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Remembering Candy

By Libby Blake

HOLLYWOOD – Juanita Osceola and family, with support from Council Representative David Cypress, held the 5th Annual Candy Osceola Memorial Pool Tournament last weekend at the Hollywood Recreation Gym.

The two-day event, held Friday and Saturday, included divisions for both men and women, boys and girls, and seniors. Pool sharks (and some guppies) from all over Seminole Country turned out to honor Candy and her family and to try for the \$600 first place prize.

Friday night the festivities got underway with the youth and seniors. Competition was fierce but friendly as the players grabbed their sticks to shoot in the one game, double elimination tournaments.

Previous tournament winners felt the heat as they tried to rise to the top of the brackets. Some made it; some fell by the wayside as play continued into the early morning hours. This made it kind of tough on the parents who had to return on Saturday at 10 a.m. for their own divisions. (Veterans of the game and these events know that lack of sleep is a given.)

Play continued on Saturday until early evening for the top five positions in each division. Food and beverages to help sustain the players and the audience were provided throughout the tournament by Sonny's Hogies. Commemorative T-shirts were available for those wanting

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Guard, Indians Try To Forge New Ties

By Michael Reed

Reprint from St. Augustine Record

In an effort of reconciliation between the United States government and American Indians, laws were passed years ago requiring every government agency to consult with federally-recognized tribes.

Now various tribes and the Florida National Guard are coming together to preserve American Indian historic and cultural sites.

Last week, the Florida National Guard held consultations with six tribes, Col. Jeff Hetherington said it was the right thing to do.

“I should say we're off to an excellent start, and the consultations went very well.”

The guard, aided by American Indians, will try to protect important sites on the land it manages, which includes the 73,000-acre Camp Blanding training grounds near Starke

Tribal representatives at the meeting were given a tour of Camp Blanding.

Brig. Gen. Jimmy Watson said the tribes have not identified any important sites on the guard's property, but important sites may be found in the future.

Patricia Wickman, historic preservation chair for

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Children Of Children

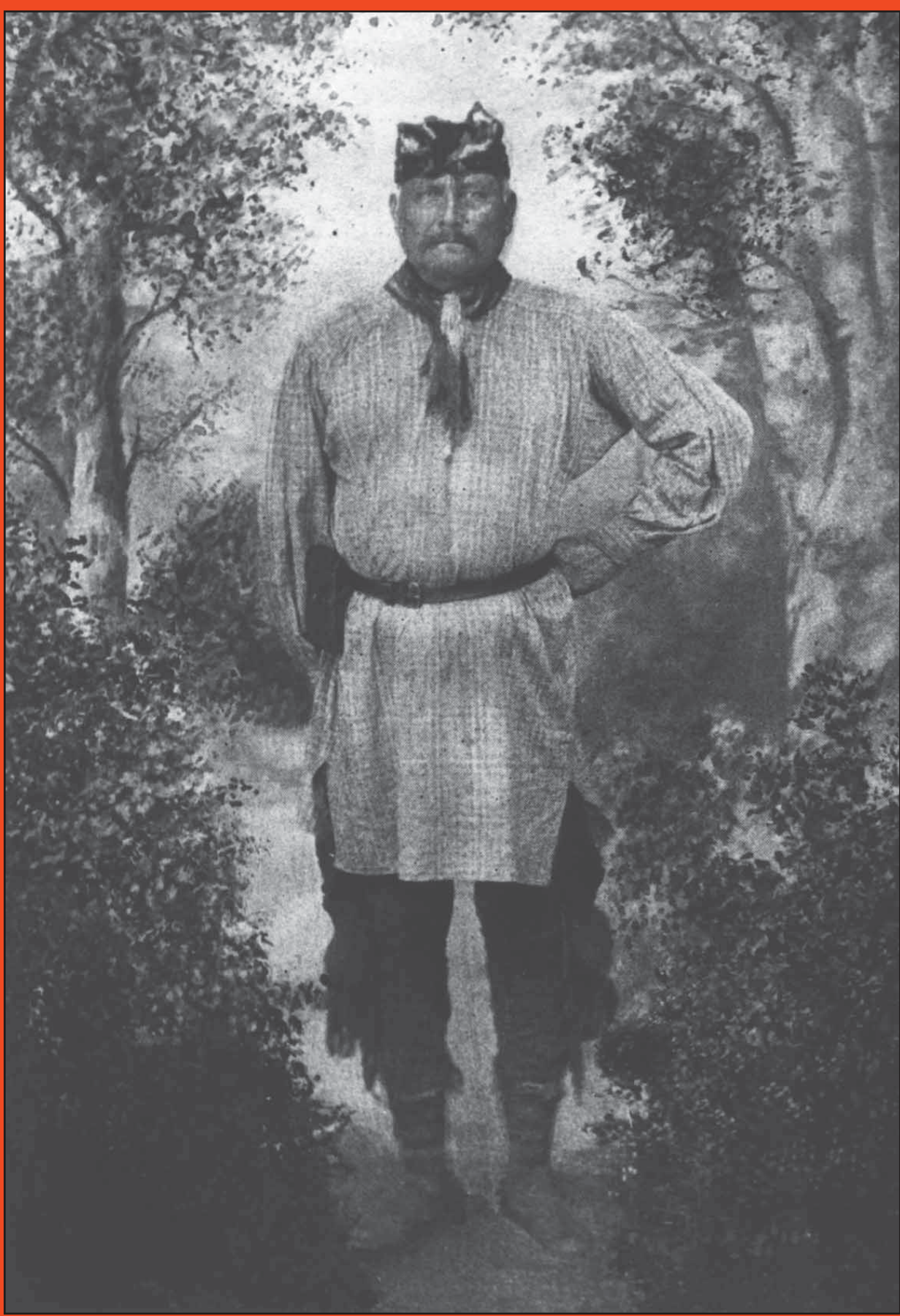


Missy Huff and Candice Fimmer

By Michael James

OKEECHOBEE — On Thursday, May 10th the Brighton students, grades 6th through 9th, were introduced to a photograph exhibit and riveting testimonies discussing an increasing problem facing our youth in this country today - children having children. This lesson in life began at a luncheon where guest speakers from the Brighton community shared with the group their own testimonies of being teen parents. A *Seminole Tribune* reporter, who became a parent at 19, discussed the inability to establish an identity for himself and how he literally lost his childhood. Instead of going to college, he became a father and husband working two jobs. He did not return to college until he was 36 years old. He also spoke about the repercussions of parents who marry at a young age and divorce,

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“Captain” Tom Tiger was the second Seminole to meet an US President, see Reflections page 3.

Fifteen Months And A New Life Later

By Michael James

BRIGHTON — Fifteen months.... that's how long it's been since Josephine Villa sat down with the *Seminole Tribune* to tell the grievous story of how her struggle with diabetes nearly ended her life when she was robbed of the function of her kidneys and forced to begin life sustaining dialysis in 1999. For five days in December 1999 she underwent lifesaving emergency dialysis. Her salvation Josephine told the *Tribune* was, “God's way of telling me that I had a mission to accomplish.”

It was an unforgettable interview whose tone and mood was set by remarkable ambivalence. Fear and courage, despair and hope, these were the feelings that presided as Josephine bravely told her story in the hope that she could impact others before it was too late. Back then she was scared, not for herself but for others whom she feared might be harboring the misconception that dialysis was some sort of alternative that could be consciously opted for as an alternative to good diabetes management. Then and now dialysis remains in her own words. “painful, just awful, a last resort that should be avoided at all costs.”

Today, the pain is gone for Josephine thanks to a new kidney and her uncommon ability to turn adversi-

ty and knowledge into power. Her mission remains steadfast.

In January 2000, Josephine began the monumental task of getting a new kidney by beginning a battery of medical tests that would last nearly six months.



Josephine Villa with daughter Micki.

The tests would determine if she could be an organ recipient. There were tests on her heart, her lungs, and indeed all organ systems of her body. She even had a

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Oneva Smith Baxley Retires



Oneva Baxley on her way to take it easy.

By Janice Billie

BRIGHTON — As of May 4, Brighton Cattle and Range and Seminole Tribe Board lost one of its most dependable and dedicated employees to retirement. After 23 years starting as a receptionist and retiring as the departments' accounts payable/bookkeeper, Oneva Smith Baxley put in her last day as a Tribal employee on Friday.

At a luncheon in her honor held at the Lakeport Lodge, Oneva was commended by her supervisor, Cattle and Range Program Director Don Robertson, as an outstanding employee who could be relied upon to work hard and conscientiously on any task asked of her. “After 23 years, Oneva is like part of the foundation here at Cattle and Range and we are all sad to see her go, but we wish her only the best,” said Robertson. Seminole Board Operations Manager, Carolyn Billie presented Oneva with a gold watch and bracelet set from President Mitchell Cypress' Office and the Board of

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Keep Hoof And Mouth Disease Out Of Florida

By Tommy Benn

TALLAHASSEE — The United States has regulations to prevent the introduction of Hoof and Mouth Disease into her boundaries but so did many currently affected countries. HMD has been diagnosed in 34 countries in the past 18 months. The latest outbreaks were reported in Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Argentina and France. The only continents free of the disease are North America, Australia and the Antarctica.

All cloven-hoofed animals are susceptible. In Florida those include domesticated cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, and buffalo. Wildlife, both exotic and native Florida species, are suspect.

If you suspect a disease problem, report it immediately to a veterinarian or an animal health officer. Early detection of HMD is critical; the virus is fast spreading. More than likely 100 percent of animals in an exposed herd will become ill; younger animals are more susceptible to death than older animals.

Inspect your animals daily for tell-tale signs of HMD blisters around the mouth and muzzle, which cause slobbering and drooling. Raw patches or ulcers and sores may develop around the animal's utter causing mastitis; blisters on the feet will cause lameness. Infected animals will not drink, eat or walk and will lose weight rapidly. Cattle and swine will show signs of HMD within two to seven days. Sheep and goats may only show

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Editorial

“Please God, I’m only 17”

***Barbara Secody**
It’s prom time again, and young students are out there ‘having fun’ – doing the things that young people do these days. Even kids that do not use drugs or drink are still at risk, because there are a greater number of those out there who do. Those are the people who are going to be at the wheel, and who will be sharing the roads with your kids. Each year throughout the United States, young people are killed on their prom night through either reckless behavior on their part or on the part of others – as well as at the hands of a drunk driver.

Through the years, young people have become more aware of the dangers of prom night and have taken measures to ensure their safety. Some prom goers even pool their resources and hire a limo. At approximately \$40 per hour, it is a small price to pay for peace of mind. Others select a “designated driver” – someone who they can depend on to stay sober throughout the evening. Even with these precautionary measures, tragedy still occurs on prom night, but all attempts by everyone to do their part have greatly reduced the number of deaths in recent years.

Many years ago, Abigail Van Buren (“Dear Abby”) printed a piece in her column about a young person who had tragically died in a senseless car accident. It has been reprinted - with her permission through the years, and has had a tremendous impact on readers everywhere. It goes as follows:

Please, God, I’m on 17
The day I died was an ordinary school day. How I wish I had taken the bus! But I was too cool for the bus. I remember how I wheedled the car out of Mom. “Special favor,” I pleaded. - “All the kids drive!”

When the 2:50 bell rang, I threw all my books in the locker. I was free until 8:40 tomorrow morning. I ran to the parking lot, excited at the thought of driving a car and being my own boss. Free!

It doesn’t matter how the accident happened. I was goofing off – going too fast – taking crazy chances. But I was enjoying my freedom and having fun. The last thing I remembered was passing an old lady who seemed to be going too slow. I heard a deafening crash and felt a terrible jolt. Glass and steel flew everywhere. My whole body seemed to be turning inside out. I heard myself scream.

Suddenly I awakened; it was very quiet, and a police officer was standing over me. Then I saw a doctor. My body was mangled and saturated with blood. Pieces of jagged glass were

sticking out all over. Strange, that I couldn’t feel anything. Hey! Don’t pull that sheet over my head! I can’t be dead. I’m only 17. I have a date tonight. I’m supposed to grow up and have a wonderful life – and I haven’t even lived yet: I can’t be dead!

Later, I was placed in a drawer at the morgue. My folks have to identify me. Why did they have to see me like this? Why did I have to look at Mom’s eyes when she had to face the most terrible ordeal of her life? Dad suddenly looked like an old man. He told the man in charge, “Yes, he is my son.”

The funeral was a weird experience. I saw all my relatives and friends walk toward the casket. They passed by, one by one, and looked at me with the saddest eyes I’ve ever seen. Some of my buddies were crying. A few of the girls touched my hand and sobbed as they walked away.

Please! – Somebody! – Wake me up! Get me out of here! I can’t bear to see my mom and dad so broken up. My grandparents are so racked with grief they can hardly walk. My brother and sisters are like zombies – they move like robots. In a daze, everybody! No one can believe it, either.

Please don’t bury me – I’m not dead! I have a lot of living to do! I want to laugh and run again. I want to sing and dance. Please don’t put me in the cold, dark ground! I promise if you give me just one more chance, God, I’ll be the most careful driver in the whole world. All I want is one more chance.

Please, God, I’m only 17!

Although this story will touch the hearts of those who read it – as it always does, unfortunately, some of those will not heed the warnings and will meet a similar demise. The article is old – written long before crack cocaine, ecstasy, acid and the myriad of other “designer drugs” became the main attraction at teen functions. Today, parents have to worry - not only about drinking and driving – but about all the other stuff kids are into.

There is no sure fire way to protect your children, but let them know over and over again – until you are both blue in the face - how important it is for them to exercise caution. Let them know you care – and remind them of the good life that lies ahead for them to enjoy – a life you want to share with them for a long, long time.

— **Barbara Secody is a freelance writer for the Seminole Tribune**



Virginia Mitchell

Oosha nit oogen kahum pahshim (otter playing in water)

Children

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and the impact that decision has on the children. Jo Johns, Youth Coordinator at Brighton, spoke about the loss of freedom and how your life becomes entirely about your children. She *emphasizes* that she has no regrets, but it is very, very difficult at a young age. Diane Smith, who became a parent at 15, also described her life at that time and how difficult it was being a teen mother. Preston Baker, who became a father at 20, and dearly loves children, spoke and commented that he never thought he would be a speaker discussing teen parenthood. From a different perspective, Rita Gopher who became a mother at 25 also explained the difficulties of being an older mother. The message is taking responsibility, protecting yourself and having protected sex.

Photographer Michael Nye is an artist whose candid portraits reveal the intense and often poignant lives of his subjects. His passion for photography has taken him around the world recording images of men, women and children from troubled and impoverished areas in Siberia, Mexico, Iraq, China and elsewhere. He is an attorney who received his Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1977 and practiced law for 7 years before deciding to pursue photography full time in 1984. His *Children of Children, Portraits and Stories of Teenage Parents* introduces individuals ranging in age from 12 to 100 whose lives have been effected by teenage pregnancy. The powerful exhibit features 50 black and white portraits accompanied by audio stories, narrated by the individual in the photograph. Children of Children does not condemn, condone, or romanticize teenage pregnancy; rather it explores the realities of teenage pregnancy and parenting in our society.

Frozen in time, the images capture a significant life altering moment as the subjects appear in the camera’s eye and ask you to understand. The photographs are more than static images. An audio narrative recorded by the person in the photo, drawing you into his or her life accompanies each. In simple and eloquent detail, these narratives address many of the complex issues-family, culture, religion, trust, money, poverty, guilt, abuse, responsibility, support and education-just to name a few

Teen pregnancy is not a simple issue of good or bad, right or wrong, do or don’t. It is a very complex issue that involves many people, events and decisions. The statistics in this country are staggering. The United States has the highest rates of teen pregnancy and births in the Western industrialized world. Teen pregnancy costs at least \$7 billion each year due to medical and health care costs, incarceration expenses, public assistance, foster care, social services, childcare costs and education. Florida alone spent almost \$2.5 billion on expenditures to support families begun by teens, but only \$11.5 million on investments to prevent pregnancy. Imagine if that money were available for other things...education, housing, job training, medical research or crime prevention.

In Okeechobee County from 1997 to 1999, 312 young women ages 15-19 became mothers. For the same 3 years, 6 new mothers from Okeechobee were age 14 or under. Twenty-three of these teen mothers gave birth for a second time within their teen years. In 1997-1999, 13.26% of Okeechobee’s total births were to teens under the age of 19.

The consequences of teen pregnancy are about more than money and costs involved. When a child is born to an adolescent, life is often more difficult for the child and the parents. Teen mothers

and fathers are often ill equipped physically or financially to bear and nurture healthy children.

Compared to mothers who delay childbearing until age 20 or 21 mothers age 17 and younger spend more time as single parents, are less likely to complete high school and go on to college and are more likely to rely on public assistance or work in low paying jobs. Children born to teen mothers are more likely to be born prematurely and be of low birth weight, have childhood problems, be abused or neglected and do poorly in school.

Children of adolescent parents receive less medical care, are less likely to complete high school, live in homes of poorer quality than children of older parents, and daughters of teen mothers are more likely to become teen mothers themselves.

Many factors contribute to teen childbearing. Research and experience have identified some key factors: Poverty, most teen parents are from low-income



Michael James

Rita Gopher giving her testimony.

families or live in areas of poverty; School performance, poor academic performance is often a precursor to teen pregnancy. Many teens drop out of school before they become pregnant. Family background is also a key factor. Children of teen mothers are more likely to become teen parents. Siblings of teen parents are more likely to become teen parents.

Family background of domestic violence, substance abuse or divorce can increase the risk of teen pregnancy. Also sexual abuse or victimization links teen pregnancy, especially in cases of sexual pressure or sexual coercion. Teen use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco is also associated with sexual risk taking. Youth with behavior problems and those who are homeless incarcerated or in foster care have high rates of early pregnancy. A key factor is the lack of knowledge. Teens often do not have the information or support systems to delay sexual activity. Finally, peer pressure. Many teen feel pressured by their friends and peers to become sexually active.

The choice to become a statistic is a result of the choices people make. Life is full of changes, disappointments, decisions, frustrations and opportunities to make mistakes. However, everyone can avoid mistakes...at least a lot of mistakes, as well as the pain that follows. Make a conscious choice to live happy, healthy and fulfilling lives. If you are faced with any of these factors, there is help for you. Seek help, get smart, and stay healthy. Most of all discuss your situation. Carefully examine the consequences of the choices you make.

Remember prevention is the key. Above all. Love and Respect Yourself!

letters/e-mail

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Dear Mr. Billie,
We were glad we could help in a small way with your canoe presentation at Eastside High School in Gainesville on March 29, and we were honored by your visit to the Florida Museum of Natural History to see the Hall of South Florida People and Environments, which will open to the public in 2002.

