



New Board and Council representatives (L/R) Paul Bowers Sr., David DeHass, Alex Johns, Seminole Tribe of Florida President Mitchell Cypress, Max Osceola Jr., John Wayne Huff Sr., and David Cypress.



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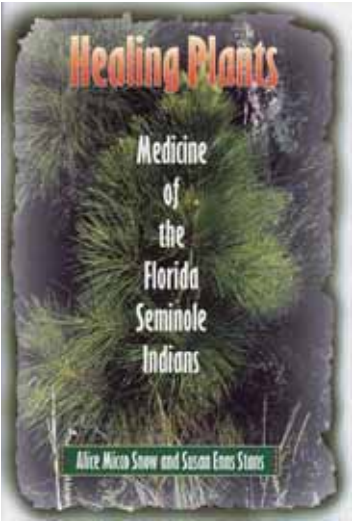
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Healing Plants Makes Its Debut

By Michael James
BRIGHTON — A lifetime in the making, the first ever published account of Florida Seminole herbal medicine and ancient healing practice rolled off the presses and into the hands of its authors, Alice Snow and Susan Enns Stans on May 30, 2001. the book is a first for both of the women.

Healing Plants is a delightful record of generations of Seminole tradition and knowledge that has been carefully and artfully combined into a valuable and very readable resource for the herbalist. Divided into 2 parts, the first part of *Healing Plants* is devoted to a history of the Seminole people, traditional medicine, traditional use of plants, and Alice’s own autobiography. Part 1 largely deals with traditional medicine from an anthropologists point of view regarding ethnobotany, healing, and the connection between healing, plants and herbs. Part 2 or ‘Alice’s Handbook of Seminole Medicine’ covers treatments, remedies, and an exquisite plant identification chart for Creek speakers. The book features plant names in Creek, Mikasuki, English, common, as well as botanical. The book is lavishly illustrated the ‘plants and their properties’ section has 8 pages of color photographs that help make the plants easily recognizable. Other features included in the book are a repertoire of herbs that Alice uses, the Creek alphabet, Alice’s genealogy, and a list of plant names for Mikasuki speakers.

“The first thing I got in my mind was that I better put it down on paper for my family,” Alice told the Seminole Tribune about how the book came to be. Fearing that this knowledge could become lost forever, the first mention of publishing this book was in 1994. As the idea for



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Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress “hotdogging” for the camera at sports reception.

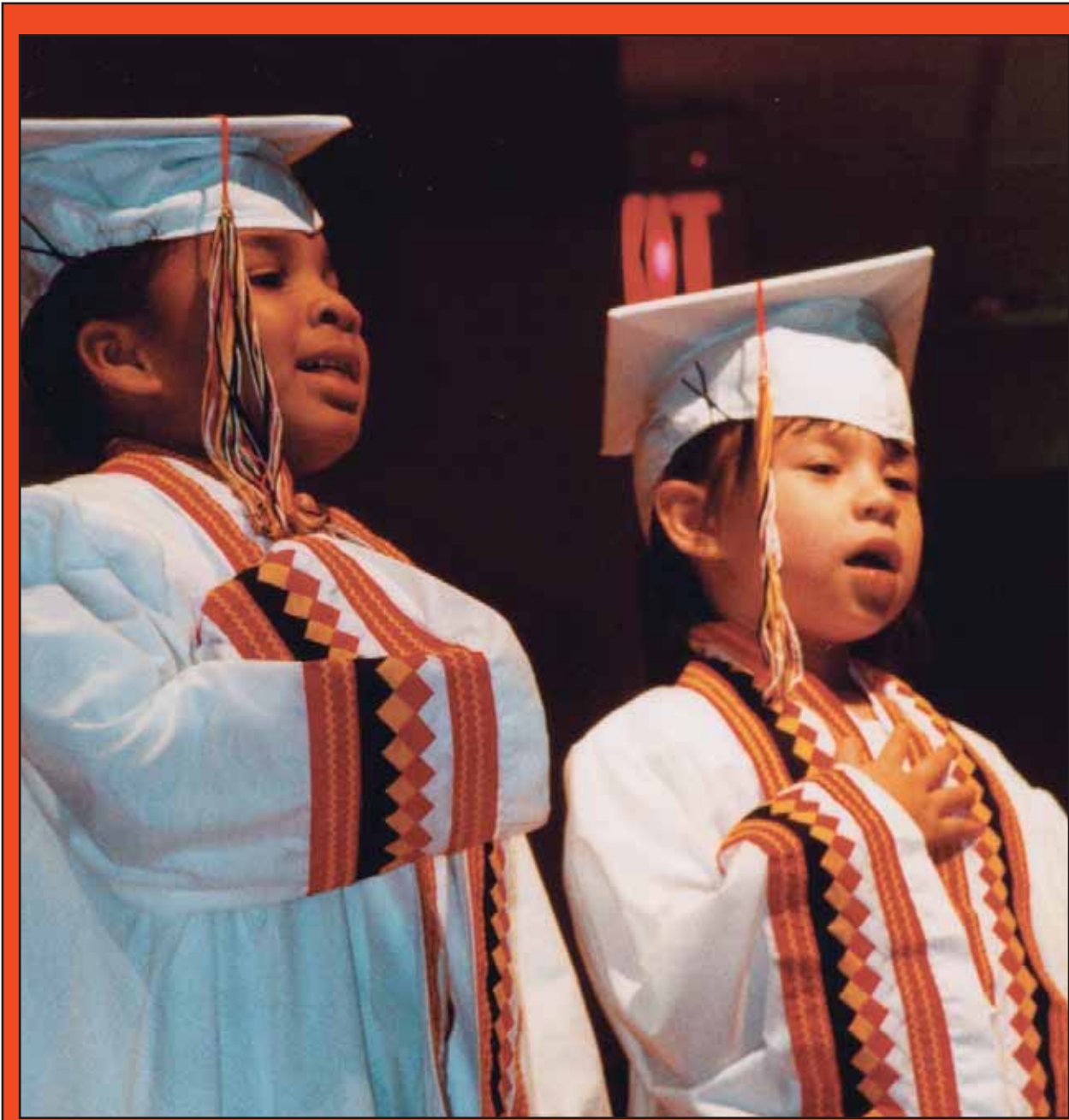
2001 Sports Festival Held

By Libby Blake
HOLLYWOOD — The Seminole Tribe Sports Festival 2001 was held over Memorial Day weekend with activities designed to satisfy every athlete. Things got started on Thursday May 24 with a reception buffet held at the host hotel for the event, the Airport Hilton.

A barbecue buffet, featuring chicken, ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, assorted salads and fresh fruit, baked beans, corn on the cob and various desserts, was served from 6:30 – 9 p.m. Paul “Cowbone” Buster, along with daughter Jessica, entertained the group with a selection of songs from their CD’s.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday concurrent pool and bowling tournaments were held at the Hollywood Dog Track and Holiday Bowling Center. Sunday afternoon EIRA came to the Bill Osceola Rodeo Arena with a full program including

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Isabel Maria Tucker and Katelyn Rene Young recite pledge during graduation ceremony.

Hollywood Preschool Graduation

By Ernie Tiger
HOLLYWOOD — May 31, 2001 Preschool Graduates of 2001, presented delighted onlookers and parents. with reenactments plays of their favorite children including stories which included Humpty Dumpty, Actor: Gerret Osceola./ The Old Lady in the Shoe, Actor: Shelli Billie and –Elyse and Esyra Frank/ Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater, Actor Neyom Osceola and Donte Tiger/ Little Boy Blue, Actor: Neko Osceola/ Little Jack Horner, Actor: Manny Baker/ Baa Baa Black Sheep Actor: Cameron Osceola/ Little Miss Muffet: Isabel Tucker/ Little Bo Peep Actor: Daija Baxely/ The Three Little Kittens: Katie Young, Adahma Sirota, Alisia Billie and Anissa Osceola./ Mary Mary: Jaide Micco/ Hey Diddle Diddle: Wyatt North, Aaron Doctor, Julian Billie, Haden Little Bear.

The graduating students accepted diplomas after the play from Hollywood Representatives Carl Baxley and Max Osceola, recited the Pledge to the American Flag, followed by songs in their own native language with the Preschool Language Teachers including: Monteele, Twinkle, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, Wheels on the Bus, Traveling Song.

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Family Services Attend Wellness And Native Men Conference

By Benny Secody
ALBUQUERQUE, NM — “Rekindling our Warrior Spirit” was the theme for the year’s eighth annual “Wellness and Native Men” Conference held here on May 20-23.

Ten employees and community men from the Hollywood, Big Cypress and Immokalee reservations traveled to Albuquerque, to participate in the conference. Those who attended were Ralph Billie, Mark Billieboy, Mike Onco, Benny Secody, Mike Smith, Victor Billie, Glenn Osceola, Phillip Jumper, Carradine Billie and John Hall, Jr.

The conference was sponsored by Health Promotion Programs of The College of Continuing Education at The University of Oklahoma; and was co-sponsored by the American Indian Institute and the Native American Prevention Research Center.

Once the group arrived and were settled into their respective quarters on Sunday, they attended a pre-conference workshop with a theme called “Connecting at the Heart”, presented by Ari Ma’ayan. The workshop objectives were to open up to a deep connection with other participants, commit to taking healthy risks, and to get into the spirit of the conference. This workshop was an interactive, experiential – fun – activity to “break the ice”, loosen up, and get to know the others on more than just a spiritual basis and connect with the fundamental basis of wellness and the conference.



Tribal members rekindle their warrior spirit.

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Dr. Patricia Wickman welcomes newly elected Big Cypress Board member Paul Bowers.

New Tribal Officials Inaugurated

By Libby Blake
HOLLYWOOD — The Inauguration and installation of the newly elected officials for the Seminole Tribe of Florida was held Monday June 4 in the Auditorium of the Tribal Government Building. The overwhelming theme for the day was unity as present and former Tribal officials spoke about the current stream of troubled waters surrounding the Tribe and the need to stick together to remain the “Unconquered” people.

Tribal members from all the reservations came to watch and congratulate those chosen by them to represent their communities on the Board and Council of the Seminole Tribe and to say thank you to the outgoing representatives.

Moses Osceola Jr. served as Master of Ceremonies for the midmorning event. Jack Motlow started things off with the invocation. Hollywood preschool students, led by Josephine Motlow North, recited the pledge to the Seminole flag in the Mikusuki language followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag.

Next up was choir members from the Chickee Baptist Church, including Communications Director and former Chairman Dr. Betty Mae Jumper, who performed two gospel hymns, one in Mikusuki.

President and acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress spoke briefly about the “honor and privilege” of working with the Board and Council for the “good of all the Seminoles.” Cypress also thanked Chairman James E. Billie, who was in the audience, for attending the Inauguration festivities.

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Brighton Pre-K Graduation

By Micheal James
BRIGHTON — May 29th was a very important day for 8 special kids. “You are ready to take that big step,” says Louise Gopher, Education Coordinator. That big step was graduating from Pre-Kindergarten to Kindergarten.

The graduation exercises began at 6 p.m. with the Flag Salute to the American Flag and then the Flag Salute to the Seminole Flag, both in English and Creek. The seniors then gave a special presentation of the “The Girl that Found Corn Seed” which was complete with props and performed entirely in Creek. The Juniors were just as entertaining with their renditions of the Number and Counting Song, Itsy Bitsy Spider and Mother Gooney Bird. And as the emcee, Thommy Doud said they seemed to enjoy something that they initially didn’t want to do.

Alex Johns, Brighton Board Representative, Louise Gopher, Education Coordinator, were guest speakers for the evening and shared their pride in the students and their acknowledgment of all the hard work shown by the kids and the parents.

The commencement exercises were completed with the graduates walking down the

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Editorial

My Grandmother Was A Saint

***Dr. Dean Chavers**

I have been writing for over 21 years now. I am the second oldest surviving Indian columnist now, after Tim Gago. Sometimes I can't believe I lasted this long. If I have known I would lived this long, I would have taken better care of myself. (That's a very old and trite joke.)

One of the main reasons I have lasted this long is that my grandfather saved me. In a real sense, when I was 16 I was stranded on the road to no good. Even though I was always near the top of my class in school, I was hanging around the wrong crowd.

My father was in the hospital with what we learned later was encrusted tuberculosis. His lungs were very weak and had lost most of their elasticity. He told me many times he would fall asleep on the way home – it might be in a cornfield somewhere – and wake up the next morning under a blanket of snow. He abused his body. He had been hit with mustard gas in Belgium, which started the deterioration of his lungs. The drinking hastened it.

Daddy drank liquor from the time he was a teenager until he was 50. In those days, it was illegal for Indians to drink anything. But everyone knew where all the bootleggers were. Daddy knew them all by first name. One of his best friends, an Indian he called Cagle, had served time in federal pen for boot-legging. Cagle was a real regular visitor to our house.

His last binge, which I can barley remember, lasted three weeks. He was drunk every day during that time. Then it took him two or three weeks to sober up. During that time, the only thing he could eat was soup. He could not keep any solid food down. So Uncle Bill Thompson, one of his best friends, started calling him "Soupy." The name only took with a few close friends, including a legendary drinker named Jackie Brooks who visited our house for years.

When he finally got straight, which meant he had recovered from alcohol poisoning, he never drank another drop. Right after that binge, he started having to go the VA hospital on a regular basis.

He might stay a week or two, or he might stay three months. The last time he went, he stayed 35 months. He died in that 35th month.

In the meantime, that first year he was in the hospital, I went into of wild. I was running around with a gang of half out-laws. I was the youngest of the crowd. The oldest went to prison that same year for shooting up a house. Another one is in prison now for killing his wife. The other two never went to prison, as far as I know, but none of us was up to any good.

It had gotten to the point that my mother could no longer control me. I was 16, and I thought I was a man. I did a man's work, running the farm by myself when Daddy was in the hospital. But I was an angry young boy.

I followed Daddy's example. Our gang's main activity was meeting at the juke joint every Friday and Saturday night, getting something to drink, and going off somewhere to get a drunk. The one who shot up the house was dead drunk in his car when we tried to wake him up the night before he did the shooting. I still don't know why he shot up that house.

The one who killed his wife (which happened years after I left the state) was in a drunken rage, I was told. Alcohol made all of us do some dumb things. It made me think I was somebody. One of my friends, a girl, told me she had always respected me until she found out I drank. I just waved it off at the time, but obviously her comment is still with me today.

I had no idea what I would do with my life, which was just one of my frustrations. At that time, in that place, there were two options open to me. I could become a farmer, which required no college education, or I could go to college and become a teacher and teach Indian kids.

There were no other options open to me. I could not become a banker, an agricultural agent, an engineer, a scientist, a doctor, a journalist, a dentist. These options were not open to Indians at that time. I knew I wanted to go to college, but the thought of the "Red Ceiling" (most professions not open to Indians; I just made that up) frustrated the life out of me.

My grandparents lived in Virginia, and we lived in North Carolina. My Aint Dimple, Grandpa's baby sister, knew what was going on with me. Unbeknownst to me, she wrote a

letter to Grandma telling her what was going on. She told Grandma if she wanted to save me, her oldest grandchild, she had better come get me. I didn't learn about this letter until years later.

In the meantime, I caught a ride with Willie Bowen, Momma's cousin, from where we lived in North Carolina to where Grandpa and Grandma lived in Virginia. Willie was hauling watermelons and cantaloupes from Florida to Washington, DC, so I literally caught a ride on a watermelon truck.

Willie dropped me off in Dinwiddie County, Virginia, ate dinner with us, and kept driving to Washington. Three days later, when he had sold all his watermelons at the Farmer's Market, he came back through and picked me up. I rode with him back home, and started packing. They had agreed to let me move in with them.

Grandpa and Grandma came to pick me up on September 1, 1957. I had gone out with the gang the night before, my last night in town, and had too much white lightning. I woke up that morning with a tremendous thirst and a headache. I drank about a quart of water, then threw up the water and the rest of what was in my stomach half an little later. Then I went back to bed and slept it off.

They took me back to Virginia with them. All their kids were gone, and Grandma and Grandpa lived by themselves. One son and his family lived just down the road. The other five lived in different states – New York, North Carolina, Colorado. My Aunt Claire's husband Eddie was in Korea, so she was living with her parents temporarily.

A couple of weeks later, I started school in the county seat of Dinwiddie. I was the only nonwhite person in the school. I had to ride a bus eight miles to school. We went past the Black high school, Southside, and the Black students from the southern part of the county rode past our school on the way to their school. (I later thought about the hypocrisy of the anti-busing whites protesting the costs of busing. They had already been bearing the cost for years.)

Grandma never said a word to me about my gang. Neither did Grandpa. In the six years I lived with them, he only lost his temper with me one time. That was quite a miracle, considering that he had a terrible temper.

Grandma acted as if it was perfectly normal to take in a grandchild. She acted as if nothing out of the ordinary had happened.

Grandma taught me by example. She chided me if I had anything bad to say about anyone. "Would you want someone saying that about you?" she would ask.

She was a genius. I think that if she had ever taken an IQ test she would have scores above 150, which would have put her into top 1% of the population. She could understand people. She had insight into human nature. And she was very patient with me.

She never mentioned the gang I had run around with. She never brought up any of my past. She acted as if she expected me to behave well, and get good grades. Working hard was a given. As farmers we all had to work hard.

She was a tiny lady, never weighing much over a hundred pounds. She wore a bonnet when she went out in the sun to pick beans for

She went as far as she could in school – the eighth grade. That was the top grade for Indians before World War II. In fact, she taught school for most of a decade before she married Grandpa when he came back from the War.

She played the piano and the organ, even though she had never had lessons. She just picked it up. She was very humble. She was a sincere Christian lady. She was very energetic. Even at 70 years of age she never walked; she ran everywhere she went. She had more than her share of aphorisms, and shared them with me liberally. Three of her six children earned college degrees, and the other three could have but didn't want them.

