (without a permit) As the fire smoldered with the extreme dry conditions the fire grew and spread causing the acerage to burn out of control.

Lightning was the cause of another wildfire in Highlands county ealier this Spring that burned a total of 1400 acers The Boards Cattle Project #2 in Highlands County The Parker Island Ranch caught fire due to the much land which is organic catching on fire by spontanious combustion.

Travel to Brighton Reservation on State Road 78 was closed due to several fires started on the Lake Okeechobee Bottoms where smoke was so great you could not breath.

Wildfires severity continues during much of the Spring season and as much of Florida is as dry as a tinder-box. With no rain-fall perdicted in the immediate future wildfire activities are on the rise.

Nearly 2000 wildfires have been reported and responded to by the DOF this year. Their have been loses or damages to some 250 homes and business all charged to the account of the numerous brush and wildfires. Statewide an estimateed 160,000 acres have gone up in smoke and their is no relief in sight.

Proof of the lack of water is the record low level of Lake Okeechobee under 10 feet, compared to last years low of 15 feet.

The Florida State Parks have issued a No Burn oor open fire order to campers. Although some parks allow a charcoal fire as the charcoal usually does not produce any wild flames and can be contained and controlled without much effort.

Residence on both Big Cypress and Brighton Reservations have been ask not to have any open flam fires while this never ending drought persist to plege South Florida.

Some elders say that rains will come when its time for the Green Corn Dance to take place. The end of May or first of June. Trusting in their wisdom we pray to the breath giver for it to be so.

Chickee

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Justin Lyttle, Austina Motlow, Ashley Harjo, Gustavus Baker, Sara Payne, Greg Jumper, Ike Jumper, Nick Jumper, Dayne Billie, KiKi Shaller and Rev. Payne. Special thanks were extended to Ray Migatz, Judy Baker, Jim Shaller, Yoli Lyttle, Gladys Wigden, Pepper Harris, Rachael Payne, Janet Bailey and Vivian Delgado for their assistance in the success of the presentation.

Following the play and introduction of awards, Rev Payne presented special awards and certificates of appreciation to those who have given so much of themselves for the benefit of the new school. Judy Baker, Ashley Harjo and KiKi Shaller were among those who received certificates for their valuable contributions. Judy Baker, who meets with the students each Friday morning to teach Indian songs, reiterated the need to "give account to the Lord...then home."

Rev. Payne, who also serves as

paucity of furniture and desks. It was just at that time when a St. Louis Christian facility - upon hearing of the plight of the fledging new school - selected the Chickee Church Academy to receive all of its furnishings since it would be closing its doors permanently.

Payne recanted "it was exactly what we needed - to the desk!" He personally traveled to Missouri to pick up the donations. Other church members were also recognized for their contributions; and Payne acknowledged donations of their time and skills, which had aided the academy.

Ray Migatz used his carpentry skills to provide the carrels in the learning center as well as other projects in the school. Pete Baker, Jr. erected a basketball goal on the quadrangle outside of the academy, so that the students could enjoy some physical exercise during their breaks. Patsy Migatz donated many items such as crayons, arts and crafts items.

With their basic needs met, the Chickee Christian Academy opened its doors to local students in September of 2000, with nearly full enrollment. School staff included Rev. Payne, Head Master; Sara Payne, Administrator; KiKi Shaller, Special

Projects Director/Independent Consultant/Arts Instructor; Rachel Payne and Susie Baker, School Nurses; and Special Projects Student Assistants Ashley Harjo, Austina Motlow and Zachary Battiest. The school utilizes the "School of Tomorrow" curriculum, which is geared for students from 4th through the 12th grades. Individualized instruction is provided, and students are promoted according to their own academic progress. The school currently serves 16 students, and is taking enrollment applications for the upcoming year, which



Pastor Payne with Judy Baker.

There was not a dry eye in the building as Gladys and Pepper were brought to the front of the church, where two signs acknowledged the honor bestowed upon them. Both - clutching a damp Kleenex - were so overwhelmed, they could barely speak. Friends and guests - also in tears - broke into applause for the two. Mr. Ray Migatz sang a touching song called "Shepard Boy." When the song ended, Rev. Payne urged the congregation to remember, "When we see a Shepard boy, God sees a king."

Although the "Open House" was next on the evening's program, the thought foremost on everyone's mind was the table laden with deserts, beckoning them outside under the chickee. After all, that school wasn't going anywhere; so, in traditional Seminole fashion, everyone made their way to the goodies. Lots of congratulations, food and fellowship were shared between honorees, friends, guests and church family.

As the evening waned on, (and people wore down), (and this reporter waddled) - over to tour the academy - now dubbed the Gladys A. Wigden and H. Pepper Harris Learning Center.

The academy recently received a donation of computers from the Social Security Administration. Upon the refurbishing of the units, they will be housed in one of the learning center buildings. The art classroom is filled with ongoing and completed artwork made by the students. Several winning creations were on display, which showed off the ribbons won by the students at the recent Tribal Fair. A kitchen, office and several classrooms comprise the rest of the facility, which is bright and cheerful - conducive to a comfortable learning environment.

This had indeed been a red-letter day for all those who had worked so hard to make the new school a reality. Plans are in the works for future projects - such as a lunch program. For now, prayers continue for success and growth. Faith and trust is ongoing, and is constantly rewarded by one miracle after another.



Ashley Harjo proudly proclaims "He has risen."

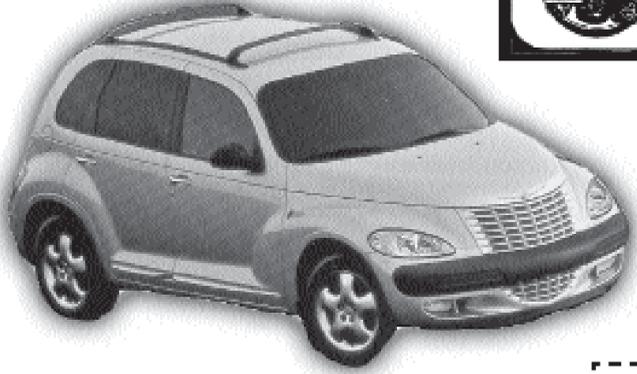
Head Master of the Academy, gave a brief history of the school. He recalled, that in January of 2000, with the need for Christian concepts among the youth, he felt the church moving in the direction of a Christian school on the reservation. He prayed with the congregation for guidance, as they continued to seek His word. Prayers were soon answered in the form of the acquisition of two mobile classrooms that would house the academy.

With the problem of the facility and location (which is between the Chickee Church and the Hollywood Clinic) remedied, other needs began to be mysteriously and miraculously met. New bookcases appeared after voicing the need for them - and were exactly what was required - down to the style and even color. Still, another bump in the road hindering operation was the



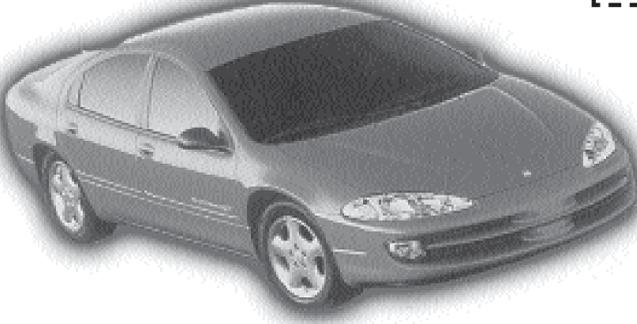
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The Seminole 4-H To Host The Area "F" 4-H Horse Show

By Tommy Benn
BRIGHTON — The Fred Smith Arena will be the site of the 2001 area "F" 4-H Annual Horse Show. The show will be held on May 4th, 5th & 6th. Area "F" consist of a ten county area of 4-H horse clubs. 4-H horse clubs will be participating for individual and team points during the three day event. 4-H club members from Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Monroe, Palm Beach and the Seminole Tribe of Florida will be going head to head to placement in the 52 horsemanship classes offered.

A 4-H'er must have placed in the top 55% percentile to compete in at the state show. Riders that do not place in the top 55% percentile will not be eligible to participate at the state show. There are no alternates allowed from the Area to State Show.

Halter and conformation classes in three categories Western, Saddle and Hunter, Showmanship classes, Jr. and Sr. Western, Jr and Sr. Hunter and Jr and Sr. Saddle Seat. Open Trail both Jr. and Sr. divisions., Western Division classes Western Pleasure Pony 13.2 hand and under. Western Pleasure Horse under 6 years old and over 13.2 hands tall. Jr. and Sr. Western pleasure. Jr. and Sr. Western Horsemanship, Western Riding and

Reining Class. Speed Events will follow Pole Bending both Jr. and Sr. Barrel Racing both Jr. and Sr classes. The keyhole race and Stake Race open classes. Saddle Seat Division will have three classes Saddle Seat Pleasure, saddle Seat Equitation and Road Hack. Hunter Division Pony Hunter Hack Under Saddle pony under 14.2 hands. Hunter Under Saddle horse over 14.2 hand. Hunt Seat Equitation 12 and under, and Hunt Seat Equitation 13 and over. Working Hunter over 14.2 hands and Pony Working Hunter under 14.2 hands. Hunter class two classes of Hunt Seat Equitation both Jr. and Sr. will round out the Hunter Division. Open Classes, Hunter Hack Dressage, Calf Roping and Breakaway Roping will conclude the show.

Stalls are mandatory for all participants the night at the rate of \$15.00 per stall. Stall reservations are necessary, shavings (bedding) will be available.

Congratulations to Sarah Smith from Martin County for submitting the winning T-shirt design used for this years 4-H T-shirt sale.

Come out and enjoy the Area "F" 4-H Horse Show at the best facilities in South Florida has to offer the Fred Smith Arena.

MacDonald

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older than I: Hannah Howard, Daisy Ute and Etta Garza. I have one living younger brother: John MacDonald. All my siblings have children and grandchildren. They are all traditional. I am the only one with a college education.

Secody: Has your family always supported you in your endeavors – even through the bad times?

MacDonald: All members of my family (brother, sisters and relatives) have supported me in everything I've undertaken as a goal, i.e. Schooling, jobs, politics and of course through all the dark days of the harassment, the trials and incarceration. Their hearts are traditional—the Navajo way to love and help one another.

Secody: It seems like you and Wanda have been together forever. When did you meet and marry?

MacDonald: I met Wanda in 1963 when I first returned to the reservation to help then Chairman Raymond Nakai in organizing his new administration. Wanda and I were married in 1973.

Secody: I understand that you have five children. Could you tell us about them – for example – their ages, and perhaps what type of career choices they have selected for themselves?