During your visit, you mentioned that the thatching job on a structure in one of our exhibits “would not hold water” (reported in *Seminole Tribune*, April 13). Museum exhibit coordinator Darcie MacMahon and I spoke to our thatchers about the style they had chosen to make sure they had good reasons.

They learned the “weaving” style (weaving the palm leaves around the purlins) from the Maya people in the Yucatan, who use the style whenever nails are not available. It result in a lighter, thicker thatch (50 % more palm leaves are used) and water does not permeate the thickness of the thatch. The “S-curve” of the woven stems is very strong and resists wind better than the straight-stem style. They say even resort hotels use this woven style on large structures that are placed on windy beaches.

Because the structure in our exhibit is supposed to represent a Calusa Indian house of the 1500s, the thatchers knew it would have been built without nails, so that’s why they used the “no-nail” style favored by Mayan people instead of the modern Seminole style.

We appreciated your visit and your comments, and we hope you will come back to see the exhibit when it is completed next year.

Sincerely,
William H. Marquardt
Curator in Archaeology

Dear Editor:

The story of the Seminoles found on Andros is Hollywood (industry) material.

There is a dramatic story, plots, and much more that creates a great motion picture, if handled properly. Such a motion picture would definitely draw great attention to the Seminole Tribe, its history, and attractions.

I was very much drawn by the story, although I have read much about the Seminoles, in English and Russian. Imagine the effect on those Americans, Asians, and Europeans who do not know much about the Seminoles (or know nothing), and then see a movie that tells the story of Native Americans escaping tyranny; pirates, seafaring, tragedies, adventures, new land, struggles, storms, triumphs. The movies should also tell about the Seminole history in Florida; this is the story of those who had remained, their wars against the invaders, their victories.

I am glad to read the *Tribune* after an absence due to some projects that kept me very busy. As one of many Russian-Americans, who read the story of the Seminoles in Cpt. Mein Reid’s wonderful book, I wish the Tribe well, and hope to visit again and again.

Paul Stonehill
California

Dear Seminole Tribe;

I was just wondering what did you all eat in the swamp?

Jody Kay
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Dear Jodi-Kay;

We ate plenty of garfish, mud-

fish, bass, bream and turtles from the canals. Vegetables we grew in our gardens such as pumpkin, corn, beans, sweet potatoes, etc. We also survived off the deer, bear, panther, wild hogs, rabbit or squirrel. As well as many swamp birds; wood ibis, curlew, anhingas.
Paul Buster (Cowbone)

Editor,

My name is Larry Rempala. I am a Boy Scout leader that is involved in the Order of the Arrow(Elgixin Chapter). We are a sub-organization of honored campers that tries to follow the ways of American Indians. Being from Florida we are mostly interested in the Seminole Tribe. Many of our boys make their own Seminole patch work type long shirts and dance in competition. They have won many regional competitions. I was wondering if there are videos available of Seminole Stomp Dance or other dances available for viewing by non-Indians so our scouts can polish their skills and stay fresh in thier dance. Thank you.

Larry Rempala
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You can contact Seminole Broadcating at 954-967-3417, Library at 954-989-6840 and ask for Diane Diaz at ext. 1225 or Peggy Davis at the Museum at 954-792-0745.

Editor,

Hello my name is Antonio Vindel and I would like to get your position on the following topic; I understand there is an ongoing debate as to the offending nature of sports nicknames such as, Indians, Redskins, etc. I thought I’d research it by asking your opinion on the matter. I would like to hear arguments on both sides of the issue from Native Americans and their reasons for taking offense or feeling indifferent perhaps because some may feel there are better causes to address. Your opinions will be most gratefully received. Thank you.

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I personally don’t feel any offense or any bitterness towards the use of Native American names, as long as it is used within reason!
“Cowbone”

Editor,

Hi this is Katie G. and I’m doing a research project on the Tribe and I was wondering if you have any information on what Tribal homes look like and what they use to build them.

Katie Grant
hockeygirl2188@hotmail.com

Most of the Tribal members live in modern (cbs) homes today. But, thirty years ago or earlier most all of the Seminole lived in chickees (thatched roof huts).

Chickees are made from Cypress wood for the frame or structure and topped with palmetto fronds from the Sabal palm tree. The frame is nailed together and the fronds are tacked onto the wood with smaller nails. Hope this helps you.
“Cowbone”

Editor,

My dog, Coby has an open wound which is through the skin on his right upper front paw. The wound is getting larger and he is limping. He’s had it

for 9 months. I have tried head gear (like a lamp shade), antibiotics, hot pepper, bitter herbs, electric shock with a charged collar each time he started to chew, band-aids, creams, etc. Nothing keeps him from chewing on it. There are no evident ticks, ant bites, etc. We are in Orlando, Florida. Have you any advice? Can you refer a Native American Animal Doctor or Shaman? Thank you for showing compassion.

Clark (Flying Eagle-Manitou)
McClelland, Honorary

Member

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My dad used to use an old Indian medicine to remedy the wound. The medicine was first used for hounds (Seminoles) during war times in the early 1800’s. When the men were injured the medicine was concocted and applied.

I saw my dad perform that medicine on my dog, which accidentally got shot during a hunt.

But, other than that I really have no advice except we used to use a motor oil (well used) on the affected area on the dog - maybe it might help, but don’t hold it against me.
“Cowbone”

Editor,

Does the Seminole Tribe have any legends of dangerous animals or Deities? Something to scare children. I’m currently writing a fictional novel, and it takes place in Florida. I would never want to offend you by misrepresenting your beliefs or traditions. Also, I am not planning to write something silly about a Native American legend coming to pass and taking out it’s vengeance, that’s been done too many times with poor results (my opinion).

Richard P. Buoye
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Most of our stories and legends are told to our children. The stories are not told to scare anyone; there may be some stories that might get the children to quiet down and retire for the evening.

Our stories and legends are told in Miccosukee language, it can be translated to English, but, it doesn’t really have any punch to it. It’s not as dramatic or it’s not as humorous. No wonder we can’t have any fun in English.
“Cowbone”

Editor,

Can you discribe the hunting, fishing and farming? What did they typically eat? What did they do for recreation activities, crafts and games in the 1700’s?

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Hunting - get a rifle and some ammunition, go out in the woods where you would most likely see an animal. Fishing - If you have a boat and fishing gear (gig) you go out to ponds or water-ways.

Farming - farm tractors and equipment would come in handy and a good fertile land. Before such was available hand made tools were used in our gardens.

Of the many wildlife that were part of our menu were; Wood ibis, Water turkey, Ironheads, garfish, turtles, mud-fish.

Crafts - learning to tither sew, beadwork, basketry or woodcarving.
“Cowbone”

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“Captain” Tom Tiger Was Second Seminole To Meet An US President

Tom Tiger, or “Captain” Tom Tiger as he was most often called, was a well-known Seminole in the Kissimmee area. The authoress Minnie Moore-Willson was a great fan of his and provided interesting anecdotal information on his life in The Seminoles of Florida published in 1896. Tom was a Wildcat clan member, Grandfather to Agnes and Mary Parker, Betty Mae and Howard Tiger (Snake clan).

Recently, due to the diligent efforts of historian Dr. Joe Knetsch, I was forwarded a microfilmed newspaper article which provided a piece of relatively unknown information involving Tom Tiger, just in time to be included in Betty Mae Jumper’s publication: A Seminole Legend: The Life of Betty Mae Tiger Jumper by Betty Mae Jumper and Patsy West (University Press of Florida, Fall 2001).

Southern Florida’s first efforts into draining off the shallow Everglades system began in the Kissimmee area. There in April 1883, United States President Chester A. Arthur visited and was wineed and dined on the newly refurbished river boat the “Okeechobee” by an official of the Okeechobee Land and Improvement Company. Two years earlier, the OLIC had received permission from the State of Florida to reclaim a tract of submerged land totaling 12 million acres in Polk, Brevard, Manatee, Monroe and Dade Counties (these are the old, larger counties prior to the creation of others that exist today). The land to be reclaimed was larger than the states of Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Maryland.

The agenda was to explain Florida’s revolutionary drainage program to the President. Was he a possible investor? The news article enthusiastically noted of the drainage project, “If successful, as it promises to be, it will make the men who are interested in it rich!” The drainage would provide for the cultiva-

tion of “sugar cane, rice, oranges and other fruit.” Drainage would also create new pastures for the State’s cattle interests which at that time, provided for a large Cuban market in beeves, including “fighting bulls for the arenas of Havana.” Many of the company’s stockholders were Philadelphians others were from England. The President was told that settlers coming from Iowa were prepared to begin the cultivation of sugarcane on parts of the newly reclaimed land.

The smaller boat the “Mary Belle” full of reporters followed the President’s party on the “Okeechobee”. The steamer “Gertrude” provided wood fuel for the “Okeechobee.” Through natural channels, lakes, and drainage channels cut by the Improvement Company’s dredges, the party made their way southwards towards

Lake Okeechobee. Because of the newly dredged waterway, a boat 100 feet long and 22 feet wide was being built to make the run from Kissimmee City to Lake Okeechobee.

The President’s party made a landing at Fort Gardner “as it was learned that some Indians were expecting the President’s arrival.” It was Captain Tom Tiger and his two wives, Mary and Mollie who met the boat. Tom smoked a cigar with the President and accepted a jack knife from the Secretary of the Navy. The President gave Tom’s baby (doubtless one of Ada Tiger’s older brothers) 25 cents. While communication was at a minimum, this meeting appears to have been the first between a Florida Seminole and the President of the United States since the 1852 when Billy Bowlegs visited Washington, D. C. on his trip to New York City as the guest of a “removal expert” prior to the onset of the Third Seminole War in 1855.

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Protecting Special Places, Protecting Our Heritage

By Tommy Benn

MIAMI — Eight National Conference of the National Tribal Environmental Council was hosted by the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida at their Hotel and Gaming Resort, in late April

The main objective of the National Tribal Environmental Council is to enhance each tribe’s ability to protect, preserve and promote the wise management of air land and water for the benefit of present and future generations.

Founded in 1991 the counsel was formed by seven tribes. Today’s membership record is 163 tribes strong. All dedicated to working and assisting tribes in the protection of tribal lands. With Alaska and California having the most tribes enrolled.

Native American have always held the land air and water in reverence and are striving hard to protect the environment even more today.

Jerry Pardilla is the organizations

Executive Director and Karen Ware hold down the office activities of the ten-year-old organization. Growing every year we strive to keep our membership aware of all the “HOT ISSUES” quoted Ms. Ware

we can be located on our web site at www.ntec.org. Or general email: ntec@ntec.org Ms. Ware and Mr. Pardilla both reside in Albuquerque, New Mexico

Becky Buster and staff have done an unbelievable job as our host. Billy Cypress really rolled out the carpet.

Touring both the Miccosukee and Seminole Museum airboat rides Billie Swamp Safari it has been a most enjoyable stay. The meal that featured both Seminole and Miccosukee cuisine was extremely enjoyable too. The entertainment with James Billie’s “Alligator Tales” was another high light of the conference. Sincere thanks to all those who made our stay a memorable one.



Karen Ware office manager and Executive Director Jerry Pardilla.

Seniors Mothers Day Celebration

By Janice Billie

BIG CYPRESS — The beloved Seniors of the Big Cypress community gathered at the Henry Osceola Senior Citizens Building to celebrate Mother’s Day on May 11. From 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. they listened to gospel music provided by Jonah Cypress, Noah Jim and Joe Billie. Ruby Osceola and Sadie Cypress joined in and sang several hymns with the band. Along with the music the seniors were served a

lunch of fried chicken and all the fixings. Gifts that included towels, sewing boxes, decorative jars were distributed to the mothers in the group.

Site Manager, Mary Lou Cypress organized and facilitated the gathering. She said it was well worth all the effort to see the seniors come over and enjoy the special occasion. She thanked Councilman David Cypress for providing the gifts and lunch.



Agnes Cypress and Susie Billie on Mothers Day.

Oneva

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Directors. She also commended Oneva for a job well done and for her long term dedication. “She was always there and would do anything you asked her to do, just extremely dependable,” remarked Carolyn. Brighton Board Representative,

Alex Johns awarded her a trip to Hawaii for two in appreciation for serving the Seminole Tribe for so many years.

When asked how she came to work for Cattle and Range Oneva says, “It was back around 1987 after my son Neil was born. My brother Fred Smith was President of the Board of Directors at that time and one day he called me up and asked if I would come over and answer the phones because everyone was going to

Corn Dance and someone needed to be there. I thought it was just for the day or a couple of days at the most but it turned out to be 23 years!”

As for her future plans Oneva says she’s considering a part time job as the cultural language teacher at the preschool but has no definite plans. She wants to enjoy the days as they come and “just take it easy.”

Entering Into Fourth Year Of Drought

By Tommy Benn

TALLAHASSEE — With this being the fourth season of uncommon drought the losses to Florida cattle ranchers and farmers are recorded in the millions of dollars. An estimated \$600 million of loss in the past four years due to the states prolonged drought.

The biggest losses have been in field crops, corn, cotton, peanuts, soybeans, and hay. These field crops are mostly grown in Northern Florida, and the Panhandle areas of the state. Many of the farms in this region of the state are without irrigation systems. Decline in sales of nearly \$300 million dollars reached in 1996 has hit these growers hard over the past four years. Farmers with irrigation systems are finding it too expen-

sive to plant and harvest a crop. Due to the cost of running pumps, etc. as the price of fuel is skyrocketing out of sight too.

Crop losses and declining sales have effected other Florida producers and their annual income. Attributable to the prolonged drought includes Citrus some \$85 million, Pasture \$80 million, livestock \$45 million in losses, vegetables / truck crops \$40 million and watermelon sales have dropped \$36 million over the past four years.

Locally Lake Okeechobee out major water reserve is at its lowest level point in over 35 years at less than 10 foot. A tall man could possibly walk across the 38-mile wide lake without much trouble.

Big Cypress Swine Club

BIG CYPRESS — Amidst the busy campaign speeches and dinners on each of the Seminole Tribal reservations, children and parents at Big Cypress had an appreciation dinner for Benny and Robin Hernandez for the toil and hard work that they’ve shown for the Big Cypress community on Saturday, May 12, 2001.

Benny gave an out-standing speech as he received his beautiful plaque for his untiring service to the community.

Robin was speechless due to overwhelming applause and a standing ovation, yet she made her way through the

standing room only crowd and received her plaque also.

They had grilled T-bone steaks, chicken and many, many sides that the parents brought. Everyone had their fill and then some. Many filled their plates again to take home for future reference.

Cowbone band flew in for the occasion and performed its top hits since last millennium for the attendees’ enjoyment. Songs like “Gator Country Blues,” a song that was inspired by Osceola from the 1800’s, “I Caught that Wild Hog” is another of

many songs that was performed that afternoon.

Amongst all the excitement in the afternoon, accolades, worthy praises and a pat on the back went to Cecilia Tigertail for unselfishly working hard to promote this appreciation dinner to deserving people in the Big Cypress community.

Fruits of these people are already prevalent among the children of Big Cypress and we commend you for your untiring labor of love. Also, many thanks to parents who are involved with this program. Keep doing this wonderful work that you have dedicated yourself to fulfill. You are appreciated very much!

Sho na bay sha
Hem mung ala ka
Cowbone



COWBONE

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) WORKSHOP
JUNE 19, 2001
HOLLYWOOD RESERVATION – AUDITORIUM
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is conducting a workshop to assist American Indian and tribally owned and operated businesses in SBA certification. The workshop will discuss Indian Incentive Programs, provide and instruct on financing and loan programs, among other incentive and assistance programs.

Businesses that may be interested in bidding on or subcontracting to perspective bidders for work involved with the future construction of the Big Cypress Water Conservation Plan – East Conveyance Canal are encouraged to participate/ attend. Construction practices for this project may include but not be limited to the following:

Surveying, Canal excavation/dike formation, Pump station design/installation, Water control structure construction/installation, Road construction. For additional information please contact Patti Lodge, Water Resource Management Department, 800-683-7800, ext. 1121.

2001 Florida Indian Youth Program
July 15th through July 29th
Tallahassee, FL
on the campus of
Florida State University

The year 2001 marks the 21st year of the Florida Indian Youth Program and promises to be the best program ever. Eligible students that complete their application by May 30, 2001, can earn up to \$100. Eligible students meeting this requirement will earn a \$50.00 completion bonus and will have another \$50.00 deposited in their Florida Indian Youth Program bank account when they arrive in Tallahassee for the program.

Call 1-800-322-9186 for information and an application. Education Counselors on the various reservations also have applications.

A program of the
Florida Governor’s Council on Indian Affairs, Inc.
1341 Cross Creek Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32301



Tribal and FLARNG representatives surveyed Camp Blanding, the Guard’s principal training area, from the seats of a Blackhawk helicopter. Shown (L-R) are: Asst. – Adj. Gen. Jimmy Watson, FLARNG; Col. Jeff Heatherington, FLARNG, Operations Manager; Alan Cook, representing Alabama-Quassarte Tribe (OK); Treva Johns, FLARNG; Joyce Bear, HPO, Muscogee (Creek) Nation (OK); Kirk Perry, Chicksaw Nation (OK); Patricia R. Wickman, HPO, Seminole Tribe of Florida; Rena Duncan, HPO, Chicksaw Nation (OK); Owell Sapulpa, representing Alabama-Quassarte Tribe (OK); Emmon Spain, Seminole Nation (OK); Keller George, President, USET; and Ted Underwood, HPO, Seminole Nation (OK).

Guard

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the Seminole Tribe of Florida, said Native Americans have been in the area for the past 12,000 years, and there is a high probability of finding something.

In the consultations, the tribes gave their inputs as to what types of sites are important to American Indians and how to protect them. With that information, the guard will develop a cultural resource management plan and meet with the tribes again in September.

The plan, among other things, will outline the procedures for protecting a site when one is identified. “They’ve got to tell us whether or not they consider

whatever is found to be important to them,” Hetherington said.

In order to protect cultural sites Wickman said it is important for the people in the guard to know what to do and who to call when one is identified. She also said an officer with the power to stop a project needs to be accessible.

When a site is identified, the guard will contact the tribes and tell them about the find

Tribal representatives at the consultations said the meetings were productive, and Wickman said the guard seemed genuine in its efforts to work with the tribes.

“The Florida National Guard did Florida well,” Wickman said.