She was a remarkable lady and an inspiration to me. Because of her I earned four college degrees, including three from Stanford University. I miss her every day, even through she died in 1983. Her spirit will be with me the rest of my life.

— *Dean Chavers is a columnist*



Nuk-bak-shok-cha the' (Pelicans)

Welcome To The New Ki On The Block

Big Cypress First Baptist Church at Big Cypress Indian Reservation had been without a pastor for a few month, since Howard Micco resigned his position. Reverend Micco served at Big Cypress for several years, but due to his health conditions he relinquished his post at the end of last year.

Moses (Bigg Shot) Jumper and a few other Spirit-filled men kept the holy pulpit filled for a few months without its pastor.

Ever since the church had been dedicated to serve the Almighty God in the rural backwoods where it seemed like God wouldn't exist. In the seemingly forsaken swamps, where only alligators, snakes and mosquitoes live, there stood a little swamp Southern Baptist Church for fifty or sixty years. It's doors were never closed, services had been help every Sundays and Wednesdays, ever since God blessed it for His wondrous and wonderful work.

Now there is a new pastor at the church with his family. Prayerfully the

church seeked for the spirit-led man to feed the flock and provide spiritual leadership to the church and the community.

Reverend Salan Hummingbird, his wife Brenda, daughter Shelly and grandson Ethan arrived in Big Cypress on Wednesday May,16. He is from Stillwell, Oklahoma, he attended Fourkiller Baptist Church.



(L-R) Brenda, Ethan, Shelly and Salan Hummingbird.

We with his and his family well while serving God among the Seminoles in South Florida.

God bless you and your ministry,
**Hem mung ala ka
"Cowbone"**

Farewell Margaret Cypress

Another Seminole tribal citizen, Margaret Cypress, passed away on May 15, 2001. Margaret had been a diabetic for a long time and had been stricken with a stroke last year. She had been in a nursing home in Ft. Myers until her death.

Margaret was an Immokalee resident for over 20 years. She spent her earlier years at Big Cypress reservation. Her father was Bouton and her mother was Sally John, both from Big Cypress (both deceased). Her survivors are sons, Matthew Oters and Charles Cypress, and grandsons, and granddaughter, and great-grandkids.

Margaret's funeral was held at Big



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Cypress First Baptist Church and was buried at Big Cypress Cemetery. She had been a member at Big Cypress First Seminole Baptist Church where she was saved at a young age. Her father and her mother were also members at the same church.

Her sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren will miss Margaret, and also by the people at the Immokalee reservation and also the Seminole Tribe.

I pray for the loved ones, relatives, and friends, that God comforts every one.

Hem mung ala ka
God Bless
Cowbone

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Editor:

I wish to find out how to write (my sons my world) in the Seminole (my Indian language. If that information could be obtained and e mailed to me It would be wonderful. Thank you,

Eric W. Wimberly
Downtown417@aol.com

Dear Eric;

I am not completly understanding your question, "My sons my world." But I will answer as best as I can. My sons: a - choots - ho - nuc - nee (achoot-shonuchee), My world: a - may- e - ke (amayeke). I hope this will help.

"Cowbone"

Raw (email.doc)
Editor:

I am doing a report for school about the Seminole Indians and I need some more information and possibly pictures of the area and the surroundings of where the houses were built at, and I would like to know if there were rivers or lakes around the houses that they lived in.

Rhcpgecko@aol.com

Seminole Tribal Member Paul Buster "Cowbone" replies:

I don't fully understand your questions. However, I will assume that your questions are about how we Seminoles used to live.

Our villages (dwellings) were in the cypress swamps and our housing was call "chickees" (it means a house). The surroundings were of cypress trees, water and foliage of the environment.

There were small streams, but no big rivers or lakes.

Today, most of the Seminoles live in modern houses and communities. I do not have any pictures at this time. You may find something on our website at www.seminoletribe.com.

Editor:

Could you please email me a copy of your EIRA royalty rules, I am comparing these rules with different rodeo associations. Thank you.

Beverly Abrahamson
Bubbles@colvilletribes.com

Seminole Tribune contributor Tommy Benn replies:

The Eastern Indian Rodeo Association follows all Professional

Rodeo Cowboy Association rules as far as scoring and mark out rules judging up to 100 points: 50 points per ride, 25 per animal and 25 per contestant.

Time events too are in the PRCA guidelines, broker barriers 2nd and 3rd hoop clean catcher and throw. All rodeos however may have individual arena rules of their own.

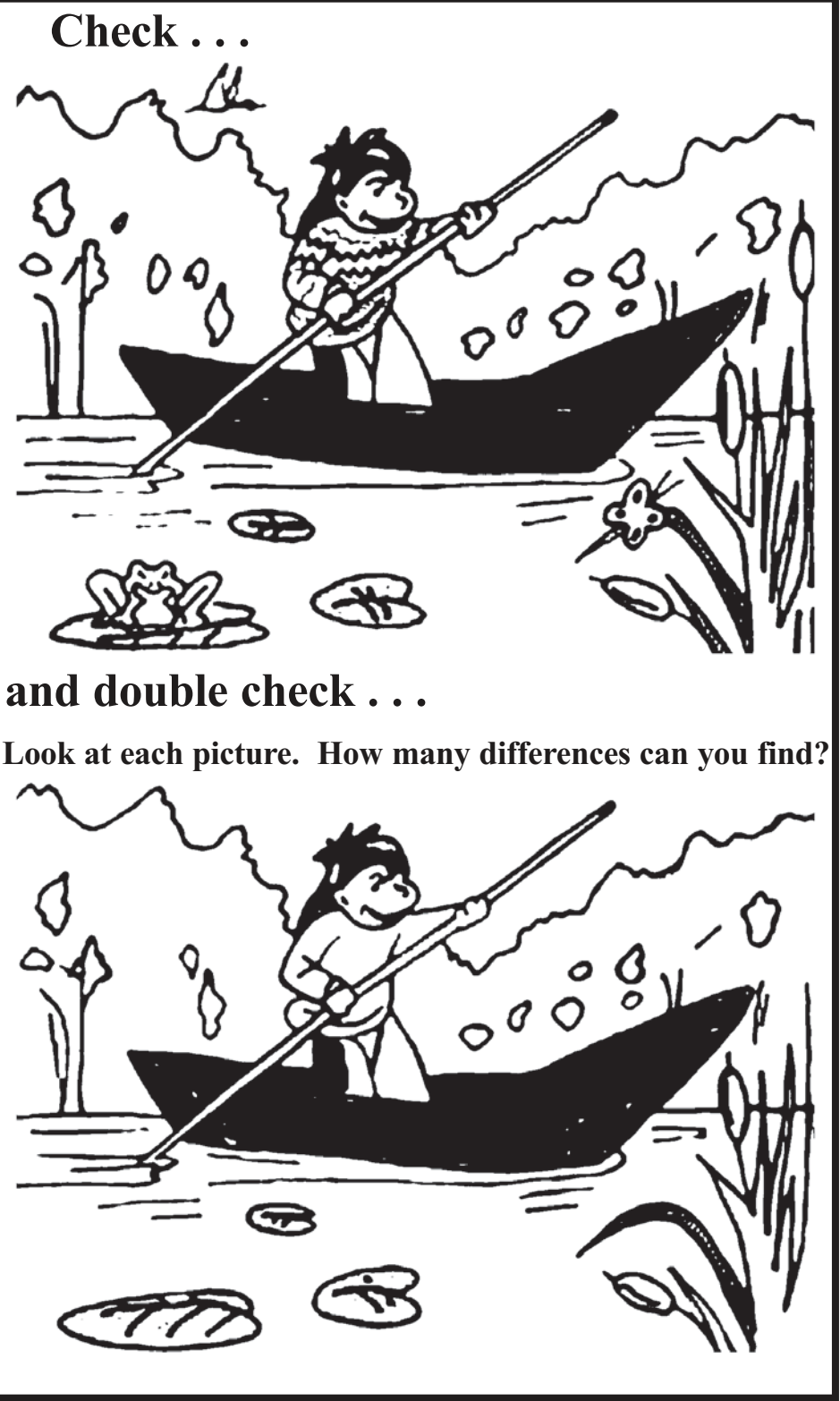
To enter an EIRA Rodeo the contestant must be from a Federally Recognized Tribe and have a tribal enrollment number and blood quantum.

Team Florida Swimming Time Trials Saturday, June 30, 2001

Do you want to know if you could qualify for the Sunshine State Games? And for Team Florida t the 2002 North American Indigenous Games?

If you do...we will be having the 2nd qualifying time trial at the International Swimming Hall of Fame Pool in Ft. Lauderdale at 10:00 a.m. on Sat., June 30. There will be 1 time trial per month*. Some events will be held at local swimming meets. The team will be picked by the end of this year, so if you're interested, then call Kristin to sign up at (954) 989-9457.

* 2 time trails for the months of June and September.



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Reflections By Patsy West

Pine Island Settlement

Recently, I was fortunate to locate new information regarding the history of the three historic Seminole habitation islands called the Pine Island Complex of which the Hollywood Reservation is a significant part. The large islands of the settlement complex, Big City (Hollywood Res), Pine Island and Long Key were unique. At 29 feet above sea level, Pine Island was the highest point in Broward County. They were located in the Everglades basin and could be reached by canoe by going up New River and entering the Everglades. For most of the year, they were accessible only by canoe, but during seasonal droughts when there was little water, footpaths connected the islands. In the nineteenth century before the drainage of the southeastern Everglades, these islands were the most significant Seminole settlements in the area. Documentation shows that they were occupied by Seminoles at least as early as 1828, seven years before the Second Seminole War.

Kirk Munroe was a nationally known author of books for young readers in the latter nineteenth century living in Coconut Grove just south of Miami. He was friendly with the Seminoles and they were the subject of a number of his books. By the turn of the century, Munroe became increasingly concerned about the welfare of the Seminoles as investors and farmers moved in to develop the area and plans to drain the

well-cultivated fields.” Munroe found “the bulk of their more permanent habitations is on Pine Key (Pine Island), which is high, dry and sandy.” Pine Island today is a green area for Pine Island Ridge Development that surrounds the upper portion of the island. The lower section has been preserved as well and is managed by Broward County Parks as Tree Tops Park. It is surrounded by the developments of Forest Ridge and West Ridge.

In 1902, Munroe noted that “Indians well known to me, reported that white men had driven them from Long Key, and were gathering the crops that they – the Indians had planted.” A couple of years later, the state’s drainage operations were begun near Pine Island. While the impact of drainage would alter Seminole lifestyle forever, Pine Island, their largest settlement in southeastern Florida, was unfortunately on ground zero. As the drainage program’s North New River Canal and South New River Canal began to be dredged, they ran to the north and to the south of the island. Munroe’s correspondence graphically portrays an onslaught on this last major Seminole refuge: “Men from the dredgers raided Pine Key (Island) destroying what they could not carry away. Consequently the Indians have deserted those islands and removed deeper into the Glades where they are now living on low wet, and very insalubrious islands, many of which I visited last winter (1906).”

“Several of my Indian friends have been to see me this spring bringing me complaints of much sickness among their families which they attribute to the bad drinking water of these low, wet keys, and the lack of dry places on which to build their shacks.”

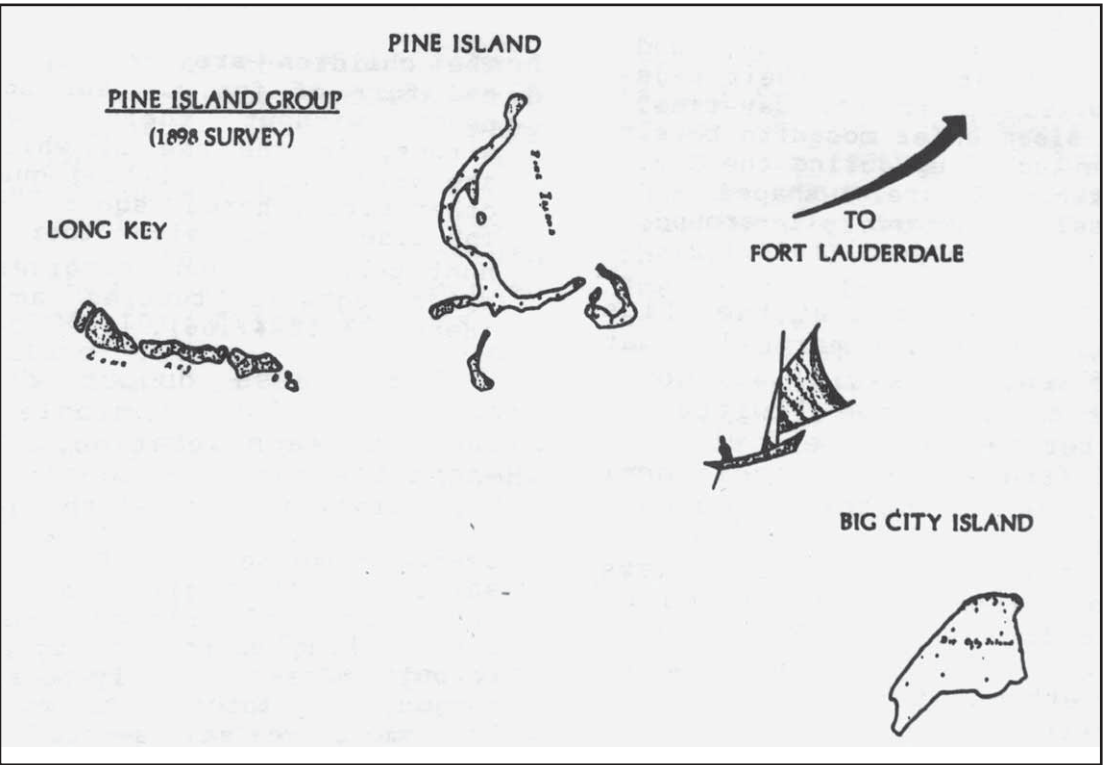
“White men living on New River, publicly boast that, having driven the Indians from the mainland, they will now drive them from all the Everglades Keys suitable for cultivation, and the Indians themselves are in despair.”

A technicality in the swamp lands act allowed Pine Island and Long Key to be removed as “Indian land.” Munroe spoke about this situation: “To my mind the withdrawal of the two Keys

named, from reservation, and the throwing of them open to white occupation, would be an act of the utmost inhumanity to a peaceful, law-abiding, self-respecting, and industrious, people. If the Indians can be assured of protection, and unmoles- ted ownership of the keys, they are certain to return to them sooner or later.”

In closing his letter he asked if it was “advisable” to “call at the Indian Department in Washington” and give “fur- ther information” concerning this matter. There is certainly no doubt about Kirk Munroe’s mindset as he chose the phrases: “having driven,” “they will now drive,” “white occupation,” and “utmost inhumanity.” He wanted the receiver of his letter, an attorney whose council he sought, to feel the anger, the out- rage and even the helplessness of being run out of your home and off of your land. Today, ninety-nine years later, this month, Mr. Munroe’s well chosen words still evoke the same emo- tions. Emotions, that, since sovereignty has been recognized and new reservations have been created in Tampa, Ft. Pierce, and Immokalee, no Tribal member will ever be forced to endure again.

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eastern Everglades were the topic of the day.

Recently, I located a letter from Munroe that tells of his role in attempting to acquire the Seminoles’ Pine Island Complex as a federal reservation. Most importantly, the letter, written July 20, 1907, details how and when the Seminoles abandoned Pine Island and Long Key, a fact that until now was not clear.

In 1898, A. J. Duncan was hired by the federal gov- ernment to locate suitable area to designate as reservation land for the Florida Seminoles. Kirk Munroe accompanied Duncan into the eastern Everglades in 1899. Munroe noted that at that time on the mainland, the high coastal ridge between the ocean and the Everglades (in the areas of Ft. Lauderdale, Hollywood and Miami), there was “no territory left available for reserva- tion purposes.”

Big City Island, a large Seminole habitation island where Hollywood Reservation is today, had already been aban- doned by 1898 because it was so close to the mainland. However, some four miles into the Everglades on Long Key (which today has Flamingo Gardens on the eastern end of the former island) they “found three Indian camps and extensive,

Church To Hold Vacation Bible School

By K. B. Schaller

HOLLYWOOD — The ninth annual Vacation Bible school will begin and end with a splash this year as Surf’ n VBS, the theme of this summer’s program for area youth’s, kicks off on Sunday, July 8. It will splashdown with a back- yard beach party on Thursday, July 12, culminating the five-day seminar. The sessions will be held nightly from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Chickee Baptist Church, on the corner of 64th Avenue and Josie Billie.

“The program presents God’s word for youths through visuals, games, and other interactive activities. There will also be music, singing, storytelling, and crafts. We will

to make up failed grades. Instead, they learned about the Bible’s account of the creation of the heavens, Earth, all living things, and the personal plan that God has for the life of every human being,” Rev. Payne further states.

A talented actor himself, the pastor entertained an audience of parents, and children whose ages ranged from babes-in-arms to teenagers. The onlookers laughed, cheered, and applauded Rev. Payne as he performed with his puppet, “Edgar T.” Another favorite of last year’s VBS was “Freddie’s Gang.” The Muppet-like characters “lip-synched” to stirring gospel music, and brought squeals of laughter from small fry and grown-ups alike with other comic antics. The Freddie’s Gang Secret Society animat- ed the characters; a church youth group whose mem- bers’ identities are kept secret.

Students who memorized certain Bible verses won “Bible Bucks,” redeemable at the church’s vacation bible school store.