MacDonald: The eldest is a daughter, Linda Dailleboust, who is an Environmental/Architectural Engineer. She and her husband, Bernie, have three children (Bernie, Jr, Jessica & LaRue). Peter (Rocky) MacDonald, Jr. my second child has a law degree and is presently teaching and coaching in California. Emily, Rocky's adopted daughter, graduated from and is on the faculty at Pepperdine University in Ca. Wanda and I have three lovely daughters: Hope, Faith and Charity. Hope is majoring in International Affairs and ultimately plans to get her Masters in International Business Management. She and her husband, Clayton LoneTree (a Psychology major) and have two children, HohzoDesbah (3 yrs old) and Nalzhehii (4 mos). Faith (a Marketing and Retailing major) is pursuing a career in business. Charity (a Fine Arts major) is an artist and is pursuing her career in New York City.

Secody: I know you are very proud of your family. Could you tell us what influenced your decision to enter politics; and when that began?

MacDonald: Poverty and paternalism was so bad on the reservation plus there was an inordinate amount of in-fighting and political factionalism within the tribal leadership. The people drafted me in the spring of 1970 to run for the Chairman of the Navajo Nation. That was the year I officially entered tribal politics.

Secody: As you may be aware, James Billie is serving in his sixth four-year term as Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. I understand that you also served several four-year terms. When was that?

MacDonald: I served three consecutive four-year terms (1971-1982) and was re-elected in 1986 to an unprecedented fourth term.

Secody: In reading many of the editorials in The Navajo Times, as well as comments made on a website [regarding your release], mention is [regarding made about an apology. I was under the impression that had already happened. Would you please comment on that?

MacDonald: It's hard to apologize for being convicted for something you didn't do. By letter to Navajo Nation Council and the People, I did express my regrets and sorrow for the turmoil during that July 20, 1989 incident at Window Rock.

Secody: While incarcerated, did you have any correspondence with other Native Americans?

MacDonald: Yes, I had correspondence with many Native Americans during my incarceration, including many high school and college students.

Secody: Do you feel that Native Americans are being treated fairly in the United States (Federal) prisons?

MacDonald: There are two things very wrong with respect to how Native Americans are treated in Federal prisons: A) We (Native Americans) are the only "Citizens" of America being singled out to be prosecuted and sentenced according to federal laws for offenses committed on the reservation. All other citizens are prosecuted and sentenced according to home (State) laws. Federal sentencing guidelines are stiffer and without parole provisions. Thereby, Native Americans are serving longer terms for similar offenses prosecuted in State courts. Tribal Courts should be allowed to prosecute all felony offenses on the reservation. B) Native religious practices are very restricted in federal prisons. The only practice allowed is sweat lodge once each week.

Secody: Were you personally treated with respect?

MacDonald: I personally was treated no differently than other federal inmates, except that I was classified as a High Profile prisoner that are watched more

closely by prison officials.

Secody: Did you ever have any correspondence with Leonard Peltier? Do you feel he should be released after all the years he has served in prison?

MacDonald: I never met Leonard Peltier, did I not correspond with him. In Federal prison, an inmate cannot correspond with another inmate. Yes, I do believe Leonard Peltier should be released for two reason: 1) He has served enough time for what he was accused of doing, 2) there's a big question mark as to his guilt.

Secody: Regarding President Clinton commuting your sentence: Did you personally ever have contact with him?

MacDonald: No, I did not have any contact with President Clinton. My wife and others supporters made personal contact with President Clinton asking him to release me.

Secody: Did your family ever personally meet the President?

MacDonald: Yes, my wife and other family members met and/or made contact with President Clinton.

Secody: How did your situation reach the former President?

MacDonald: Through many channels and many individuals. My family, friends and supporters reached President Clinton's heart. Reaching the President's heart was not without some difficulty – there were those (like US Attorney and some politicians) who were actively opposing my release.

Secody: What date were you given the news that you were going home? One can only imagine how that must have felt.

MacDonald: On January 20, 2001 – the day President Clinton was turning the presidency over to George W. Bush, at precisely 10:10am Fort Worth time. I heard on NPR news that my name was among those given clemency by President Clinton – about three hours before he left office. What a thrill it was!!

Secody: What date did you return home?

MacDonald: I returned home the next day (January 21), although I was released on the 20th - two hours after hearing the news. I spent the night in Waco, TX at a friend's house then flew back home with my wife, daughter and her husband.

Secody: I'm sure your homecoming was a very emotional time. How did you feel when you first set foot on Navajo soil for the first time in so many years?

MacDonald: Yes, my homecoming was very emotional – I was overcome by the displays of love, outpouring of respect and joy. I felt numb and was in disbelief that I was actually out and with my family, my people and the land I dearly love within the Four Sacred Mountains. Eight and a half years are a very long time away from home.

Secody: While in office, did you ever consider 'gaming' as a means for financial advancement for the Navajo people?

MacDonald: Yes, in 1971, a feasibility study to put a "casino/resort" along the south shores of Lake Powell (on Navajo land). We were to partner with two of the leading casinos in Las Vegas. This was long before any Native American tribes even considered Bingo as an adjunct to their economic development. This venture didn't get off the ground because the State of Arizona was raising so much fuss about it and since it wasn't one of our priority items, we discontinued the efforts.

Gaming was never an option for us Navajo during my tenure as Chairman. Reasons are numerous – just to mention a couple: a) our location doesn't lend itself to a super or mega revenue generating operation. In fact, we would be subjecting majority of our own people to support the gaming on the reservation. Resort type casino up the lake along Lake Powell would have to be exclusive for High Rollers. Revenue projection weren't all that great, but pleasure and fun at the resort would provide some employment. The entertainment factor would've been the primary reason for having casinos.

Secody: I can understand how that may have been so back then, but with so many other tribes today enjoying such a financial gain and huge success through gaming – for example, the Mashantucket-Pequot, Seminole and Miccosukee—do you feel that the 'Nation' should re-consider the issue? The people have always voted down the idea, is that because the demographics of the reservation?

MacDonald: Yes, I know a number of smaller tribes really hit it off well financially, especially those whose market areas have millions of people within 50-60 miles radius. The fact that their casinos are generating mega bucks and there's only a few of them making it so good and successful. No, I don't think Navajos should reconsider gaming, at least not in the near future. Navajos have 18 million acres of land (larger than many eastern states). The land is rich in beauty and resources; genuine economic development in the trillions of dollars is there. These are non-controversial economic development ventures for future generations.

If the Navajo were to authorize gaming of one sort or another, the tribe may gain some employment, but financial returns would be a wash: because, to make it attractive, like smaller tribes, per capita distribution, which has to generate enough revenue per year to make per capita payments meaningful. There are more than 250,000 Navajo. For each Navajo to receive \$10,000 per year (small amount comparing to smaller tribes), gaming must generate a net income of \$2.5 billion per year. This is unrealistic for the area.

Taking care of the addicts (and it is addictive!) will cost the tribe additional money to treat and care for them and their families. Even if just one percent of the population (2500) is addicted, they and their dependents will need help to the tune of 75 to 100 million dollars per year. I applaud the small tribes for their success, especially those in large non-Indian population areas. They should use their financial success to buy back lands taken from them and pursue other economic development ventures.

Secody: I understand, at one time, you were writing a book. Did you ever do so? Do you sanction the publication by Celia Bland and W. David Baird. Are either of them Native American?

MacDonald: Yes, I wrote a book in 1992 titled, "The Last Warrior". Published by Crown Publishing. The book is out of print now. I am working on a revised edition along with three other books. I do not know Celia Bland and W. David Baird. I have never read their publications on Native Americans, but I hear they are less than credible. It has been my experience that historical records embodied in books, journals or newspapers written by non-Native writers give an inadequate view of why Native Americans make decisions as they do—with exception of a few. It is difficult for non-Native writers or researchers to report an important Indian event or court action and fully capture the flavor of the story. No, I don't know if either of them are Native Americans.

Secody: Do you intend to write a book about your experiences – the events which have taken place in your life over the past decade?

MacDonald: Yes, some day I intend to write a book about my experience with so-called "justice" in America.

Secody: Being aware of how cruel the world can be, would you recommend any of your children to pursue a career in politics?

MacDonald: I would never push any of my children to pursue a career in politics. I think they know and understand, more than others, the thankless character of political life. There are many other ways to render public service, which can be satisfying to the soul. However, if one or two of my children decided to pursue politics I'll support them with all the knowledge I've gained in that arena.

Secody: Have you attended public functions, and how have the people received you? I'm sure you have received mixed reactions, but do you feel that the majority of the Dine' want to move on and restore harmony within the 'Nation'?

MacDonald: Yes, I've been attending some public functions at the invitation of some communities. Of course, I can't accept all invitations due to my health. I am just overwhelmed by the outpouring of love by the people – elders, young people, even the toddlers. Yes, I believe there's a big sigh of relief knowing that I am home with my family, my relatives and my people – back within the Four Sacred Mountains. Harmony is being restored and the future looks good.

Secody: I would think that Wanda's tenacious plight for your release and constant support has earned the respect of even those non-supporters. Don't you feel that she and the rest of your family were instrumental to your homecoming?

MacDonald: Yes, absolutely. Wanda never wavered nor gave up. She continued to give strength to all by carrying herself as a First Lady who gave credibility, honor and respect to the effort. There is also no doubt in my mind that the strength and determination of my family had much to do with my release. Our girls toiled, never lost faith, and reached out to others for help—keeping my spirits up by their constant visits! They deserve Nobel Peace prize for humanity and justice.

Secody: Well, now the question on everyone's mind is - what are your plans for the future? Is politics out of the question – at least for now?

MacDonald: Spend time with my family, relatives, friends and The People. Enjoy the beauty of Navajoland and visit other Native Americans. I would also like to lend advice and counsel to the young and wherever requested—help my people and other tribes with their efforts to become self-sufficient and preserve their culture and tradition. I don't see politics in my future. I have diligently and lovingly given half of my productive life to politics and the service of my people.

Secody: Mr. MacDonald, we thank you for sharing with us, and can only stress our best wishes for a happy future to you and your family. Again, welcome home.

MacDonald: Thank you. Again, my best wishes to all the people of the Seminole Tribe, and congratulations on your successful ventures.

Seminole Spring Round-up

"A good brood cow will give of herself for her calf."

By Tommy Benn
SEMINOLE COUNTRY — The Tribal cow crews on both the Brighton and Big Cypress reservations have neatly completed their annual Springtime cattle gathering.

Crews under Brighton cow foreman Scott "Cotton" Baxley and his Big Cypress counterpart Joey Henry worked most individual Tribal cattle. The workday is hot, long and tiring, exacerbated by the extreme drought.