Community News

Ahfachkee Academic Awards

By Janice Billie
Big Cypress — Beginning with Pre-k through high school, Ahfachkee School recognized and awarded students for attendance, punctuality, improvement and good grades for the school's third quarterly period. In a ceremony held on May 8, Principal Patrick Gaffney presented the certificates of achievement to the following students:
Pre-K-Perfect Attendance-Symphony Osceola, Levi Billie, Savannah Tiger.
Punctuality-Andre Landin, Levi Billie, Savannah Tiger, Symphony Osceola, Christian Alexander, Malari Baker.
Kindergarten-Perfect Attendance-Bradley Cypress, Tyler Cypress. Punctuality-Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, Tyler Cypress, Tequesta Tiger, Christopher Joe Jr., Joey Simone, Rayel Billie.
1st Grade-Perfect Attendance-Tuomah Robbins. All E's (Excellent)-Cooper Rivers, Malachi Baker, Adrienne Cypress, Stevie Billie, Danni Jae Tommie, Monique Jimmie. All E's and S's (Satisfactory)-Tuomah Robbins, Kane Bettelyoun, Jalen Cypress, Anthony Ballentine.
2nd Grade-Perfect Attendance-Ryan Cypress. Punctuality-Ryan Cypress, Daylyn Hall. E Honor Roll-Catlen Tommie. E's and S's Honor Roll-Daylyn Hall, Myra Bettelyoun, Megan Bettelyoun, Kaylee Jumper, Darwin Cypress, Jonathan Robbins, Ryan Cypress, Dannee Billie, and Ashley Escobar.

3rd Grade-Punctuality- Michael Osceola, Alfred Billie. A Honor Roll-Clayton Hall. B Honor Roll-Rubi-Anne Alexander. Most Improved-Jon Ross Billie.
4th Grade- Punctuality-Aaron Cypress, Cody Rollie. A Honor Roll-Alyssa Lauren Bowers. B Honor Roll-James Micco Billie II, Cody Billie, Aaron Cypress. Improved Math-Ronnie Billie.
5th Grade-Perfect Attendance-Dawna Cypress. Punctuality-Dawna Cypress, Tiffany Billie, and Stephanie Hall. A Honor Roll-Stephanie Hall, Dawna Cypress, Ryan Cypress. B Honor Roll-Katrina Bettelyoun, Alex Cypress, Serena Green, Tiffany Billie, Herschel Frank, Kayla Bowers.
6th Grade-Perfect Attendance-Klaressa Osceola. Punctuality-Heather Billie, Benny Hernandez, Klaressa Osceola, Sawena Otero, Kaylynn Pewo. A Honor Roll-Klaressa Osceola. B Honor Roll-Summer Billie.
7th and 8th Grades-Perfect Attendance-Paige Osceola, Jessalyn Balentine, Jodi Simone, Victoria Hernandez, Talisha Leach, Meredith Bullard. Punctuality-Little Tiger Balentine, Paige Osceola, Jessalyn Balentine, Victoria Hernandez, Jodi Simone, Meredith Bullard. B Honor Roll-Little Tiger Balentine, Paige Osceola.
High School-Perfect Attendance-Wilson Bowers, Lindsey King. Punctuality-Wilson Bowers, Lindsey King, Daniel Bullard. B Honor Roll-Daniel Bullard Lindsey King.

Start At the Library And Go Anywhere

Submitted by Debbie Johns and Diane Diaz

Are you looking for something to do this summer? Nothing planned? Don't sit around being bored. You can start at the Billy Osceola Library and go anywhere. This summer you can get wild with animals traveling with us to the chimpanzee and orangutan conservation area, unravel a mystery, get your socks scared off, hear a tale, laugh a lot, take flights of fantasy, surf the Internet, and join a western roundup. So let the journey begin, not only in Brighton, but also at all the Seminole libraries. You can also "go anywhere" at the Hollywood Dorothy Scott Osceola Library with paper mache,

clay, painting, chess, puzzles, poetry, newsletters, cartoon art and lots of computer lab exploration.



Story times and reading are another important part of library enjoyment during those hot, sticky or rainy days — sign up for summer reading soon.
The Brighton, Immokalee, Tampa and Hollywood libraries will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. till 5 p.m., except in Big Cypress 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5p.m. on Friday. Look for our summer schedules soon to be posted on each reservation for programs beginning in June. Please call individual libraries for more information:
Big Cypress: (863) 983-6724, Brighton: (863) 763-5520/4236, Tampa: (813) 926-5765, Hollywood: (954) 689-6840 x 1225/1226, Immokalee: (941) 657-3400.

Kids And Peer Pressure

By Michael James
As a kid are you ever faced with tough decisions to make...those especially posed to you from your friends? Sure, we all are. Do you give in to your friends, whether it is right or wrong? As you grow older, you will be faced with some very challenging decisions. Some of those decisions don't have a clear right or wrong answer; other decisions deal with serious dilemmas. For example, should I cut class, try cigarettes, do drugs or lie to my parents.
Making decisions on your own is a hard thing to do, but when friends get involved and try to pressure you one way or another it gets even harder. When friends your own age try and influence how you act, this is called peer pressure. Everyone has had and will have to deal with this...even adults.
A peer is a friend or an acquaintance who might be the same age as you. You may interact with them at school, church, or a community activity. They are key in influencing your life, and whether you know it or not, their opinion is very important. You model your style after a peer, your choice of clothing and actions, and it is only human nature to listen to them and allow their advice.
Peers can have a positive influence on you ...and a negative influence as well. Positive influences may come from admiring their athletic ability, musical or artistic talents. Negative influences come in ways such as your friend trying to get you to cut class, maybe lie to a peer with them, try a new trendy drug or even have to become in your family.
Because kids seek their peer's approval, they may give into peer pressure...they want to be liked or fit in, they don't want to be made fun of so they go along with the group. The idea that "everyone is doing it" is the greatest influence and best reason to do along with them. Don't do it! If you know what they are suggesting is wrong or harmful, use your

better judgement and the common sense God gave you.
Pressure from your friends can be very difficult to resist. Studies have shown how peer pressure can influence one to change their mind from what he or she knows is right or wrong. However, these studies have further shown that if someone stands his or her ground on what they know is right or wrong, the peer backs down. This principle holds true for anyone in any age group that is dealing with a peer pressure situation.
Walking away from peer pressure is hard, but it can be done. Paying attention to your own feelings and beliefs about what is right or wrong can save you, as well as give you an inner confidence and strength that will always help you stand firm. It is a great feeling to have friends who share your same values and who will back you when you feel uncomfortable about doing something. It is a great feeling when you can also help influence a friend who may be easily influenced and find themselves in trouble.
Choose your friends wisely. Join a friend if you see them having difficulty resisting negative influences. It is powerful for one kid to join another and say simply, "I'm with you, let's go."
If you happen to be faced with peer pressure by yourself, there are still things you can do. Stay away from the group you see might be doing something they shouldn't be doing. Talk to them one on one. Also find someone you can trust. Talk to your parents, a teacher, counselor or family member in the community. Don't ever feel guilty about revealing something about a friend that may potentially be harming them. Your coming forward may actually save your friend's life someday. Sharing your feeling also better prepares you the next time you are faced with peer pressure.

Teens. . . Everyone Plays a Role

By Michael James
Adolescence can be a confusing time for both teens and parents as teens undergo many physical and emotional changes. A deep need for love and acceptance by parents and peers is typical, but too often teens hide such needs in an effort to act grown up. Annoying habits such as refusal to wash, poor manners, and untidy dress are normal ways in which children try to become independent.
A physical need for extended periods of rest is normal. Often parents think sleeping late on week-ends and during school breaks is a sign of laziness...quite the contrary, most young people need more rest during this stage than any other stage since infancy, and too little rest can result in moodiness.
Teens desperately need and want limits set for them. Their appearance is their problem. Setting strict standards is very important, and set them when it is very important to you. When a parent hears, "I'm the only one who has to....." check out the rules with other parents. Pay careful attention to make sure each rule is reasonable, clear, and enforceable. Always enforce the rule you as a parent has set. If one of those characteristics is missing, the potential for conflict increases.
Communication is the most important thing a parent can establish.....an open line of communication. Give your undivided attention when your teen wants to talk to you. When there is a need to talk, don't read, watch TV, fall asleep, or attend to other tasks. Try to listen calmly, even though there may be a difference of opinion. Often young people test their ideas in conversation. To communicate, one must be willing to listen first and acknowledge their opinions, even if it is alarming to the parent. Then give your

viewpoints as plainly and honestly as you can.
A parent's tone of voice in communication is very important as well. Developing a courteous tone of voice as opposed to gruffness or abruptness can prevent hostility. A pleasant tone of voice can pay great dividends in improving relationships that may be strained or distant. Avoid making judgements. It is not necessary for parents to approve all of their teen's behaviors, however it is important-very important-to understand the feelings that are involved.
Keeping an open mind and keeping the door open on any subject is equally important. Too often teenagers avoid discussing things that they think may make their parents or themselves uncomfortable. You can lose your teen right there. Belittling, humiliating, and laughing at youngsters can cause deep wounds and short-circuit or completely eliminate lines of communication.
Treat all children in the family the same. Don't show favoritism. This can and will make a child feel rejected, unloved and jealous of his or her siblings. Be fair and most of all consistent. Say nice things. Often parents focus on the negative or poor performance of their children.
Holding family meetings is important. Give the teenagers the feeling they are significant.....that they have a voice when it comes to family affairs or decisions. These special gatherings offer children the opportunity to participate in the decisions of the family and to work things out together. When teenagers become more independent or outspoken, parents may feel as if they are losing their child. The need for a teenager to have closeness with their friends outside of the family is important, it is a normal part of healthy development.



Friends of Library - Billy Osceola Library, Brighton.

Friends Visits Billy Osceola Library

BRIGHTON — Friends of the Library paid a visit to the children of Brighton on March 30th. This was the second year the Friends have shared their stories and magic with Brighton. The Friends, dressed as clowns, performed magic tricks and taught safety tips, such as talking to strangers and fire

safety.
What is the Friends of the Library program? Friends is a nonprofit organization whose members share the belief that residents should support their public library system in many different ways. The work of Friends is done with the help of many



Friends clown entertains preschoolers and kind during visit to Brighton Library.

dedicated, hard working volunteers. Friends of the Library program was founded in 1971 and has sustained for 20 years. They have not only been instrumental in raising funds for libraries all over the state, but have enhanced the lives of children through the many different programs they offer. Volunteers are the driving force behind the success of the program and anyone can become a volunteer. The current membership is approximately 265.

Come Out And Support Graduates



Previous graduates in all their finery are all smiles.

SEMINOLE COUNTRY — The Preschools will be having their yearly graduation ceremonies, so please come out and support the graduates on your reservations. Let us show them how proud we are of them for they are our future Tribal leaders!
Brighton will be on Tuesday, May 29, at 6:00 p.m. in the Field Office.
The Big Cypress ceremony will be on Friday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. at the Cattle and Range office.
Hollywood festivities will be on Thursday, May 31, 6:00 p.m. at the Tribal Office auditorium.
Immokalee is scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 6:00 p.m. at Immokalee Community Park located on First Street.
"We've been working so hard for this day, so please come out and watch us!" — Graduates.

Villa

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dental examinations to preclude the possibility of infection from that source during her recovery period and beyond should she receive a kidney. There was also the obligatory tissue typing and psychological evaluations...no stone was left unturned. The majority of the test was done in Orlando, coupled with the 15 or so hours a week at the dialysis center in Okeechobee Josephine had very little time for anything else. Josephine's daughter Jolene Burton was very supportive and helped her mother throughout every step of the process.
"The test were finished in May and the results were sent to TransLife for evaluation by a board of physicians," said Josephine.
"I was accepted July 18th and my name went into the computer. I was supposed to get a beep-er so the transplant team at Florida Hospital could notify me if a kidney became available," said Josephine.
"I got a kidney before I got the beep-er," she added. It was a Wednesday morning during her dialysis session when the call came.
"At first I was excited and then worried because both of my daughters were out of town and my first impulse was 'how am I going to get there'."
Amidst the flurry of unfolding events and excitement at the dialysis center Josephine considered her options and decided to call her son Dean Youngblood. Dean would certainly be at work she thought but she called anyway and by some fluke or miracle he answered the phone.
"He was very excited and happy for me," said Josephine who at that time was being disconnected from the dialysis equipment with the news of her waiting kidney.
Upon arrival at Florida Hospital Josephine was whisked away to a surgical holding area where one more tissue type assessment was made. Her thoughts raced in anticipation of the impending surgery and anxiety swelled. Josephine, fearing the worst, caught herself secretly hoping the organ was not a match at all so she could leave, avoid the surgery and return to life on the dialysis routine she was beginning to grow accustomed to. Just as she thought she couldn't take

any longer a hospital chaplain stopped by and talked with her and did more to calm her than any pre-op sedation had done to that point. The next thing she recalled was waking up in the surgical intensive care unit.

"I spent 24 hours in there and then I was up out of bed. I spent 10 more days in a regular room," she said.
Today Josephine is back home and working and enjoying life. Her new kidney is working fine and the doctor's visits are getting further and further apart. She has spent her time readjusting to the freedom she has gained since she no longer has to go to dialysis. In fact she has gained about 45 days a year in saved time. She also says that she has developed a profound appreciation for the simple things in life and especially her five children and 12 grandchildren.
She never saw the hospital chaplain again but never far from her faith Josephine says a prayer every day for the donor and the donors family.
Josephine Villa lives at Brighton community and is a member of the Bird Clan.

Team Florida Swimming Time Trials Saturday, June 2, 2001



Do you want to know if you could qualify for the Sunshine State Games and for Team Florida at the 2002 North American Indigenous Games?
If you do . . . we will be having the 1st qualifying time trial at the International Swimming Hall of Fame Pool in Ft. Lauderdale at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 2. 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 are interested, then please call Kristin to sign up for the 1st swimming meet at (954) 989-9457.

* 2 time trials for the months of June and September

Community News

“Our Moment in Time”: Miccosukee Prom Held At Resort

By Barbara Secody
MICCOSUKEE RESORT – For the students of the Miccosukee school, their prom night was hailed as the school’s social event of the year. The gala extravaganza was held at the exquisite Miccosukee Resort, located west of Miami, on the Tamiami Trail at Highway 27.

The Miccosukee school, which is located within the Administrative complex on the reservation, provides education to students from pre-K through senior high school. Approximately 100 students are enrolled in the school; and most of them - as well as teachers and faculty - all feel this is a good thing because they are able to receive more individualized instruction than those in the public schools of Miami.

On the evening of May 4, grades five through 12 enjoyed prom festivities, which included a meal fit for a king (and one that would have fed an army). A buffet provided chicken wings, filet mignon, baby back ribs, Caesar salad, baked potato, macaroni and cheese, lasagna, rolls, nachos and cheese, soda, ice cream bars - and Jell-O. (This may be the first time in h history that there was not always room for Jell-O.) With a spread such as that, it was a wonder how students, teachers, staff and guests were able to enjoy dancing to the music (provided by a DJ) throughout the evening.

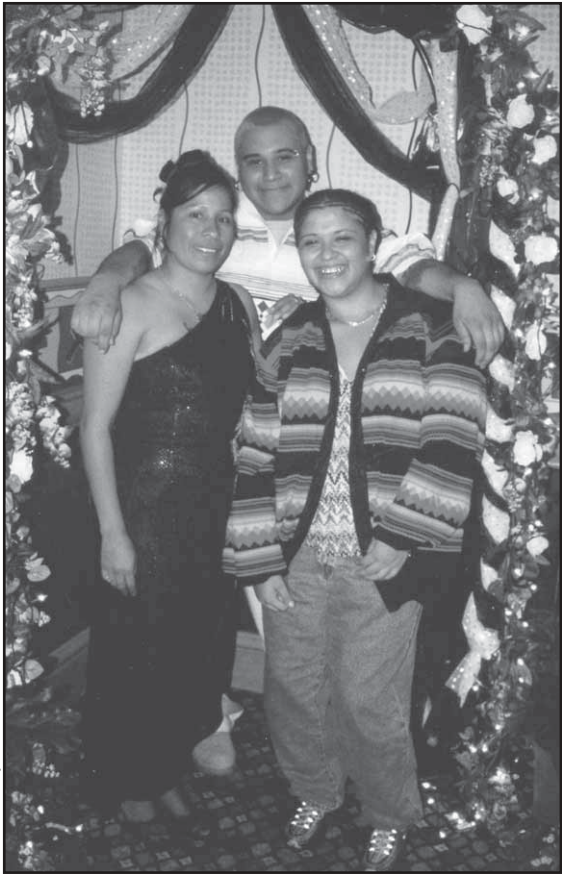
Chairman Billy Cypress was on hand to share in the fun with the young students and staff – who were all dressed elegantly in either traditional designs or formal wear. The Tribal photographer was at the disposal of the young people who were encouraged to pose with their date or friends under the flowered arch. Some obliged and some did not. Although the younger generation has recently been exposed

to more social events than in times gone by, many are still shy in one way or another. Indeed their moment in time has come for them – and for them, life is good. Everyone enjoyed the evening: fun, food and socialization. They also enjoyed all the attention they drew from tourists who passed by the open door. Tourists were mesmerized by the colorful patchwork worn by many of the students, and some of the tourists were overwhelmed that they actually got to see and even meet some real Indians. The kids were very patient with visitors, who “asked a lot of stupid questions,” laughed one student. The tourist wanted to know where their teepees were located and why they were not wearing their “usual buckskins dresses.”

As the evening wore on, some of the students retired to their rooms with their family or room mates to get out of the high heels, suit and ties; and to just get comfortable.

The Prom was a success and everyone – including the teachers and staff enjoyed themselves. It was questionable who had the most fun however: the kids or the adults? Those not spending the night at the resort started on their way home as it started getting late. Most of the students were noticing with someone; and this author did not notice any of the students drinking alcohol during the evening’s festivities.

Unfortunately, not all students are able to enjoy their proms without the use of drugs or alcohol. As a result, each year many students – or innocent bystanders are killed by a drunk driver – or someone who is under the influence of some mind-altering substance. (See *I’m only Seventeen* on page 3.)



L-R: Bonnie Williams, Wesley Frank and Valerie Frank.

Seminole Casino News

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE BINGO AND GAMING — Highway 721, Brighton Okeechobee, Route 6, Box 611, Okeechobee, FL. 34974. (800) 360-9875. Closed Mondays and when the last player leaves nightly.

Player’s Club members can still enjoy special 50 percent off savings until the end of May when they play bingo on Fridays. Payouts will still be \$150 and \$250 per game (depending on pack purchased).

COCONUT CREEK CASINO — 5550 N.W. 40th St., Coconut Creek, FL. 33073. (954) 977-6700. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

June 17 the casino will bring all fathers on their special day. Three lucky winners will win Budweiser golf bags, balls, and more. “The Fabulons” will be performing top 40 hits and Oldies from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. for this special event-filled day.

On June 24, the casino will swing to the Latin sound of “Chachet” as they perform salsa, meringue and samba plus some top 40 hits. The group will appear from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and will include a special performance by Shelina. A grand prize given will take place on the 24th – a chauffeur driven limousine ride to Meson Madrid in Boca Raton and dinner for two.