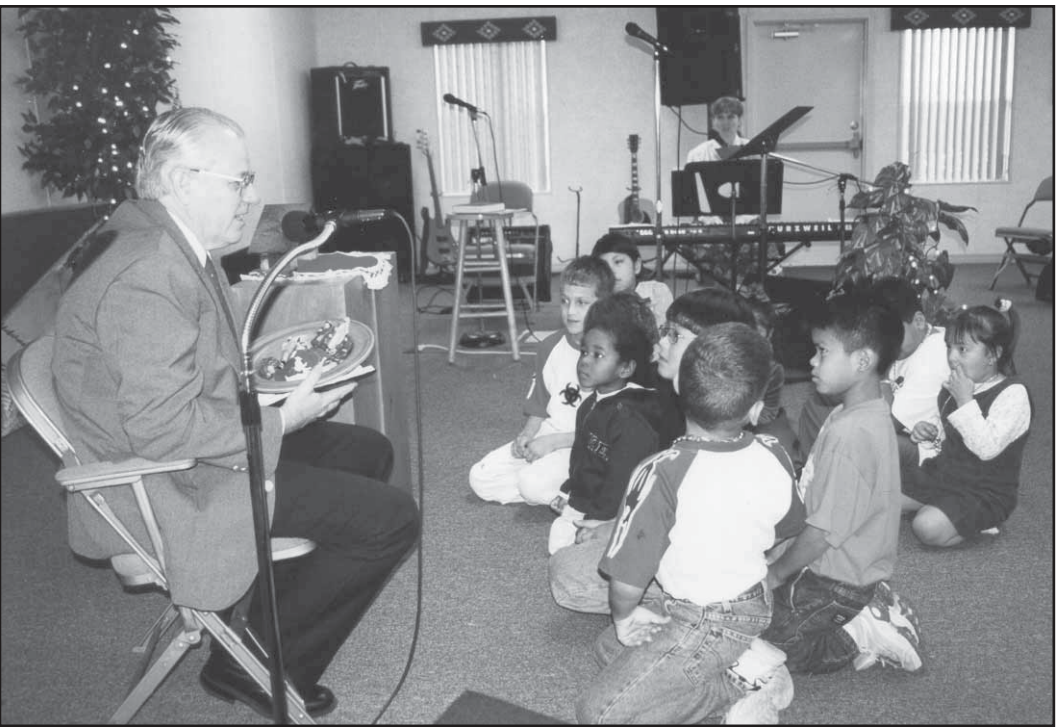
The classes were made even more relevant to Native youths as they learned Bible songs translat- ed into the Creek language by Judy Baker, who was one of last summer’s teachers and mentors.

When asked what was her favorite VBS activity, Talina Castillo, a third grader who has attended the summer Bible classes “since I was little” remarked that she enjoyed most the penny wars. “I like it when the girls go against the boys in donating pennies to help pay for our classes. The group that raises the most pennies wins. I think they should keep on having it every

year.”

Rev. Payne was noncommittal when asked if “Freddie’s Gang,” “Edgar T”, the penny wars, and other favorites from last year would return for a reprise. “Perhaps we could work them,” he states. “Things are still in the planning stage.” After a pause, the soft-spoken pastor added, “But be on the lookout, all of them just may appear again this year.”

For more information about Vacation Bible School, contact Rev. Arlen Payne at Chickee Baptist Church, or call (954) 894-5651.



Rev. Payne entertains a (mostly) attentive group of VBS youngsters.

serve refreshments, and students will have the opportunity to earn prizes,” states Rev. Arlen Payne, who has been pastor of the church for more than ten years. “We serve students from toddlers to teens, so we are challenged to make the presenta- tions interesting to a wide range of maturational levels.”

Rev. Payne also states that Surf’ n VBS classes will be taught by a trained staff of teachers, mentors, and coun- selors, and that nursery care is provided for infants.

“Last year’s VBS attracted over 100 area youths. All were eager to attend a summer school that did not require them

Swamp Safari Makes Travel Channel’s “Top 10”



Billie Swamp Safari Airboat Guide Keith Davis explains how airboats operate to the Travel Channel’s film crew (l. to r.) Producer/Director Marvin Rawman, Cameraman Mo Moghari, and Audioman Brent Bader.

By Lucy Evanicki

BIG CYPRESS — The Travel Channel is producing a one-hour program entitled “South Florida’s Top 10” featuring the Billie Swamp Safari, the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s Eco-heritage wildlife park, along with nine other interesting and exciting must-do’s in America’s southern region.

“The show will air this coming fall to an audience of over 50 million house- holds world-wide,” said Lucy Evanicki, the Safari’s Marketing Director.

Of course, the center of attention for the “must-do” was the Safari’s swamp buggy Eco-tour, complete with a visit to see Superman, and an airboat ride.

In addition, Frank Davis, from the Safari’s mechanic shop, explained how the swamp buggies are hand-made right on site. Frank’s nephew Keith Davis, who took the Travel Channel crew on its “must-do”

airboat ride, helped the crew understand just how an airboat is made and how it operates.

Also included in the “Top 10” were Miami’s Calle Ocho Festival, diving the underwater national park in Key Largo, swimming with dolphins at the research center, the fabulous sunset and performers at Mallory Square in Key West, the elegance and thrill of Polo matches in Palm Beach, and the beach party known as “Volleypalooza”.

Billie Swamp Safari is located about an hour west of Ft. Lauderdale off Alligator Alley at Exit 14 on the Big Cypress Seminole Reservation. The Safari is open year round (closed Christmas Day) from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For further information, call (800) 949-6101 or (863) 983-6101 or log on to the Safari’s website at www.seminoletribe.com/safari.



Peggy Osceola, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Lee Tiger, Seminole Tourism along with Tribal Representatives from Canada and the United States attending the ITB.

Conference Promotes International Tourism

Submitted by Lee Tiger

HOLLYWOOD —

Thanks to promotion of nature-based heritage tourism by Visit Florida, Inc., the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Seminole Tourism, the Seminole Tribe has been enjoying a steady increase in the number of international and domestic visitors to the Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum and Billie Swamp Safari, despite the American and European econom- ic slump.

In recent months, Seminole Tourism has partnered with Visit Florida, Inc. and the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau at travel shows, such as the ITB Tourism Convention in Germany.

Travel shows allow the tour companies and general pub- lic the opportunity to discover the travel and vacation options available in Florida. This year, several Tribes from the Canada and the United States attended the ITB and witnessed the level of international interest in Native American tourism and the eco- nomic opportunities that can arise out of contacts made during these shows.

In May, the Travel Industry of America (TIA) hosted the International Pow-Wow in Orlando, Florida. The



(L-R): Tom Gallaher, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum; Alfredo Gonzalez, Marketing Director Greater Ft. Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau; Lee Tiger, Florida Seminole Tourism.

International Pow-Wow is an international marketplace for inbound US travel suppli- ers during three days of 20-minute, pre- scheduled appointments.

Presidential candidate Al Gore was the guest speaker at the closing luncheon, underscoring the fact that this is the most important US travel convention, featuring only the best in American Tourism, such as the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and the Billie Swamp Safari.



Tom Gallaher along with American Pavillion staff, donning authentic Seminole vests for the five day convention.

Community News

Severe Drought Conditions Continue

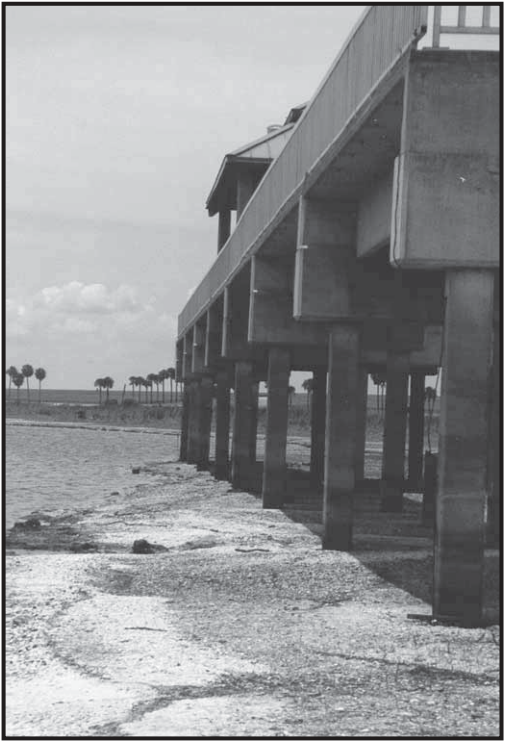
By Michael James

Based on South Florida Water Management's water resource monitoring network and a variety of external sources of information, the District still has serious concerns about the availability of sufficient water supplies to meet the needs of all water users.

Florida has suffered from this drought for more than two years, and this summer's rains of lack of rains have not been enough to replenish water resources in the District's 16 county region. Resulting from this, the hydro logic conditions continue to show a decline. In November, aquifer levels were already two feet to more than six feet below the low end of their normal ranges, and many rivers and lakes had already reached extraordinarily low levels. The District's continuous tracking indicates conditions which have produced a more severe scenario that the record lows of last spring.

Again, the District continues to ask all water users to adhere to the water restrictions and that everyone from individual homeowners to major farms and mining operations continue to exhibit conservation and take the proper steps to ensure the public's safety, health, and welfare for the coming months.

However, because of substantial rainfall in the past weeks this has created the opportunity for the South Florida Water Management District to back pump the rainfall runoff into Lake Okeechobee to boost its critically low water level of 9.02 feet above



Lake Okeechobee Lock 7.



Pier stands in stark contrast to parched waterfront.

sea level and enhance water supply storage. The lake serves as the backup water supply system for most of the South Florida population, agricultural areas and the environment. The order was given by District Executive Director Frank Finch to start the back pumping almost immediately.

"For the district to prepare for the next dry season and address the extreme water supply deficit caused by record low rainfall over the past 18 months, moving water from the south for storage in the lake is essential," Finch said. "Continued compliance with modified Phase II restrictions and water conservation even during the rainy summer months are also essential to help build up our water supply. It's going to take some time."

If Lake Okeechobee does not reach approximately 12 feet above sea level by November, a multitude of adverse impacts could result such as extreme residential and commercial water use restrictions, impacts to drinking water wellfields, loss of crops and livestock, irreversible saltwater intrusion damage to coastal wells, and impacts to threatened and endangered species.

Back pumping is permitted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection through an Emergency Order issued in April 2001 that allows the District to back pump for water supply augmentation. The Order is designed to balance the protection of the lake with the need for water supply. The District is required to perform extensive water quality and biological monitoring during back pumping events. In addition, the District is required to implement several mitigation projects and assist the DEP in a full assessment of any environmental impacts.

The latest report on the levels of the lake have determined that although with the thunderstorms and rainfall, while small in scale, did provide significant activity for some areas around Lake Okeechobee including the Indian Prairie area. The forecasts are continuing to call for afternoon showers around the lake and north of the lake. Lake Okeechobee is at 9.02 feet above sea level, which is down from 9.05 on Thursday. If rainfall amounts are adequate in the Everglades Agricultural Area, rainfall runoff will be captured and used to increase the water supply in Lake Okeechobee. Water quality and flow volumes will be closely monitored during this process.

The recent comparisons of water usage by county have solely focused on what is being used by the utilities. When there were no restrictions in place the amount of water pumped through the public water supply is down by 11%. Water users need to continue to be vigilant with water use both inside and outside their homes. Diversion and Impoundment, which takes water from the regional water storage and distributes it through the canal system, as provided an 83% cutback. Golf course usage was down 28% from April 2000.

The Lake Okeechobee Agricultural Service Area is down 60% , saving approximately 47 billion gallons during the month. Domestic lawn use consumption is down 55%.

The District reminds us that it is important that we remain extremely vigilant during the wet season with conservation efforts as we continue through a serious water shortage and a large deficit in Lake Okeechobee, our backup water supply.

Landscaping In The Drought

By Michael James

SEMINOLE COUNTRY — Has the drought made your yard look like it belongs in the desert? Well good news to those of us, who, despite the conditions, would still like to maintain a seemingly attractive yard.

With water restrictions here to stay and becoming stricter, it is time to take another look at what you have growing in your yard. There are plants that are drought resistant and attractive. Tough plants are necessary for these tough times. Heat and drought tolerant varieties include trees, shrubs, ground covers, perennials, annuals and even a few fruiting plants. Some of the varieties are native to Florida. Some plants can also survive on natural rainfall once they have been established.

In periods of lengthened drought like we are currently experiencing, plants will not look as lush as they would during periods of normal rainfall and the production of flowers and fruit will be diminished. Still, with plentiful use of mulch and infrequent but deep irrigation, homeowners should be able to create and sustain quality, attractive landscaping using these plants.

This type of landscaping would change significantly the way landscapes are generally designed in Florida. Besides more extensive use of mulch, it would include creating more tree canopy and reduce the amount of more water intensive plants, such as turf and annual flowers. Instead, the use of ground covers and flowering perennials would be emphasized.

The plants listed are some of the most drought tolerant plants available in the nursery trade or garden shops. Some of the plants, which will be noted, have been known to experience significant problems and should probably be used sparingly.

This is probably a good time to try out different drought tolerant plants and increase their percentages in our landscapes. Water restrictions allow for irrigation as needed during a limited establishment period. Most plants should be hand watered during establishment. With any luck, by the end of the establishment period the rainy season will greet us and new plantings can be fully established naturally before the next dry season.

- Listed are a few drought plants:
- Shade trees: Live oak, Camphor, Red Cedar, Crape Myrtle, Jacaranda, American Holly, Redbay
- Palms: Butia, Chinese Fan Palm, King Sago, Coconut Palm, Cabbage Palm, Saw Palmetto, Windmill Palm
- Shrubs: Allamanda, Firecracker Plant, Firebush, Texas Sage, Frangipani, Seagrape, Powderpuff, Croton, Juniper
- Fruiting Plants: Lychee, Citrus, Pomegranate, Muscadine Grape, Macademia, Mango
- Groundcovers, Perennials and Vines: Lantana, Golden Aster, Ironweed, Sea Oats, Butterfly Pea, Purple Queen, Twinflower, Gazania, Cone Flower, Beach Sunflower, Perennial Peanut
- Annual Flowers: Ornamental Pepper, Salvia, Cosmos, Verbena, Marigold, Nasturtium, Barbados Cherry, Pineapple, Avocado, Blackberry, Guava, Loquat
- Drought Tolerant Plants (With Problems):
- Schefflera, Invasive; Yucca, thorns: Indian Hawthorn, diseases; Oleander, twig blight, disease, caterpillars; Buttercup, seeds out prolifically; Yellow Poinciana, weak wooded; Orchid Tree, weak and messy; Pittosporum, diseases; Weeping fig, invasive; Mimosa, invasive; Bougainvillea, thorns, rampant growth; Wedelia, invasive; Oyster plant, invasive; Vinca, diseases; Asparagus sprengen, very prickly and invasive; Bahiagrass, needs acid soil, mole and crickets; Floss silk tree, thorns on trunk; Indian Rosewood, diseases and weak wooded; Golden Rain tree, seedlings sprout everywhere; Eleagnus, can require much pruning and thorns; Queen Palm, diseases, nutrient deficiencies; Canary Island Date Palm, diseases, bad thorns, palm weevils; Needle Palm, thorns on trunk; Senegal Date Palm, bad thorns on clumps; Washington Palm, excessive height, palm weevil; Pampas Grass, stems sharp on edges;
- Annual flowers will be killed by freezes. Perennials may be killed back but will often come back from the base once warmer weather arrives.

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Health Corner

Wellness

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Following Sunday’s short pre-conference workshop, participants attended the orientation for new attendees, which was hosted by Ricardo Torres and Patrick Trujillo. A welcome gathering ended the first day’s activities, which provided entertainment and team building. Mr. Gordon James served as Master of Ceremonies for the gathering.

Monday’s activities began early – too early for many of the participants (as was evidenced by the lack of participants). An energetic Barbie Johnson was eager to start the day off at 6:30 with an hour-long aerobic workout. This activity proved to be one of the least favorites for the Seminole participants. The Sunrise walk and sweats were more to the liking of the male attendees and many eagerly joined those activities each day.

Those who opted for breakfast enjoyed meeting participants from other Tribes and some renewed old acquaintances. Everyone finished up the early morning activities and congregated for the opening general session. Jose Ramon opened the session with a prayer, and again, Gordon James served as Master of Ceremonies. He introduced Dr. Everett Rhoades, who presented the topic “What is it with men?” – which was an overview of the health status indicator for Native men. Dr. Rhoades, a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, has been involved in Indian affairs for many years on a local, state, and national level. He has dedicated much of his life to Indian Health Service, and is presently the director of the University of Oklahoma - College of Public Health.

After a half hour break, workshops were held throughout the day. Keeping each workshop short, participants remained attentive and enjoyed the presentations. Some of the more popular workshops included “Livin’, Laughin’ and Lovin’” – presented by Tim Tall Chief.

Objectives were on teamwork, problem solving and communication skills.

“Traditional Healing from Loss and Grief” afforded participants the chance to interact with others and actively participate in a discussion. It stressed taking a strong approach in defining the meaning of loss and grief in a comparison with traditional healing. The groups discussed resources to traditional healing and were requested to combine verbal dialogue with interactions and Native American ceremony during this session.

Armando Gonzales, who presented this workshop, urged the participants to look into the complexities and diversity of detecting the source of loss and grief with an emphasis on Native American traditions, values and beliefs; then explore the possibilities and avenues for defining and discovering the path to traditional healing from loss and grief.

Throughout this session, participants identified how this combination of traditional spirituality, past and present is incorporated and applied to daily life.

A short overview on the other workshop provided was “Rising out of the Whirlwind of Multi-Cultural Relationships. This workshop focused on developing a greater understanding of the strengths and weaknesses that are unique to inter-racial and inter-Tribal relationships.

“Traditional Use, Not Abuse: Protecting our Past and Present” was geared toward the abuse of tobacco products and the group learned about the Native American Tobacco Coalition of Oklahoma which was organized to encourage positive lifestyles and healthy living.

After the lunch, participants resumed workshop attendance. The afternoon’s agenda provided choices of a workshop on “Native Foods for Native Peoples: A Return to the Future” which incorporated ways to include traditional foods into a Western diet, cooking methods, disease and Native diet pre-contact.

Other participants chose the workshop called “Strong-hearted Warriors: Healing Ourselves with Love and Connectedness”. Objectives of this session were to develop loving ways of connecting with ourselves and others, how to experience healing-guided meditations for feeling loved and receiving optimal wellness and how to rejuvenate mind, body heart and spirit.