The Baxley and Henry crews gather and drive the cattle to the pens, separate the cows off calves and separate the heifer calves from the bull calves. Any Service Bulls (breeders) still with the cows are pulled from the herd and shipped to the designated brood 120, where they will rest from their 90 to 120 day breeding program. Most days the cow crew will start working bull calves first, ear-marking them to show ownership, giving calf-hood vaccinations, worming for internal parasites and drenching for pesticides — procedures allowing a better weight gain for the Tribal sale date in the spring.

When Dr. XXXXX Keen arrives, the adult cows are then worked. Blood from each cow is pulled to check for brucellosis, annual health shots are administered, they are wormed for parasites, drenched to bat-

tle and repel insects especially the blood meal services.

With the cows and bull calves worked and out of the way, the cow crews then start on the female calves and the heifers. The heifer calves are run through the cow chute where they are given vaccinations including a calfhood brucellosis live serum. Their ears are whittled on and they are branded another way to show ownership.

Dr. Keen will work a herd at Brighton in the morning then travel to Big Cypress to work a herd in the afternoon.

Cattle prices have been generally strong (high) for some time now, but with the recent drought, ranchers have had to take special precautions to protect their investment.

No grass, no water, no rain to a cattleman means more work and higher expense to get your calves to sale weight. A good brood cow will give of herself for her calf. Supplemental feeds such as Ampel, good clean hay, mineral supplements and feeding molasses protein blocks will ensure a healthy cow and a healthy marketable calf.

Buyers expect and demand quality calves for their back ground and fed lot operations. The higher quality calves earn a premium. Our superior base-bred cows, crossed with the Texas-bred black Brangus bulls produce quality energetic hybrid vigor in the off-spring calves. Higher Standards yield a better calf crop. Better calf crop demands more money. That's why we do it.

Gary Leffew Bull Riding Clinic

By Tommy Benn
BRIGHTON — Board Representative Alex John announced the Gary Leffew Bull Riding Clinic will be held at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena, June 8 – 10.

World Champion bull rider Leffew, a resident of Saint Marie, CA, will be making his second trip to Florida Seminole Country to offer expertise and instruction to the up-and-coming young bull riders in the South Florida Area. Leffew stresses a positive attitude and mental focus, a true desire and a real "want to," is needed in order to be successful in bull riding — the most dangerous of all the rodeo sports events.

The students will learn by watching themselves on velcro, seeing their mistakes, weakness and strengths.

The Leffew Clinic is limited to the first twenty students. Tuition is \$150. Please call in by May 4, 2001 to reserve a slot for yourself and to verify you will be participating in the clinic. Alex Johns will handle all Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal citizens' tuition. Call Lisa Osceola for more information at (941)763-4128 ext.145.



Gary Leffew attempts to score in Mutton Busting.

Hotel

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ceeding smoothly. Howard, whose ten-year anniversary with the hotel came on the day it officially closed, said the furnishings and equipment have been sold. He also said much of the Indian themed artwork that once lined the lobby and hallways was stolen in November.

Joe Weinberg, Executive Vice President of Power Plant Entertainment, the developers of the property, gave some insight into the planning that has led to the closing of the hotel.

"Currently, the old hotel just takes up too much land," Weinberg said, estimating the sprawling hotel complex is using approximately 5 acres out of the reservation's 11 acre total.

"In order to get the maximum use out of the land, you have to go vertical," he added. "What we're going to do is make better use of the land and after it's all developed, it will be a

property that will better serve the needs of the Tribe well into the future."

Weinberg estimates the cost of the Tampa project to be approximately \$125 million, and says the project is scheduled to be completed 18-20 months after the start of construction.

"The current casino won't be impacted by the construction," Weinberg adds. "There will be no disruption at all. We'll build a new wing on the existing casino and switch the gaming into the new wing when we're ready to close the old building. But, the casino won't be closed at all during this new construction."

Don't forget Mom...
 Mothers Day
 Sunday, May 13



Seminole contestant Desiree Jumper (center) waiting for results.



Miss Indian World contestants participate in the dance portion of the contest.

Gathering

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ing their tribes for the coveted title of Miss Indian World. Competition, as always, was fierce but friendly and involved days of public speaking, personal interviews, dancing and talent presentations culminating Saturday night with the crowning. This year's winner was Ke Aloha Alo - White Mountain Apache/Hawaiian/Samoan.

Irene Bedard, who arrived at the crowning ceremony on the back of a Harley-Davidson driven by husband Denny Wilson, was special emcee for the talent competition and crowning ceremony. Bedard, Inupiaq/French Canadian Cree whose native name is Goodiarook, has multiple movie and television credits to her name. Her latest film role was as Abbey in the 2001 release *Greasewood Flat*.

Bedard is probably best known as the voice of Pocahontas in the 1995 Disney animated movie of the same name. She reprised the role again in *Pocahontas II: Journey to a New World* (1998).

Other famous Native performers at GON included Flautist William Gutierrez, Star Nayea and her band, Robert Mirabal and his band, Clandestine, Sherry Marquelle, Native Roots (performing Native Reggae), and the Native female trio Ulali.

Those honored this year as head staff included Ardell Scalplock (Alberta, Canada) Head Man Dancer, Tracey Ann Moore (Otoe-Missouria/Osage/Pawnee/Sauk/Fox) Head Lady Dancer, Thomas Caine

(Ojibwa) Head Northern Dance Judge, Greg Vickers (Wichita, KS) Head Southern Dance Judge, Gordell Wright (Southampton, NY) Head Northern Drum Judge, Walter Ahhaity (Hacienda Heights, CA) Head Southern Drum Judge, Isaiiah Bob (Navajo) Head Young Man Dancer, and Ferran Poafpybitty-Tootoosis (Comanche/Cree) Head Young Lady Dancer.

Head staff announcers were Sammy 'Tonekei' White (Kiowa), who received a special lifetime achievement award "Powwow Announcer of the Past Century," Dennis Bowen (Tuba City, AZ), Roy Track (Phoenix, AZ), and Vince Beyl (Bemidji, MN). Arena Directors were Randy Medicine Bear (Rosebud Sioux)

and George 'Crickett' Shields (Pawnee/Otoe/Missouri/Sioux). Head Gourd Dance Singer was Louie Sheridan Sr. (Omaha).

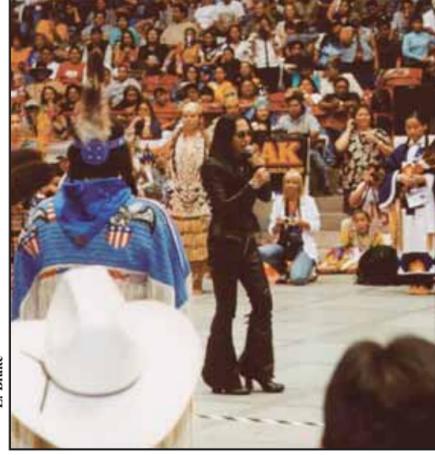
This year's Northern Drum winner was Walking Buffalo (Big River-First Nation, Canada) - 2000 World Class

Northern Champs. Southern Drum winner was Bad Medicine (Tribe unknown).

More than 700 tribes from the U.S. and Canada were represented in the over 3,000 dancers, singers and drums. The contests continued until the wee hours Sunday morning - too late for this reporter, who had an 8 a.m. flight, to stick around for the final results. Look in the next issue of the *Tribune* for a complete winners list.

Bowlers also had an opportunity to show their stuff at the All Indian Bowling Tournament held April 27 - 29 at Holiday Bowl. Although held for several years now by director Lucille Nadborne (Isleta) this year's event was renamed the 1st Annual Isleta Casino and Resort Bowling Tournament after Nadborne was able to secure sponsorship (and \$2,000 in added prize money) from them.

Seminole bowlers made up about 60 percent of the competitors this year making them the largest tribe represented. Some of the higher scores and bowlers included Rosie Billie - 209, Patricia Wilcox - 232, Moses 'Moke' Osceola - 222 and 211, Remus Griffin - 234 and 229, Miguel Cantu - 220, Elbert Snow -



Emmceed Irene Bedard introduced contestants.



Just before they announced the winners, the contestants lined up to enter the arena.

202 and 200, Danny Jones - 256 and 201, Phil Bowers - 205, Joyce Jumper - 206, Alfreda Musket - 206 and Monica Cypress - 199.

All scores and averages must be verified before prizes are awarded. Nadborne said it would be three to four weeks before bowlers will receive their cash. A complete list will be published in the *Tribune* when available.

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SPORTS

N.A.Y.O. Basketball

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — The annual Native American Youth Organization Basketball Tournament was hosted by the Seminole Tribe this year at Big Cypress and Immokalee on April 13-14. This organization of Eastern Tribes has been in existence for over ten years and is a highlight of the native tournament circuit. The host state is on a rotating schedule and the age limit is 17 years and under for males and females.

With a roster of thirty teams vying for the coveted championship of this renowned tournament, there was plenty of edge of the seat, white knuckle, explosive basketball to be enjoyed. Teams representing Poarch Creek from Alabama, Iroquois from New York, Cherokee from North Carolina, Choctaw from Mississippi, and of course Seminole and Miccosukee from Florida all displayed an amazing amount of talent, skill, and a drive to win.

Big Cypress, Hollywood, Immokalee and Trail had teams represent-

ing Florida but unfortunately were eliminated in the third and fourth rounds. Big Cypress Recreation, coached by Cicero Osceola made an excellent showing but eventually lost to Duke, a Choctaw team out of Mississippi in the fourth round.

With the amount of teams registered to play, the Immokalee Gym was utilized for half of the games with the championships played at Big Cypress. Starting at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and concluding on Saturday night around 10:30 p.m. the tournament ran on a tight but efficient schedule that spoke volumes for the Big Cypress Recreation staff.

By 2 p.m. Saturday night the intense run of competition came down to four teams. In the girls division, it was Cherokee (NC), against C-Town (MS). In the boys division, undefeated Flight (MS) was pitted against last year's winners C-Town (MS).

Coming out of the losers bracket caused Cherokee girls' team to win twice in their attempt to wrestle the championship from C-Town. They won the second game with a 46-35 final score. The sportsmanship trophy went to Miranda Long representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee.

In the boys' championship game, Flight, from Red Water Choctaw Reservation, came through undefeat-



Julius Willis sportsmanship trophy

ed. With excellent rebounding and numerous stolen ball plays, there was no stopping them on the road to their championship with a final game score of 68-45. The sportsmanship trophy was won by Julius Willis.