SEMINOLE INDIAN CASINO OF HOLLYWOOD — 4150 N. SR 7, Hollywood, FL. 33021. (954) 961-3220 or (800) 323-5452. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

IMMOKALEE SEMINOLE INDIAN CASINO — 506 S. First St., Immokalee, FL. 34142. (941) 658-1313 or (800) 218-0007. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

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

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

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



The month of June will take you back to the days of Elvis, Rock ‘n’ Roll, drive-ins, and poodle skirts as the casino celebrates the Fabulous 50’s. An authentic 50’s style jukebox stocked with plenty of Oldies will be given away to one lucky Bingo player on June 30. Players have all month to collect drawing tickets but must be present to win.

Starting at 11 a.m. on the 30th Oldies 95 radio will broadcast live from the casino while guests stroll around the parking lot, which will be filled with beautifully maintained classic cars. Inside from 3 – 5 p.m. and again from 8 – 11 p.m., \$1,000 drawings will take place every half-hour. At midnight a 1957 Chevy will go home with one lucky winner. Casino and poker players have all month long to collect drawing tickets for this fabulous classic car.

JPC members bring your card on Sunday June 10 and with bingo admission receipt and June’s gamepiece from the newsletter you will receive your own pair of Seminole Indian Casino logo bobby sox. Some sox have hidden stickers worth up to \$500 in matinee bingo and \$1,000 in evening. *Sox o’Cash* is for JPC members only. If you’re not a member, you may sign up for free anytime prior to the sessions.

June 17, all gentlemen in attendance will receive a complimentary gift in the matinee or evening session in honor of Father’s Day. Immokalee Casino will host three country concerts this summer. Things start off on June 9 with The Kinleys and Buckwild. July 7 Andy Griggs with Jake Murphy will

appear followed on August 11 when Seminole songstress Paula Bowers will join Mindy McCready for a special concert. For information contact Dawn Geis at (800) 218-0007, ext. 299.

Elaine Tomasic was the winner of the Ford Mustang in the Spring Fling drawing on April 28. Congratulations Ms. Tomasic.

Remember the summer shuttle hours for pick-up and departure in the Fort Myers and Naples schedule at a copy of the new. Pick up at the casino or call the Groups and Marketing Department to have one sent to you.

SEMINOLE INDIAN CASINO TAMPA – 5223 North Orient Road, Tampa, FL 33610. (813) 621-1302. Open seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Congratulations from the casino to Mary Leschorn who won \$112,000 on the Do-It-Yourself bingo game May 4. — *Compiled by Libby Blake*



Mary Leschorn shows off \$112,000 check.

Dr. Siudmak

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Health Corner



Team Seminole - March of Dimes

Seminoles On The Warpath Againt Birth Defects

By Tommy Benn
BRIGHTON — Team Seminole, 93 members strong, marched to the beat of their Seminole Drums to raise over \$7,000 in the fight to save the babies. Annually more than 450,000 babies are born prematurely or with low birth weight. For the past 62 years the March of Dimes has saved millions of these babies from certain death. When you join WalkAmerica you become a hero because your efforts will reach programs designed to help these infants who need your help the most. Molly Jolly was the high dollar earner raising \$500 in her efforts to support this years March of Dimes drive. Employed by the Seminole Tribe at Seminole Aviation on the Big Cypress Reservation,

Spencer Mims finished second overall for Team Seminole. A “Platinum Sponsor,” the Seminole Tribe of Florida also won plaques in three categories for their efforts: Chairman’s Club Award for raising over \$1,000, Team with the most walkers at 93, and Top Fund Raising Team, contributing over \$7,000 to WalkAmerica. Seminole Team Co-Captains Wendy Johns, Michelle Thomas and Rita Gopher wish to give a special thanks to Chairman James E. Billie for sponsoring the walker’s luncheon and to Jack Smith Jr. for his sponsorship of the Seminole Team’s “T” Shirts. The Seminole Tribe of Florida is proud to be a March of Dimes WalkAmerica sponsor.

Weigh To Go! Immokalee Loses It!

By B. Secody
IMMOKALEE, FL — The folks in Immokalee are losing it again. With summer just around the corner, many of the Immokalee community are again preparing to greet the season with a slimmer version of themselves by starting up a new diet contest. They will be dusting off the old bikini and heading for the beaches - just in time to beat the heat. The initial “weigh in” date was April 17, and

tion in their attempts at achieving their personal weight loss goals. Many have also selected a diet program to fit their individual programs, and it is reported that they are taking this year’s contest seriously. An aerobics program will be forthcoming for those who wish to take on a more rigorous exercise program. The contest, sponsored by the Health Department, is a yearly event, and many residents look forward to the yearly challenge. Participants stated it is always easier to loose weight if you don’t have to do it alone. When there is some competition, you seem to strive to work harder. Participants also say that they try to encourage each other when they see someone starting to lose interest or having a hard time getting started.



L-R:Vicky Barrogiannis; Charlie Cypress; Wilma Brown; Ken Dunn; Harley Roberts; Cecelia Salano; Barbara Secody

for the 12 weeks following, contestants will try their best to “lose” is some. This year’s prize for the biggest “looser” is a great exercise equipment. The participants have been seen pedaling, walking and running around the Immokalee reserva-

tion to themselves to peel off those unwanted pounds. Although the twelve weeks may seem to drag by, participants are commended for their efforts and have been encouraged to stick it out – and do this thing for themselves – and no one else. Good luck to all!

Hope Is On The Horizon For ‘Dual Diagnosed’ Patients

By Benny Secody, CAAP II
Long before society had ever heard of dual diagnosis in reference to mental disorders, it was affecting a large percentage of mental health patients. Professionals are still learning to distinguish the additional disorders from familiar addictions such as alcohol and drug abuse. Often, the symptoms overlap; making it hard to distinguish where one stops and the other begins. An individual may be referred to a substance abuse facility without being properly assessed for additional mental problems. It is usually not until the individual is well into recovery that the second mental health problem surfaces. The patient could be doing well with abstinence from his addiction, but shows signs of paranoia or aggression. While the patient was a full-blown drug addict, the behavior was blamed on that particular addiction. Health care professionals were unable to distinguish between the patients’ behavior from the addiction -for example- alcohol dependence (303.90-DSM-III), cocaine dependence (304.20-DSM-III), cannabis dependence (304.30-DSM-III) and that of schizoaffective disorder (295.70-DSM-III), major depression (296.3X/recurring-DSM-III), or even a bipolar disorder (296.5X depressed-DSM-III). Today, students of psychology and sociology majors have their work cut out for them with the recent discovery of the myriad of second or even third disorders plaguing a patient. Extensive study and education has become necessary for those individuals going into these fields. A counselor needs to acquire the ability to detect symptoms of these second or third disorders during the initial assessment. Specific questions may be asked to help determine the nature and severity of the problem. Knowledge of the DSM IV Manual – with emphasis on the Axis I – Clinical disorders/Other conditions that may be the focus of clinical attention, Axis II – Personality Disorders/Mental retardation, Axis III – General Medical Conditions, Axis IV – Psychosocial and Environmental Problems and Axis V – Global assessment of functioning - is necessary at intake to help assess the possibility of a second or third disorder prior to creating the initial treatment plan. Individuals often try to self-medicate themselves, which could be fatal for the patient. Many psychotropic drugs – when interacted with the actual addiction, i.e. cocaine or heroin, will almost always be disastrous for that patient. Treatment for the addiction

and the second or third diagnosis should always be a team effort between the counselor, patient and a licensed psychiatrist once pharmacology comes into play so that the patient’s medication will work for him – not against him. Many times counselors – during an intake – will defer the diagnosis on Axis II (799.90) – due to their lack of credentials to do so. They create their initial treatment plan with other staff and the client, to include individual counseling, group therapy and activities and education on early recovery. They help the client to set short term goals for themselves: goals that are not too overwhelming for someone new into recovery. They will help the client to learn discipline and abstinence. Although society has come a long way in the treatment of mental health illness and addictions (dual diagnosis), amazing treatments are on the horizon – soon to be approved - which will revolutionize mental health treatment and recovery from addiction. In a recent article in the *News Press*, the Associated Press shared an article regarding the mapping of the human genome, which may include new cures for drug addictions and restoration of mental health. It shows promise to someday replace prisons with pills. Dr. Peter McGuffin of the Institute of Psychology, Kings College in London, England – and other experts are touting that finding genes that influence human behavior may lead to the discovery of drugs that treat or prevent some of the major problems that confront society. “The sequencing of the genome will improve our ability to identify the genetic risk factor genes for a whole variety of conditions, from addiction to criminality to anti-social personality,” said Dr. Eric Nestler of the University of Texas, Southwest Medical Center in Dallas. “This is going to be an enormous advance for this field.” They report that the many forms of mental illness are poorly controlled with the current medications - many of which have side effects that limit their usefulness. The different reactions to the drugs could be caused by the differences in genes. With all of the exciting new concepts and treatments in the works - hope is finally here for all of these people who previously did not dare to hope, for fear of failure. Possibly today’s young people will see the day come when mental health is a thing of the past, offering a promising future for everyone.

Big Cypress Gets Smaller

Submitted By Health Education Program
A congratulatory luncheon was held on April 25 to acknowledge all who participated in the Big Cypress Weight Loss contest. The contest was sponsored by Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, the Presidential Fitness Program and the Big Cypress Recreation and Health Departments. This contest, the most recent in a series of Weight Loss contests, had two categories – one for Tribal and community members and another for employees from the various departments on the Big Cypress Reservation. Both categories had separate subdivisions for men and women. The contest included 56 Tribal/Community Members

and 37 Tribal Employees. The Tribal/Community Winner’s Circle included: Men – 1st Place – Les Gopher, 2nd Place – Joe Grasshopper, 3rd Place – Charlie Cypress. Women – 1st Place – Wendy Cypress, 2nd Place – Candy Cypress, 3rd Place – Tara Robbins. The Employee Winner’s Circle included: Men – 1ST Place – Harlely Roberts, 2nd Place – Ken Dunn, 3rd Place – Gregory Carter. Women – 1st Place – Tracy Summeralls, 2nd Place – Cecelia Salano, 3rd Place – Wilma Brown.

Personal Trainer Vicky Barrogiannis presented the cash prizes to all winners with hearty congratulations. A healthful lunch featuring slimming colorful salads with grilled chicken, fresh

vegetables and fruit was served to all who attended the luncheon. The meal was concluded with delicious fat-free/sugar-free cake prepared by Tracy Summeralls. Big Cypress Health Educator, Debbie Hamilton, who has lost 72 pounds since the birth of her children in 1990, presented health conscious tips designed to encourage weight loss or weight maintenance to the audience. The total weight loss, for this contest, amounted to 219 pounds. A new contest is underway with the Weigh-Ins held on April 30 and May 2 and the final Weigh-Out to be on August 1. Congratulations to all of the participants of the Big Cypress weight loss contest and good luck to those in the current contest.

Warning To All Addicts

By Barbara Secody
In May of 1999, after moving from Arizona back to the State of Florida, I was diagnosed with Hepatitis C. For those who do not know about this disease, it is probably the newest and most deadly epidemic to affect this country in the last 20 years. It is fatal, and as of yet – there is no cure. It has infected more than four times as many Americans as HIV, and something as simple as sharing a toothbrush could put you at risk. Four million Americans are thought to be infected with Hepatitis C – but most of them don’t even know it yet. I would not have known – had I not tried to donate blood.

None of us know when our time to die will come, but knowing we are living on borrowed time, has a tendency to make us take inventory of our lives: our failures and our successes. For me, I am able to claim much success –to which I give all honor and glory to God. As for the failures, once they have been turned over to the Lord, they can then be forgotten.

Since my return to Southwest Florida three years ago, I have maintained a “coast-to-coast” relationship with many old friends (who stood by my through the years I was gone). When I asked them about certain people I once knew, I can’t believe that the very people who were and are aware of what happened to me – the people I used to drink and drug with – have so quickly forgotten what that stuff can do.

I have read the *Seminole Tribune* and there have been many stories, which have lamented the passing of some young person, either killed in a car accident, shot, stabbed or overdosed.

I wish all the young people – correction – all those people who are hopelessly lost in their

addiction - could somehow realize just how dangerous what they are doing is. This drug is an equal opportunity destroyer. You will lose the ability to remember that you want to live – and you will no longer be able to differentiate between what is and is not real. If anyone can honestly say they know what they are talking about – first hand – it is I. How ironic – that even though I was given an extension to my own life, and thought for all the past 12 years of sobriety that I had “lucked out” – and had been given a second chance – the reality of that old cliché comes into play: “Your past always comes back to haunt you.”

You all can never know how hard it has been for me to write this: but it will be more than worth it if even one person will remember and use what happened to me to save yourselves or someone you love.

The Seminole Tribe will always be in my prayers, and I wish good health and continued prosperity to all of you. May God bless you.

Respectfully,
Barbara (Doctor/Billie) Secody

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Bellamy And Seminole Team Up

By Tommy Benn
LUBBOCK, TEXAS — The Seminole Tribe of Florida and The Bellamy Brothers, Howard and David finished their small joint venture with a profit coming back to the Tribe. The Bellamy's has purchased a fed lot in the northwestern town of Lubbock. And always looking for an investment opportunity the Board purchased a small herd of Mexican Coriente steers to feed out.

The 206 Steers were fed 212 days longer than we had anticipated but necessary due to the uncommonly cold and snowy weather in Texas. We didn't reach our dollar objective but were happy with the results and made money. We got our feet wet and understand the operations more now and plan to invest with the Bellamy's again in the near future.

The Bellamy's Lubbock Feeders has offered to partner with us the Seminole Tribe of Florida on a 50/50 basis. Matching the Tribes' dollar for dollar, that's what they're bringing to the table as an equal partner.

Doug Kaba manager of the Lubbock Feeders has offered various programs for consideration. Back grazing cattle on grass, feeding various weight cattle, fitting any specialized needs that may arise.

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"We got our feet wet, the return was fair, not great but fair and with the Bellamy's as partners they'll be watching closely too. If you have something to lose you tend to watch things more attentively," Alex Johns.

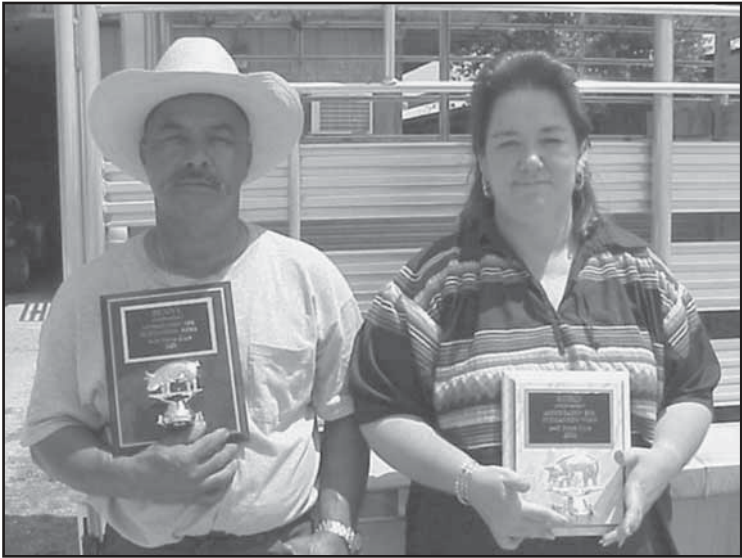
4-H Appreciation Luncheon

By Janice Billie
Big Cypress — Residents of the Big Cypress community and parents of the 4-H Swine Club members took the time to recognize Benny and Robyn Hernandez for all their hard work, time and effort in keeping the program running smoothly. It was planned as a surprise and indeed turned out to be a surprise for the honorees. They gathered at the Morgan Smith Cattle and Range Building to enjoy ribs, steaks and side dishes provided by the families of the club members.

Benny Hernandez is a long time tribal employee working in different areas but mostly as caretaker of the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena grounds and livestock. He and his wife Robyn, an employee at the Ah-tah-thi-ki Museum have managed and coordinated the 4-H Swine Club for the past two years.

Paul Buster was on hand to provide some mood music and to present Benny and Robyn with a plaque.

With a figure of a prize winning hog depicted on it the plaque is to remind them that their hard work is appreciated.



Benny and Robyn Hernandez proudly display plaques.

Livestock Trade Show And Conference

By Tommy Benn
OCALA — The 31st Florida International Agriculture Business Trade Show and International Livestock Conference was held at the SouthEastern Livestock Pavilion in Ocala, Marion County Florida May 6th through May 10th 2001.

This years topic is Livestock in the Tropics, right up the ally for the newly acquired Seminole Tribe of Florida / H K Cattle operations coming soon to Big Cypress Reservation.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida took this opportunity to showcase its HK Cattle (Red Brahman Herd) purchased from Texas. These cattle have been purchased to hit the International market who tend to prefer the Red Brahman cattle in their breeding programs. Favored by many South and Central American Countries to up grade their base cow genetics for higher quality off springs. Targeting both breeding stock and marketable beef.

Dinah Weil breeding specialist for the tribe with the H K program greeted many of her old friends from the 16 counties represented at the annual convention and trade show.

Ms. Weil is the past secretary for the American Brahman Breeders Association, serving in this position for over 10 years. Her contracts with overseas buyers, and knowledge of US Custom rules and regulations ins and outs are unmeasurable. These factors will and her working ability of the cattle industry is a great asset to the tribe. As the tribe set forth in this venture of marketing H K seed stock animals, semen and frozen embryos to foregone trade.H K Red Brahman cattle are recognized world wide as the leader in the Red Brahman industry.

Ms. Weil, along with CO-owner and partner with the Seminole Tribe of Florida Larry Jannsen have sold and shipped H K Red Brahman semen, embryos and seed stock to over 40 countries in past years and plan to have an aggressive campaign to expand the H K customer market base Nationally and Internationally.

Calixto Garcia-Velez tribal advisor to foreign affairs greeted and helped aquatint the marketing of the H K Cattle to many of his old friends and acquaintances from the Caribbean, South and Central American cattle breeding countries.

Sem Pro Feed another Seminole Tribe of Florida iniquity's booth was manned by Jimmy Mac Daniels. Mac Daniels was making contacts with several Island Nations who must import all their feed grains needed for their various livestock ventures. The Cayman Island group was also interested in the turtle food manufactured by Sem Pro Feeds. The

Cayman Islanders fed and export staggering number of turtles annually from its homeports, as does the Seminole Tribe.