The workshop selections were boundless for the four-day conference. Many of the sessions were repeated daily for those who were somewhere else the previous day and missed a particular one they wanted to attend. Mr. Daniel Bejar presented a workshop geared to Native American veterans,



L-R: Mark Billieboy, Ralph Billie and Glenn Osceola.

which was aptly titled “Healing of Warriors with Respect”. This workshop targeted the barriers in providing health services to our Native American vets, and included a video and experiential talking circle.

One particular workshop, which was of interest to many participants, was “Take One Giant Leap Backward.” The objectives for this session was to obtain information on important topics relating to relapse, to identify practical and useful ideas in minimizing the chances of a relapse and to how to recognize the relapse trap, and how to guard against falling into old behaviors. It explored steps

focused on the importance of a father’s presence in his child’s life. “Power in Stories: Power in Self” explored the power of story telling. Anger resolution is a subject most Native American families can relate to. We often have a hard time venting our emotions without violence.

This workshop provided a means for angry persons to discover the roots of their anger, their unmet needs and a process for decision-making to break out of the anger cycle. This session required group participation, which helped to teach resolution of the problem rather than trying to take control of the anger.

On Tuesday evening, participants met together for a dinner and talent show. Conference presenters urged anyone with any talent to share the same with the group. This writer enjoyed sharing some songs and jokes - which many people enjoyed. Others also entertained with songs, more jokes, and music. It was a good time and was a good outlet for all the time spent in deep concentration throughout the day’s sessions.

By Wednesday, the 6:30 a.m. aerobics workout had become only a fond memory – no longer on the agenda. Only the Sunrise Walk and sweats were among the early bird activities offered.

The final day of the conference, Wednesday’s General Session was kicked off by Clayton Small, who presented a workshop on “Following the Good Road of Life.” He has extensive experience in community development, Indian education teambuilding, wellness/healing and youth leadership. He also spoke on abuse prevention and cultural competency, and has developed models for behavior intervention for safe and drug-free schools.

Workshops on Diabetes, Sexuality and Native Men and “The Stigma of Being Gay in the Age of HIV/AIDS” were among those sessions held on the final day. After lunch, the Closing General Session was presented by a panel of youth who spoke on “Our Vision of the Future”; and ended with a Closing Sharing Circle.

Participants said their goodbyes – many vowing to keep in touch with their newfound friends and old acquaintances. This writer was happily surprised to reunite with Mr. Lee Howard, Bobby Bilah, and Leon Goatson, Substance Abuse counselors and previous co-workers from the Navajo Nation: Department of Behavioral Health in Tuba City, Arizona.

As the Seminole participants were scheduled to leave early Thursday morning, they spent the rest of Wednesday touring the beautiful city of Albuquerque – sightseeing and souvenir shopping. It was early to bed and early to rise, as everyone performed a last-minute check to make sure no personal belongings were left behind.

By the time the group had boarded the Seminole jet, one member of the group was still saying last-minute goodbyes to his newfound friend; and was so forlorn, his luggage was observed sitting on the curb from the window of the plane. With the door closed, and the plane just starting to roll, the luggage was mentioned, which delayed take-off while the pilot allowed the gentleman to retrieve his bag from the curb.

After what seemed like a fleeting moment in the air, the plane landed in Big Cypress. The conference was excellent, and the knowledge gained was rewarding. The information gained will prove to be valuable to those employees and community members, and beneficial to all those in recovery who receive much of this training as part of future treatment plans.

Hurricane Safety Tips

By Benny Secody

Hurricane season is officially in effect, and with the memories of past years still fresh in our minds, we must start safety preparations for home, family, and pets in the event we experience another devastating storm.

A hurricane is a pronounced low-pressure system with sustained winds of 74 miles per hour or higher. A major hurricane can produce winds of more than 110 mph.

The “Eye” is the relatively calm area in the center of the hurricane. Ranging from 5 to more than 50 miles across, this is the part of the hurricane that is known to fool people.

When the eye moves into an area, it becomes eerily quiet, many people think the hurricane is over and venture out. This is worst thing a person can do. Once the eye moves on, the winds and devastation that follow, also known as the “eye wall”, are the worst part of the storm.

The following are a few helpful tips:
First of all, make a plan. Will you need to evacuate? Where will you go? Do you have friends or relatives in safer areas or structures? County evacuation shelters should be used as a last resort.

Map out what route you will take to reach your evacuation destination. Have an alternate plan in case a shelter is closed, the original destination is also in danger, or any other unforeseen circumstances arise. Make sure your entire family is familiar with your primary and alternate plans.

Select an out-of-state relative for all family members to check in with in case your family is separated during an evacuation.

Remember special needs, such as medications, and renew those that are running low. Make arrangements for the safety of your pets. The Humane Society and animal shelters do not accept pets during these situations. Although, you may not be forced to evacuate, your pet may be stressed and will need extra attention.

If you decide to stay at home during a hurricane, make sure your home can withstand hurricane-force winds and rain. A mobile home, no matter how secure it is affixed to the ground, may not be safe in a hurricane.

Red Cross emergency shelters will be available in assigned locations. Listen to the radio or television in your area for announcements. If this is your option bring along any valuable, irreplaceable documents, and bedding.

Because Florida is sided by water, many residents who evacuate their homes if a major hurricane threatens to hit in their area. If you hear an announcement telling your area to evacuate - don’t hesitate - it will be vital to you to get out without delay. If too many residents are too slow in leaving, bridges and causeways may become clogged, and many could become trapped as a result.

Hurricane season is from June through November. To be prepared in the event of a hurricane, the following items are a must: battery operated radio, flashlight, extra batteries and light bulbs, emergency cooking facilities (camping stoves and utensils), lanterns with fuel; candles and matches, canned foods and canned milk, first aid kit, strong boards and tape for boarding up windows, bleach, bottled water and non-perishable foods such as crackers and other snacks.

It is wise to make sure all vehicles are fueled up and a smart suggestion is to fill the bathtub (after a good cleaning) - with water. This may be a godsend depending on availability of clean drinking water as well as water for bathing.

Protecting your property is another consideration. Nail boards securely to windows and brace sliding glass and French doors. Tie down any outdoor objects that hurricane force winds can transform into missiles of destruction: patio furniture, garbage cans, coconuts from trees, etc. Some families who have pools have found it better to submerge patio furniture in the pool.

Although water should be left in the pool, turn off electrical equipment and pump. It is recommended that those families with boats should move them to higher ground and fill them half way up with water. If that is not possible, it is recommended that they be tied securely between two docks.

During the hurricane - stay indoors! If possible, retreat to an interior room or hallway during the worst of the storm. Make sure a window or door is open on the side away from the wind to reduce pressure. Tornadoes frequently accompany hurricanes.

After the hurricane has passed your area, be careful - many power lines may have been blown over. To avoid electrical shock, do not touch fallen or low-hanging wires of any kind. Stay away from puddles having fallen wires in them; and don’t touch any tree or object that is in contact with power lines.

After the power is restored, check food for possible spoilage. The last thing you need after a time like this is food poisoning! The best survival tip is to use common sense.



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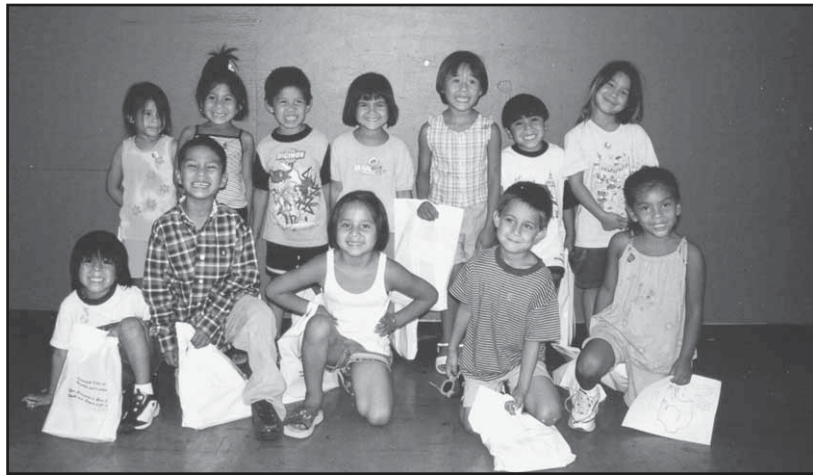
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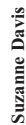
By Janice Billie



ids to be safe.



Puppeteers Shelly and Marty Somerdine told kids to be safe.



Mitchell Cypress, Tatanka and David Cypress.

The fair was a success thanks to the collaborative efforts by the Health Department, Presidents Office, Recreation, and Education. Lunch was provided by Billie Swamp Safari.

Panther. I liked tha bahanas, apples and

My name is **Daylyn Hall**, 7, **Big Town**.
My favorite thing about the health fair was the
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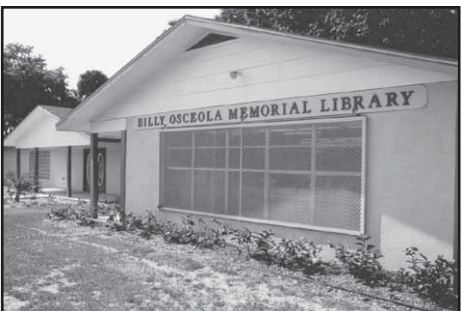
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David Nunez – Luncheon For Achievement

By Libby Blake

CLEWISTON — Tribal member David Nunez was honored by family and friends at a special luncheon May 23 for passing the State General Contractor's exam. Nunez is the second tribal member to obtain a General Contractor license (Steve Osceola obtained his license in 1998).

Alice Sweat came up with the idea of the luncheon to celebrate her son's accomplishment. She contacted Maureen Vass, Public Relations director, who helped organize the luncheon, which was held at the Clewiston Country Club.

"Alice is very proud of her children, we are here today to honor one of them, David, who has passed his General Contractor's exam," said Vass, "David knows how to compete in business, he will do it honestly and fairly. David will be the kind of businessman who will tell people that it's better to get on than to tell them to get off, and David can make decisions."

"The Swiss philosopher, Henry Ameil stated: 'He who is silent is forgotten. He who does not advance falls back. He who stops is overwhelmed, out-distanced, crushed. He who ceases to grow becomes smaller. He who leaves off, gives up. The condition of standing still is the beginning of the end.' David has chosen to continue to push forward and grow. To that, we say 'Congratulations.'"

With his General Contractor's license, David's company, Seminole Design Build, Inc., will be able to bid on construction jobs throughout the state. Putting his marketing skills to work, Nunez made available laptop caps and polo shirts during the luncheon.

Taking to the podium before lunch David thanked everyone for their support and encouragement, especially his family. Nunez graced his mother, Alice, with a special "Thank You" and a dozen long-stemmed red roses.

"It's been a struggle to get here but it will be worth it. Honesty is a big part of who I am and what I stand for and this will carry me through. Thank you Mom for instilling this quality in me," said David.

Alice then led the group in prayer before the luncheon



David Nunez and his wife, Anita proudly show off his cake with a tool motif.

of salad, fresh fruit, roast beef, fried chicken, mashed potatoes, macaroni and cheese, rice, pole beans, corn, rolls, and a special cake.

During the luncheon, guests offered congratulations, support, and suggestions to David. The *Seminole Tribune* would also like to congratulate David and wish him success in this venture.

Brighton Bus Drivers Honored

By Michael James

OKEECHOBEE — Brighton school bus drivers were treated to a luncheon at Lightsey's Restaurant on

May 21. The drivers and staff were recognized for their outstanding work over the school year.

The Brighton school buses operate under the Brighton Education Department and the service has existed as it does today since 1981. Each day, approximately 85 children ride 3 buses to Okeechobee County Schools. The buses and children log about 440 miles each day. Each of the 3 drivers possess a CDL Class B license and a bus drivers certificate.



(L-R) Jack Smith Jr., Supervisor Nancy Shore, Driver Tim Martin, Monitor Elsie Lara, Driver Kim Youngblood, Louise Gopher Brighton Education Director.



ALL ABOARD: Bus driver Tim Martin.



Holly Johns



Holly Johns (third from left) poses with court in the Chalo Nitka Pageant.

Holly Johns, Busy Year!

By Michael James

Holly Johns not only a busy as "Scooter" has had not only a busy year, but one to be very proud of as well. The *Tribune* caught up with

Holly, who is a resident of Brighton and the daughter of Norman and Debbie Johns, to talk about her recent achievements.

Holly has a wide range of interests. An avid rodeo participant, Holly is the reigning Eastern Indian Rodeo Association Rodeo Queen. The title has many responsibilities, and Holly is usually on the road, attending all EIRA functions and events.

Holly also possesses artistic talent, she recently created the award-winning design for the Breast Cancer 5-Mile Run. The design was chosen as the official logo and was worn on the shirts of all the participants of the Run.

Holly also finished as First Runner-Up in the Chalo Nitka Pageant, held in February in Moore Haven. A panel of three judges interviewed all contestants the evening before the pageant.

During the pageant, each contestant presented a short commercial for their sponsor, demonstrated their talent with a signing, dancing, or theatrical performance (Holly performed the Indian National Anthem in sign language), modeled eveningwear, and answered questions from the emcee.

Blessed with beauty, talent, drive and spunk, Holly is one to watch over the next few years. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in the area of Forensic Science.

Congratulations to Scooter, Norman, Debbie, and Boog!

Announcements And Important Dates To Remember:

June 11 - 29:
Brighton Summer School

July 9:
Niagara Falls Trip: All middle school students with a grade point average of a "C" or better is going to Niagara Falls and Atlantic City for 1 week.

June 23 - 27:
Brighton Corn Dance

July 10, 11, & 12:
Training for EMAHKV VPELOFV teachers. Summer school workshop for 3 days for teachers and teachers aides.

July 15 - July 29:
Florida Governor's Council Trip

July 16:
EMAHKV VPELOFV. summer school for Brighton kindergarten through 6th grade.

The following is the schedule for Hollywood's Qualifying rounds for Team Florida.
All reservations are welcome to play 10 rounds scheduled at Bonaventure C.C. (must play a minimum of 8 rounds).

Date:	Course:	Green fees:
Sat., June 9	east	\$29.00
Sat., June 23	west	\$24.00
Sat., July 7	west	\$24.00
Sat., July 15	east	\$29.00
Sat, August 4	west	\$24.00
Sun., August 12	east	\$29.00
Sun., August 19	west	\$24.00
Sat., Sept. 8	east	\$34.00
Sat., Sept. 22	west	\$29.00

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Anyone interested in trying out for the Team Florida Swim Team to see if he or she qualifies for the North American Indigenous Games can sign up as soon as possible with Kristin, please give her a call at 954-989-9457. Any qualifier for the NAIG needs to be born in 1989 or before. We will have an age group swim team

for all future athletes who will are not able to participate at the 2002 Games, but will be eligible for the Sunshine State Games. Practice is starting, as well as swim meets. Now is the time to start conditioning and training. Our Team Florida Swim Team must be picked by the end of the year. All swimmers attempting to qualify for the NAIG must meet certain requirements. You must have the times needed for the event and attend a certain amount of practices and swimming meets to be eligible to qualify. For more information again call Kristin in Hollywood at 954-989-9457.

Team Florida Swimming Time Trials are set for Saturday, June 2, 2001. These trials tell you if you could qualify for the Sunshine State Games and Team Florida at the 2002 North American Indigenous Games. The first qualifying time trial will be held at the International Swimming Hall of Fame Pool in Ft. Lauderdale at 10AM on June 2. **There will be 1 time trial held per month.** Some events will be held at local swimming meets. The team will be picked by the end of this year. If you are interested please call Kristin to sign up at 954-989-9457.

WANTED: any tribal member interested in joining the Seminole Canoe Team that will be competing in the 2002 Indigenous Games in Winnipeg, Canada please call Kevin Osceola at 863-763-3866 or 863-467-3630.

SPORTS

Festival 2001 Golf Tournament



L-R: Charlie Cypress, Salan Hummingbird, Moses Jumper Jr., Kendall Whaler, Cicero Osceola.

By Tommy Benn
DAVIE — The Arrowhead Golf and Sports Club in Davie was the place to be on Memorial Day to see some future Seminole golf legends in action. Starting at 8:30 a. m., eight teams competed in the 4-man scramble, best ball tournament. Arrowhead is a par 70 course which boasts a par 5 measuring 545 yards, this hole, the eleventh, was designated the Longest Drive hole. The results are:
Four-man Scramble - 1) (-10) Linda Tommie, Lawrence Osceola, Dewayne Whaler, James Soap2) (-9) Bigshot Jumper, Charlie Cypress, Salan Hummingbird, Kendall Whaler 3) (-8) Joe Osceola, John Madrigal, George Grasshopper, Ron Whaler 4) (-7) Debbie Carter, Jason Tommie, Mitch Osceola, Richard Henry 5) (-6) Mike Micco, Bo Young, Dennis

Goochyouma, Bobby Watchman 6) (-5) Jimbo Osceola, Cicero Osceola, Rock Locust, Stephen Whaler 7) (-4) Max Osceola, Maxie Tommie, Scarlett Young, James Tommie 8) (-3) Jason Grasshopper, Keeno King, Terry Tartsah, Lee Springwater. Longest Drive - Joe Osceola, Debbie Carter. Closest to the Pin - #2 - Mitch Osceola, #8 - Keeno King, #10 - Kendall Whaler, #12 - Terry Tartsah, #17 - Salan Hummingbird. Arrowhead served a wonderful luncheon to the participants while the prizes were distributed. Everyone placed in the event, the weather was wonderful, and the rains held off until everyone was safely on their way home. A special thanks to Joe Harrison and his staff for a wonderful job, making the day a memorable one for those who participated.



