



Recapturing Our Identity Through Arts and Crafts

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — Event Coordinator Vivian Delgado understands the importance of her culture. She also realizes that it can slowly disappear. On Saturday August 2, she and dozens of other traditional artists held the first "Recapturing Our Identity through Arts and Crafts" event to make sure that doesn't occur.

"If we don't teach the younger people, it will be forgotten. It's getting hard to find people to make Seminole art, especially the patchwork," said Vivian.

The event offered the whole tribal community a chance to learn, or just to brush up on their art and craft skills.

Vivian added, "There's almost a generation of people, mostly in their 30's and 40's who missed out on making the artwork."

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Big Cypress/Immokalee Youth Conference

By Alexandra Frank
DUCK KEY — The site for the Big Cypress/Immokalee Youth Conference was held at the beautiful Hawks Kay Resort. The 4-day event featured Fitness Walks, Games, Arts and Crafts, and a Poster Contest.

Also included in the conference were "Topics" for discussion and lecturers for "Tribal Government and Programs," and "Follow Your Dreams." The conference ended with an awards segment on the last day.

The tribal Government and Programs panelist included Joe Frank - Forestry, Danny Jumper - Broadcasting, Joseph Martin - Citrus.

The panelist gave information into the jobs they perform what type of education is needed. They also spoke about what their jobs require them to do.

The panelist also spoke of the satisfaction of working in a tribally run program that benefits its tribal

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Seminole artist as work.

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2003-2004 Seminole Princesses



(L) Jr. Miss Seminole Stephanie LeeAnn Hall and (R) Miss Seminole Cherelee Kristen J. Hall

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On Saturday, August 9, Cherelee Kristen J. Hall and Stephanie LeeAnn Hall were crowned Miss Seminole and Junior Miss Seminole at the 46th Miss Seminole Princess Pageant, held at the Hollywood Tribal Auditorium.

Cherelee Kristen Hall, of the Big Cypress reservation, was announced as the 2003-2004 Miss Seminole Princess.

Stephanie LeeAnn Hall, also from Big Cypress, prevailed over nine other contestants for the title of 2003-2004 Jr. Miss Seminole

Princess.

The other pageant participants were: Jimi Lu Huff, Jenni-Jo Wendi Billie, Kayla Leigh Bowers, Jennifer-Diane Chalfant, Amber Anochee Craig, Serena Michelle Green, Codene Shine Jumper, Kurya Louise Kippenberger, Christine Elizabeth McCall, Jeanie Austin Osceola, and Brittany Smith.

Check out the next issue of the Seminole Tribune for the "behind the scenes" story and photos of this year's Miss Seminole Princess Pageant.

Graduating Seniors Are Treated to Bahamas Trip

By Elrod Bowers
PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS — On July 23-27, Chairman Mitchell Cypress treated seven Seminole high school graduates to a fun-filled, five-day vacation at the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas.

Graduates Aaron Frank, Brittany Yescas, Gregory Thomas, Issiah Billie, Jennie Jo Billie, Megan Otero, and Pete Osceola were recognized at a July 25 banquet dinner by Tribal officials Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Moses Osceola, Big Cypress Councilman David Cypress, Fort Pierce Liaison Sally R. Tommie and Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola, Jr.

Also on hand to honor the graduates, and provide information on educational opportunities, were Education Department staff David Brown (Employment & Training) and Lynn Himebauch.

During the ceremony, each graduate received a certificate, award and shared their plans for the future with those in attendance.

Aaron Frank- Frank, of Lakeland, will be testing for his third-degree black belt in November. Frank plans to attend Polk Community College to study Engineering.

Brittany Yescas- Yescas plans to attend Broward Community College to study Nursing.

"I have to thank my parents for getting me this far," said Yescas, "and I'm looking forward to helping my Tribe and my people."

Gregory Thomas- Thomas will attend Johnson & Wales University in the fall, and major in Hospitality/Business.

Issiah Billie- Billie is considering applying to Haskell University to study Physical Education.

Jennie Jo Billie- Billie plans to attend Miami-Dade Community College and prepare for law school.

"This is a good opportunity to study law

and help the Tribe," said Billie.

Megan Otero- Otero will be attending Emory University in the fall to study Medicine.

"I want to thank the elders," said Otero,

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Graduates and Chaperones arrive at Blue Lagoon Island.

Hollywood Youth Conference Visits Historical Sites

"Looking Back at the Seminole Trail"

ORLANDO — Members of the Hollywood Youth Conference journeyed back in time, visiting the historic grounds of Fort King, Castillo de San Marcos, and the infamous Dade Battlefield. "Looking Back at the Seminole Trail" offered Seminoles a look into their distinguished past.

From July 7 through 11, Children and adults learned about the brave warriors who refused to relinquish their land, their homes, and their way of life. The Seminoles fought back against the U.S. Army and never signed a treaty, which is why the Seminoles are known as "The Unconquered."

On Tuesday July 8, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Moses B. Osceola, Hollywood Council Representative Max B. Osceola, and Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass spoke to everyone in attendance. They stressed the importance of the Youth Conference and wanted each and everyone to get something out of it.

"As a youth, we didn't get much of a chance to see all these historic sites. We only read about them. You all have the opportunity to see history," said Mitchell Cypress.

Moses Osceola stated, "The staff has planned some great things for you this week. Be sure to learn as much as you can."