Leroy Baldwin President of the exhibit this year was pleased with the turnout, although the numbers of visitor were down from past years. "I believe its due to the Hoof and Mouth Disease outbreaks many people not wanting to travel", replied Baldwin. "We here in Florida have been taking every precaution to ensure that an outbreak doesn't come to Florida at the host Hotel and every entrance to any building we have placed sterilized foot mats and have insisted that they be used. On every ranch and farm visited on the tour the participants were as to wear rubber booties for safety and their shoe sanitized" Baldwin explained.

From farm implements to tractors various animal breeds both horses and cattle. Truck livestock



Dinah Weil Sen / H-K Cattle with Equadorian Group.

trailers veterinary supplies insect and pesticides spraying machine and foggers if it build or manufactured for a working ranch it was at Ocala for the viewing.

"The week long meeting and tradeshow have had mixed results" explained Larry Barthle of Barthle Brothers Ranch, located in San Antonio Florida. The

Barthle Family specializes in Tendam not Cattle and American Quarter Horses. We tend not to have immediate sales from the tradeshow. Our results come by referrals than direct sales, but the annual event has been profitable for us and has opened new area for sale of our cattle and horses.

Robertson Sells 2001 Calf Crop

By Tommy Benn
BRIGHTON RESERVATION — Natural Resource Director of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Don Robertson sold the entire 2001 calf crop from both Big Cypress and Brighton Reservation. As well as allthe board cattle projects; Board Cattle #1, the Miccosukee Land Lease and Board Cattle #2,the Parker Island herds.



Celeste Billie records information at processing plant.

commodity grain feeders feeding out record 650,000 to 700,000 cattle annually.

The calves sold as usual by weight, frame and sex (heifers and steers). Light 400 pounds medium 500 pounds and heavy 585 pounds with a 10-cent slide and a 2% shrink at shipping. The calves are to be ready for delivery and shipment the end of July.

Sparks has purchased cattle from the Seminole Tribe of Florida from the Superior Video in years past and has seen a steady increase in the production and quality of the South Florida cattle. Last year, '2000, Cold Water Cattle negotiated with Don Robertson and Brighton Board Rep. Alex Johns to purchase all the calves from the Parker Island Land Lease. Pleased with the production ratio and the carcass yield he offered to buy the Seminole Tribe of Florida saleable calves off both Seminole Reservations and the Seminole Board's two cattle operations for the 2001calf crop.

Johns invited Sparks to come to Florida to survey and inspect the cattle before he purchased the cattle. Sparks excepted the offer and made his way South to inspect the the cow calf herd operations.

"Don and I had made plans to spend a day or two with Mr. Sparks, but when we met he had only one question" stated Alex Johns. "Where do you get your breeding bulls?" Johns replied, "from East Texas, Black Brangus Bulls from Steiner's "XS", Blazack's Mound Creek, Donnie Robertson's Flying "B" and from our own Cold Water operations."

All four breeding operations use basically the same gene pool. "It's in the Genes." The proof is in the pudding and the pudding is called money. With that Sparks concluded that he'd seen what he came to see. He wanted to purchase the entire 2001 Seminole calf crop and again offered to purchase. Robertson and Johns sharpened their pencils and began to put the numbers together, reaching an agreement equitable to both sides

A \$30.00 per head front money was agreed to, payable when the contracts were sign sealed and delivered. The sale will also be free of any video sales commissions which is estimated about \$8.00 per head.

Willard Sparks' Cold Water Cattle Company of Germantown, Tennessee purchased the entire 2001 calf crop. Sparks and Cold Water Cattle Company is one of thenations largest

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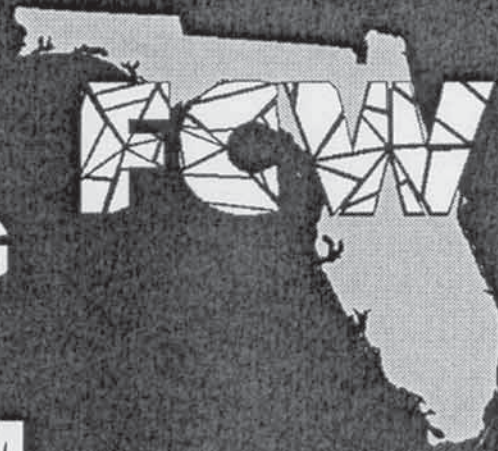
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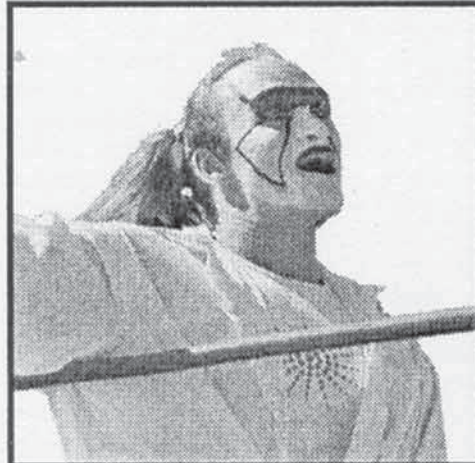
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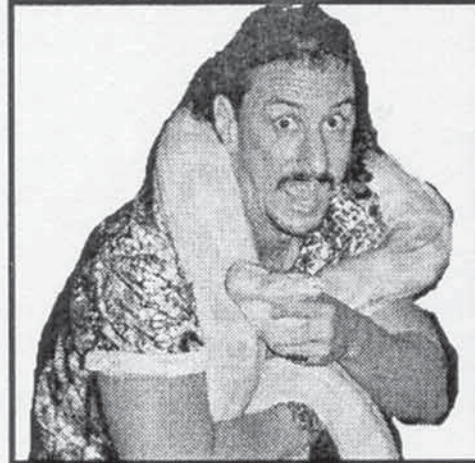
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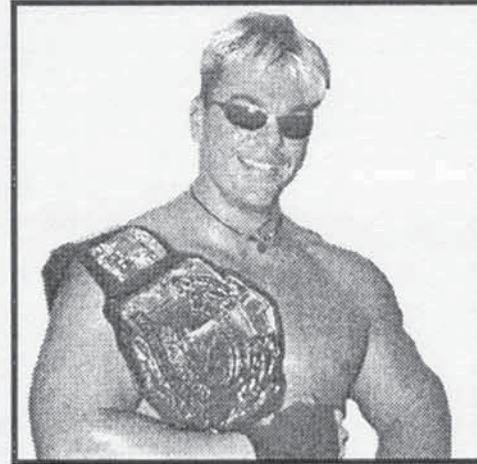
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Jay Hoffman, Okeechobee charter holder and certified referee, explains VNEA rules to Nicole (back to camera), Russell and Juanita Osceola, and Virginia Billie.

Warm-Up For State Pool
Tournament Held In Immokalee

By Libby Blake
IMMOKALEE — Immokalee hosted its annual Prestate Valley National Eight Ball Association (VNEA) tournament on Saturday May 5 at the Pool Barn. The event was open to all pool players but played under VNEA rules. This was the second year for the tournament, which helps league players get ready for the Florida state event held this year in Tampa May 10 – 13. (See Nunez Brothers Place Seventh In VNEA in this issue.)

This year saw nearly double the players compete in team, scotch doubles, and men's and women's nine-ball events. Also this year, players had to pay to compete. Team entry was \$100 with all other events \$20 each. All entry money went into the prize fund with some additional monies added by Big Cypress and Immokalee Recreation and Councilman David Cypress.

Play started at noon with the team event and continued until 4:30 a.m. Cinco de Mayo celebrations at the neighboring ballpark provided players with other entertainment as they waited their turn to shoot. Also, the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association was in town with a full program starting at 5 p.m. next door at the Youth Rodeo Arena.

Immokalee pre-school PAC and 4-H sold food at the concession stand until the wee hours raising money for their programs and keeping the shooters well nourished.

Brighton Archery Shoot

By Janice Billie
Brighton — In the second round of qualifying shoots for the Native American Indigenous Games 2002, Tribal citizens arrived at the Brighton Archery Range on the morning of April 28 to take aim at racking up points for a spot on Team Florida.

It was a picture perfect day weatherwise, although some might argue that it was a little too warm. The Brighton range is quite extensive with some twenty targets set in an area covering a large part of the hammock located behind the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena.

The competition started at the scheduled time of 10 a.m. and finished around 2 p.m. including a break for lunch. A tough course of twenty targets for two rounds totaling 40 shots was completed by most of the entrants.

Chris Osceola from Hollywood led the pack in scoring for this round with 206 points. Coming in a close second was Parker Jones with a score 191.

Nunez Brothers Place Seventh
At State VNEA Tournament

By Libby Blake
TAMPA — The Nunez brothers, "Boogie," "Dusty," and David, along with teammates Chris Close and Danny Meara placed seventh in the top division of the Florida State Valley National Eight-Ball Association (VNEA) tournament held at the Doubletree Hotel in Tampa May 10 – 13. The team, appropriately named the "Boogie Men," advanced undefeated to the "Golden Eight" in the State division where the top teams compete head-to-head for the coveted first place position.

David Nunez also placed thirteenth, out of 364 entries, in the competition. All men, or women, compete equally regardless of skill level in singles play. Teams are ranked by where they finished in their individual leagues with the top third placed in the "State" division, the middle third in the "Expert" division, and the bottom third in "Sportsmen."

"Seminoles," captained by Tony Billie with Councilman David Cypress, O.B. Osceola, George Grasshopper, Randy Clay, Anthony Falcigno,



Motown BoyzRoy Garza, Isaac Rodriguez, Mario Posada, Ralph Sanchez and Rene Barba (kneeling).

and Andy Tennant, failed to place in the State division but put on a fine display of pool skill throughout the competition.

In the Expert division "Motown Boyz" also finished in the seventh position. The team is captained by Ralph Sanchez with players Roy Garza, Mario Posada, Isaac Rodriguez, and Rene Barba. Motown Boyz was required to move up to Expert after capturing first place in last year's Sportsmen event at the state tournament.

Highest place finishers, of Tribal sponsored teams, in Sportsmen division were "Fox and Houndz." This team was captained by David's wife, Anita Nunez with fellow players Tony Carter, Sean Tucker, J.W. Davenport, and Dean Autrey. Finishing sixteenth were the "Play'AZ" team from Immokalee. Maria Billie, wife of Assistant Recreation Director David Billie, captained the team that included Roy Cantu, Juan Salinas, Marciano Calderon, Mike Alvarado Jr., and Libby Blake.

Congratulations to all players and teams who represented the Seminole Tribe at this year's VNEA tournament.

Big Cypress's Extreme Boar Hunting

By E. Tiger
BIG CYPRESS — March 2, 2001 Hunting out on the 70,000 acre Big Cypress Reservation, has it many advantages. Compared to hunting in other areas in the state of Florida. Were the lands are pressured by hunters and campers year round tromping through it's forest. Keeping the wild game in the area tuned into the sights and sounds of humans. The Big Cypress Reservation, which is only accessible by Seminole Tribal Citizens only, is one of the still unspoiled areas in Florida where wild animals can still be viewed or hunted without the interruptions, you would find at other hunting destinations in the state of Florida. The two types of species of wild pig found out on the Big Cypress Reservation. The Piney wood Rooters and RazorBacks pigs, which were both, domesticated. Are hunted on this abundant hunting game area for its meat and money value. Were tribal citizens on the Reservation sell the pigs. To a nearby hunting preserve called Safari were the members collect cash for different sized pigs.

The hunting found on the Big Cypress Reservation is an experience in a class of all it's own. The Black Boar, which is probably the most notorious animals, found in this area. Have been tromping through these lands since the early days of 1500's. When Spanish explorers brought over the pig over for food on their journey to the new unexplored territories. When released in this fertile land, were lush vegetation blankets most of the territory. The domesticated pig flourished in its new habitat. Feeding on the abundant indigenous fruits and roots. Which the native animals found in these areas have never fed on. Giving them an unlimited supply of food on which to feed on. And destroying many potential farming lands for farmers.

Since the early days of the Indian Removal Act in 1800's, three hundred years after the foreign pig was introduced to Florida. Seminole were taking full advantage of this opportunity of food and money, while evading the capture of US. Troops. The wild boar, with its vast populations found in the everglades. Provided easy food and money for the Seminoles during these times. The wild boar, which is now usually hunted in the occasional pig hunting tournament or for money. Is one of the more exciting hunts I think anyone can ever experience. The first



Naha Jumper and Happy Jumper pull the hog to shore.

day out with tribal citizens Naha Jumper and Happy Moses Jumper Third. We caught and released two Wild Boars and one Sow. With guide Happy Jumper saying "That it wasn't unusual two capture a three hundred pound pig like the boar caught that day." Being my second time out on what I will call an extreme hunt. I was a little more willing to jump of the customized swamp buggy into the hammock. To help wrestle a two hundred-pound plus pig with the assistance of guide Naha Jumper. And two dogs to the ground to be tied, weighed, and photographed before being released.

Tribal Citizen Naha Jumper who has captured and released more than 350 pigs on the reservation says "The he doesn't believe in shooting the pigs, its to easy. If you're a real hunter and you're looking for that intense feeling of hunting something. The feeling you'll get by actually capturing a wild boar on foot is far surpior to any pig you'll ever shoot." Although the guides say they he has killed some of the pigs captured. "It was only because the size of cutters that were on the boar." Which are the elongated teeth, which extend from the lower jaw, are measured for potential trophy boars. With the pigs are killed or not the large population of pigs found on the reservation will not be diminished. But help keep the population to a minimum. The pigs, which are foreign to the land, destroy croplands and uproot indigenous roots. To the point of killing them without the chance to reproduce. Killing the foreign animal or transporting the pig only keeps the population of this animal to a minimum. Were if the animal was not hunted, it could possibly over take an area. Were they having no potential predators, which feed on them. Besides the Florida Panther which are found in small populations in this area.

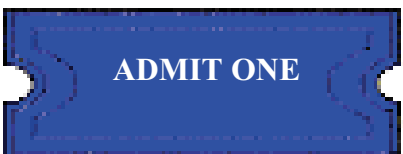


Naha Jumper caught a 300 pounder.

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Boogie Men advance to the "Golden Eight."



Bowlers Sammy Gopher, Rosie Billie, Arica and Shane Buck are still awaiting final bowling results.

Gathering Of Nations

For The Record:

DANCE COMPETITION:

Women's Fancy: 1st place – Bonnie Tomahsah (Comanche) Apache, OK; 2nd place – Shelly Bointy (Dakota/Ottawa) Cleveland, KS; 3rd place – Crystal Cleveland (Ho-Chunk) St. Paul, MN; 4th place – Tanskis Clairmont (Rosebud Sioux) Denver, CO, 5th place – Laverne Scabbyrobe (Navajo) Yakima, WA.

Women's Jingle: 1st place – B.J. Komancheet (Seminole) Indianhoma, OK; 2nd place – Jennifer Hamilton (Arikara-Hidatsa) Tonkawa, OK; 3rd place – Gladys Two Eagle (Rosebud Lakota) Wisconsin Dells, WI; 4th place – Yvette Ewalk (Nakota) Anadarko, OK; 5th place – Reva Hayes (Standing Rock Hunkpapa) Rapid City, SD.

Women's Northern Buckskin: 1st place – Jodi Gillette (Lakota) Bismark, ND; 2nd place – Rose Ann Abrahamson (Lemhi Shoshone) Ft. Hall, ID; 3rd place – Dustina Abrahamson (Shoshone Bannock) Ft. Hall, ID; 4th place – Linda Standing (Dakota) Saskatoon, Sask., CAN; 5th place – Joyce Hayes (Sho-Ban) Ft. Hall, ID.

Women's Southern Buckskin: 1st place – Rebecca Hamilton (Sac-n-Fox) Pawnee, OK; 2nd place – Dannielle Primeaux (Otoe) Jones, OK; 3rd place – Jacqueline Tsonetokoy (Kiowa) Carnegie, OK; 4th place – Shayne Hughes (Otoe) Jones, OK; 5th place – Delaine Snowball (Shawnee) St. Louis, MO.

Women's Cloth: 1st place – Ponka-We Victors (Ponca) Wichita, KS; 2nd place – Emerald Keen (Omaha) Omaha, NE; 3rd place – Yvonne Sadongei (Kiowa/Comanche) Shawnee, OK; 4th place – Janet Saupitty (Comanche) Lawton, OK; 5th place – Sandy Tate-Navaguaya (Ponca/Sac-n-Fox) Apache, OK.

Men's Southern Fancy: 1st place – Dwight White Buffalo (So. Cheyenne) Sisseton, SD; 2nd place – Michael Roberts (Choctaw/Chickasaw) Ada, OK; 3rd place – Joe Bointy (Kiowa/Comanche/Arapaho) Lawrence, KS; 4th place – Jeffery McClellan (Sac-n-Fox) Perkins, OK; 5th place – Randy Moore (Otoe/Pawnee) Geronimo, OK.

Men's Northern Fancy: 1st place – Poncho Brady (Hidatsa/Arikara) Newtown, ND; 2nd place – Wayne Silas (Oneida) Lawrence, KS; 3rd place – Jerry Cleveland (Ho-Chunk) Widells, WI; 4th place – Larry Yazzie (Meskwaki/Navajo) Phoenix, AZ; 5th place – Courtney Yarholiar (Sac-n-Fox/Otoe/Cree) Norman, OK.

Men's Grass: 1st place – Randall Paskemin (Cree) Gallivan, Sask., CAN; 2nd place – Wesley Windy Boy (Assiniboine Cree) Rocky Boy, MT; 3rd place – Julius Not Afraid (Crow/Lakota) Allen, SD; 4th place – Lakota Clairmont (Rosebud Lakota) Lakewood, CO; 5th place – Wanbli Charging Eagle (Lakota Sioux) Eagle Butte, SD.

Men's Northern Traditional: 1st place – Brando Jack (Dine) White Cone, AZ; 2nd place – Nathan Largo (Dine) Brimhal, NM; 3rd place – Charles Hindsley (Ho-Chunk) Shiprock, NM; 4th place – Terry Thumb Fiddler (Lakota) Rapid City, SD; 5th place – Osceola Red Shirt (Oglala) Osceola, NC.

Men's Southern Straight: 1st place – Shude Victors (Poncha) Wichita, KS; 2nd place – Ralph Haymond (Pawnee) Pawnee, OK; 3rd place – Ronnie Goodeagle (Sac-n-Fox) Flandreau, SD; 4th place – Wahkeen Hamilton (Pawnee) Tonkawa, OK; 5th place – Terry Tsonitgh (Kiowa) Del City, OK.

Golden Age Women Northern: 1st place – Pearl Sammarlye (Colville Confederated Tribes) Ft. Duches, UT; 2nd place – Sylvestine Shields (Pawnee/Otoe) Shawnee, OK; 3rd place – Edith Yazzie (Dine) Chinle, AZ; 4th place – Patricia Logan (Ho-Chunk) Milwaukee, WI.