Stephen Whaler

Archery Schedule

Qualification Schedule for the NAIG

June 30th	BC Archery Range	10:00 a.m.
July 28th	BC Archery Range	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 25th	BC Archery Range	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 29th	BC Archery Range	10:00 a.m.
Oct. 27th	BC Archery Range	10:00 a.m.
Nov. 17th	BC Archery Range	10:00 a.m.
Dec. 15th	BC Archery Range	10:00 a.m.

Team Florida Qualifications:

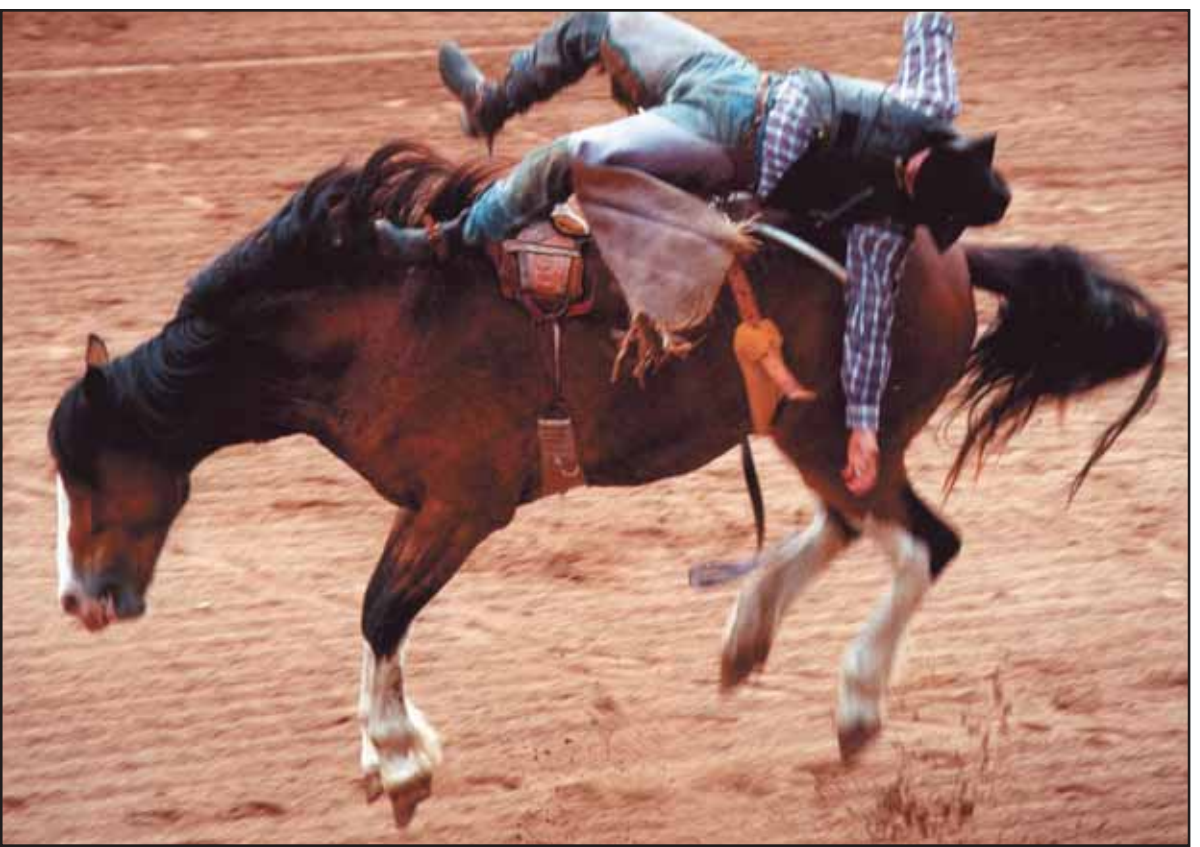
There will be a total of ten (10)-qualifying rounds. Three (3)-qualifying rounds have been completed.

Must have shot at a minimum of eight (8)-qualifying rounds.

We will use your average score from your best eight- (8) rounds.

Highest average in each category will represent Team Florida.

For more information, please call Steve Young at Hollywood Recreation at (954) 989-9457.



BLOWN AWAY: Alex Johns.

Memorial Day Rodeo

By Tommy Benn
HOLLYWOOD — The weather was hot sticky after the heavy rains the day before the Memorial Day Rodeo at the Bill Osceola Arena. Marty Johns and the Marki Rodeo company were ready for another performance of the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association. Johns and his rodeo crew took extra precautions, making sure the footing in the arena was the best it could be for the riders and stock. Doc Gore made a few extra passes with the tractors and blades to work the footing in front of the bucking chutes a little more. When the arena preparations were completed to the satisfaction of Marty and the arena director, it was rodeo time! As always, the EIRA Special Events were first as six riders competed in the Mutton Busting. Nauthlee Henry took first place and 10 points with a ride of 11.48 seconds. Jessie Osceola received second and 9 points, and Jennie DeHass captured third and 8 points. Moving up to the calf riders, Seth Randolph took first and 10 points. Huston Osceola rode his calf to a second place finish and received 9 points. In Steer Riding, Randall Osceola won first place, followed by Dayne Johns. In Jr. Bull Riding, Steven Billie pulled off a 60-pointy ride to take first place. Beginner Barrels, the last Special Event, proved to be the most competitive. Taylor Johns finished first with a time 17.92 seconds. Sheyanna Osceola finished second with a time of 18.31 seconds, and Jessica Turtle finished third with a time of 19.44 seconds. The Adult Competition kicked off with Bareback Riding. With the only qualified ride in the field, Koty Brugh took home first place honors. In Steer Wrestling, Josh and Naha Jumper finished in the top two positions. Josh took first with a time of 4.3 seconds, and Naha claimed second with a time of 5.1 seconds. Marty Johns finished in third place with a time of 5.3 seconds. It must have been in the cards for the Jumper brothers in the Calf Roping event. Josh, Naha, and Happy finished first, second, and third, respectively.



Deanna Motlow

The Women's Breakaway Roping was just plain fast, as Theresa Bowers' time of 5.1 seconds blazed the audience as she captured first place. Shelby Osceola roped a respectable 5.1 seconds for second, and Trina Bowers took third with a time of 7.2 seconds. Formerly known as Over 50, Legends Roping had five contestants. It was the senior member of the Jumper family, "Bigshot", who took first with a time of 5.0 seconds flat. Earl Kirkland, Rudy Osceola, Paul Bowers, and Billy Jody Johns made up the rest of the field. Eleven teams entered in the Team Roping event, which only paid four places. Father and son team, Bigshot and Happy took first with a time of 9.4 seconds. Jason Grasshopper and Naha Jumper took second with a 145.4, Jeff and Todd Johns came in third, and Marvin Bowers and Amos Tiger claimed the last paying slot. In Women's Barrel Racing, Tess Ducheneaux ran the cloverleaf pattern in 15.65 seconds for a first place finish. JoLeigh (Johns) Fish finished second, and Big Cypress resident Claressa Bowers finished third. In Novice Barrels, Mackenzie Johns edged out Kari Kroepin to finish first and Shadow Billie came in third. The Rough Stock and Bull Riding finished the Memorial Weekend Rodeo. Dough Fish finished first with a 71-point ride. Ground money was paid to the rest of the contestants, who all failed to make eight seconds. Fritz Brewer and Mike Fletcher did another admirable job as Rodeo Officials. Thanks to Norman Edwards, who handled announcing duties. A "job well done" goes to Donna McFarland, who handled the secretarial duties. It takes a lot of hard work from a lot of



Huston Osceola

Big Cypress Archery Shoot

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — On June 1, competition continued for the 2002 Indigenes Games in the 3-D Archery category at the Big Cypress Archery

Range. This third round of qualifying shoots provided the opportunity for competitors to raise their averages for a spot on Team Florida. A total of ten averages are scheduled throughout the year, and participation in at least eight rounds is required.



Joel Frank, Sunny Frank, Clint Bowers, Marvin Bowers and Parker Jones.

This round saw the return of some of the regulars, archers who participated in the first two rounds and the orientation shoot held in late February. Leading the pack in this round was Parker Jones of Brighton with a score of 260. Sonny Frank of Hollywood scored 197. Third place finisher was Marvin Bowers with a 188 score. Joel Frank Sr. of Hollywood placed fourth with a score of 171. Clint Bowers of Brighton participated in the youth division for a score of 139. However the Recreation Department learned recently that the Cub Division for NAIG has been eliminated, so Clint shot for sport and practice. Everyone was in good spirits and handled the ever-present Florida humidity with professional poise.

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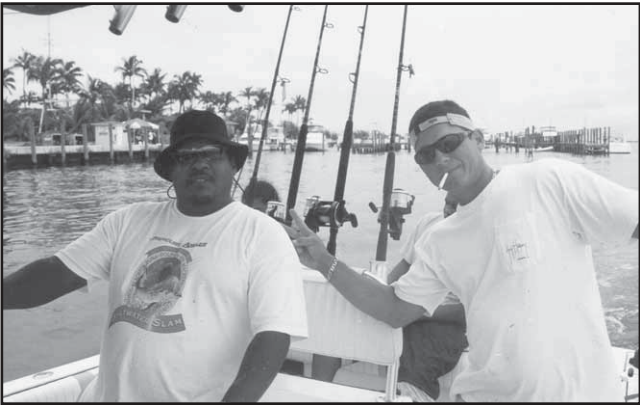
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Leon Wilcox, Chris Osceola aboard Seminole Premonitions.

BIMINI — Have you ever been on a trip that you wished would never end? Well, the Bimini Islands, located 50 miles off the coast of Florida, are sure to satisfy anyone's marine interests.

Whether fishing for yellowfin tuna, diving for lobster or conch in the crystal blue waters, or testing out your new recreational aquatic toy, these isolated islands are sure to recreate you with a rejuvenated spirit, as well as a cooler-full of fish to show your friends when you return to the mainland.



Remus Griffin caught a snapper.

The islands, also known as "The Big Game Fish Capital of the World," provided the ideal spot for some Seminole anglers to compete for bragging rights.

Access to prime fishing waters in the Bimini waterways, afforded the fishermen the chance to land tuna, dolphin, blue marlin, and sailfish.

Cruising the inner waterways of the Bimini Islands was Leon Wilcox, Captain of "Seminole Premonitions". Anglers aboard the boat were anxious to rewrite their own version of Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" in their fishing journals.

After fifteen minutes of trolling about a mile offshore, the cry "Fish On!" started off a busy day of fishing followed by the sounds of fish slapping against the crushed ice in the cooler.

Though the Captain's desire for a Big Fish was never fulfilled, the anglers still managed to fill their cooler.

Aboard the "Dream Catcher," Captain Danny Tommie was having tough luck on the first two days of competition. Coming up with only a few fish that made weight, Tommie caught the Big Fish on the last day, hauling in a fifteen-pound mutton snapper.

"We caught all kinds of fish that weekend," Tommie enthused, "mutton snapper, yellowtail snapper, Nassau grouper, strawberry grouper, kingfish, and tons of nuisance trigger fish." Tommie collected a cash prize, as well as bragging rights, for reeling in the snapper.



Boogie Nunez, David Nunez, Dusty Nunez and Shane Buck.

Sports Festival

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kids events. Monday the golfers took to the links at the Arrowhead Golf Club in Davie.

Added money for all activities was provided by Big Cypress Recreation with support from President and acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress.

Sportsmen and women came from as far away as Oklahoma to participate in the action packed weekend. Old friends had a chance to visit and new friends were made at the All-Indian event.

This year the 'Seminoles' brought the trophy home when they put the Oklahoma boys 'Comanche Sticks' out in the pool team event. First place went to the team of Tony Billie, Wendy Clay,

Jimmie Clay, George Grasshopper, Elrod Bowers, and David Cypress.

Comanche Sticks were minus a player and stick friend this year, Mr. Rick Cizek, who passed away suddenly about one week after winning last year's event. The team played in his memory and wore special shirts with Rick's picture on the back "so his spirit will be with us," said teammates.

Slick Shooters Theresa Boromei, Arica Buck, Oneva Jones, and new teammate Dale Grasshopper were repeat winners in the ladies division as they came through the brackets without a loss.

Complete results in all events can be found in the Sports section of this issue.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all those who participated in this year's Seminole Sports Festival. Special thanks to Jack Gorton, Assistant Recreation Director, and his staff from Big Cypress who ran the events.



Club 51 was happy to get 5th place.

FJRA Finals Held In Deland

By Barbara Secody

DELAND, FL - The weekend of May 25-27 marked the end of yet another Rodeo season for the FJRA. Finals were held on June 25 and 26 at Deland where two young Seminole riders took advantage of the last opportunity of the season to boost their rating in the official FJRA standings.

All year long the youth in the FJRA work

In Deland, Shelby spent the morning before Saturday's rodeo hanging out with her friends and fellow riders. While many of the other rodeo entrants were shelling around in the nearby Quality-Inn pool, Shelby and her gang, were stretched out against the horse trailer, chatting about all those things that girls chat about. (Although the girls compete against each other, they remain friends and encourage each other.)

That particular Saturday morning, even the horses seemed to enjoy the company of the young ladies as they too, lazily enjoyed the serenity of the morning.

The Osceola girls have won a myriad of awards for their efforts. - In fact, they have won so many of the coveted silver buckles, they will someday need to add an extra room onto the house to accommodate all their prizes. Shelby snapped up the buckle in this year's FJRA finals, and Sheyanna received an award for the year's "Most Improved" rider, so both girls took home recognition for their efforts this year.

Improvement is what Rodeo is all about. No one expects these young athletes to win first place prizes when they first start out; but through their efforts, a lot of practice and keeping focused on their goals, they have all shown much promise and they have all shown improvement.

A major factor in their success is the support and encouragement of family and friends. These young people try their best, and nothing makes them feel better than knowing that they have family or friends cheering them on.

Roy Stewart is one young cowboy who has what it takes to become a champion bull rider. Although everyone experiences disappointment, he shakes it off, squares his shoulders and is ready for his next ride.

This is the first year that Roy made it to the finals, and though he was happy to have made it, he took it in stride. Roy's parents, Nettie and Raymond "Sugarfoot"

Stewart, were proud of their youngest son. Roy is the youngest of six children, and has been riding with the FJRA for three years.

Although he has always done well in the Steer Riding his efforts paid off this year, as he col-



Lee, Nettie, Roy and Sugarfoot Stewart.

lected a fifth place buckle in the event.

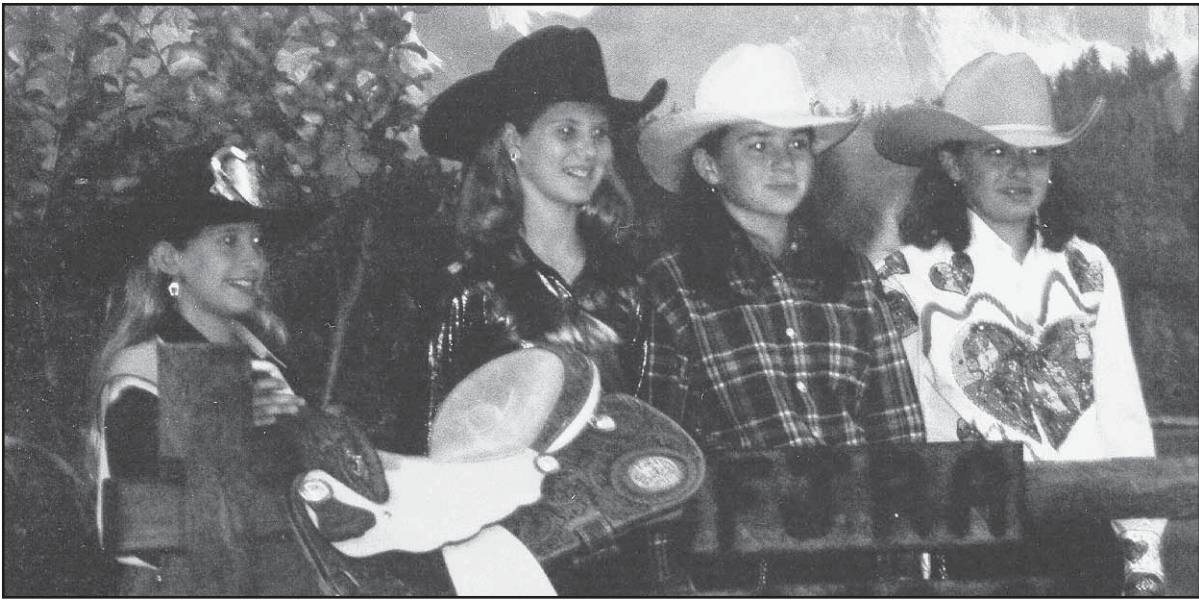
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Tina Billie

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2000-2001 FJRA Rodeo Queen and her royal court.

FJRA. If their grades fall below the required grade point average, the rider must sit out the next rodeo - until their grades are brought back up to standard. Roy is a team player and his sportsmanship and camaraderie with the other riders in the organization is to be commended.

After Saturday's events had come to a close, a dance was held for the FJRA members. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and looked forward to the next day's FJRA Finals Award Dinner.

A short church service, an FJRA tradition, was held prior to the awards dinner. Family and friends were on hand to share the moment with the young cowboys and cowgirls who received recognition for their hard work throughout the year. Members, their families, friends, and other guests enjoyed a delicious dinner of roast beef, sautéed mushrooms, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, and desserts - too numerous to mention.

As the dinner wound down, FJRA secretary Sharon Seidler opened the ceremony with a moving tribute to the late Donald Parrish, family members accepted a memorial tribute.

Next on the agenda was the introduction of Rodeo officials. Jay Shaw, FJRA president, commended the young people for their dedication to the sport, and thanked their family and friends for their valuable support.

According to Seidler, there were many people responsible for the continuing success of the FJRA, and she thanked those who had done so much for the young people. Rick Cochran received special thanks for putting on the event. Various western wear and feed stores were commended for their donations as well as the families of FJRA members. Then there were folks who just wanted to help out to encourage the kids through donations of cash or prizes.