After the final game Seminole Tribal Assistant Mitchell Cypress, along with Assistant Big Cypress Recreation Director Jack Gorton, presented the championship and second place trophies and jackets to the players and coaches. Accepting the team trophy for Cherokee was Coach Peaches Squirrel from North Carolina. For the boys, the winning coach was Tony Anderson from Mississippi.

The 2001 N.A.Y.O. Basketball Tournament was an unveiling of superb athletic skill, extreme drive and focus. It was also a tribute to Native youth and their accomplishment in something that takes positive dedication. All the teams played with heart and can count their participation as a goal well achieved.



Cherokee girls' team

N.A.Y.O. Golf Tournament

By Janice Billie
CLEWISTON — The day was beautiful, but hot and sunny with thick cotton ball clouds dancing across the sky intermittently providing some appreciated shade. There was also an eastern breeze blowing in but not as appreciated since it was also blowing in the somewhat unpleasant smell of the nearby sugar refinery.

Heat and smells not withstanding, there was no daunting the enthusiasm of the Tribal citizens and employees who arrived at the Clewiston Country Club on the morning of April 12, to kick off the first event of the N.A.Y.O. weekend.

Registration for the Four Person Scramble competition began at 8:30 a.m. with the tee-off time scheduled for 9 a.m.

Preceding the rolling convoy of golf carts and their earnest passengers disembarking on the green was a blind draw to determine the teams and a shotgun start. Yes, a shotgun start really is someone firing off a shotgun.

With a total of 37 participants comprising 10 teams the turnout was considered good by the event coordinator - Assistant Director of Big Cypress Recreation, Jack Gorton. There was a \$30 dollar entry fee and \$2,500 in added money so competition was healthy but friendly.

After 18 holes and some 3 hours later the winners wheeled their golf carts to the clubhouse to wind down, eat some lunch and await the tabulation of their scores. Aside from the scores to determine the winning teams there was also the "longest drive" and "closest to pin" scores included in the day's winners.

Team scores were as follows: 1st Place (for 1 dozen golf balls each and \$800) Charley Cypress, Mitch Osceola, George Grasshopper, and Theresa Boromei; 2nd Place (\$600) John Huff, Marl Osceola, and Mike Micco; 3rd Place (\$500) James Tommie, Mario Posada, Richard



Marcy Osceola

Henry, and Linda Tommie; 4th Place (\$400) Abe Rockwell, Charlotte Young, John Madrigal, and Harry Kennedy; 5th Place (\$200) Marcy Osceola, Bobby Frank, and Tom Colz.

Winners in the "Closest to Pin" shot were Maxie Tommie, Bobby Frank, Charlotte Young, Charlie Cypress, and Theresa Boromei. Taking the "Longest Drive" win was none other than Linda "The Crusher" Tommie. The Orangemen Development Corp. out of Davie donated gift bags to the winners in these two events.

The tournament came to an end on a hearty note with everyone congratulating each other on a game well played and a gleam in their eyes looking forward to the next meet.



1st place team members.

Dolphins Vs. World Arena Flag Football At Big Cypress

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — As part of the N.A.Y.O. weekend celebration in Big Cypress arena flag football game for this organization. All Pro, is a group of former professional athletes brought together by Wilhem to play basketball or softball to help raise money for charity groups, high schools and others in need. Only recently has arena flag football been added to their roster of sports and Big Cypress was their first venue.

The Miami Dolphins versus The World game, organized by Alan Wilhem of All Pro and Jack Gorton of Big Cypress Recreation, is the first arena flag football game for this organization. All Pro, is a group of former professional athletes brought together by Wilhem to play basketball or softball to help raise money for charity groups, high schools and others in need. Only recently has arena flag football been added to their roster of sports and Big Cypress was their first venue.

Played on the basketball court with five players per team, the game is quick and mainly sticks to a passing strategy. Each team gets four plays to score, starting with a hike at the court foul line. After a touchdown, extra points are played from either three yards for one point or six yards for two. These two teams didn't take the competition lightly. They ran, threw and dived for passes like it was super bowl training week.

The cheering audience consisted of Tribal citizens and members of the players' families. The players for the Dolphins included Jim Kiick, Lorenzo Hampton, Jim Jensen, E.J. Junior, Darrel Malone, Billy Milner and Jim Mertens. Whereas the Dolphins were all former Dolphins, The World was made up of players from various NFL teams, such as, Neal Colzie/Raiders, Eddie Hill/Rams, Rene Thompson/Giants, Harvey Clayton/Steelers and Evan Cooper/Eagles. All the players were in fine form physically and socially. During halftime they took time to talk to people, sign autographs and pose for pictures with many of the attendees.



World Team

The game was a great exhibition of sportsmanship and fun. It was evident the players enjoyed the action and were determined to win. The score was close throughout the game and the crowd got caught up in the excitement. After four quarters of play the Dolphins and The World were tied at 42-42 with less than a minute to play. Sticking with their dodge and scramble approach, The World scored on a winning pass to beat the Dolphins 48-42. It was a bit of a disappointment to the Dolphins and their fans but ultimately it was all in good spirit and the event was fun to watch.

Shelby Osceola, Roy Stewart

Qualify For FJRA Finals

HOLLYWOOD — Shelby Osceola and Roy Stewart have qualified for the Florida Junior Rodeo Association State Finals scheduled for May 18 - 19, at the Volusia County Fair Grounds in Deland, FL.

In order to qualify for the Finals, students must amass enough points through competition results, as well as maintaining a 1.8 GPA in school.

Shelby, a 12-year-old, sixth grader at Hollywood Christian School, qualified for three events, while maintaining a 3.5 GPA. Shelby will compete in barrel racing, goat tying and pole bending.

Roy Stewart, 10, a fifth grader at Driftwood Elementary, will compete in

steer riding. Roy, an honor roll student, won his first FJRA rodeo in Zolfo Springs on April 21 - 22.

"Roy was the only rider to cover his horse on both days," said David DeHass, manager of the Hollywood Horse Club. "He was big time excited. This is his first time he has qualified for the Finals, and he has a shot at winning."

"Shelby has really improved. Last year, she only qualified for one event. This year, she qualified in three-out-of-five events. It's a big improvement. I'm proud of both of them."

Three other Seminole riders qualified for the Finals in competition, but failed to be the grade requirement.



Dan McDonald

Noah Jim Fishing Tournament

By E. Tiger
BIG CYPRESS — Friday

March 30, the First Annual Noah Jimmie Bass Tournament was held out on the Big Cypress Reservation for Tribal citizens and employees. Anglers who fished in the two-day tournament faced strong winds, which had blown in from the west on the first day, giving those who chose waters north of the alley nothing more than a net full of problems. Murky waters, strong winds, and recent lowered water levels added to the already tough fishing conditions for the first day.

"It was a tough day of fishing on the canal. We fished the canal as slowly as possible with the wind and rain conditions. It felt like we were on the ocean and not the canal - it was so windy. We did manage to catch a couple of keepers for weigh in, and we did have one good fish on but I guess it wasn't supposed to be our day. I did also manage to find out where both the two Tiger teams' secret spot was, which helped me fare a little better on the second day," commented Big Cypress angler Chris Osceola.

Anglers who did produce fish with the added weight needed to produce fish themselves in first and second places during the opening day of the tournament fished areas west of the canal system where the weather conditions were a little more favorable. Deeper waters and less wind gave anglers who chose these areas added opportunities, which other anglers east of the canal did not have.

The Sonny and Bronson Tiger team, who fished these areas during the first day said, "We caught fish all day long, we didn't have any problems with the wind. We just worked on producing the best stringer for weigh-in." They weighed in at 27'8" for the first day.

Weather conditions for the second day of fishing improved dramatically, with the help of a more ideal starting time for anglers who left dock at first light. Lesser winds and clearer water improved anglers fishing opportunities by at least fifty percent giving anglers who did not fare well on day one a chance to catch up and position themselves to take over first and second places.

The father and son team of George and Jason Grasshopper, who were in second place after the first day, stayed with what they knew and fished similar locations which had produced fish the previous day. This move gave them the needed weight (27'8") to secure a third place spot.

Anglers Ernie Tiger and Jason DiCarlo made changes in their game plan for the second day. They fished areas west of the L-28 canal where deeper waters helped to bring them up from sixth place to second with a final weigh in at 28'4" - just slipping by the Grasshopper team.

"We really had a bad first day of fishing, we got knocked around by wind most the day. We decided to fish a more isolated spot with lesser winds and deeper waters, which help us produce the fish," commented the Tiger/DiCarlo team. The L-28 canal interceptor did not leave all teams emptied handed. Team Noah and Keno made the ranks from this canal capturing fourth position at 27'4" trailing the Grasshopper team by a mere 1'4." The teams' persistence, patience and skill help them fight Mother Nature's worst odds, which had plagued them in the canal throughout the tournament.

Fifth place winners - Philmon and Remus (25'9"), sixth place - Frank and Mario (23'9"), and seventh place - Chris and Hank (22'4") were also won from L-28 canal.

Tournament founder Noah Jimmie tackled biggest fish and fishing award to all who placed. After the last weigh-in, Jimmie invited all the fishermen to a cookout prepared especially for them for their participation in making the first event a huge success.

Fur Success: Biggest Fish:
 1st place - Bronson and Sonny 5'9", 2nd place - Remus and Philmon 5'8", 3rd place - Rick and Fred 5'4".
Final Day Weigh in:
 1st place - Sonny and Bronson 38'8", 2nd place - Ernie and Jason 28'4", 3rd place - Jason and George 27'8", 4th place - Noah and Keno 26'4", 5th place - Philmon and Remus 25'9", 6th place - Frank and Mario 23'9", 7th place - Chris and Hank 22'4"



Chris Osceola

Jason Grasshopper, Jason Dicarlo, Sonny Tiger, Bronson Hill and Ernest Tiger.



“Player of the Game” Daniel Brown’s bone crushing tackle.

Haskell Alumni Football Game

By John Harjo
LAWRENCE, KS — The erratic Kansas weather held up just long enough, April 21, for the annual Haskell Alumni football game to end in favor of the Varsity 26-0. The older, wiser Alumni team — composed of past Haskell football players such as Wayne Thompson (Oneida, age 36), Darryl Blueback (Creek/Ponca, age 34), Pat Thompson (Choctaw, age 40), and Stan Holder (Wichita, age 25) and John Jumper (Seminole age 24) — was no match for the young quarts.

Quarterback Jason Jesus (Navajo) went 18 for 35 with 242 yards, one touchdown, and no picks. “He showed composure and looked like a college quarterback. He really stepped it up during the second half,” Coach Snelding said. Jesus took some hits during the game, mostly after the ball was thrown, but he always seemed to get the ball off and was never intercepted. The Haskell Varsity had 20 rushes for 45 yards and one score.