Golden Age Women Southern: 1st place – Linda Tsonetokoy (Kiowa) Carnegie,

OK; 2nd place – Dolores Goodeagle (Osage/Sac-n-Fox) Anadarko, OK; 3rd place – Charlene Cozad (Osage/Potowatomi) Hominy, OK; 4th place – Mabel Cozad (Kiowa) Anadarko, OK.

Golden Age Men Northern: 1st place – Herman Logan (Winnebago) Milwaukee, WI; 2nd place – Lorren Sammarypo (Northern Pauite) Ft. Duches, UT; 3rd place – Norman Largo (Dine) Brimhall, NM; 4th place – Wayne Crowfeather (Hunkpapa Lakota) McLaughlin, SD.

Golden Age Men Southern: 1st place – Lewis Cozad (Kiowa) Anadarko, OK; 2nd place – Darrell Moore (Pawnee/Otoe) Glenn Heights, TX; 3rd place – TC Ahkeasko (Kiowa) Vander Wagen, NM; 4th place – George Howell (Pawnee/Cheyenne) Eules, TX.

Women's Elders (70 +): 1st place – Dawn Littlelesky (Lakota) Kyle, SD; 2nd place – Auralia Stacona (Warm Springs) Warm Springs, OK; 3rd place – Myra Burgess (Comanche) Apache, OK; 4th place – Grace Tsonetokoy (Kiowa) Carnegie, OK.

Men's Elders (70 +): 1st place – Floyd Moses (Pawnee) Anadarko, OK; 2nd place – John Whiteshirt (Arapaho) Pawnee, OK; 3rd place – Henry Tomahsah (Comanche) Apache, OK; 4th place – Theodore Evans (Dine) Chinle, AZ.

Tiny Tots – Girls: 1st place – Symone Paskemin (Cree) Gallivan, Sask., CAN; 2nd place – Jensen Peone (Spokane/Colville) Ford, WA; 3rd place – Camille Summer Johnson (Alabama-Coushatta) Livingston, TX; 4th place – Ariann Sheka (Cheyenne) Ft. Defiance, AZ.

Tiny Tots – Boys: 1st place – Christopher Morphen (Navajo/Ute) Albuquerque, NM; 2nd place – Hiram Gleason (Navajo) Newcomb, NM; 3rd place – Ben Conny Weedy (Comanche) Norman, OK; 4th place – Arthur Schrock (Kiowa/Pueblo) Albuquerque, NM.

Jr. Girls Fancy: 1st place – Toni Dee (Dine) Montezuma Creek, UT; 2nd place – Desiree Redhouse (Navajo) Mesa, AZ; 3rd place – Nikollane Kanuho (Dine) Tuba City, AZ; 4th place – Wynema Redbird (Navajo) Chinle, AZ; 5th place – Tessa Sunkey (Dine/Apache) La Plata, NM.

Jr. Girls Jingle: 1st place – Shayleen Primeaux (Dine/Lakota/Sioux) Bloomfield, NM; 2nd place – Yoklot Cornelius (Oneida) Oneida, WI; 3rd place – Lovelle Pachoa (Dine/Apache/Sioux/Pueblo) Sacramento, CA; 4th place – Jolynn Thompson (Navajo) Chinle, AZ; 5th place – Alyssa Woody (Dine) Bloomfield, NM.

Jr. Girls Traditional: 1st place – Cheyenne Gwin (Sac-n-Fox) Pawnee, OK; 2nd place – Charish Toehay (Kiowa/Osage) Anadarko, OK; 3rd place – Raetawa Yazzie (Dine) Flagstaff, AZ; 4th place – Utania Nelson (Navajo) Window Rock, AZ; 5th place – J'shen Tsosie (Dine) Phoenix, AZ.

Jr. Boys Fancy Grass: 1st place – Rylon Gwin (Sac-n-Fox) Pawnee, OK; 2nd place – Jonnie Johnson (Navajo) Kirtland, NM; 3rd place – Graham Primeaux (Otoe Ponca) Shawnee, OK; 4th place – Elden Owens (Dine) Gallup, NM; 5th place – Corey Etsitty (Dine) Phoenix, AZ.

Jr. Boys Traditional: 1st place – Kiowa Cozad (Kiowa/Osage) Hominy, OK; 2nd place – Alister Misha (Dine) Window Rock, AZ; 3rd place – Weston Tso (Navajo) Chinle, AZ; 4th place – Ryan Cody Nelson (Navajo) Window Rock, AZ; 5th place – Roderick Slim (Dine) Bluff, UT.

Teen Girl's Fancy: 1st place – Shamary Yazzie (Dine) Flagstaff, AZ; 2nd place – Urseloria Kanuho (Dine) Tuba City, AZ; 3rd place – Jolynn Begay (Navajo/Hopi) Salt Lake City, UT; 4th place – Jodi King (Oneida/Ho-Chunk) Oneida, WI; 5th place – Patricia John (Navajo) Rock Point, AZ.

Teen Girl's Jingle: 1st place – Challis Beetso (Navajo) Sanders, AZ; 2nd place – Tahnee Williams (Apache/Navajo) Tempe, AZ; 3rd place – Kendra Redhouse (Navajo/Hopi) Mesa, AZ; 4th place – Shalene Nelson (Navajo) Window Rock, AZ; 5th place – Meredith Hedgepeth (Cherokee) Hollister, NC.

Teen Girl's Traditional: 1st place – DaLynn Alley (Otoe/Seminole) St. Louis, MO; 2nd place – Deana Deer (Kiowa/Ponca) Wichita, KS; 3rd place – Michelle Flyingman (Cheyenne/Kiowa) Albuquerque, NM; 4th place – Celia Redbird (Cheyenne) Pasadena, CA; 5th place – Summer Baldwin (Lemhi Shoshone) Ft. Hall, ID.

Teen Boy's Fancy: 1st place – LyDall Yazzie (Dine) Flagstaff, AZ; 2nd place – Tyson Draper (Navajo) Kirtland, NM; 3rd place – Danell Hill (Oneida) Milwaukee, WI; 4th place – Isaiah Bob (Navajo) Yatahey, NM; 5th place – Corey Reeder (Kiowa/Dine) Dulce, NM.

Teen Boy's Grass: 1st place – Keeno Gallegos (Comanche) Denver, CO; 2nd place – Lee Jack (Dine) Indian Wells, AZ; 3rd place – Ryan Standing (Dakota) Edmont, CAN; 4th place – Ron Lodgepole (Cree) Rocky Boy, MT.

Teen Boy's Northern Traditional: 1st place – Troy Becenti (Dine) Farmington, NM; 2nd place – Lyle Nelson (Navajo) Window Rock, AZ; 3rd place – Kyle Etsitty (Dine) Phoenix, AZ; 4th place – Wayne Holliday (Dine) Salt Lake City, UT; 5th place – Tyvin Hoskie (Navajo) Window Rock, AZ.

Teen Boy's Southern Straight: 1st place – A.J. Leading Fox (Pawnee/Otoe) Pawnee, OK; 2nd place – Ron Goodeagle (Osage/Comanche/Sac-n-Fox) Flandreau, SD; 3rd place – Nashaba Simmons (Choctaw/Kickapoo) Little Axe, OK; 4th place – Hyde Toppah (Kiowa) Weatherford, OK; 5th place – Bubba Komahcheex (Seminole) Indianhoma, OK.

DRUMS:

Northern Drum Contest: 1st place – Bear Creek: Lead Singer – Kevin Syrette: Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, CAN; 2nd place – White Fish Juniors: Lead Singer – Harvey Dreaver: Victoria, Sask., CAN; 3rd place – Meskwaki Nation: Lead Singer – Lydell Bear: Tama, IA; 4th place – Walking Buffalo: Lead Singer – Clayton Kernotch: Debden, Sask., CAN; 5th place – Tha Tribe: Lead Singer – Wayne Silas Jr.: Lawrence, KS.

Southern Drum Contest: 1st place – Bad Medicine: Lead Singer – Joe Fish Dupoint: Carnegie, OK; 2nd place – White Tail Singers: Lead Singer – Tim Grant: Macy, NE; 3rd place – Young Bird: Lead Singer – Curtis Hamilton: Pawnee, OK; 4th place – Cozad: Lead Singer – Larry Cozad: Hominy, OK; 5th place – Southern Thunder: Lead Singer – Kyle Tippas: Stillwater, OK.

Southern Women's Back Up Singers: Bad Medicine, Carnegie, OK.

MISS INDIAN WORLD CONTEST:

Best Interview: Ke Aloha Alo (White Mountain Apache/Hawaiian/Samoan) White Mountain, AZ and N. Shore of Hawaii.

Public Speaking: Ke Aloha Alo.

Best Talent: Raynel Olney (Yakima/Shoshone/Bannock) Yakima, WA.

Dance Contest: Trina McGaney (Ojibwe/Delaware) Chippewa of the Thames First Nation, Ontario, CAN.

Miss Contest: Marion James (Lumbee) North Carolina.

Second Runner-Up: Genevieve Markussen (Yurok/Karuk/Yacqui) Shasta Lake, CA.

First Runner-Up: Jessica Black (Gwich'in/Athabaskan) Fairbanks, AK.

MISS INDIAN WORLD 2001 – Ke Aloha Alo.

Howard Tiger Fishing Tournament

By Ernie Tiger

BIG CYPRESS- The 1st Annual Howard Tiger Memorial Tournament, which took place May 4 – 5 was one of the tougher fishing tournaments that had taken place out on the Big Cypress Reservation this year. The L-28 Interceptor, which runs north and south past Alligator Alley where this years tournament took place, has lost considerable amounts of water due to the drought which has plagued South Florida this year. The lower water levels caused the largemouth bass, usually plentiful in the canal, to move to deeper water depths where they were stacked in tight schools. This made the bass even harder for the anglers to locate in the already muddy waters.

Despite these conditions the tournament did not go without good fish being caught. Big Cypress anglers Jerome Jumper and Fred Haberman took an early lead during the first day weighing in their bag limit (per day) of five bass at 13 pounds 2 ounces. They were followed closely by Frank and Abe with 12 pounds 6 ounces, whose 5 pounds 2 ounces bass took Biggest Fish honors.

Strategy helped the Mike Tiger and Moses Jumper team, who dropped anchor with 10 pounds 13 ounces for the day. “We found fish and just stayed on them all day,” said the teammates.

The second day of fishing brought new weather and hope for anglers who did not fair well on the first day of fishing. A light breeze out of the west moved heavy cloud cover east of the tournament giving anglers the chance to sight cast on fish that were still bedding. Some anglers took advantage of the morning feeding, which was not available the first day during the tournament, bringing in some of the bigger fish caught during the tournament.

One of those teams who was able to find the fish needed to position during the last day of the tournament was Tom Koenes and Fred Phillips. They weighed in their final five fish of the tournament at a total of 22 pounds 13 ounces bringing them all the way from eighth to third place.

Jerome Jumper and Fred Haberman, who had an early lead in the tournament, fell from first to fourth place after day two weigh-in – even though they took Second Biggest Fish honors with a 4 pounds 11 ounces catch. The team's lack of success allowed Frank and Abe and Mike and Moses to tie for first place when they brought in a remarkable 27 pounds. Other fishermen, who fared well during this tough tournament, included Team Steve Young and Bo Young. They stayed consistent during the tournament, moving from sixth to fifth place, with a total weigh of 15 pounds 11 ounces.

In addition to cash prizes awarded at the tournament all anglers had a chance to receive gifts at a raffle. Assorted gifts were awarded during lunch, which was provided by Hollywood Recreation.

For The Record: 1st place (tie) – Mike Tiger and Moses Jumper/Frank and Abe with a total 27 pounds, 3rd place – Tom Koenes and Fred Phillips 22 pounds 13 ounces, 4th place – Jerome Jumper and Fred Haberman 21 pounds 14 ounces, 5th place – Steve and Bo Young 15 pounds 11 ounces, 6th place – Charlie Cypress

and Noah Jim 14 pounds 13 ounces, 7th place – Ernie and Clyde Tiger 14 pounds, 8th place – Sonny and Bronson 13 pounds 2 ounces, 9th place – Danny Rodriguez and Jason Grasshopper 12 pounds 2 ounces, 10th place – Hank Nelson and Chris Osceola 12 pounds, 11th place – Milo Osceola and Allen Ulrici 11 pounds and 2 ounces, 12th place – Miguel and Greg 9 pounds 9 ounces, 13th place – Jason DiCarlo and John 3pounds 12 ounces, 14th place – Howard Tommie and Tommie Billie 3 pounds, 15th place – Philemon Bowers and Remus Griffin 2 pounds 9 ounces.

Thanks to the generous sponsors of the 1st Annual Howard Tiger Memorial Tournament: Big Cypress Recreation, Councilman David Cypress, Immokalee Council Representative Elaine Aguiar, Immokalee Recreation, and Hollyvood Recreation.

Cinco de Mayo At Immokalee Rodeo Arena

For The Record:

Sanctioned events: Bareback Riding: 1st place – Koty Brugh 10 pts. with a 74, 2nd place – Adam Turtle 9 pts. (62). Steer Wrestling: 1st place – Robbie Chalfant 10 pts. (time 5.19 sec.), 2nd place – Naha Jumper 9 pts. (5.61), 3rd place – Dean Conrad 8 pts. (7.33).

Saddle Bronc: Ground \$ - Koty Brugh and Michael Henry. Calf Roping: 1st place – Josh Jumper 10 pts. (20.85), 2nd place – Billy Joe Johns 9 pts. (29.38), 3rd place – Alphonso Tigertail 8 pts. (29.74).

Breakaway Roping: 1st place – Clarissa Bowers 10 pts. (6.06), 2nd place – Shelby Osceola 9 pts. (16.8). Breakaway Roping (50 and over): 1st place – Billy Joe Johns 10 pts. (6.45), 2nd place – Earl Kirkland9 pts. (11.88).

Team Roping: 1st place – Marvyn Bowers/Amos Tiger 10 pts. (9.32), 2nd place – Marty Johns/Adale Driggers 9 pts. (17.27). Ground \$ - Jeff Johns/Todd Johns, Rodney Osceola/Reno Osceola, Michael Henry/Robert Youngblood, Paul Bowers, SR/Rudy Osceola, Alphonso Tigertail/Josh Jumper, Billy Joe Johns/Robbie Chalfant, Jason Grasshopper/Naha Jumper, Moses Jumper Jr./Happy Jumper.

Barrel Racing: 1st place – Ayze Henry 13 pts. (17.271), 2nd place – Holly Johns 9 pts. (17.310), 3rd place – Shelby Osceola 8 pts. (17.329). Novice Barrels: 1st place – Jade Braswell 10 pts. (17.287), 2nd place – Reba Osceola 9 pts. (18.471).

Bull Riding: 1st place – Koty Brugh 10 pts. (73), 2nd place – Doug Fish 9 pts. (72). All around cowboy: Koty Brugh – 20 pts.

For The Record

I would like to apologize from myself, Sonny and Carlene to all the fisherman who participated in the First Annual Howard Tiger Memorial Fishing Tournament for the misunderstanding within our family.

I would also like for you to know that we did not keep any of the prize money (Receipt # 3284717 dated 5/8/01) as recorded by the Accounting Department.

Please do not let this keep you from entering the next tournament and please accept our apologies and thank you for participating.

— Ruscilla, Sonny & Carlene Tiger

17th Annual Herman Osceola Basketball Tournament

By Janice Billie

BIG CYPRESS — The 17th Annual Herman Osceola Basketball Tournament was held on May 4 and 5. It turned out to be thirty hours of superb basketball, displaying some of the best teams and talent in Seminole and Miccosukee country.

This annual tournament is dedicated to the memory of Tribal member and Big Cypress resident, Herman Osceola, son of Ruby and the late Roy Nash Osceola. Herman graduated from Clewiston High School and went on to join the United States Marines in 1980. He was killed in a helicopter accident in South Korea in 1984. It was to honor and remember a young man who believed in doing the right thing that this tournament was started seventeen years ago.

It has become one of the more popular tournaments of the Seminole and Miccosukee basketball tournament circuit. A total of nineteen teams signed up for this years competition with four teams being turned away due to the time element, making it the largest in this tournament's history.

Beginning on Friday evening at 6 p.m., the final game ended after 5 a.m. on Sunday. Double elimination made it possible for any team to get that second chance to vie for the championship and for any spectator to enjoy what turned out to be not only exemplary athletic competition but also great entertainment.

In the women's division, it came down to Saige & Eve's (Trail) against the Lady Seminoles of Hollywood hustling it out for the championship. Both teams made excellent showings in the earlier hours but considering the 3:20 a.m. start for this game it was obvious sleep deprivation was a factor. Lady Seminoles made a good start but Saige & Eve's apparently got a second wind because they could do no wrong in this final match, winning the championship, 45 – 28. Team members were Nora Billie, Caryn Billie, Elizabeth Huggins, Jacquelin Osceola, Brina Cypress, Stephanie Huggins, and Sheila Tiger.



Women's winning team "Saige and Eve."



First place winning team "Big Cypress Warriors."

Caryn Billie was named Most Valuable Player. The championship game in the men's division was battled out by Trail (I) and Big Cypress Warriors. The Warriors came in the finals undefeated beating this Trail team very early in the tournament and setting up the potential of Trail having to beat the Warriors twice if necessary. It did come down to them playing two for the championship thanks to a lethal jump shot that Amos Huggins of Trail utilized throughout the first game. If he missed any of these jump shots it's hard to remember. The Warriors held it down for awhile with some excellent rebounding by Duane Tigertail and stolen ball plays by Marl Osceola. It was close all the way down to the last seconds when Trail scored for a 50 – 49 win.

In the second game, it was another case of sleep deprivation and fatigue setting in and the other team seemingly gaining a second wind. Warriors dominated the second game with a twelve point lead by the half. A clear sign of fatigue on Trail's side was two missed free throws by Huggins. Taking an early lead and keeping it, Big Cypress Warriors became the 2001 Herman Osceola Tournament Champions with a final score of 44 – 26. Team members were Arnold Cypress, Frank Wells, Duane Tigertail, Bronson Hill, Marl Osceola, Remus Griffin and Charlie Frye. The Most Valuable Player trophy went to Remus Griffin of Ft. Pierce.

First place finishers received jackets and the championship team trophy, a beautiful brass eagle. Second place winners received sweatshirts and a team trophy, a glass eagle. By all standards the 2001 Herman Osceola Basketball Tournament was a grand success in many ways especially for promoting and supporting our people in athletics, sportsmanship and dedication. The Big Cypress Recreation staff led by Jack Gorton did a great job keeping the schedule running smoothly, cleaning the courts, manning the score tables and staying awake.