Outgoing FJRA Rodeo Queen, Ashley Rice was recognized and thanked for her outstanding representation of the organization. The FJRA welcomed the new 2001-2002 Rodeo Queen, Whitney Storey, and her court, including Shelby Osceola, first runner-up. Ashley presented gifts to those who had helped her successfully serve her 2000-2001 term.

Miss Barbara Tortura was awarded All Around Cowgirl, and walked away with several first place prizes for her efforts.

The presentation of awards went quickly as the members were called to the front to receive their awards. Proud parents and friends jammed the front

of the room to get a picture of the winners receiving their awards. Tina Billie and Lucille Jumper were also on hand for the weekend event, and Tina was among the Seminole club members who received awards for their participation in the organization throughout the year. Tina Billie and Bill Osceola accepted those certificates of appreciation and awards for those Tribal FJRA members, representatives and officials who were not able to attend.

The Seminole Tribe was recognized for their



Sheyanna Osceola

contribution to the organization, as was President Mitchell Cypress and newly elected Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass. DeHass was also named the new bull riding coach for the youth. He has been a great role model for the young people starting out in rodeo, and spends much of his time with the youth of the Seminole Tribe.

Congratulations to all the cowboys and cowgirls who worked so hard this year and to the parents, family, friends, and Tribal officials who gave support and encouragement to the youth.

Calling All Golfers

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Any questions contact Bo Young at the Hollywood recreation at (954) 989-9457.

Sports Festival Pool Tournaments

For The Record:

Singles: Men: 1st place - Dale Cable (Indianapolis, OK), 2nd place - Les Gourd (Lost City, OK), 3rd place - Lloyd Nickell (Oklahoma City, OK), 4th place - "Boogie" Nunez (Brighton), 5th place - Woody Wilson (Trail).

Women: 1st place - Theresa Boromei (Brighton), 2nd place - Connie Williams (Big Cypress), 3rd place - Dale Grasshopper (Big Cypress), 4th place - Arica Buck (Brighton), 5th place - Virginia Billie (Immokalee).

Teams: Men: 1st place - Seminole (Tony Billie, Randy Clay, Jimmie Clay, George Grasshopper, Elrod Bowers, David Cypress), 2nd place - Boogie Men ("Boogie" Nunez, David Nunez, Dusty Nunez, Shane Buck), 3rd place - Motown Boyz (Ralph Sanchez, O.B. Osceola Jr., Roy Garza, David Billie), 4th place - Comanche Sticks (Lloyd Nickell, Rocky Pigeon, Dale Cable, Bob Tissey, 5th place - Club 51 (Lee Springwater, Les Gourd, Rock Locust, James Soap).

Women: 1st place - Slick Shooters (Theresa Boromei, Dale Grasshopper, Arica Buck, Oneva Jones), 2nd place - Misfits (Virginia Billie, Linda Billie, Connie Williams, Janel Billie), 3rd place - Carlene's (Carlene Osceola, Leoda Poole, Louise Jim, Verna Billie), 4th place - Oklahoma Shooters (JoAnn Springwater, Sissy Fisher, Jamie Osceola, Shirley Mitchell, and cheerleader Wyannetta "Canoe" Springwater), 5th place - Tommie's Girls (Linda Tommie, Alice Sweat, Jenny Johns, Debbie Carter).

9-Ball: Men: 1st place - Elrod Bowers (Hollywood), 2nd place - Woody Wilson (Trail), 3rd place - Les Gourd (Lost City, OK), 4th place - Bob Tissey (OK), 5th place - Mitchell Cypress (Big Cypress).

Women: 1st place - Louise Jim (Trail), 2nd place - Connie Williams (Big Cypress), 3rd place - Theresa Boromei (Brighton), 4th place - Janel Billie (Hollywood), 5th place - Jenny Johns (Brighton).



Dale Cable lines up his shot.

Education

Florida Indian Youth Program

By Michael James

The Florida Indian Youth Program (FIYP) is an intensive educational experience for approximately 50 Native American students that are held each year on the Florida State University campus.

Provided by the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc. (FGCIA), the FIYP is divided into four main components: Academic, Life Skills, Cultural, and Social.

The FGCIA was incorporated in 1974. The Board of Directors of FGCIA consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Chairmen of the Seminole and Miccosukee Tribes.

One of the primary goals of the FGCIA is to provide technical assistance for the educational, economic, social, and cultural advancement of Native American citizens residing in Florida. The FIYP was created to help facilitate

this goal.

The FIYP students, who range from 14 to 17 years of age, travel to Tallahassee and live in a residence hall on the FSU campus. During the ten day program, the students participate in over 50 separate educational, cultural, and social events and activities designed to increase the probability of high school graduation and inspire students to higher academic achievements.

The Academic component of the FIYP focuses primarily on written communications, mathematics, and computer skills.

Life Skills provides important information for the young students on how to survive and succeed in today's world.

The Social and Cultural activities, which encourage students to appreciate their own culture and those of others, is designed to foster the student's desire to become a leading citizen in their country, state, and Tribe.

During the two-week program, the students spend more than 70 hours in the classroom at the Center for Professional Development or at one of Tallahassee's three institutions of higher learning. Activities are planned for every waking hour; there is no such thing as free time during the Florida Indian Youth Program.

Students are required to be with a counselor at all times and accompanied by at least one officer of the FSU Police Department whenever the group leaves campus.

FIYP students have made tremendous progress but there is still much work to be done. The FIYP needs both individual patrons and corporate sponsors in order to maintain its high level of excellence.

This year's program is scheduled to start on July 15 through July 29.

Seminole, Miccosukee Indian Scholarship Deadline Nearing

By Michael James

The deadline for the Seminole and Miccosukee Indian Scholarship is July 15, 2001 for the fall term. The amount of the award is determined and recommended by each tribe and shall not exceed the student's cost of education. Each Tribe needs to submit their student's applications in priority order for receipt of awards to the Department of Education. Highest priority for receipt of awards shall be given to eligible renewal applicants.

The Seminole and Miccosukee Indian Scholarships may be received for a maximum of eight semesters or twelve quarters for undergraduate study or the equivalent for less than full-time enrollment. Additional terms of eligibility may be granted to undergraduate students who are enrolled in approved five-year degree programs or who need additional time to complete college preparatory instruction.

After registration, the institution will disburse the Seminole and Miccosukee Indian Scholarships to eligible students in equal installments each academic term.

Remember the deadline for this scholarship is July 15, 2001.

Investment Firm Offering Native Internships

STUART — The Association for Tribal Heritage, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving tradition and promoting education among the Native American people. This national organization has been working diligently to establish programs that encourage economic and social growth within Native communities.

Terry Tribble, President of the Association for Tribal Heritage, Inc. and member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Anishinabe is devoted to the educational and economic development of Native American people. A graduate of Haskell Indian Nations University, he focuses his time and attention on establishing programs that professionalize "excellence in education" for Native American students and professors.

Most recently, through a collaborative effort between The Association for Tribal Heritage, Inc. and Fogel Capital Management, Inc., a Registered Investment Advisory Firm, a summer internship program for Native American college students has been implemented. "I can not stress

enough the importance of this program as tribes continue to explore their economic horizons," says Terry Tribble. The six-week program allows students interested in pursuing a career in business or finance to explore various aspects of the securities business.

The Association for Tribal Heritage, Inc. has received an overwhelming response from students all over the nation interested in participating in the Internship Program. A fund-raising campaign has begun to benefit those students qualified to take part in the six-week program. With the support of Native Tribes and community donors, the Association is confident the internship will be a huge success.

The Native American Finance Officers Association and The National Indian Education Association endorse the Association for Tribal Heritage's Summer Internship Program. If you would like to make a donation to the Internship Program or wish to learn more about the organization, please contact Rachel Tribble at (800)-798-0618.

State Farm Insurance Agency Sponsororing College Scholarships

WINTER HAVEN, FL — State Farm Insurance Companies will donate \$51,000 to Take Stock In Children to sponsor college scholarships for Broward County students. When leveraged with local and state matching funds, State Farm's contribution will produce a total impact of \$1,100,000.

State Farm's donation to Take Stock In Children will sponsor college scholarships for State Farm Take Stock Scholars and underwrite the development of online mentor curriculum and materials.

Take Stock in Children identified children between the third and ninth grades who meet federal poverty guidelines; students will then be selected by committees comprised of educators, civic leaders, and business sponsors. Each State Farm Take Stock Scholar selected to participate in and complete the program will receive a 4-year college tuition scholarship purchased through the Florida Prepaid Tuition Program. The scholarship guarantees the child two years of community college tuition followed by two years of tuition at a state university. Students who prefer post-secondary vocational-technical training instead of an academic degree may select a course of study at a community college leading to a two-year technical degree.

Take Stock in Children is a highly successful non-profit program operating in 55 Florida counties. With a focus on student success and academic achievement as the solution to child poverty, Take Stock in Children has developed a comprehensive strategy that remains unrivaled in its scope and effectiveness. Volunteer mentors are the crucial component that has enabled its students to attain high academic achievement.

For information contact Tom Hagerty at 863-318-3088.

'Sharp Land' Creek Language Workshop

By Michael James

BRIGHTON — For 2 weeks in May, the Brighton Culture and Education building resonated with the sounds of laughter, language lessons, and fellowship as Seminoles from throughout the Brighton Community took part in what has become an annual Creek language workshop.

Made possible by the hard work of Madeline Tongkeamha, Lorene Gopher, and Jennie Shore, the workshop seeks to create literacy of the Creek language. Over 22 Tribal members attended two workshops a day throughout the duration of the workshop. The language lesson portions of the program were taught by Margaret Mauldin.

The Seminole culture, language, and education experts were joined by staff from several notable colleges and universities. Tom Sawallis of Florida Gulf Coast University, Sally McClendon of Hunter College in New York and Jack Martin of the college of William and Mary were some of the language professionals on hand that facilitated the development and implementation of several important objectives for the 2001 session.

According to Martin, who has just completed a Creek dictionary, some of the objectives outlined included discovering language patterns, developing materials for teaching, and working with adults who understand some Creek but do not speak it.

Martin, who works closely with Seminoles in Oklahoma, told the Tribune that there are more Creek speakers in Oklahoma but there is actually a smaller percentage of the population that speaks Creek. Martin said that roughly 10 percent of the Oklahoma Seminoles can speak Creek while up to 33 percent of the Florida Seminoles speak Creek. Martin added that the youngest Creek speaking Seminole at Brighton is 44 years old. Martin and others volunteer their time for this workshop.

The following are some examples of what participants produced:

Nakete? What is it? Okcetakes os.Kololoket os.Nakete? (setekkekvt) Svtahet os.Cvle ostet os.Onvvp cofoknet os.Cvlecn votkv etiket os.Nakete? (totketkv cuko) Cvtvpkeset os.Cvhiyet os.Cesse ehvcko ost os.Nakete? (Enkvnv fvske) Cvhtvtket os.Cvyvmvset os.Cvle ostet os.Cvcotkuset os.Nakete? (ysypefivk) Cvpolokuset os.Cvcvmpuset os.Nakete? (yvlahv) Rakke-mahet os.Sopkvhtket os.Nakete? (yopo-lowaket os) Espokhat hvmkuset owis.Kapnv lvy accvvyet os.Hetute-afme hpakin owat.Cvcvmpet os.Nakete? (welvntpv) Cvjomhkoset os.Cvthomvposet os.Ekvcn-korke vn liketvt os.Nakete? (lucv-huehkv os) Fvmecuset os.Hompvtv heret os.Nakete? (hvmvpkvvt os) Cvpket os.Lvstet os.Ele ocekot os.Nakete? (cektol-vstet)Cvle hokkolet os.Hopvyet tvmkakot os.Cvkv cate owet os.Vc oklvste-lanet os.Nakete? (penwv) tafvmpecehvkikhkeko tan omattafvmpe fvmpe polokset lvpcee tacetsonkatchvkaheceastaafampewalackhooit Lokstakfekchoomkacchvkaheceastaafampewalackhooit

Lokstakfekchoomkacchvkaheceastaafampewalackhooit if you can't cut up the smelly, round, wet onion it will surely make you cry — Carol Cypress

VnetLvste-oklanePvhe-holatteOwv tempe akhuervyet os I ambrown green I stand in the water — Stacy Jones

Fvlvhpvfvlvhvpv-hvtkefvlvhvpv-komofstue omesfvlvhvpv seskvkvt-nathoktvke mytiken sulocicvkv mahokvnts Shell white shell it has a little dip if you drink from me you will just produce girls — Rosie Billie

Ehesse pvhe-holatteelvste oklane, sopkvhtvke 'setepkvkusehe-leswvt oweseste em vnivvyet owesestvwenayekselvtce 'lopekuskuset cvckcvhusettvkoca-lvstuce enheret owesehocefkv: sulocvpe — Alice Snow

AsvnwvHolatte, hvtkPolokse owetVwaheSelofapketvtnak hocce sepekot on owatlvkv-cvmpv hesse hervnt Yvnsvv Banana Yellow Sweet I like to eat it, WelvntvtoLaneCvmpeWelvntvto hompetv vn heret os — S. N. Dorgan

I'm one in a bunch I wear a yellow jacket I'm sweet in ice cream What am I? Espokhat hvmkuset owisKapv lane accvvyet osHetute-afke vpakin owat.Cvcvmpet osNaket owiwa? — S. N. Dorgan

Pvhe-holatteLakcv cvmpeTvkoca LvsteAsvnwv-lvsteLakcv-cvmpe pahe holatte tos — Shirley Sampson

I am a tree I grow in the wood and acorn is my fruit and air plants grow on my branch and black ants crawl on me, who am I? Etot owisEto ofvn hontiyet osLakcv vm mettet osCv lvcev asvnwv-lvste ohhontet osMomet tvtkoca Lvste vc vfollet osEstimvt owiwa? — Shirley Sampson

Etohisey holvte mvoingld lanepukpvke hvtk — Jack Miccockvfee

Luste fvmecustelekmecusgilbv holvted embvkvbvkhevthvkusen ocetoskvfee telekmet fvh me cusen easkv kvtd hertos,When I grow up Vcvcolofv, hvhkayv hakepares. -S. N. Dorgan



Margaret Mauldin language specialist from Oklahoma along with Brighton Culture and Education Departments.

Vcvcolofv, wakv cule ohlikares. -S. Sampson
Vcvcolofv, hestvpo hayares. -Willie Johns
Vcvcolofv, emvhvyetvn
kerrares. Vcvcolofv, vtotkvres. -
Jack Micco
Cvhoktalofv, stemvpo-
hicet aretskvres. -Agnes Bert
Cvhoktalofv, ema-
hayvres. Cvhoktalofv, tehapokv
emahayvres. -Mable Haught
Cvhoktalofv, nompele
svyares. -L. Gopher
Cvhoktalofv, hvhkayv
hakepares. -Valerie Holatta
Cvhoktalofv, heleshayv
mvtutkv tares. -Jenny Shore
Cvhoktalofv, stomketv
svyares. -Rita Gopher
Cvhoktalofv, cuthkko o li kv re. -
Alice Sweet
Cvhoktalofv, yahikit
opunares. -Jenny Johns
Cvhoktalofv, kurakko-
likares. -Carol Cypress
When I was still young
Cvmvnettuse monkofv, cvposen
cvpoca. Eshokkolet vmvhayaken
arimvts. -Lorene Gopher
Cvmvnettuse monkofv,
cvrahv tepaket akkopaneyofv,
semontvlepvyofvt, vne min
cvrokafhoiet owemvts. -Jenny
Johns
Cvmvnettuse monkofv,
mvhakv-cukon
arimvts.Cvmvnettuse monkofv,
vkobvnt arimvts. Pokkechit owv
aklobit arimvts. Vnsaphoyen
oketv ocemvts. -Jack Micco
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Shirley Sampson
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akkopvnepet arimvc.Cvmvnettuse
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vhorepvytestvhaque em vtvke
vhoremvts. -Jenny Shore
Cvmvnettuse monkofv,
kerrvkates. Cvhoprenekates.
Hompvtv norickv kerrvkates. -
Agnes Jumper.

Bronson Filling Vacant Cabinet

By Tommy Benn

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Governor Jeb Bush has appointed Charles Bronson to the Cabinet post of Commissioner of Agriculture. Bronson will fill the vacant Cabinet seat left by Commissioner Bob Crawford, who resigned on January 30.

Bronson, 51, is from one of the oldest ranching families in the state. A fifth-generation Floridian, his family heritage runs deep in the state he calls home. Bronson resides in Melbourne, with his wife, Regina, and daughters, Michelle and Melanie.

Bronson took the oath of office on May 14 and was sworn in as Florida's tenth Commissioner of Agriculture. Florida Chief Justice Charles T. Wells administered the oath of office.

"I am both honored and humbled by this appointment," said Bronson, who will serve out the current term, which ends in January 2003.

Bronson replaces Terry L. Rhodes, who was appointed Interim Commissioner by Governor Bush. Ms. Rhodes will return to her position as Assistant Agriculture Commissioner. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services have employed

Rhodes since 1988, serving as Director of Administration before being appointed as Assistant Commissioner.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, with more than 36000 employees, is the largest Cabinet Office in the state.

The Department has many responsibilities: monitoring the food supply, production and marketing of all Florida food products, consumer protection, management of over one million acres of state forest.

Bronson is a 1972 graduate of the University of Georgia, where he studied Agriculture Education, and other agriculture-related fields.

Elected to the Florida Senate in 1994, Bronson was re-elected in 1998. His committee assignments have included: Chairman of Agricultural and Consumer Services, Chairman of Natural Resources, and vice-Chairman of Health, Aging, and Long-term Care.

Commissioner Bronson has always been a friend to the Seminole people and their agricultural endeavors, and has advised the Tribe that his door is always open.

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Outgoing representatives, Carl Baxley Jr. – Hollywood Board, Jack Smith Jr. – Brighton Council, and Mondo Tiger – Big Cypress Board, each spoke briefly expressing their thanks to their communities and fellow representatives and encouragement to those new to Tribal government. Baxley, who chose not to run for reelection, especially spoke about the need to stay united as a Tribe and a people.