There was no score the entire first half. The Varsity looked rough and uneasy in their new passing offense. “Our guys dropped a lot of passes in the first half, 11 to be exact. I got on to them at half time and they came out during the second half and stepped it up,” said Coach Snelding. “It comes from moving from being a running team to a passing team.”

The Haskell receiving core consists of Dallas Horn (Choctaw), Cy England (Blackfeet), Josh Baldrige (Cherokee), Joe Spears (Cherokee), and Posey Whiteman (Crow). “Josh Baldrige came up with the most yardage, Posey went 4 for 4 on receptions, and Cy had the long ball with a 50 yarder only to have it knocked out of his arms by Alumnus John Jumper,” said Snelding. On the second play of Haskell’s second half possession, Horn displayed his patented speed, catching a 30-yard pass for game’s first TD — it set the

Varsity domination tempo for the remainder of the game.

In the third quarter Ben Baker (Creek) caused a safety form the Varsity, really igniting the defense. Moments later, “Player of the Game” Daniel Brown (Creek/Euchee) — a 6-3 235-pound line-backer from Kellyville, OK — recovered a fumble and returned it five yards for a touchdown. Near the end of the same quarter Daniel had a 36-yard interception TD return. “Daniel is one of our players who improved the most during the spring workouts. He runs a 4.6 forty and he still has a couple of years to improve on his strength and speed,” said Snelding. Daniel also finished with 12 tackles.

Near the end of the 4th quarter Zach Hale (Cherokee) took a handoff and turned it into a one-yard TD — the final score of the game.

Coach Snelding is excited about what he saw: “Jason (Jesus) really stepped it up the past week and a half. It was hard for Jason to get into a rhythm early in the game due to a lot of passes being dropped. Our tight ends dropped a lot of balls and so did the rest of our receivers in the first half. The receivers picked it up though the second half.”

The offense was without starting tight end Wes Breedlove due to a heart condition and All-Conference receiver Sonny Duncan, recovering from knee surgery. “Our defensive line had trouble containing the quarterback. That is something we are going to work on,” Snelding stated. Some other defensive standouts included Brett Blythe (Cherokee), Matt Treadwell (Cherokee), and Nick Lewis (Tohono O’ Odham). “I am happy with the outcome and it showed me about our teams composure. We have some film to review now and despite the rough first half I am very pleased,” said Snelding.



Tribe Welcome WIBC

By Libby Blake
TAMARAC — From April 17 through June 27 over 48,000 women bowlers will descend upon the area to bowl, soak up the sun, visit the local tourist attractions, and infuse over \$60 million dollars into the local economy. The 82nd Women’s International Bowling Congress (WIBC) Championship Tournament came to Fort Lauderdale this year with major sponsorship by the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Tribal tourism ventures — Coconut Creek Casino, Hollywood Casino, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, and Billie Swamp Safari — combined forces in a joint marketing scheme. Involvement came about through the Tribe’s association with the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB). “The Broward County Convention Center general manager, Mark Gatley, had hosted WIBC previously in Niagara Falls when he worked at the CVB there. In 1996, he suggested we take a look at the needs of WIBC and what Greater Fort Lauderdale has to offer,” said Nicki E. Grossman, president GFLCVB when asked about the events leading up to the tournament being held in Fort Lauderdale and the Seminole Tribe’s involvement.

“I was nervous at first, but over time and after meeting WIBC board members and site committee members, agreed that we would be the perfect place. The CVB scheduled several meetings with hoteliers, attractions, and other businesses. Everyone was tremendously enthusiastic and the local bowling groups gave us great encouragement. So, we went to Reno (host city for the WIBC for several years), worked extremely hard, and came back with WIBC and Fun In The Sun 2001.

“From the very start, the Seminole Tribe was a great partner in campaigning for the group and in generating their excitement in coming to this area for great bowling, great shopping, and great opportunity to meet the unconquered Seminole people — to enjoy their customs, history, food and fun. WIBC was so enchanted with the Tribal repre-

sentatives, particularly Lee Tiger, they asked the Tribe to consider being the major sponsor of the Congress. I believe the participation of Lee and the Seminole Tribe made this entire \$60 million piece of business happen for us.”

When announcing the sponsorship agreement on Feb. 26, 2001, WIBC

consultant, then took to the microphone to make a special presentation of a hand-carved peace pipe (made by former Miccosukee Chief Buffalo Tiger) to WIBC president Joyce Deitch. Tiger then surprised Nicki Grossman with a beaded necklace “to represent our friendship and many years of association with the CVB.”

Tiger went on to tell the group that although the Seminoles, nor the Miccosukees, ever really had such a thing as a peace pipe, these individually made pipes are created and given only to special people or groups to honor their association and promote Native American culture and heritage. (Buffalo Tiger makes the pipes for son Lee and each pipe is unique to the intended recipient.)

Other WIBC officials, including Florida president Pilar Cohalla, Broward County president Joan Cracchiola, South Broward president Libby Billings, and WIBC executive director Roseann Kuhn, were introduced and spoke to the assembled bowlers and guests.

The WIBC tournament is divided into four divisions based on player’s averages. On the first day, bowlers roll three games as a five-day team at Don Carter Tamarac Lanes. They then move to Sawgrass Lanes on day two where they bowl three-game each singles and doubles events. The overall nine-game total for each bowler is the fourth event, called all events, the players compete for.

“There is a place for all of our members at the WIBC Championship Tournament,” says executive director Kuhn. “No matter what your ability level, you can have fun and have a chance to do well in the tournament because the format gives everyone a chance.”

Approximately 700 – 800 bowlers will participate daily throughout the tournament for the \$1.7 million prize fund.

Most of the Tribe’s women bowlers are sanctioned with the WIBC. The All Indian Memorial Weekend Bowling Tournament, sponsored by Big Cypress Recreation, Council Representative David Cypress and Tribal President Mitchell Cypress, will be held May 25 – 27 and is expected to draw a record number of bowlers this year because of the WIBC event.



L/R: Nicki Grossman, Tom Gallaher, Joyce Deitch, Lee Tiger. (Y-100’s Steve Young in background).

Executive Director Roseann Kuhn said, “WIBC is excited about agreement with the Seminole Tribe’s Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and appreciate their support of the WIBC Championship Tournament. We will encourage our bowlers, along with their families and friends, to visit the museum to learn more about the Florida Seminole heritage.”

Under the sponsorship agreement WIBC worked with Seminole Tourism before the event, and will continue to work with them throughout the event, to inform bowlers of Seminole tradition and culture and all the attractions the Tribe has to offer.

Opening ceremonies to kick off the tournament were held Tuesday evening, April 17, at Don Carter Tamarac Lanes where all the team events will be held. Singles and doubles events will be bowled at Sawgrass Lanes in Sunrise.

Master of Ceremony Steve Young, from Y-100 radio, opened the evening with a presentation of colors by the Broward Sheriff’s Department Color Guard followed by the National Anthem. Mayors Joe Schreiber of Tamarac and Steven Feren of Sunrise, addressed the ladies and their guests with words of welcome.

Lee Tiger, Seminole Tourism

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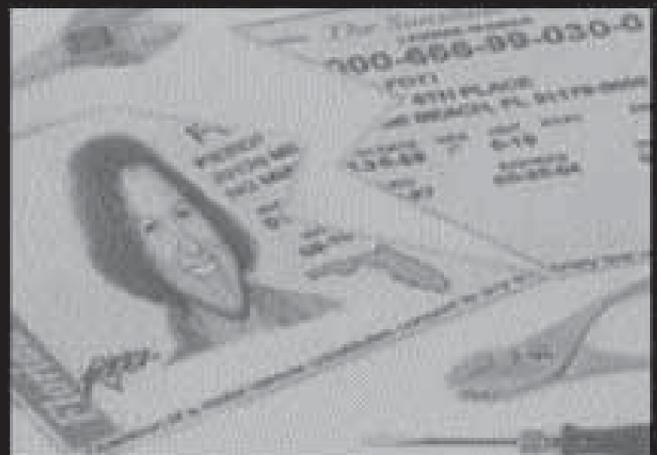
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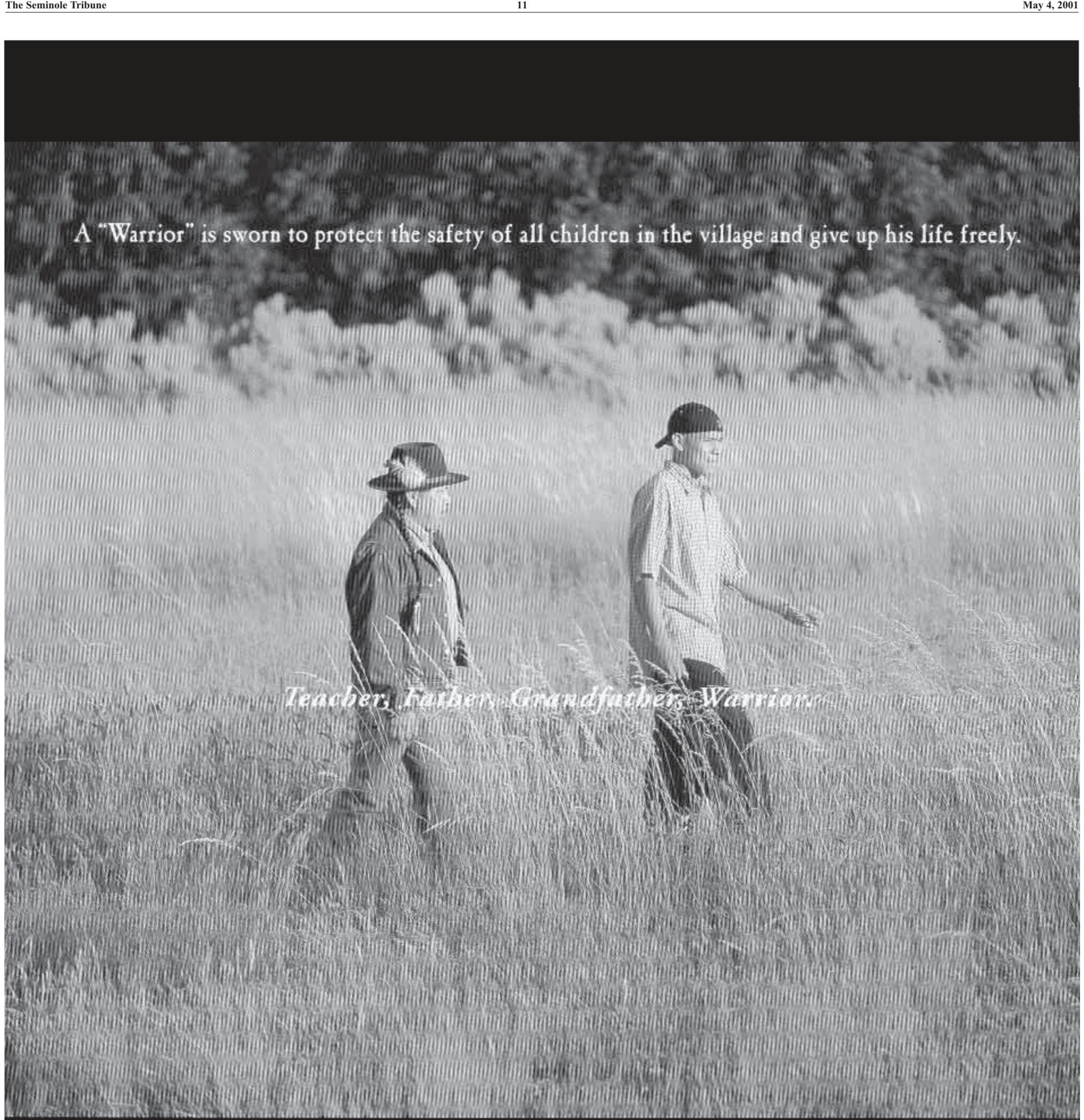
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Seminole Tribe of Florida Elections Announcement

We have verified candidates for the May 1, General Elections for Representatives of the Hollywood, Big Cypress and Brighton Reservation for the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.