Rodeo Pros And Woes

By B. Secody
PROS:
DAVIE, FL — The Davie Five Star Rodeo is considered one of the premier professional rodeo companies in the industry; and is a big deal for professional cowboys and cowgirls. To be invited to ride in this prestigious event was quite an honor for some of the young junior bull riders of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.



Marty Johns getting ready to put steer down.

On April 28, seven (7) of Seminole’s finest young bull riders dressed their chaps and spurs and headed to the Bergeron Rodeo Arena in David, to compete in the Junior Bull Riding event. Bull riding is considered “the most dangerous eight seconds in professional sports, and for the brave riders who take on this challenge, those eight seconds is a rush of pure adrenaline.

Those who participated in competition were all from the Hollywood reservation. The seven riders did a great job, and two riders – Thomas Jasper and Stephen Billie both scored 48 points – tying for first place. Nick Jumper pulled a 42 with Doust Gore on his heels with 35. Brandtly Osceola and Jack Turtle followed in the scoring respectively. They all deserve a big pat on the back for their efforts.

Junior bull riding was the only event the Seminole cowboys participated in, and that event was on the list. Steve Osceola and David DeHass were – as usual – among the crowd cheering on these young bull riders, along with parents and friends who also showed their support and encouragement.

WOES:
IMMOKALEE — Appropriately named Cinco de Mayo (May 5) was a day for celebration of freedom and sovereignty for the Spanish people throughout the world – with the small Florida community of Immokalee being no exception. With Immokalee’s population being comprised of nearly 75

percent Spanish descent, it would be safe to say that nearly the entire town came out to the “Seminole Wind Youth Ranch” to participate in the annual Cinco de Mayo events being held there. Although many thought it was a Police convention, actually, Seminole’s finest was there – in full force - basically ‘on call’ to handle any situation which might arise. They were among the thousands of folks who enjoyed the host of activities provided throughout the day. The weather could not have been better, and many enjoyed basking in the sunshine while others preferred to keep cool and check out the events from under the big chickee near the Seminole food stand.

While a pool tournament was going on indoors, outside was a celebration of music, festivities, fun, games and food from the various cultures represented at the festival. The main attraction of the day, however, was the Cinco de Mayo rodeo – hosted by the Immokalee Seminole Community.

Scheduled to begin at 5 p.m., events were held up for half an hour – in hopes that David DeHass and the Hollywood participants would soon arrive. This was not to happen. To the disappointment of everyone, DeHass’ truck broke down enroute, and as usual, he had everyone – as well as everyone’s horses – with them. Rodeo officials started the events upon hearing that those Hollywood cowboys

and cowgirls would be a no show.

A young cowgirl, followed by Emma Johns of the Brighton Reservation – who carried the American flag through the Star Spangled Banner, made way for the Grand Entry. It was an impressive demonstration that left an emotional lump in the throats of most all spectators that afternoon. It made people feel as proud to be an American, as did the Cinco de Mayo event makes the Spanish people about their own culture.

The first event on the program was the bareback riding. South Dakota cowboy Koty Brugh took first place and racking up 10 points – scoring an impressive 74 for his near-perfect ride. Adam Turtle took second place with nine points – and a score of 62.

Steer wrestling was next up with a long list of contenders vying for a top spot. Robbie Chalfant received first place and 10 points with a score of 5.19 followed by Big Cypress cowboy, Naha Jumper, who received nine points for his 5.61 second take down. Dean Conrad placed third with eight points and a 7.33 score.

The Saddle Bronc riders were few and far between; and again, Koty Brugh picked up his check for first place, with Michael Henry taking second.

The calf-roping event left Josh

Jumper, number two son of Moses Jumper Jr., in the number one slot for money – winning 10 points for his 20.85 time. “Old timer” Billy Joe Johns showed he still has what it takes as he and Alphonso Tigertail battled for second place – Johns taking it by a mere .44 of a second.

The cowgirls took first and second place honors in the Breakaway Roping category as Clarissa Bowers of Brighton received her 10 points for first place with a 6.06 score – actually beating out the winner of the 50 and over category, Billy Joe Johns, who scored 6.45.

Shelby Osceola of Hollywood came in second with nine points and a score of 16.8. Second place in the over 50 break-away event was Earl Kirkland, who picked up nine points with his 11.88 score.

Team roping drew 10 teams in competition. Even those favored to win came upon hard luck that day. Even those “seasoned” cowboys like Moses Jumper Jr., Paul Bowers, Billy Joe Johns and Robert Youngblood – all who have been around since dirt – had a bad day. The team of Marvin Bowers and Amos



Calgary Johns making her very first turn.

Tiger snapped up a first place check and 10 points with their impressive 9.32 performance. Marty Johns and Adale Driggers eventually finished in second place turning a time of 17.27 – and each receiving their nine points and second place money.

Barrel Racing scores were close; and without the latest in time technology, the first place honors would have been shared by Ayze John (who actually took first place) – with her score of 17.271; Holly Johns – 17.313; and Shelby Osceola – 17.329 points. Hundredths of seconds don’t seem like much to your average “Joe”, but for these hard-working young ladies – it meant the difference between eight, nine or 10 points; and a first, second or third place purse. Novice Barrel racers Jade Braswell and Reba Osceola took first and second place respectively with 17.287 and 18.471 scores.

The main and final event of the Cinco de Mayo rodeo was the bull-riding event. The two winners – also a very close call – were Koty Brugh with a score of 73 – barely inching out Doug Fish who ended the event in second place with his score of 72. Brugh was named All Around Cowboy, but all cowboys and cowgirls deserve congratulations for their efforts. Everyone showed good sportsmanship – even with the close scores. They know there is always next time, and many stated that it was good practice day for them.

The next rodeo on the calendar is scheduled to take place in Volusia County (Deland, Florida) during the weekend of May 18 and 19. Those who made it to the finals will participate I this event, but everyone is encouraged to go up there and root on these young athletes who have done so well throughout the season.



Koty Brugh - all-around cowboy.

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John Wayne Huff Focuses On Community

By Michael James
BRIGHTON — In a pre-election interview with the *Seminole Tribune*, John Wayne Huff shared some of the key issues of his campaign and platform. For Huff, communication between council and communities is a major issue that he will work to improve.

“Communication is just not there anymore. We used to have community meetings....how come we don’t do that anymore?” Huff told the *Tribune*. Huff used examples such as the Hard Rock Café/Hotel proposal.

“It was on the agenda 14 times yet the community knew nothing. . . same thing with Dream Catcher,” he said.

Huff is firmly committed to the idea that everything should go to the community first, not as he said, “jump over the community.”

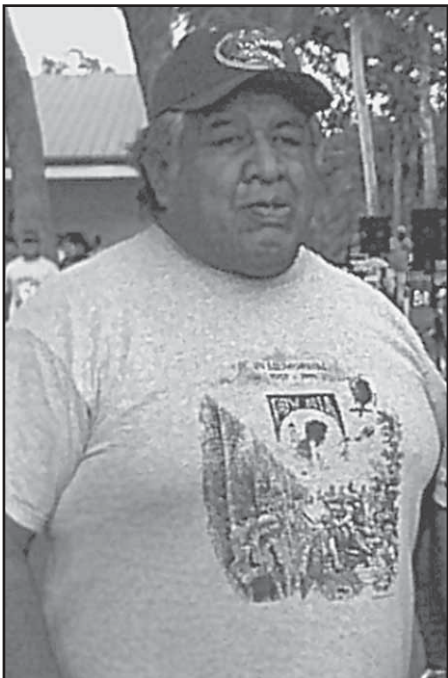
“Everything jumps over us and when things don’t go their (Council’s) way they back up to the community,” said Huff who promised fair and equal access to the Council Representative should he be elected.

“I want your input but I also want to be your voice,” said Huff who also added that he would promise to be available “24/7.”

“I’ve done that before,” he said referring to the time he

served as Brighton Board Representative.

Other issues that Huff addressed included restoring pride in the Brighton Community through such projects as



Michael James

John Wayne Huff

up SR 721 and accelerating efforts to get people housed. Huff also said that improving the relationship between the community and the council would go a long way to restoring pride.

As far as housing, Huff

reminded the large gathering of his constituents that someday all of the young people are going to need a home.

“We have good people in good positions that are willing to work. We have the equipment for home sites and we should be ready to respond to the needs of the people. I want to do this for the people. We should not have to rely on outside contractors,” said Huff.

Huff also said that he wants to make seniors the priority they once were. The same goes for Tribal youth.

“If we can spend \$40 million for a jet we certainly could invest something for our kids,” he said. He plans to begin by improving access to recreational facilities by adding staff. Huff also plans to have a community meeting for ‘kids only’ so they can have some input and be able to learn about how the political process works.

In the hours following the election, John Wayne Huff learned of his victory in the bid for Brighton Council Representative. He took time to share this thought with the *Tribune*.

“I would just like to thank the people who stood behind me during this election. I would also like to thank the entire community and I will include everyone if they voted for me or not.”

Alex Johns’ Campaign Speech

***Transcript from Tampa campaign dinner.**

I just want to start off and thank everyone for accepting me and supporting me here in Tampa, I know when I first come down here two years ago and tried to run I was nervous, ... I’m still nervous, but I’ve got a lot more confidence now than I did then. I know what it takes to do a good job now. I have the utmost confidence that I’m the right person for the position. And I appreciate you all coming out and supporting us here today.

Some of the new business ventures I’ve brought to the tribe... the Board side has sort of been still for about the last fifteen years. There’s only been two new business ventures brought to the board previous to me. The whole reason the board exists is for economic development for the Tribe. It’s not necessarily the charitable side that’s the council’s position. Some of the things I campaigned on last time, it really took a Councilperson to do. I didn’t know that until getting in the clique and learned how everything goes.

One of the things I started was the Brighton Tucker Ridge Shell Pit. One of the main reasons I wanted to get the shell pit going was we had a bunch of holes out in Brighton we were trying to swim around in. They were littered with beer bottles just mud holes is all they were.

The EPA tried to come in and fine the Seminole Tribe to clean these holes up. After researching them we found the BIA caused this problem, and they were the same departments as the department of the Interior. I went to Washington, D.C. to talk to the lobbyist there. We didn’t cause this problem. The BIA did and I don’t think we should pay to clean it up.

At that same time we also lobbied with them to dig a recreational lake for the Brighton community. This is where we have the 4th of July activities, barbecues, and volleyball tournaments. It was just sort of an eye sore but it was all we had in Brighton, so we decided to clean it up and we got a reclamation plan in place. When it’s done it’ll be a 21-acre recreational lake with chickees, beaches, floating docks and water slides. It’s going to be a nice area that people can go to for recreation.

A lot of the material that’s coming out of the lake is going right to the community. We’re building house pads with the material... the pre-school pad, the clinic pad, the new cattle and range pad, the new swimming pool pad. All of this material came from the Tribe, from our pit at a discounted price so this saved a lot of money. Probably half the cost it would have been if they’d have had to go outside the Tribe to buy the material.

The main thing with the pit, it was developed to make money. Three months into the business we’re out of the red and showing a profit. At that time we decided to go ahead and upgrade our equipment. We had old equipment in there so we had to go back in the hole again and purchase brand new equipment. Some of it runs around \$250,000 apiece. We’ve been in business now for exactly one year and right now the pit is generating about \$10,000 a week and we’re just getting started. The potential is huge for this thing. If I’m back in again I’d like to see this pit continue. I think this is going to be a good source of income for the Tribe.

The other venture I started was the Parker Island Cattle Company. It was another lease that we got. If we were to liquidate it tomorrow we’d have approximately two million dollars worth of cattle on this place. The economy really took an upward swing on the cattle business. We’re doing really good with cattle prices. This has been a profitable venture.

We also fed some feed lot cattle this year. That’s the second time the Tribes tried this. We tried it before with our own cows at one time. It wasn’t successful. We lost a little money. We fed 200 head this year at Lubbock Feeders.

The Bellamy Brothers actually own this feed lot. We just got a report back on these cows. They fed for about a twenty-dollar a head profit. It doesn’t sound like much but it’s about a three to five percent return on our dollar, which is comparable to a lot of bank loans at this time because of the interest rates.

Our sugar cane took a hard lick because sugar prices fell so bad. It’s still generating money for us. It’s still making money while other people are losing money because we don’t have to pay for land tax and we didn’t have to pay for the property so it’s still proving to be successful.

Our citrus took a really hard lick. One of the groves that had a canker contamination quarantine doesn’t look very good. We’re not going to be lifted out of it for a couple of years. We can still sell our product but it just doesn’t get the price that it would if we weren’t under quarantine. We’re just going to cut back on cost and try to keep it going till the quarantine is lifted.

We also took the campground back, which has been known as Russ and Sonny’s. Now it’s the Brighton Campground and Trading Post. We’ve got a little trading store there. The store is beautiful; the campground is beautiful. We’re having a lot of people come into the campground now. Before it was a limited deal. Whoever’s buddy wanted to come in they had to be buddies with the person managing it. Now it’s open to all of the public and we’re looking at expanding it making it twice as big.

As far as the cattle program... You’re going to hear some of my opposition campaign on the cattle program. The cattle program is one of the biggest subsidies of the board. The actual Tribal cattle program is successful as far as Tribally owned. The individual owners in the past haven’t made any money and the board had to subsidize them. Some of my opposition thinks that’s the way it should be; I don’t think it should be that way. I think that if they’re going to be in the cow business they need to support their own business. The Tribe doesn’t need to support it. We’re already letting them use the land for nothing so I think they should support their own business.

This is the first time since I’ve been in office that we’ve brought the cattle program out of debt. We got this by having the cattle owners pay their bills. In the past the politicians would let them be lax on their bills; they wouldn’t pay them. When I got in we made it mandatory that they get all their bills up to date. We’re not having to subsidize as much as in the past. Everyone is compliant with the program.

The cash crop is rising every year, which is a good sign. We have the pastures in great shape. Since I came to office this is the first time we’ve had total acreage mowed on the reservation. We’ve got 12 thousand improved acres there. The administration before me, when we tried to mow it ourselves it was running around \$250,000 a year to get the place mowed. I decided to get a contractor to come in at a set rate per acre. I got it down to \$100,000 and it’s the first time we’ve ever had the total property mowed in one year. This is the second year we’ve done this and we’re starting on the third. That saved us some money there and we’re getting a better job

done.

We just sold our calves. A lot of people are afraid to change things. For the last 15 years we’ve sold our calves on the Livestock Video Sales Superior. I took initiative this year to change it. I didn’t think we were getting the best prices. I got a little opposition from some of the cattle owners. They were so used to selling them on video they thought that’s the way to do it. This year we went out privately and got bids on the open market from other cattle buyers and it proved to be successful. We came in with about a 5 cent a head average over what the video sales brought at the same time as well as not having to pay the 2 to 3 cent a pound commission. We saved the tribe a substantial amount of money by doing this.

We got the Brangus Bull heard up to 100 per cent. This is another reason why our calves are bringing top dollar. We actually have a product now that everybody wants. We were going the wrong way with our bull heard; we were using the wrong type of bull. Now we’ve got the type of bull that’s working for the market.

The big project I got done was the cattle and range building. This was largely the support of Mitchell Cypress and the Tribal council. We got the building done in six months time and within budget. It’s a beautiful building, we’re going to have the grand opening and I want to invite everyone down and let them walk through the building. There are a lot of personal touches to it. There are 42 cattle owners in Brighton. Everybody’s brand is engraved in the tile. We used cypress wood throughout There’s a lot of personal touches throughout and I’m proud of it and I’d like everybody to come down for the grand opening.

As far as the charitable functions that I’ve help support: I’ve supported everyone that’s ever come to me, every event, I’ve tried, that my budget would allow. I’ve supported softball, Tee Ball, golf, bowling, I’ve put on rodeo bull riding clinics for the youth, and I’ve sponsored dance classes, Tai-Kwon-Do and fishing tournaments. We held our first annual hunting tournament in Brighton this year. It was a hog-hunting tournament; Marty Johns won. We had it near Thanksgiving and everybody liked it.

We had our first annual mud bog. JR Huff and David Snow, it was their brainchild, they thought it would be a good activity for Thanksgiving. We actually had over 200 tribal members come out and participate in the mud bog. Anywhere from babies in strollers to kids on 4 wheelers, motorcycles, we had foot races, mud bog races, and I think we’re going to continue to do this.

We also had our first annual barbecue cook-off. We had 12 teams that came down. I don’t think we had any teams from Tampa so next year I’d like to get someone from Tampa to come down and participate. All the guys were bragging and actually it was a girl that won the barbecue rib cook off – Theresa Nunez.

I supported the March of Dimes functions that we put on. The sobriety walks, the Christmas, Thanksgiving, Indian Day, and 4th of July.

As far as education field trips... I’ve participated in them and I’ve attended some of them. The critter hunts I went with the kids and we had a good time. I try to attend every senior birthday party with Vicky and Leah’s support. They keep me in touch with whose birthday is when.

As far as the one that people don’t like to talk about that’s a big part of our job is the funerals. During the funerals we do whatever we can to make sure that the family has time to grieve without having to worry about any expenses. I pay for all of the food, I cut all of the firewood, and we try to do everything that we can so that the family doesn’t have to worry about it in their time of mourning.

Why I’m looking into for the future... I’m on the verge of working on an import and export deal for commodities. But the commodities food that we were used to getting but... it actually is but on a much larger scale. It’s dealing with grain, beef, steel, gas, big products that moves worldwide. There’s some breaks that we may be able to get as a sovereign nation. Tax issues, tariff issues, duty issues. I’m looking into that with some attorneys now. It looks like it’s going to be pretty promising, bringing in a lot of income for the tribe. All we’re going to have to do is be the broker. We’ll let the people that know the business handle the business.

My ultimate goal is to bring a second dividend for the board. This one here could be the big one. If we can get this thing going it’s going to take pushing our sovereignty just the same way they did with gaming. It can be done. If I’m re-elected I’ll work hard to get this done.

Also with the shell pit, we’re working on getting DOT status for it. This will increase our sales. I’m also trying something new. I’m trying to get it licensed as a minority owned pit. Nobody’s done this before but it will open up a market. The DOT will let the pit suffice for minority workers. In other words, if somebody out here gets a contract on this highway, by them buying the materials from the Seminole Tribe, they won’t have to actually hire the minority worker at the job site. I think this is going to be pretty promising for the Seminole Tribe and the pit.

If any of you read the paper that came out today, some of my opposition really bashed me in there pretty good. They portrayed it that I have more white people working for me than Indian. Well I just want to let everyone know that those are not the facts. The facts are, I have 75 per cent Seminole Tribal members employed. On average they’re paid 15% more than non-tribal members. So I just want to let the records show what she stated in the newspaper wasn’t the truth.

I’m up here (Tampa) with John Wayne Huff. The reason I’m here with John Wayne is because I see a lot of things going on that you all aren’t getting what you could be getting, and that’s the truth... the fact of the matter.