Newly elected Board Representatives, Paul Bowers Sr. – Big Cypress, David DeHass – Hollywood, and Alex Johns – Brighton, each took to the microphone to thank their support-

ers and promised to work for their communities and the Tribe.

DeHass opened his remarks with special thanks to all for their support and prayers for his brother Joe Don Billie, who remains hospitalized in critical condition following a motorcycle accident. Johns, who won reelection, thanked the Tampa and Brighton reservations for their continued support and belief in him. He stated that he had “learned a lot in (his) two years on the Board and look forward to the next two years and working with John Wayne (Huff Sr. the new Brighton Council representative).”

The Council Representatives were next up with Max Osceola Jr. the first to speak. Osceola spoke eloquently and forcefully about the Seminole’s strength in good times and bad and enjoined all Tribal members to remember their elected officials in their prayers. He spoke of the Seminole’s struggles against the United States Government since its existence began and pledged that the Tribe would remain unconquered.

Osceola also thanked the elders, who met under that old oak tree many years ago to form the Seminole Tribe of Florida and start the Seminoles on the road to recognition and prosperity. Newly elected Brighton Council Representative John Wayne Huff, Sr. added to Osceola’s sentiments telling of how he remembered Max’s mother, Laura Mae, and

before it is lost. White medicine will not cure all of the sicknesses, so it is important that my people have the knowledge to carry on a long tradition of healing,” said Alice in her acknowledgment.

“I learned Indian medicine from my mother, Emma Micco. I went with her into the woods to collect the herbs. She would tell me what each plant was used for and what to call it in Creek. I learned some of my information from Indian doctors, Josie Billie, Jimmie Tommie, Buffalo Jim, Sonny Billie, Pete Osceola, Frank Shore, Rosie Billie, Bobby Billie, Susie Billie, Tony Billie, Louise Doctor, Joe Doctor, and my father, Charlie Micco. They were the ones who told me what plants to get for the treatment of the people. I want to thank them and Jack Smith Jr., James E. Billie, and Michelle Thomas for their support. Another person who was important to me and my knowledge of the herbs was my sister, Leona Smith, who died in 1999. She was always helping me find some of the plants. I also thank Susan Stans for preparing my handwritten notes to make this book,” said Alice.

“In this book I have provided the three different names to the best of my ability. Different people have different pronunciations



Board members at swearing in.

others sacrifice “eating bologna sandwiches and taking up a collection for gas money to get to Tallahassee and Washington.” Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, choking back tears, agreed with both men’s words and also thanked his supporters.

Moses Osceola next led both the Board and Council Representatives in their oath of office as each pledged to uphold the office and the Constitution. Everyone in the audience then had the opportunity to shake hands (and offer some bits of advice and encouragement) with the representatives.

Luncheon was served under a big white tent erected for the occasion. Tribal members and guests filled their plates (and their stomachs) with barbecue chicken and ribs, baked ziti, and all the fixings.

and items for treatment, but the ones in said Alice.

What started out as a year long project for Alice Snow turned into a 7 year labor of love. Many of you probably recall seeing Alice at the Brighton field office up to her elbows in papers all the while poring over plant fragments, photos, and documents through her trusty magnifying lens. The thousands of hours she dedicated to this project are perhaps best summed up by her daughter....

“My mother, Alice Snow, has been the most influential person in my life from the moment of my birth. Reflecting on the past, I remember that Mom would always make it a point to teach us something every day. She constantly told us, ‘be proud of our Indian heritage and cultural customs, especially Indian medicine’. In every child’s life there should always be a mentor, who is responsible for preserving the past, nurturing the present, and preparing us for the future. For me that’s my mom, Alice Snow, and I love her dearly,” said Salina.

Congratulations Alice and Susan! It was worth the wait.

Seminole In Alaska

Fortune Born Of Adversity

The Story so far . . . This is Part 4 in a series about a Seminole woman and her family's year 2000 living in a remote part of Alaska. After her air-lift from the Alaskan outback Seminole Linda Osceola Fredericks recovers from brain surgery. She suffers a relapse in a Seattle hospital on the day she is to check out and return to Alaska . . .

They rushed me into ICU and kept me there for the next several days. For the first day or two I did not know what was happening, but gradually my sense of awareness came back to normal. I am glad that my husband Mike was in the room that morning, because he noticed what was happening before it went too far. We have learned that it is very important for someone who knows you well to be with you as much as possible when something like that happens. While the doctors and nurses are very good at what they do, they cannot always tell when something is normal for you. Some people think that they are not doing much by staying in a hospital room with their loved ones, but that is not true. Even if nothing else, the sense of support gives hope to the person in the bed.

After that, the doctors were much more careful about assuming that I was OK. They put me into therapy section of the hospital for the next three weeks. There I regained the strength and coordination that I would need to return to Alaska.

Although the time in Seattle was a tough one for us, the Lord did some things for us through it that could not have happened otherwise. Maybe the most important was that my husband and I have been drawn closer together by the experience. The Lord had already been working with us in that area, but we needed that powerful jolt to really understand our commitment and our need for one another. He also discovered an old friend of his in Seattle that he had known as a child. They got together a few times while we were there and reestablished their friendship. Philemon, who is very interested in theater and dance, got to see the play “The Phantom of the Opera” in downtown Seattle. He walked around Seattle several times and experienced lots of new things. Living out in the woods, Philemon had been feeling discouraged about being isolated.

We came back to Fairbanks on the 30th of March. It was kind of scary to leave the security of the hospital, but we had to do it sooner or later. The commercial flight back was an ordeal for me because of delayed flights and schedule changes, but we finally made it.

My husband had to fly out to the homestead about two days after we got back to Fairbanks, to relieve the person who had been taking care of the place for us. I was not ready to go back to the woods yet, and stayed in town to do about six more weeks of therapy. After nine days, my husband got somebody else to watch the homestead and came back to Fairbanks to help me get around.

During the time that I was recovering in Fairbanks, my 17-year-old son Philemon’s life began to change once again. We enrolled him in a summer math course at the University of Fairbanks and also Summer Fine Arts Camp. It was the Fine Arts Camp that really changed things. He majored in Dance, something that he had been dreaming of getting into but never had the chance before. Philemon got to stay at the University in a dormitory during the summer. That was a big step for him, living on his own for the first time in his life.

My husband and I returned to our farm in the middle of May. The frozen river had just broken up almost all the snow was off the ground. We started getting ready for the summer growing season. My husband had to catch up on a lot of unfinished work around the place, since we had been gone so long. I did what I could without being too hard on myself. Recovery from a brain injury is slow and it was frustrating not being able to work the way that I was used to in the past.

We mainly planted potatoes, both in our own gardens and also in a neighbor’s field. We had high hopes for our potato crop, which usually does very well in Alaska. We also planted cabbage, kale, oats, turnips, and a number of other vegetables. Our hothouses, where we mostly grow tomatoes and peppers, went to waste that summer since we had a late start.

— Next issue: Philemon realizes a dream, while forest fires threaten the family homestead.

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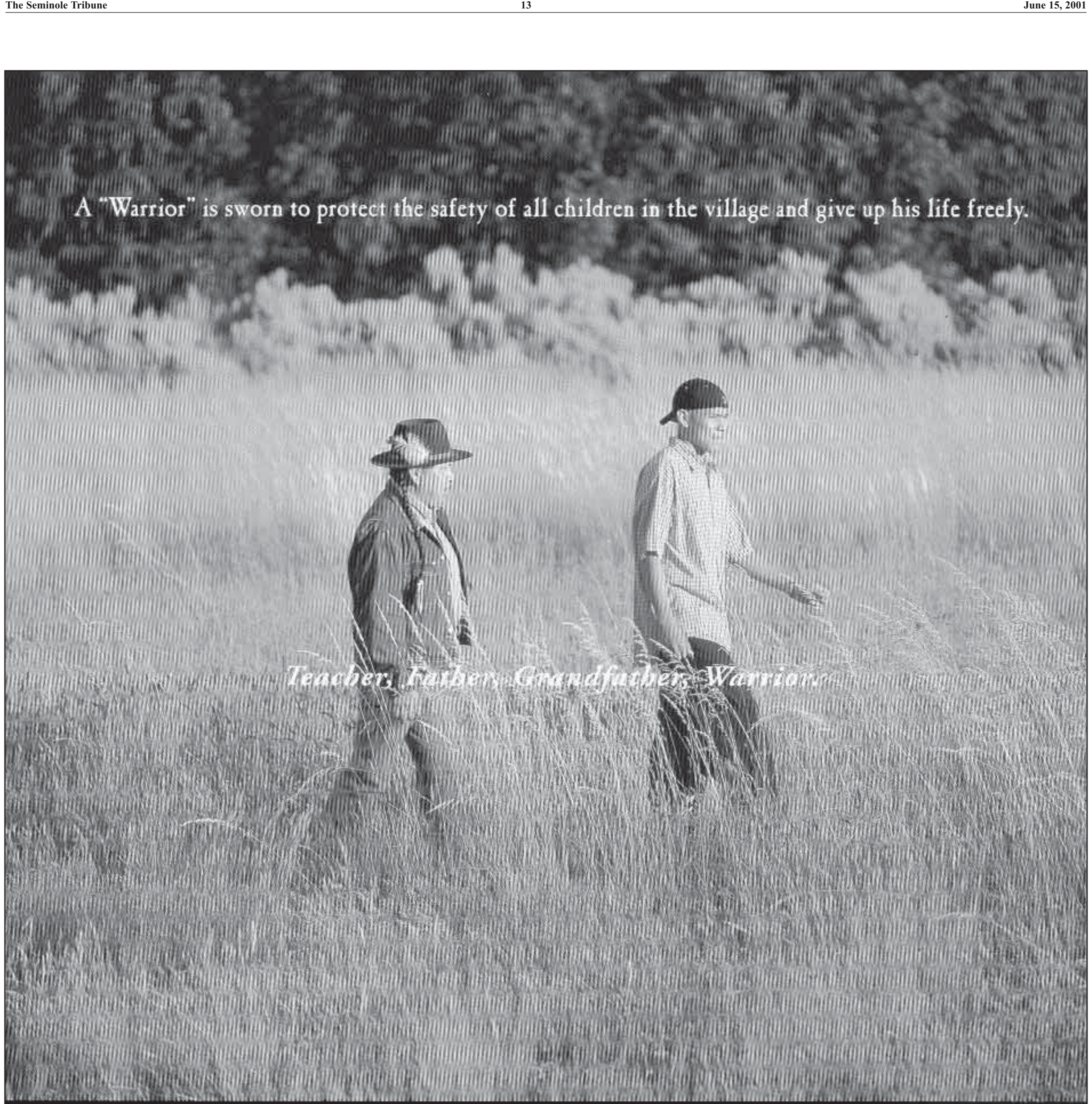
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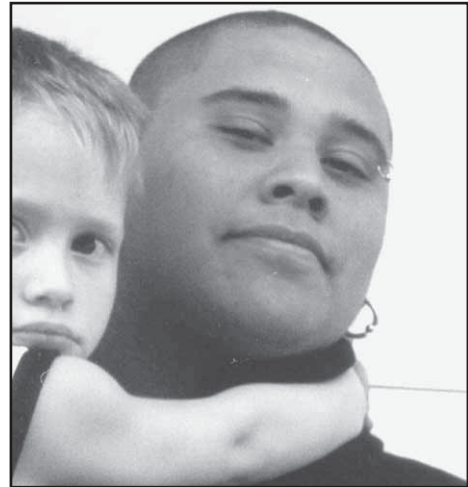
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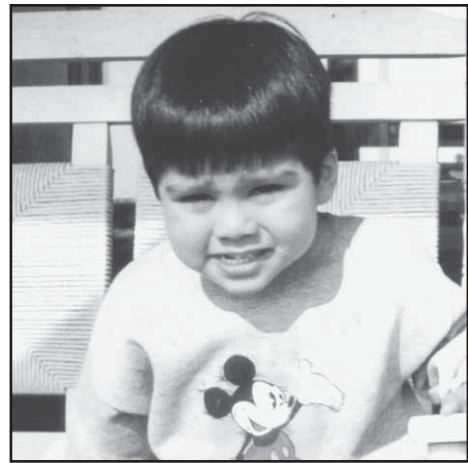
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Happy Birthday



Happy birthday to Wesley C. Frank, born on June 5th. How old are you really? Seems just a few years ago and now you're ready to graduate high school. Keep positive thoughts and actions; the outcome will astound you. Love you; hope you will have a fun and safe birthday. **Mom, Eddie, Jesse, Victor, Shelli, Valerie and Vinson.**



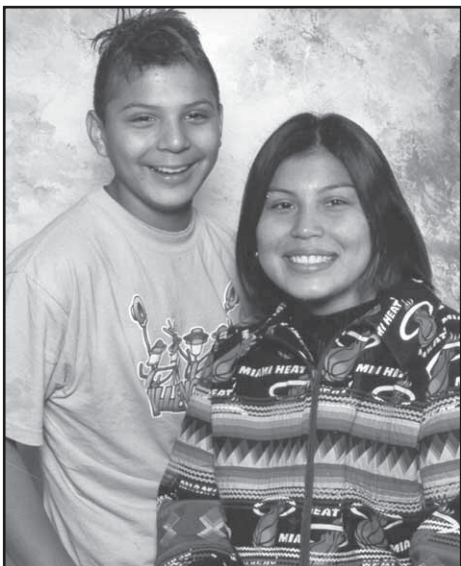
Happy Birthday Elden Frank Ben Osceola! He turned 4 years old on the 14th. With much love from **Toongie, Charlie, Randee and Gherri.**

Happy birthday to our Mom and Grandma, Virginia Mitchell. She was born June 11th; we can't remember the year. Just kidding. We love you so much, can we have a party? Whatever we do we will make sure your birthday will be a happy one. Love always: **Shelli, Victor, Jesse, Valerie, Wesley and Vinson.**



Happy birthday to our precious Shelli Mae Osceola, born on June 14, 1992. We are all very proud of you and wish you all the happiness you deserve. Keep up the good grades, have a fun summer and may your birthday bring you many smiles.

Love: **Grandma Virginia, Eddie, Jesse, Victor, Dad, Valerie, Wesley, Mom, Shanie and Dakota.**



Happy belated birthday to "Bundy" Willie Jim McMorris Osceola. Love you lots. **Mom Doris, Mom Peggy and the Otter Gang.**

Happy birthday Elden Frank Ben Osceola. With love, **Aunt Carmen & Emmitt**

Congratulations



We would like to **congratulate** our son, **Wyatt H. Motlow-North** for graduating from Hollywood Preschool. We wish him the best of luck in Kindergarten. And we would like to extend our wishes to the rest of the graduating class of 2001. Love, **Mom, Dad, Grandma, Uncle R.C., and Grandpa. And also from the Motlows and the Poores.**



Congratulations Class of 2001 Miss Desiree Kari Jumper
With pride of achievement we stride toward the future. Filled with optimism and secure in the confidence that we will attain success and happiness in life's fulfillment. The Class of 2001 Clewiston High School will graduate at 7:30 p.m. on May 18, at Cane Field, Clewiston, Florida.



Congratulations to Victor P. Osceola age 10 and a member of the Bear clan.

Victor attends American Heritage where he has been practicing the martial arts with instructor Debi D'Amato. "This year he has worked very hard and shows his capabilities." Ms Debi.

He is now a dignified holder of a gold belt. We wish him more opportunities that will come his way and will be there to support his endeavors. The utmost best to you Vic!

Love: **Grandma Virginia, Shelli, Jesse, Wesley, Valerie, Eddie and Dad.**



Congratulations, Tommie Jumper Hawk on your high school graduation! Good luck next year at the University of Miami!
Love, **Mom, Dad, and Joe**

Congratulations to our two "baby birds," **Sally Kristie Johnnett Osceola** and **Jamie Ann McKenzie Osceola.** We are all proud of you two. Keep on with your education and stay in school. You'll go far. You girls did it! Love you both! Best wishes, **Dad, Aunt Doris and the Otter Gang.**

Thank You

I would like to send a big "Thank You" and I want to let everyone know what a wonderful staff that we have at school and what nice people Big Cypress has in the community.

My name is Linda Peebles and I am the Fine Arts teacher at Ahfachkee School. On May 3rd my friend Sarah Williams who also teaches at Ahfachkee and myself were in a terrible car accident on our way to work. A farm worker pulled out in front of us causing us to flip several times and I was thrown from the vehicle out of the passenger window. The man who did this to us left but was caught several hours later. I laid on the side of the road for over an hour before I was airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital in Ft. Myers.

There was a man named Walter Layva who works at the Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum who stopped by to help us. Walter never met me before the accident but he said he knew that I worked at Ahfachkee School because he passed me all the time on the road. I know that good Lord sent Walter to me to be my angel. Walter laid down with me on the side of the road and held my bloody hand and rubbed my bloody face and he kept telling me I had to stay awake until help came. Walter kept talking to me to keep awake.

I felt peace come over me knowing that Walter was by my side. I just want to say to Walter "Thank You" for taking care of me as if I was your own daughter. I'll never forget what you did for me. There will always be a special place in my heart as well as my family's for you. May God bless you with many blessings. You will always be an angel to me.

There were so many people who stopped to help. There were so many people that I do not know. I would like to THANK every one of you. There were two men from Moore Haven named Buddy Gravy and Melvin Guery who were friends of mine who also stayed by my side. I want to send a big THANK YOU to them as well. I know there were several people from the Big Cypress Indian Reservation who stopped to help me that I am unsure who you are, but I want to say THANK YOU to all of you and may God Bless you in many ways. I would love for you to write me or call me to let me know if you were one of the people who stopped to help me so I can personally thank you.

I also want to send a hug "THANK YOU" to the best boss in the world Dr. Pat Gaffney. Thank you for all of your phone calls and for all of your help with my insurance. Thank you for being so understanding about me not being able to work for a few months. Just knowing that I have such a caring boss and staff members by my side helps my progress to recovery. I can't wait to go back to work to see all of you.