Seminole Tribal Elections May 14, 2001

In according with the Constitutions and Bylaws of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and the Corporate Charter and Bylaws of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., a General Elections is called for the following offices on Monday, May 14, 2001. Qualified Candidates for each office are listed.

Seminole Tribe of Florida Tribal Council

Big Cypress Reservation:
David R. Cypress (Incumbent)
Manuel M. Tiger
Samuel Tommie

Brighton Reservation:
John Wayne Huff, Sr.
Reno A Osceola
Jack Smith, Jr. (Incumbent)

Hollywood Reservation:
Charles B Hiers, Sr.
Max B. Osceola, Jr. (Incumbent)
Gloria Wilson

Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc., Board of Directors

Big Cypress Reservation:
Clifton L. Billie
Paul Bowers, Sr.
Mary J. Coppedge
Charlie Cyprss
Alfonso Tigertail

Brighton Reservation:
Lorene B. Gopher
Alexander P. Johns
Johnnie Jones

Hollywood Reservation:
Paul Buster
David D. Dehass, Sr.
Ronnie Doctor
Sampson Frank
David Jumper
Vincent Micco
Charles A. Osceola
Vernon W. Tiger

Those members voting "ABSENTEE" will be furnished with absentee ballots upon request. If voting be mail please request absentee ballots at one to allow enough time for ballots to be mailed to you an be returned to the Secretary/Treasure's office on or before May 14, 2001. Mark your ballots at once and return them so they can be included in the count for this election.

All eligible voters are requested to cast their ballots at established polling places on the three (3) reservations or be absentee ballots.

Polls will be open 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. All eligible tribal members are urged to exercise their right to vote in this election.

*Priscilla D. Sayen
Secretary/Treasure*

You may send the bill to the above address for payment, along with the courtesy copy of publications, attention to Priscilla Sayen, Secretary/Treasure's Office. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

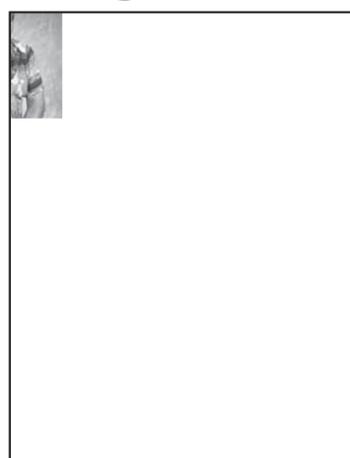
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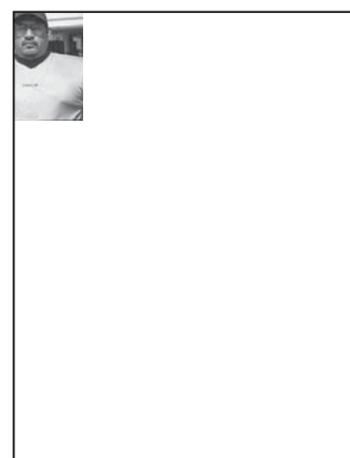
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Tribal Council Brighton Reservation



Jack Smith Jr.



Reno Osceola

From the desk of John W. Huff, Sr., Candidate for Brighton Council Rep.

I am seeking the office of Brighton Council Representative, because I think and lots of our community members thinks the same way as I talked with the community members, they are not incomm of what goes on at the Tribal Council meetings.

To me this office should always be for the people of our community and our tribe and not show favoritism of select few. Keeping the lines of communication and the community members open. We need a change for the better. All Brighton Tribal members will be as equal as one. I will have a open door policy to all community members and as to all tribal members. I will be a full-time Council Representative, 24 hours x 7 days x 365 days a year. I will be working for you, to better our community and our tribe.

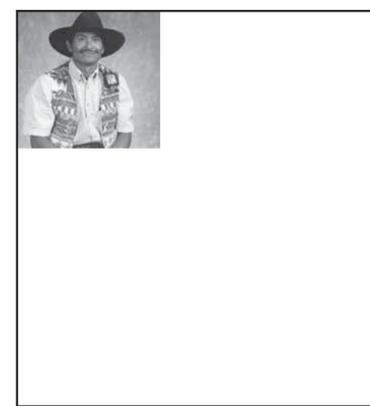
Between now and election time, it will be available and will be visiting the community, going door to door and having a campaign dinner to talk to tribal and community members. Please remember to vote on May 14.



John W. Huff

E-nuff is E-nuff, Vote for John Huff for Brighton Council Representative. It's really time for a change.

Tribal Council Big Cypress Reservation



Mondo Tiger

Mondo Tiger statement

I'm running for council this year. My main objectives are to come up with a main objective package, provide simulcast airing via satellite of council meetings to the Big Cypress and Immokalee areas with translations for the our seniors, generate new jobs for out younger adult Tribal citizens, and address safety issues along 833 such as speed bumps, traffic and road signs to ensure the well-being of the Big Cypress community. I want to bring in new enterprises, besides gambling. And most importantly, I would like to thank all the supporters who have stood behind me my last two terms as your board representative.



David Cypress

Samuel Tommie

Hope everyone is well.

My concerns and goals are basically same as before. I am very concerned about our elders and disabled they need and deserve indepth care. Our youths involvement in drug abuse is also an alarming and a warning of what will come, for which I strongly believe we as a communitiy will work together and resolve the problem with fairness and peace as a Council Representative. I support your right to dividend increase. As a community let us show a heartfelt responsibility.

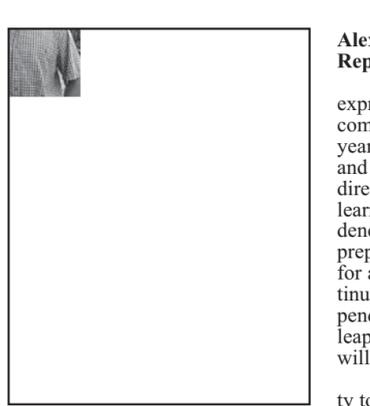
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Eradicate an illegal and detrimental source in our communitiy.
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Implement New elder support, programs.
Elder and children relationship enchance-

ment.
New Youth Programs and Youth Safety programs.
B.C. funds-Investment/Profit, Ventures Support and Promote individual buissness enterprises.
Support and Promote Job Skills and Careers
Voters right to see B.C. Councils Fund disburse.
Re-evaluate department and programs.
Each individual Concerns will be respected Equality Bases.
Extended support for recovering Residence.
Six community meetings minimum per year.
Support establishment of christian school.
Lets what's been accomplished over the years
Create new jobs
Add new programs



Samuel Tommie

Board of Directors Big Cypress Reservation



Alex Johns

Alex Johns is running for Tampa Board Representative.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my extreme gratitude for the support my community has shown me over the past two years. I feel we have accomplished a lot together, and that the Tribal Board is headed in a positive direction. These past two years have served as a learning experience for me as well as a confidence booster. I can honestly say today that I am prepared to hold the office of Board of Directors for another term. With your support I will continue to strive towards the goal of financial independence for the Board. I feel we have made leaps and bounds in the last two years and we will only improve as the days go by.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Tampa community for accepting me and support-

I am Johnny Jones and a member of the panther clan, son of Shule Jones and the late Ollie Jones. I have been a lifetime member of the Brighton reservation.

I will listen and be fair and honest in addressing your concerns and dealing with issues pertaining to our reservations. I will strive to do the best that can if elected for the board of directors.



Lorene Gopher



Johnnie Jones

Tribal Council Hollywood Reservation



Max Osceola



Charles B. Hiers

Gloria Wilson is running for Hollywood Tribal Council.

It's Christmas in April/May and I hope everyone is taking advantage of the opportunity. Not that it won't happen again but, the generosity has its limit-May 14.

"Promises, promises, visions of grandeur, and visions of sugar plum dancing in their heads" - yes, but then we awaken.

I am Gloria Wilson and I am running for the Hollywood Reservation Council seat. I will be hosting a couple of events and speaking with you individually to discuss my ideas and intent in seeking this office. My concerns and issues are likely the same as yours so I am very receptive to what you have to share also.

Everybody sees and knows what the problems are but who is willing to accept the challenge to cause change and effect a positive outcome for all people? I am and I believe there are others who feel as I do about Tribal government, administrative, and their responsibilities to you and I who are the Tribe.

Are you ready to make a choice, to make a change, to take the steps necessary to make it happen? Join me and consider what I have to offer. LEADERSHIP, INCLUSIVENESS, RESPONSIVENESS, AND INTERGRITY- all vital to a fair and equal representative of the people, the community, and the Tribe.

Are you ready?!



Gloria Wilson

The Chasco Fiasco

By Mark Madrid
New Port Richey, Pasco County Florida — Anyone that grew up in or still lives in small town America remembers or looks forward to the annual week of festival and fun that their hometown sponsors when everyone gets together and has a good ol' time. These celebrations usually herald some aspect of the local community character or commerce, like Mule Days, the Walnut Festival, the Strawberry Festival or Calle Ocho. For the last 79 years the community of New Port Richey has centered it's annual fun time around a mythical story called "Chasco Queen Of The Calusas."