The housing issue needs to be addressed here. There’s so much more that I could do if you all had the property to do it. The reason you don’t have it is you don’t have a voice pushing for it. The people up there in council make the decisions. They say yea or nea. Well, if you don’t have somebody backing you and wanting to build your houses your not going to get them.

This man (John Wayne Huff) is going to campaign on that and he’ll get the job done. With him doing that it will open me up as a board representative to do more for you as far as landscaping your yards. I want to keep the 4H program here and I know you’re running out of space. I’m a big believer in the 4H program. I put a lot of money into our kids this year at the sale. I think it’s great program. It teaches kids responsibility. I think it’s a great program. So if we can get you some land and some houses I think we could keep that 4H program going and I support that 100 per cent.

I want to thank you all for coming out today and remember me on May 14th. Thank you.

— Submitted by Mark Madrid

Paul Bowers Hosts Campaign Dinner In Immokalee

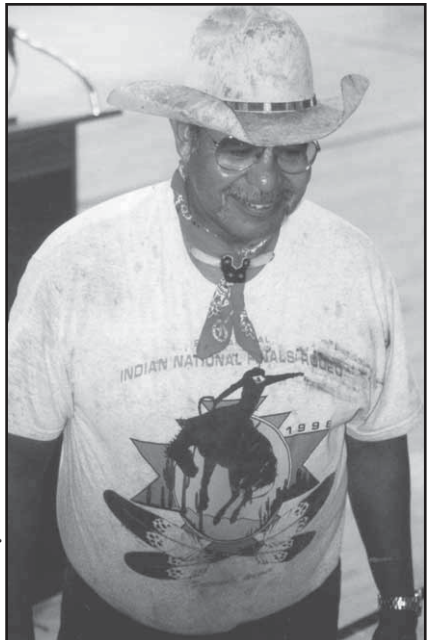
By B. Secody
Paul Bowers of the Big Cypress reservation has thrown his hat in the political arena, and is vying for the position of Big Cypress Board Representative – a seat currently held by Mondo Tiger.

Bowers is no stranger to politics, as he previously served on the Board of Directors for Big Cypress in 1996-1998. He feels he would like to reclaim this position to provide additional monetary generating projects for the Big Cypress community.

On Tuesday, April 24, Buster hosted a campaign dinner in Immokalee to make himself available to community members who have questions about his proposed projects. The evening started at 7 p.m. at the Immokalee Recreation Center.

His platform – although short and to the point stressed the need for the acquisition of more cattle and land use for the area. He stated that, with the current count of 1500 head of cattle in Lake Placid, and 3500 head located on the 13-section area of Miccosukee land (near the Miccosukee Service Plaza)- there is plenty of room for more cattle to be purchased. He also addressed concerns over the neglect of existing pastures. Bowers stated that he would also like to see the Board work closer with the citrus programs, and plans a feasibility study for consideration of a campground to be located in Immokalee. One of his goals for the community is to generate more revenue through Board programs.

Bowers currently works with kids interested in 4-H, as well as with the Horse Club. He has been involved with the youth rodeos and would like to see additional funds allocated for youth projects in



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Paul Bowers

of Big Cypress Board Representative: Charlie Cypress, Alfonso Tigertail, Mary Jean Koenes and Clifton Billie. He states that, if elected, he will do his best to represent the people of Big Cypress and work diligently towards improving existing Board programs. He also states that he will remain focused on future projects that will further benefit the community – young and old alike.



Friends enjoy a BBQ dinner in Immokalee (@ Paul Bowers Campaign event).

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Happy Birthday



Happy belated birthday Gabe!
From “The Gang.” Yours truly, Lorraine, Catlin, Noel, and Uly.

Happy 8th Birthday to Ali Nunez on May 20. We love you very much and hope you get everything you wish for. Love **Daddy David, Mommy Anita**, and sisters **Ami, Airi**, and **Apple**.

Happy birthday to my other baby **Willie Jim McKinley Osceola** who was born on May 21. Love you very much. From **Aunt Doris** and **gang**.

Happy birthday to my baby girl, **Meyante (Dominique)**, born on May 1, 1989. Love you very much **Grandma Doris**.



Happy birthday to our #1 Favorite Sister, **Dominique Sharaine Osceola** on May 1. We love you so much! Be good and stay healthy. One Love, **Marlon, Letitia, Egoosh, Denise** and **John Rhodes**.

Happy birthday to Grandma (Doris) on May 17. Mom you’re the “Great Oz”. We love you, thank you for taking care of us; there’s no one like you. One Love; **Apeehoy, Meyante, Shagahle, Shishee, Melokmeche**, and **Coowacooche**.

Happy birthday to Rita (Bonita Jean Jumper), Anita Osceola (Eeche), Amos (Uncle Amo) Frank, Peggy Barnett and Iretta Tiger. From the **Otter Gang**.

Congratulations



Michael O. James poses with sisters **Irene James (L)** and **Gisela Vavra** who came with other family and friends to support him on the joyous occasion.

Michael O. James graduated on Saturday, May 5 from Indian River Community College’s Registered Nursing Program. Michael graduated with a 3.8 GPA. Michael plans to continue his education and has been accepted to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He will be working at the University of North Carolina Hospital, one of the world’s leading research hospitals, in the critical care step down unit for organ transplant recipients. He and his family leave for North Carolina at the end of June.

Michael has worked for the *Seminole Tribune* for the past four years as our on-going EIRA photographer and reporter. He will be extremely missed by all those residents on the Brighton reservation, as well as us here at the *Tribune*. Of course he will keep us informed on all the latest clinical research findings on diabetes.

Congratulations and good luck in all your endeavors for you have proven your worthiness!



April 1, 2001 **Mr. and Mrs. Eric James Cypress**. Eric is the son of the late **William B. Cypress** and **Ruth M. Osceola**. **Barbara Henry** is daughter of **Bobby** and **Annie Henry**.

Poems

Barefoot Man

*Without uttering a word
His soul speaks eloquently, unheard
Silently speaks with his hand
Ev’ry stroke of brush depicts the Florida sand*

*Affinity with the Seminole
Grew strong with the folklore told
He understood where most folks don’t understand
You can tell it in ev’ry stoke of his hand*

*With no shoes on his feet
Walks with Seminole brother undefeat
He would have been a Seminole man
Walking proudly on a beautiful land*

*His love for the Seminole
Clearly seen on canvas stories of old
Where clans abound in the Seminole land
End of summer swamp- apples fall to the Florida sand*

*Panther squalls behind the cypress tree
Otters play envisioned by Guy La bree
Silent poetry painted by his hand
Barefoot artist treads the Florida sand*

Spirit of Seminoles

*As the Spirit of Seminoles then and now
Like a cool breeze over grassy prairies,
hammocks and the Everglades*

*A Spirit that flourishes over this
enchanted and beautiful land,
Our Creator touches a land that gives life,
beauty and bounty to nurture our minds,
bodies and spirit*

*The Spirit of traditions, culture, leg-ends, stories and songs
The courage and strength to be as one people*

*The Spirit of healing, caring, helping
taught by our elders
The Spirit of wisdom through the Creator’s love*

*We give thanks to our Creator for this
spirit of life now and forever
— **Ralph Billie***

Grave-Robbing

*There are those who rob our “Native” graves
and call it archeology*

*And “Uncle Sam” gives funds for this,
Called government grants, you see
Then there are those more honest,
Who don’t bother to hide behind,*

*Scientific study. They just want what they can find
No matter what fancy name it’s called,
It’s still a desecration;*

*And to us it is a crime against,
The entire “Native” nation.
To protect “White” man’s graves
They have passed laws, “To Whit...”,*

*But when it comes to “Native” mounds,
They just don’t give a - -it!
How would you feel if someone,
Dug up Your family plot,*

*And took whatever there remained,
Of your Mother, or your Pop?
Would you care what it was called?
Or would you just see red,*

*For them to have the audacity,
To desecrate Your dead?
We don’t care what name they give it,
Nor whose face it saves,*

*“White” men may call it science,
But to us it’s Robbing-Graves!
— **Jacquelyn Kay***

Notices

8th Annual Seminole Wellness Conference – July 15 – 20, at the Marco Island Hilton. Deadline for applications is June 8, you must commit yourself to participate for the duration of the conference. Contacts are; Ralph Billie at (954) 962-2009; Michele Thomas or Rita Gopher at (863) 763-4128; Helene Buster at (863) 983-5151; Billie Napper at (941) 657-6567; Tom Ryan at (813) 621-2811, Sally Tommie at (954) 967-3700 or Andy Buster at (305) 223-8380.

The 44th Annual Yakama Nation Treaty Days All Indian Regatta – June 9 - 10 in White Swan, Washington. Contact secretary Rhonda Strom and Betty Sampson at (509) 848-2854.

The Native American Business Alliance Conference 2001 – August 12 – 14. Call Alliance at (248) 988-9344 and visit us at www.native-american-bus.org.

25th Annual Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival – June 2 - 3 in Coconut Grove. For applications or information call headquarters at (305) 567-1399.

17th Annual Native American Journalists Association Convention – June 13 – 16 in Buffalo New York. For more info call (612) 729-9244 or fax at (612) 729-9373.

National American Indian Housing Council Annual Convention and Trade Show – June 4 - 6 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. To be held at the Hyatt Regency, for information call NAIHC at (202) 789-1754.

Free Poetry Contest – Deadline is June 5. One entry of 21 lines or less. Send to Free Poetry Contest, 1257

Siskiyou Blvd., PMB 4, Ashland, OR 97520, or go to www.freecontest.com.

Too Fabulous Art and Funky Antique Market – June 17, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. FREE. Find vintage items, antiques, art and other goodies at this event. Call (954) 921- 3274 or visit www.artandculturecenter.org.

Free Tax Workshops – June 1 – 26 at various sites. The Florida Department of Revenue, as part of their educational program to help taxpayers understand and meet their obligations. For info contact: Alberto Collazo, at (954) 967-1821, e-mail: collazo@dor.state.fl.us or visit site at <http://sun6.dms.state.fl.us/dor>

On Line Spanish Courses – Beginning June. Continuing Education Department will offer Spanish courses. Fees range from \$85 to \$120 for an 8-week course. To register call (954) 475-6960.

Toll-Free Dental Hotline – Saturday, June 6. Dial 1-800-SMILE 33, to ask dentists any oral health questions. Receive free dental advice and request local referrals. From 7 a.m. until Noon.

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 June 18) or August 10 – 17 (deadline being July 30). Ages 10 – 14 years. For general information call (712) 252-3230.

Northern Plains Tribal Arts 2001 – Sept. 27 – 30 in Sioux Falls, South

Dakota. American Indian Services, Inc. at (800) 658-4797 or (605) 334-4060.

12th Annual Protecting Mother Earth Conference – August 2 – 5 in Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. For information call En’Owkin Centre at (250) 493-7181, email: enowkin@vip.net, web site: www.iencanada.org.

Prairie Island Dakota Singing & Dancing Championships Pow Wow – July 6 – 8. Free admission, need social security number to register. Call (651) 267-3023 and leave message.

Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma Reunion – The 2001 HAAO Annual Reunion & Golf Scramble will be held Sept. 14, 15, 16 at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in downtown Tulsa, Oklahoma.

All Haskell Indian Nations University Alumni and friends are invited. Reserve your room early and ask for the special Haskell rates; (800) 444-2326. Friday evening reception; Saturday golf scramble, dinner (must be reserved) and dance; and Sunday morning Brunch.

Request information from Joyce Childers Bear at (918) 756-8700, ext. 602, email: Cultural@ocevnet.org; or, Flo Tanner Spotted Bear at (918) 342-6403. See you in September!

Deadlines

Seminole Tribune

June 15 Issue • June 1 Deadline
July 6 Issue • June 22 Deadline
July 27 Issue • July 13 Deadline

Jobs

Job Title: A-Built/CAD Drafter
Open Date: Jan. 8, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$26,000 annually w/ benefits
Location: Hollywood, Utilities

Job Title: Patient Services Clerk
Open Date: Nov. 7, 2000
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$18,720 annually w/ benefits
Location: Health/manged Care, BC

Job Title: Counselor
Open Date: Nov. 7, 2000
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: Negotiable
Location: Family Services, Brighton

Job Title: Community Health Educator
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$30,000 annually w/ benefits
Location: Health, Hollywood

Job Title: Nutritionist
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$35,000 annually w/ benefits
Location: Health, Hollywood

Job Title: Site Manager
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Location: Hotmeals, Hollywood

Job Title: Tribal Clerk/Admin. Assistant
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$24,960 with benefits
Location: Secretary Treasurer’s Office Hollywood

Job Title: Surveillance Operator
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$17,680 with benefits
Location: Gaming, Brighton

Job Title: Operator/ Maintenance Trainee
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$17,680 with benefits
Location: Utilities, Brighton

Job Title: Tribal Outreach/Worker
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$20,300 with benefits
Location: Family Services, Brighton

Job Title: Custodian
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$15,600 with benefits
Location: Ahfachkee, Big Cypress

Job Title: Medical Social Worker

Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: Negotiable with benefits
Location: Family Services, Big Cypress

Job Title: Permanent Sub. Teacher
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$12.50 per hour with benefits
Location: Ahfachkee School, BC

Job Title: Surveillance Operator
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$13,644 with benefits
Location: Gaming, Coconut Creek

Job Title: Cultural Language Instructor
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$28,120 with benefits
Location: Cultural Education, Imm.

Job Title: Gaming Clerk
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$17,200 with benefits
Location: Gaming, Imm.

Job Title: Surveillance Operator
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$17,680 with benefits
Location: Gaming, Imm.

Job Title: Teacher Aide (3/4 yr. class)
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$18,150 with benefits
Location: Ahfachkee, B.C.

Job Title: Surveillance Operator
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$17,680 with benefits
Location: Gaming, Tampa

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

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

Job Title: Administrative Assistant
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: Negotiable with benefits
Location: Planning & Development, Hwd.

Job Title: Gaming Inspectors (5)
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$28,000 with benefits
Location: Gaming, Hwd.

Job Title: Operator/ Maintenance Trainee
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$17,680 benifits
Location: Utilities, Brtn.

Job Title: Community Health/Rep
Open Date: 3-28-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$18,700 benifits
Location: Health, B.C.

Job Title: Elementary/ Middle School Teacher
Open Date: April 18, 2001

Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: Negotiable with benifits
Location: Ahfachkee, B.C.

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

Job Title: A/P Representatives
Open Date: April 18, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$18,720 with benifits
Location: Health, Hollywood

Job Title: Administrative/Assistant
Open Date: April 18, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: Negotiable with benifits
Location: Governmental Affairs, Hwd.

Job Title: Reporter
Open Date: May 9, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$19,760 with benifits
Location: Communications, Hwd.

Job Title: Licensed Practical Nurse
Open Date: December 27, 2000
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$24,900 with benifits
Location: Health, Brighton

Job Title: Teacher Aid
Open Date: April 18, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$13,644 with benifits
Location: Ahfachkee, B.C.

Job Title: Gaming Clerk
Open Date: February 28, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$17,200 with benifits
Location: Gaming, Tampa

Job Title: Recreation Aid
Open Date: May 9, 2001
Close Date: Until Filled
Salary: \$11, 440 with benifits
Location: Recreation, Tampa

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Agnes Cypress, Pilot and Susie Billie arriving to vote.



Oneva and Neil Baxley casting their ballots.



Susie Billie casting vote. Agnes Cypress in back. Betty King at table.

Election Victory Speeches

David Cypress – I would like to thank both Big Cypress and Immokalee for your long-standing support in this year's election.
May the next two years remain as challenging and prosperous for us all.
God bless each and every one of you tribal members.

David DeHass – Thank you to all that supported me through this year's election.
I hope within the next two years everyone that did go out to vote will become aware of my capabilities. Even if you voted for the other candidates I am here to work for you as well.
To the other candidates, do not give up on your attempts and goals for there will be another election. And then too, may the best man win.

Alex Johns – I would like to thank the Brighton and Tampa communities for their continued support and faith in me as their representative in this year's election. I will do my best to live up to your expectations of me and do the best job possible for you and the Tribe.

Paul Bowers - I greatly appreciate everyone's support in voting me in as your Big Cypress Board Representative. My plans are to always be available and to work hard for every tribal citizen. Again thank you for your ballots on my behalf. Make plans to attend the inauguration on June 4th in Hollywood.

Max B. Osceola, JR - Now that the tribal elections are over I would like to congratulate all of the successful candidates, and welcome then to the tribal leadership role.
I would like to ask the members of the tribe to support the elected representative so we may be able to follow the wishes of the members and to make the tribe stronger.
With the tribe working together we can achieve many positive social, cultural and economic gains that will benefit all the members of the tribe.
In closing I would like to thank the people of the Hollywood reservation for your support and for your suggestions, wishes and prayers for the next two years.



L-R: President Mitchell Cypress, Secretary Treasurer Priscilla Sayen and Chairman James Billie announce this years election winners.



Each vote counts: Willie Johns ads his ballot.



Deloris Jumper and Tommy Jumper arriving to vote.



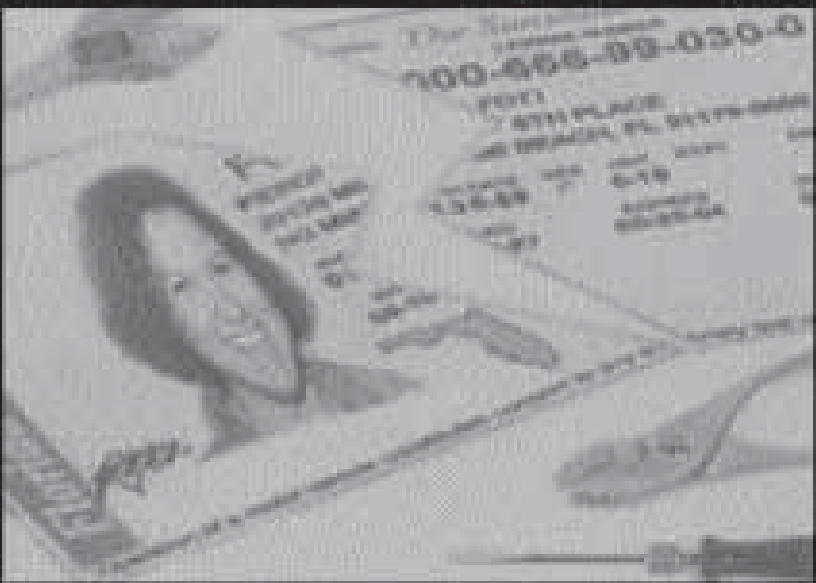
Vernon Tiger campaigning for Hollywood.



Max Osceola Jr. said his campaign speech at the gym.

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