I want to THANK dr. Sharon Byrd for being so concerned about me and for caring about me like I was part of her family. I want to THANK the whole staff at Ahfachkee for all of the flowers, phone calls and cards. I want to THANK all of the students at Ahfachkee for all of the lovely cards you made for me. When I received all of your cards, you truly brought a ray of sunshine to my gloomy day. I am so proud to an Ahfachkee staff member. It is truly an honor to work and to each with such caring people. I think of all of you like I do my family. Again, thank you for everything you've done for me.

I also want to THANK Patrick McElroy my childhood friend. Patrick works at learning resources at Big Cypress. We have been friends for 25 years. Thank you for being by my side through by surgeries, and for staying at the hospital with me the night of my surgery. Thank you for helping out with Jenna and Haley. Thank you for helping set up my house to be handicap proof. You are truly my very dear friend. I love you very much. Again, thank you for all of your care.

I would also like to THANK James Billie for the beautiful basket of flowers; that was very thoughtful of you.

I want to THANK Belinda and Dianna at Hollywood at human resources for all of your help with my insurance. You two do not even know me but you went out of your way to make sure that the hospital had all of my insurance information. You two took a load off my mind doing all of my insurance for me.

I would like to ask everyone to keep me in your prayers. I have a broken left leg and left hip. I have dislocated my left side of my jaw and have lost all of my feeling in my right index finger and I have several fractures to the muscles that surround my spine. I am a single mom with two little girls. My orthopedic doctor says I'll be able to return to work in August. Please pray that I'll have a speedy recovery. Please pray for my two little girls, they have been through a lot.

Again, a big huge THANK YOU to everyone who has been so caring and thoughtful to me. God Bless you all.
Love,
Linda Peebles
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Moore Haven, FL 33471
863-946-2567

Decal Notice

The 2001 Seminole Indian license plate will expire June 30, 2001. Due to the new procedure to process the license plates and decals transactions for Tribal members being placed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, Tallahassee, FL.

The issuance date for the 2002 decals and/or license plates is not set. You will be notified as soon as the date is set. Should you have any questions please contact the Tribal Clerk's Office in Hollywood at (954) 967-3465.

Job Opportunities

Job Title:	Accountant
Open Date:	5-17-01
Salary:	\$45,000 w/ benefits
Location:	Accounting Hwd
Job Title:	A/P Representative
Open Date:	3-28-01
Salary:	\$18,720 w/ benefits
Location:	Health Hwd
Job Title:	A-Built/CAD Drafter
Open Date:	11-7-00
Salary:	\$28,000 w/ benefits
Location:	Utilities Hwd
Job Title:	Administrative Assistant
Open Date:	5-30-01
Salary:	Negotiable with benefits
Location:	Family Services Hwd
Job Title:	Administrative /Assistant
Open Date:	5-9-01
Salary:	NA
Location:	Governmental Affairs Hwd
Job Title:	Gaming Clerk
Open Date:	2-28-01
Salary:	\$17,200 w/ benefits.
Location:	Gaming Hwd
Job Title:	Commission Officer (5)
Open Date:	10-31-00
Salary:	\$28,000 w/ benefits
Location:	Gaming Hwd
Job Title:	Community Health Educator
Open Date:	3-28-01
Salary:	\$30,000 annually with benefits
Location:	Health Hwd
Job Title:	Maintenance Worker
Open Date:	5-17-01
Salary:	\$23,920 w/ benefits
Location:	Housing/Construction
Job Title:	Nutritionist
Open Date:	3-7-01

Salary:	\$35,000 annually w/benefits
Location:	Health Hwd
Job Title:	Operator/Maintenance Trainee
Open Date:	3-28-01
Salary:	\$ 17,680 with benefits
Location:	Utilities Hwd
Job Title:	Patient Services Clerk
Open Date:	12-13-00
Salary:	\$ 17, 600w/ benefits
Location:	Health Hwd
Job Title:	Reporter
Open Date:	5-9-01
Salary:	\$ 19,760 annually w/ benefits
Location:	Communications
Job Title:	Site Manager
Open Date:	3-28-01
Salary:	Negotiable with benefits
Location:	Hotmeals Hwd
Job Title:	Bookkeeper/ Office Asst
Open Date:	4-18-01
Salary:	Negotiable commensurate w/ experience with benefits
Location:	Natural Resources Brighton
Job Title:	Bus Monitor (PT)
Open Date:	5-30-01
Salary:	\$ 6.05
Location:	Education Brighton
Job Title:	Counselor
Open Date:	10-17-00
Salary:	Negotiable with benefits
Location:	Family Services Brighton
Job Title:	Licensed Practical Nurse
Open Date:	12-27-00
Salary:	\$24,900 w/ benefits
Location:	Health Brighton
Job Title:	Surveillance Operator
Open Date:	3-7-01
Salary:	\$17,680 w/ benefits

Location:	Gaming Brighton
Job Title:	Operator/ Maintenance
Open Date:	3-28-01
Salary:	\$ 17,680 with benefits
Location:	Brighton
Job Title:	Tribal Outreach/ Worker
Open Date:	2-14-01
Salary:	\$ 20,300 annually with benefits
Location:	Brighton
Job Title:	Youth Center Attendant
Open Date:	5-17-01
Salary:	\$ 16,640 annually w/ benefits
Location:	Juvenile Justice Brighton
Job Title:	Community Health/ Rep.
Open Date:	11-29-00
Salary:	\$18,700 annually w/ benefits
Location:	Big Cypress
Job Title:	Elem/ Middle School Teacher
Open Date:	4-18-01
Salary:	Negotiable commensurate with experience
Location:	Ahfachkee School Big Cypress
Job Title:	Asst. Cook Janitor
Open Date:	5-30-01
Salary:	\$ 18,150 annually with benefits
Location:	Hotmeals Big Cypress
Job Title:	Medical Social Worker
Open Date:	2-14-01
Salary:	Negotiable with benefits
Location:	Family Services Big Cypress
Job Title:	Permanent Sub. Teacher
Open Date:	1-31-01
Salary:	\$ 12.50 per hour with benefits
Location:	Ahfachkee School Big Cypress
Job Title:	Pre-K Teacher
Open Date:	4-18-01
Salary:	Negotiable commensurate with experience with benefits

Location:	Ahfachkee Big Cypress
Job Title:	Speech Therapist
Open Date:	12-27-00
Salary:	Negotiable with benefits
Location:	Ahfachkee School Big Cypress
Job Title:	Teachers Aide
Open Date:	1-31-01
Salary:	\$13,644 annually with benefits
Location:	Ahfachkee School Big Cypress
Job Title:	Surveillance Operators
Open Date:	3-7-01
Salary:	\$17,680 annually with benefits
Location:	Gaming Coconut Creek
Job Title:	Cultural Language
Open Date:	3-14-01
Salary:	\$28,120 annually with benefits
Location:	Cultural Education Immokalee
Job Title:	Surveillance Operators
Open Date:	3-7-01
Salary:	\$17,680 annually with benefits
Location:	Gaming Immokalee
Job Title:	Teacher Aide (3/4 yr. class)
Open Date:	2-7-01
Salary:	\$ 18,150 annually with benefits
Location:	Preschool Program Immokalee
Job Title:	Gaming Clerk
Open Date:	2-28-01
Salary:	\$17,200 annually with benefits
Location:	Gaming Tampa
Job Title:	Surveillance Operators
Open Date:	3-7-01
Salary:	\$17,680 annually with benefits
Location:	Gaming Tampa
Job Title:	Recreation Aid
Open Date:	5-9-01
Salary:	\$11, 440 annually with benefits
Location:	Recreation Tampa

Notices

N. A. Y. O. Baseball & Softball – July 20 - 21. For information contact; Hollywood Gym (954) 989-9457, Joe Collins (954) 931-7793 or Sunshine Frank (954) 966-6300, ext. 1305.

Indian Youth of America Youth Camp Program – June 29 – July 7 (deadline July 18) or August 10 – 17 (deadline being July 30). Ages 10 – 14 years. For general information call (712) 252-3230.

Public Service Announcement — The University of Fort Lauderdale is offering special programs to earn a college degree with-in an innovative Christian learning environment. Remedial and special entrance courses are available for anyone, who has the heart for higher learning and commitment for study. Enroll now for Summer and Fall 2001. For information, call (954) 486-7728. The University of Fort Lauderdale is located at 4200 N.W. 16th St. in Lauderhill.

Bear in the Big Blue House Live

"Surprise Party" is premiering in Ft. Lauderdale at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts from July 4 - July 8, 2001.

Florida Residents Special - Fun in the sun available at Sheraton Yankee Trader and Sheraton Yankee Clipper Beach Hotels. For more information or reservation call (800) 958-5551.

Funky Fish Ocean Adventure Camp - June 3 through September 30. Go snorkeling, tie-dye t-shirts, learn about sea life and enjoy a pizza party. The program runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (954) 524-5551, ext. 314.

The Southeast i-DealFlow Forum - submit applications by July 20, 2001, via the www.southeasti-dealflowforum.org. Final application phase for minority entrepreneurs seeking \$1 - \$10 million in equity funding. Forum to be held November 2, 2001 at the Georgia Center for Advanced Telecommunications Technology in Atlanta.

Salvation Army Car & Boat Auction - Saturday, June 23, 2001. Call (954) 463-3725 for more information

Creating a Cooperative Family or Classroom - June 21, 7 - 8:30 p.m. learn how to build a cooperative family or classroom atmosphere and what to do when there is a lack of cooperation. \$15 per person, contact Maggie Macaulay at (954) 261-0980.

Handling Sibling Rivalry - June 28th, 7 - 8:30 p.m. to be held at the Hollywood Birth Center, 2316 Hollywood Blvd, call Maggie at (954) 261-0980 for more information.

Consequences that Work! - July 5th, 7 - 8:30 p.m. learn the two types of consequences and how to effectively use them. (954) 261-0980.

Enhancing Your Child's Self-Esteem - July 12th, 7 - 8:30 p.m. Learn the components of self-esteem and nine methods of disciplining while instilling high self-

esteem. (954) 261-0980 to register.

"I Don't Want To and You Can't Make Me!" - Effectively Handling Power Struggles - July 19th, 7 - 8:30 p.m. How to recognize and disengage from power struggles, why power struggles are so common particularly with children, and skills to lessen them in the future. Hollywood Birth Center, (954) 261-0980 for information or to register, \$15 per person/\$25 per couple per seminar.

Evaluating Tribal Court Systems - Training session on July 23 - 25, 2001 at Harrah's Casino & Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. Tuition is \$298.00 per person. Deadline to register is July 20th, call NIJA at (707) 762-8113.

Independence 225: Hollywood's Spirit of '76 - July 4th at Young Circle Park is located at Hollywood Boulevard & U.S. 1. Dixieland and classic rock & roll from 6:00 - 9:00 a.m. with fireworks at 10:00 p.m., call (954) 921-3404 or hotline at (954) 921-3400 for more information.

Deadlines

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July 6 Issue • June 22 Deadline
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Wind Clan Member Graduates

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — Cherelee Kristen Julia Hall of Big Cypress graduated from the Admiral Farragut Academy on May 19, in St. Petersburg, FL. On the lawn of the Admiral Farragut Academy's Garden Theater, Cherelee stood proudly with the Academy's Class of 2001 and received her high school diploma. Along with her high school diploma, Cherelee received a Certificate of Merit for Community Service and the Principal's Outstanding Contribution Award. She also received a certificate, ribbon, and medal for Patriotism, Academic and Military Achievement from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Established in 1945, Admiral Farragut has been named a Naval Honor School by Congress and is one of the few schools in America that can make direct appointments to the nation's military academies. The school is renowned nationally and internationally for its military-style upper school program.



Janice Billie

Cherelee K. J. Hall

ness that I've grown so used to." Her plans after graduation are to live and work in Big Cypress for the summer and attend Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, VA to study Business Administration and Photography in the fall.

The commencement address was given by Rear Adm. Thomas Steffen. He reminded them that they are the first graduating class of this new millennium and that their generation is different. "You see in concepts. You live in a global village where the clash of civilizations grows stronger every day. You will be called upon to protect our planet. Remember that all that is necessary for evil to triumph is that the good do nothing. Godspeed 2001, Godspeed."

Friends and a large contingent of Cherelee's family and clan members traveled to St. Petersburg for the occasion. Among the visitors was Rosie Rosa Billie, a senior tribal member and matriarch of the Wind Clan. Other family members included, Lydia Cypress, James Hall, Cathy Cypress, Candy Cypress, Nadine Bowers, Toahooke Bowers, Nancy Billie, Jennifer Billie and an unknown number of children and friends. After the final formation and salute at the end of the ceremony, tears of joy and heartfelt hugs among Cherelee and her family conveyed the pride and emotion pervading their hearts. Cherelee has come a long way and met many challenges to arrive at this major crossroad and achievement in life. The Seminole Tribe congratulates her and wishes her Godspeed Cherelee, Godspeed.



Janice Billie

Preschool entertained the audience with songs before the graduation ceremonies.

Big Cypress Preschool Graduation

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Community gathered at the Morgan Smith Cattle and Range Building to honor the 2001 graduates of the Big Cypress Preschool on the morning of June 1. Amid the energy of precocious childhood

The program started with a prayer by Alma Johns followed by welcoming remarks given by Preschool Director Leona T. Williams. The graduates recited the pledge to the Seminole Flag before going into their performance of songs in English (All I Really Need, Two Ways Out, The Alligator Chant) and Mikusuki (Brother John, Seminole Counting Song, Wheels On The Bus).

Taking a break to don their caps and gowns, the Juniors and Seniors formally introduced themselves to the audience in Mikusuki. Next came the presentation of diplomas by Williams and Thommy Doud. The Junior graduates were Sydnee Cypress, Graysun Billie, and Natamah Robbins. The Senior graduates were Darlah Cypress, Tyrus Billie, Caitlin Cypress, Elijah Billie, Kaitlin Osceola, Dorian Jumper, Sabre Billie, Anthony Joe, and Candy Landin.



Janice Billie

Preschool class of 2000/2001 graduate.

Balloons and confetti were dropped from the ceiling onto the group of children to celebrate this passage. The Preschool staff served families and visitors lunch at the conclusion of the winsome occasion.

The Preschool staff is to be commended for their tireless effort to educate and inspire our children to learn and develop positive characters. The *Seminole Tribune* thanks you.

playfulness, the graduation ceremony started out and finished as lively as any event could be. The tiny graduates were as adorable as dolls and gave the audience of parents and visitors a look at the abilities and charm of our Tribe's precious resource.

Immokalee Preschool Graduation And Student Recognition

By Benny Secody
On May 31, friends and family of the Immokalee Preschool students joined teachers and school staff at Collier County Park to celebrate graduation and student recognition. Although only one young lady graduated, school staff and teachers recognized all the children as their proud parents looked on. Many of the parents and volunteers were presented with awards for their dedication to the children at the preschool.

Miss Rosalinda Mika Lopez, along with the other students marched into the ceremony to Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance". The program began with invocation, provided by Mrs. Alma Johns. After the invocation, the students recited the "Pledge to Manteele".

Michelle Ford, Preschool Center Manager, welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance and support throughout the year. School staff and teachers were introduced, along with the community volunteers, and recognized for their valuable contribution to the children. She described the curriculum and activities the children had participated in throughout the year.

Class songs were sung by the children such as A-nosh-pe-ke Ho-pan-ke (Counting Song), Baash Shenchenehle, Ontayhe (London Bridge), An-lak-fe and Jesus Loves Me (in the Creek language).

Next on the evening's program were the presentation of Certificates and one diploma. Only one student graduated this year, Miss Rosalinda Mika Lopez. She had no problem being the center of attention as the only graduate of this year's Class of 2001.

Dressed in a bright red cap and gown, trimmed with patchwork depicting the Seminole colors, Rosalinda eagerly accepted her diploma from Ms. Ford.



Benny Secody

Miss Rosalinda Mika Lopez

the Toddler Advancing Students) Kenny Davis, Jr., Damion Sinclair Frank, Chelsey Nicole Ford and Lauren Dine Posada. Infant Advancing students were Issiah Alvarado and Troy Lee Cantu.

Preschool and Toddler Students were Alphonso Alvarado, Jr., Amber Alvarado, Chelsey Alvarado, Jonah Alvarado, Kyle Alvarado, Eliza Michele Mora and Jade Lizett Tapia.

Following the presentation of certificates, Rosalinda was presented with a new backpack - which she will now use as she moves on to Village Oaks Elementary. She is the daughter of Sheila Aguilar and Joe Lopez of Immokalee - and the granddaughter of Elaine Aguilar, Immokalee Board Representative.

Rosalinda, age four, says her favorite color is pink and she enjoys riding four-wheelers, watching TV, and playing on the playground at school. What she likes the most about preschool is playing with toys and friends, and when she grows up, she wants to be "Cinderella".

Following the presentations, a raffie drawing was held followed by a dinner provided for the students, and their friends and families. It was a time for fellowship between parents and teachers, who all look forward to enjoying the summer months. Ms. Ford thanked everyone for coming and again, for their support throughout the year.



Benny Secody

Jessica Lopez receiving her certificate.

Hollywood

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Preschool Graduating Class 2001 - Manuel Jose Baker, Daija Ray Ann Baxley, Alisia Hali Billie, Shelli Rubylanne Billie, Julian C. Billie, Nanthaniel Aaron Doctor, Haden Little Bear, Jaide Whitney Micco, Wyatt Motlow North, Anissa Christine Osceola, Cameron Neil Tartsah Osceola, Neko Miulu Osceola, Neyom Anthony Osceola, Adahma Xavier Sirota, Donte Osceola Tiger, Isabel Maria Tucker, Katelyn Rene Young.



E. Tiger

L-R: Max Osceola, Elton C. Bayley congratulate Wyatt M. North.

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