The event is sponsored by the chamber of commerce of New Port Richey as a fund raising event for a number of local charitable organizations. The story was written in 1922 by Gerbin DeVries then the local post master and community booster. To kick off the week of festival and parades the adults of New Port Richey have had their children get up on stage and perform the pageant of Queen Chasco in what has become their stated attempt "to honor the Indians."

The premises of the play erroneously attributes the practice of human sacrifice to the Calusas. The story's setup is that after capturing a 300 plus invading conquistador force that had come to wipe out the "savages" the Calusas cut out all of their hearts as an offering to the sun god Toya, yet spared the lives of the priest and two children of the Spanish force.

The story goes on to propose that the priest shows the Indians how to grow corn, beans, and vegetables. Thereafter the Calusa are then swayed by the Christian virtues of the priest and two Spanish children to give up their "heathen savage-human sacrificing" ways and are shown how to become civilized. The children are so beautiful, athletic, and so full of Christian virtue that they are appointed King Pithala and Queen Chasco of the Calusas and in this capacity keep the heathens from killing and sacrificing the new settlers that are colonizing the area. The story suggests that the reason the Calusas disappeared was because they reverted back to savagery and human sacrifice.

"No evidence exists that the Calusas ever lived in the New Port Richey area," said William Marquardt, curator of archeology for the Florida Museum of Natural History. In fact, according to Marquardt who has done several studies on the tribe, burial mounds indicate other tribes lived here instead.

DeVries supposedly based the Chasco story on Spanish parchments he found in a clay cylinder while fishing in the Pithlachascotee River. When told about DeVries' reported discovery of Spanish parchments, Marquardt said he hears such stories of "ancient scrolls" from time to time, but questions their authenticity.

The Calusa, by historical accounts from DeSoto's own journals, were slaughtered and decimated by the disease and barbarous acts of violence brought by DeSoto and other Spanish conquistadors. There are written accounts of the betting matches held by DeSoto and his men as to how many Indians their Mastiff dogs could kill in the pit before dinner.

In a statement from the Florida American Indian Movement (AIM) infor-

mation appears in St. Petersburg, Florida, in what offers an obvious attempt to justify the genocidal colonization and subjugation of Indian peoples, the pageant blurs the division between fantasy and reality. Even worse, some people seem to confuse the fictional play with fact.

Approximately six years ago the Chasco Fiesta and play that set the tone for the whole event came to the attention of Florida AIM, while they were investigating a group that had self proclaimed themselves the Central Florida Creek Tribe. At that time the Central Florida Creek Tribe was actively promoting what they called the "Native Children's fund Pow Wow" with the co-sponsorship of the chambers of commerce of the small towns of Plant City and Lakeland. As it turned out the moneys never went to any children, native or non-, but to the adult self proclaimed Indian promoters. The group was eventually investigated by the IRS and individuals prosecuted for tax fraud.

Also at that time the so-called Central Florida Creeks were the "Indian

AIM, particularly upsets AIM members. The stereotypes of Native Americans in the Indian pageant are as offensive as a white person in black face imitating an African-American." Narcomey uses the Chasco Fiesta as an example of racism in work-

shops he teaches. "Five years of talks with the Chasco Fiesta organizers and the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce have failed to bring changes," says Narcomey. "We feel we have no choice but to protest." Five years ago the group complained about the pageant, but no changes were made. In June, the group filed a complaint with the state Office of the Attorney General in Fort Lauderdale charging that the pageant is defamatory, prejudicial and dehumanizing to Native Americans. Organizers of Chasco Fiesta pondered whether to change the way American Indians are portrayed at the annual festival. Last September members of Florida AIM met with the Chasco Steering Committee and other local representa-

tives. "It was a good meeting," said Joe Alpine president of the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce, which hosts the event. "Everyone left with the idea that we're going to look at the (American Indian Movement) request." Movement members who were at the meeting said it went about as well as expected. They said what they came to say, but they got no answers on what would be done. Dave Narcomey said members discussed the pageant and described how it was offensive. He said the group doesn't want to shut down Chasco, it just wants to have a few things changed. "We'd like to see a resolution to this event but," Narcomey said, "it's a good event but it's time to promote an era of inclusiveness. Hopefully, by eliminating the negative images, we can go in that direction." Sheridan Murphy, executive director of Florida AIM, said the lack of an immediate reaction from the Chamber of Commerce and the Chasco representatives was "disappointing, but understandable. I just hope they come to the proper conclusion after that caucusing and meeting."

The fiesta was March 22 through April 1 and included numerous events, such as a three-day Native American Festival, a carnival, a parade and the pageant. As March approached the organizers made the statement they weren't going to change any wording to the pageant. Alpine said, because of AIM's



Stopping the Chasco Kewre float at the St. Pete Festival of States parade.

complaints, some changes were made a few years ago and references to American Indians as "heathens and savages" were deleted from the pageant. "But no more changes are anticipated to deal with AIM's complaints," he said. "They (AIM) basically want the Chasco Fiesta event to be canceled. This is our 79th year. We are not going to change what we are doing," added Alpine.

In press releases sent out a few weeks before the targeting of the Chasco event AIM leaders targeted the Queen Chasco Pageant, along with the annual street parade, as days of protest. In addition to the protests, AIM also called for a tourism boycott of Pasco County and asked sponsors of the Chasco Fiesta to withdraw their sponsorship. AIM leaders vowed their protests would be loud, but non-violent.

"The American Indian Movement has never initiated an act of violence," the group's State Information Director said during the press conference at Sims Park amphitheater. The group includes members from tribes such as Lakota Sioux, Seminole, Creek, Chippawa, Kiowa, Mohawk, Menominee, Micmac, Navajo, Assinibone, Seneca, Cheyenne,

pulled from the cast by parents. A week before the pageant, Garman offered to set up designated areas for the protesters. AIM rejected the plan, calling the proposed locations unsuitable because the sites were too far away from crowds. For instance, Garman had suggested setting up a protest area in the parking lot of the West Pasco Chamber of Commerce, across the river from the Indian Pageant in Sims Park and out of view of the play or spectators.

On the night of the pageant 35 protesters gathered at the edge of Sims Park. More than a dozen AIM members and supporters slipped into the park and took seats in the front row to see if there had indeed been any change to the script of the play as had been stated by Joe Alpine. At the first uttering of "savage heathens" Florida AIM State Field Director Jennifer Tweedie began chanting, "The Legend Stops Here" and "Stop The Racism."

The group was immediately surrounded by more than a dozen New Port Richey police officers and Pasco County Sheriff's deputies-including the K-9 Unit. The group then reunited with AIM members and supporters who had set up a



Beads and feathers.

Advisors" for the New Port Richey Chasco event. Pasco county and the self proclaimed tribe had been working together to establish a so-called reservation and Indian village at the county tax funded Safety Park.

Florida AIM's information office stated in phone conversations with then mayor, Peter Altman, that if the county continued to recognize this area as an Indian reservation it would be necessary to turn over jurisdiction of said territory to either the Seminole Tribe of Florida or the Miccosukee Tribe. It was further suggested to Mr. Altman that he hire a legitimate native person to coordinate the pow wow portion of the Chasco event — such as Bobby Henry, a Florida Seminole who lives on the nearby Tampa reservation.

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Beads and beer.

Wyandotte, Apache, Cherokee, Comanche and Shawnee.

The New Port Richey Police Department assigned four more officers for the annual play during opening night of the Chasco Fiesta, according to Capt. Daryl Garman. Usually two to three officers provide crowd control at the event. "This has gotten so much publicity we don't know what kind of crowd to expect," Garman commented. "It's all guesswork. We'll know more come Thursday night." "I'm not going to interfere with their right to protest," Garman said about the AIM demonstrators. At the same time, he noted, officers must police a 'fine line' between protesters and spectators.

Representatives of the Junior Service League, which put on the pageant, did not return phone calls seeking comment. Previously, a league spokeswoman said none of the child actors had been

protest zone behind the spectators of the Chasco Indian pageant. Florida AIM State Executive Director Sheridan Murphy was briefly detained for using a bullhorn. AIM members and supporters were ordered by the pervasive police and sheriff officers present to not shout. Florida AIM member Kashka Larue was also ordered to be silent by officers. Two members of the Pasco Green Party were briefly detained for handing out leaflets in the park, which AIM was told violated New Port Richey ordinances prohibiting such distribution of materials in the park.

"In blaring contrast to the Chasco committee's statement, all of the phrases of savage, heathen, and human sacrifice are still part of the pageant and were dutifully chanted by the children during the parade," said Murphy. "We'll be back for the parade."

Next Issue: The Protest Continues.



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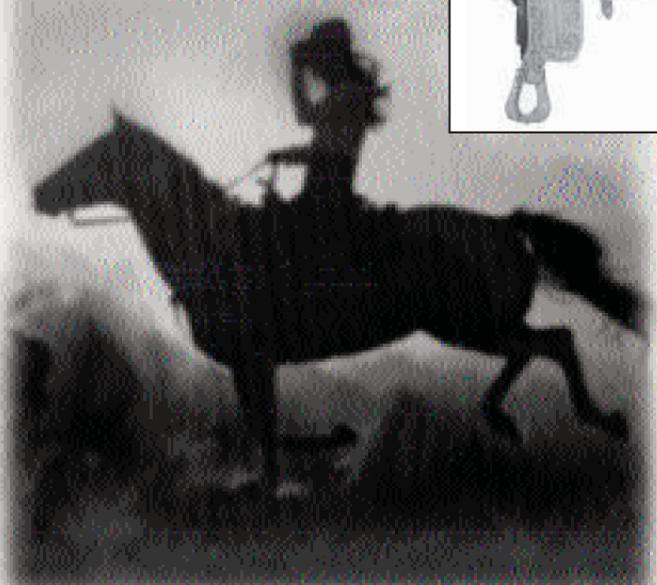
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Super Saturdays are coming to the Casino on May 19. The evening session will begin at 6:45 p.m. and the pack for this session includes a 9-on for twenty regular games paying \$1199 each, one 50/50 Players Jackpot, one Progressive Jackpot and two Lucky 8's. Packs are \$80 for Player's Club members and \$90 for non-members.

Player's Club members will enjoy special 50 percent off savings all month long when they play bingo on Fridays in May. Payouts will still be \$150 and \$250 per game (depending on pack purchased).

Tribal citizen Agnes Bert was one of the lucky bingo jackpot winners in April. Playing Lucky 8, Bert won \$11,400. Fellow citizen Arica Buck won \$14,720.55 on the Super 6 Lotto video game.

Bring your mother or grandma to the casino for a Mother's Day luncheon buffet between noon and 1:30 p.m. on May 13 and they will receive a special gift. Menu includes chopped sirloin steak with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, salad, dessert and drink.

"Rack Attack" was held Wednesday, April 18. Thirty-eight players qualified to participate. The three lucky winners were Chris Bozzuto — \$50 in casino chips, Cliff Taylor — \$175.75 in casino chips and a Josiah restaurant gift certificate, and Shelton Williams — \$85.75 in casino chips, free drinks for a month, and a Josiah gift certificate.

COCONUT CREEK CASINO — 5550 N.W. 40th St., Coconut Creek, FL. 33073. (954) 977-6700.

The casino is involved in an extensive marketing campaign that also supports the surrounding areas. Employees were on hand April 21 at the Sunrise Musical Theatre to hand out casino t-shirts to an audience of 3,000 attending country recording artist, Jo Dee Messina and Rascal Flatts. During the 6th Annual Air & Sea Show over Fort Lauderdale beach onlookers saw an aerial banner plane advertising the casino. And, as mentioned in a story on page — of the Tribune, the casino is also part of the Tribal tourism venture that is the major sponsor of the WIBC tournament running from April 17 — June 27.

Events at the casino during May include a special Mother's Day on the 13th with the reggae sounds of The Togetherness Band from 1 p.m. — 5 p.m. with special day spa passes to be given to ten lucky winners.

On May 20 hear the sounds of country recording artists Stampede. One lucky winner will receive a grand prize of a three day/two night trip to Nashville, Tenn.

SEMINOLE INDIAN CASINO OF HOLLYWOOD — 4150 N. SR 7, Hollywood, FL. 33021. (954) 961-3220 or (800) 323-5452.

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Lots of events are planned for May. On May 12, bring your JPC card, bingo admission receipt and May's gamepiece from the newsletter to receive your choice of a set of four Seminole Indian Casino logo glasses. Some glasses will have hidden stickers worth up to \$500 in matinee and \$1,000 in evening sessions.

Mother's Day, May 13, all ladies in attendance at matinee or evening session will receive a beautiful rose and bud vase. Special tribute will be paid to the oldest mom, the youngest mom and other special people.

One lucky bingo player will be off on a seven day Caribbean cruise for two plus over \$60,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded during a special drawing on May 26. Win any bingo game and receive a drawing ticket to be eligible. Tickets can be collected all month long.

Special bingo on the 26th starts at 5 p.m. with four sets of party games with discount prices for packs and 2-for-1 extras (except D.I.Y.'s). Later at the 7 p.m. session, packs include twenty regular games paying \$1,199 each. Bonanza and Super Jackpot will be a Must Go \$5,000 each and the Bonanza will come off the board.

Also on May 26, the casino is giving away cash. Starting at 3 p.m. seven \$1,000 drawings will lead up to a \$10,000 drawing at midnight. Casino and poker players have all month to collect their tickets to be eligible for the drawings.

— Compiled by Libby Blake



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Job Title: Receptionist
Open Date: April 18, 2001
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Location: Hlwd, Secretary
Salary: Treasurer's \$18,720 annually with benefits

Job Title: Tribal Outreach/Worker
Open Date: Mar. 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brtn, Family Services
Salary: \$20,300 with benefits

Job Title: Site Manager
Open Date: Mar. 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Hotmeals
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Job Title: Community Health/Rep.
Open Date: Mar. 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: B.C., Health
Salary: \$18,700 with benefits

Job Title: Tribal Clerk/Admin. Asst.
Open Date: Mar. 14, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Secretary
Salary: Treasurer's \$24,960 annually with benefits

Job Title: Custodian
Open Date: Mar. 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: B.C., Ahfachkee
Salary: \$15,600 with benefits

Job Title: Youth Center Attendant
Open Date: April 25, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Juvenile Justice
Salary: \$16,640 annually with benefits

Job Title: Elementary/Middle School Teacher
Open Date: April 18, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: B.C., Ahfachkee
Salary: Negotiable

Job Title: Bookkeeper/Office Asst.
Open Date: April 18, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brtn, Natural Resources
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Job Title: Medical Social Worker
Open Date: March 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: B.C., Family Services
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Job Title: Counselor
Open Date: April 11, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brtn, Family Services
Salary: Negotiable

Job Title: Permanent Sub. Teacher
Open Date: March 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: B.C., Ahfachkee
Salary: \$12.50 per hr with benefits

Job Title: Accounts Payable
Open Date: March 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Health
Salary: \$18,720 with benefits

Job Title: Pre-K Teacher
Open Date: April 18, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: B.C., Ahfachkee
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Job Title: A-Built/CAD Drafter
Open Date: April 11, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Utilities
Salary: \$28,000 with benefits

Job Title: Secretary
Open Date: March 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: B.C., Family Services
Salary: \$13,644 with benefits

Job Title: Admin. Asst.
Open Date: April 11, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Planning & Development
Salary: Negotiable

Job Title: Speech Therapist
Open Date: March 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: B.C., Ahfachkee
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Job Title: Gaming Inspectors (5)
Open Date: Mar. 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Gaming
Salary: \$28,000 annually with benefits

Job Title: Teachers Aide
Open Date: March 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: B.C., Ahfachkee
Salary: \$13,644 with benefits

Job Title: Community Health Educator
Open Date: March 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Health
Salary: \$30,000 annually with benefits

Job Title: Surveillance Operator (2)
Open Date: March 7, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Coconut Creek, Gaming
Salary: \$17,680 with benefits

Job Title: Dental Asst.
Open Date: March 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Health
Salary: \$24,960 annually with benefits

Job Title: Cultural Language Instructor
Open Date: March 14, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Imm., Cultural Education
Salary: \$28,120 with benefits

Job Title: Nutritionist
Open Date: Mar. 7, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Health
Salary: \$35,000 with benefits

Job Title: Surveillance Operator
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Location: Imm., Gaming
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Job Title: Operator/Maintenance Trainee
Open Date: March 28, 2001
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Location: Hlwd, Utilities
Salary: \$17,680 with benefits

Job Title: Teacher Aide (3/4 yr. Class)
Open Date: March 7, 2001
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Location: Imm., Preschool Programs
Salary: \$18,150 with benefits

Job Title: Patient Services Clerk
Open Date: Mar. 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hlwd, Health
Salary: \$17,600 with benefits

Job Title: Surveillance Operator (3)
Open Date: March 7, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Tampa, Gaming
Salary: \$17,680 with benefits

Job Title: Operator/Maintenance Trainee
Open Date: Mar. 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brtn, Utilities
Salary: \$17,680 with benefits

Job Title: Gaming Clerk
Open Date: March 7, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Tampa, Gaming
Salary: \$17,200 with benefits

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Notices

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 Friday, May 18, Seniors 50 & Over, Singles and Mixed Doubles. 17 and Under, Singles, Male and Female — Registration 4-6 p.m. Tournament to start at 7 p.m.
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Poems

"The Flight of the Hawk"

He soars o'er the sawgrass, the alligators,
 The otters and the Seminoles
 His graceful flight is not his first or the last
 As long as the sun shines on this land of gold
 His flight will continue to grace the sky
 His powerful grip, grasp the past untold.
 No eyes beheld the vision of the horizon
 And no one can communicate to him like the Seminole

From the tallest cypress trees, he sees the land
 For hundreds of years a home to the Seminole
 The hawk made his sounds of warning and
 Only a chosen few could relate, so we have been told
 The flight of yesterday, the flight of tomorrow
 The flight of today, rest in our souls.
 The elders are disappearing one by one
 Tears are on his face for the disappearing Seminoles.

Still his wings are spread for the flight
 His grip is still grasping for our survival
 The flight of the hawk will continue
 Unconquered and sovereignty must be our title.

Personals

Seeking Phil Bowers
 I was wondering, I know that it's a long shot, but I went to school with a guy named Phil Bowers at Haskell Indian Jr. College in the 1990's. (He must be about 27 or so years old). I'm not even sure if this is his tribe or not, but I would like to get a hold of him. Do you happen to know who I am talking about? Please respond even if the answer is no, thanks. Sharey Cleveland, GIS Technician, Resource Inventory & Analysis, Colville Confederated Tribes, (509) 634-2360, email: sharey.cleveland@colvilletribes.com

In Memory

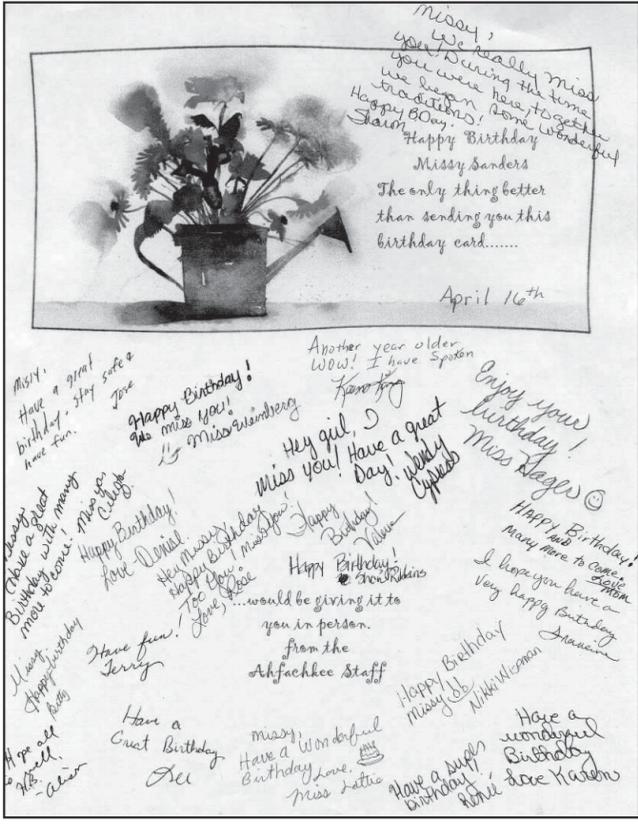
Little Angel

Born December 21, 2000 and passed away on April 19, 2001. Baby Ida Betty Osceola Padilla infant daughter of Anthony and Heather Padilla.

Baby Ida passed away all of sudden and shocked many people in the Hollywood community. Hillbilly Shakespeare Hank Williams once said in one of his songs "Life is a flower that withers and dies" life is precious and life is fragile, life of a baby needs tender loving care. Baby Ida's funeral service took place at First Seminole Indian Baptist Church officiated by myself and Reverend Wonder Johns. The burial took place at the New Seminole Cemetery in Hollywood. We do not understand why an infant passes away. Baby Ida only lived in this world 119 days, she brought brightness and brilliancy to our church at First Seminole. Many Sundays Baby Ida came to church, we all miss her, but, we will see her again "in the sweet by and by."

Hem-mung-ala-ka Cowbone

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