Max Osceola added, "Last year the Hollywood Youth Conference emphasized education. This year, you're going to learn about famous battlefields and great warriors. Even though we were out-

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Darion Cypress poses next to a cannon.

Native Intelligence

By Jack D. Forbes
A strange tradition appeared in the Middle East, specifically in Kanaan (Palestine) almost 3,000 years ago. This tradition is what I am calling “religionism,” an equivalent of racism.

In the latter, a person or a group is judged primarily on their physical characteristics and/or ancestry and they are discriminated against on that basis. In religionism a person or group is judged according to their form of worship or belief and is discriminated against for that reason.

From an American perspective, religionism is a very new phenomenon, brought over here only since 1492 by Europeans. We are all familiar with the manner in which Catholics, most Protestants, Mormons, and others have attempted to either suppress traditional American religious values (often with very bloody pogroms), or have attempted to convince First Americans that they must “convert” exclusively to a single Middle Eastern-European sect, with no mixing or combining.

The willingness to murder, torture, punish, discriminate, and “high pressure,” all for conversions to this exclusivity is not merely perverse, but in a very real sense, insane (from the Indigenous perspective).

It is safe to say, I think, that Native American peoples have generally believed that the Creator or Creative Power (“God”) and other sources of spiritual knowledge have been communicating with human beings for tens of thousands of years and that Grandfather-Grandmother have given us many prophets, messengers, teachers, guides, and elders with gifts of ceremonies, songs, prayers, rituals, ways of healing, etcetera, all of value, all to be respected, and all offering paths of spiritual knowledge. Thus each nation, clan, group, family may have its own messages from the Creator and all are equally to be respected, since every people are “signs” of the Creator’s work and all have had messages from the Creator. The only exception might be if a message has been misinterpreted so as to justify aggressive acts against people or animals (as when Abraham believed that he had to sacrifice his son or an animal substitute in order to please the Creator).

Generally, Americans did not believe in a great evil power (such as Satan/Lucifer) capable of challenging the Creator for human allegiance, until after Europeans brought in this Middle Eastern idea. Evil deeds certainly existed but they were either mistakes, the opposite side of good deeds, or the result of selfish, greedy thinking or even stupidity.

In any case, people were probably never persecuted for their spiritual beliefs, and there was a willingness to share religious ideas. Thus we find ceremonies, such as the Sun Dance, spreading from nation to nation, over a very large area. We usually find similar religious art, and ideas, over large regions, but often with variations even from village to village. By means of dreams, visions, and prayers people were in constant touch with the Unseen World and with the Great Creative Power.

As in many other parts of the world, Indigenous Americans were willing, very often, to incorporate new ideas into their spiritual lives. They saw no conflict in respecting and recog-

nizing Yahshua’s (Jesus’) sacrifice into their thinking for, after all, Yahshua was very much like a Native American in his emphasis upon sharing meals and food, healing the sick, living simply, going to Nature for visions, being an adversary of the rich and powerful, and praying in private.

Certainly Yahshua can stand with all of the other great teachers and healers who have come before and have been here since, beings like White Buffalo Calf Woman, Sweet Medicine, Quetzalcoatl, and countless others. This ability to respect and to perhaps incorporate, and not to seek exclusivity or domination over others’ beliefs, is a sign of civilized behavior, in my judgment. It is what distinguishes those who wage war for religious sameness from those who respect the Creator’s many voices. It is what avoids hierarchy and the power of priests and those who seek secular power by means of spiritual slavery.

The Hebrew Bible (the “Old Testament” to Christians) sadly provides us with many examples of how “religionism” evolved in the Middle East. For example, there is the case of Elijah (Eli-yahu) who challenged 450 prophets of the Canaanitish deities to a religious duel. In the story, Eliyahu won the duel and immediately ordered the Israelites to capture the rival priests, whom he proceeded to slaughter in cold blood. Similar bloody, murderous deeds are, unfortunately, often characteristic of the evolution of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Eliyahu’s objective seems to have been to deny any form of worship within the Kingdom of Yudea (Judah) except that which he approved!

Tragically, the Christian Church, when it acquired secular authority after 300 C.E., began to follow Eliyahu’s example, suppressing rival interpretations of Christianity and eventually outlawing all non-Christian worship, destroying all ancient shrines, temples, schools of philosophy, and holy places. Eliyahu’s descendants, the Jews, were persecuted by their ungrateful off-shoot!

Still later, the Muslims, although generally tolerant of Christians and Jews, took an extremely hostile attitude towards Zoroastrians (the “Magi” of Persia), Hindus, and all followers of Indigenous or traditional religions. The latter, called “unbelievers” have been the victims of Islamic hostility, as well as of Christian imperialism.

The followers of the often beautiful ancient “tribal” religions of the world are, to many Middle Eastern-derived sectarians, simply “heathens,” “pagans” or “unbelievers” with no rights except the right to be converted and to have intolerant and sexist Middle Eastern cultural norms forced upon the people. In my view, “religionism,” “religious exclusivity,” and “sectarian supremacy” are diseases, infectious maladies, which can be challenged, and are being challenged by all lovers of freedom and human dignity. A truly spiritual path depends upon sincerity and freedom of choice.

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Letters & E-mail

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Editor:

I worked for Mondo Tiger at blue top and I would like to say it was a wonderful experience and a delight He took me in, not only as an employee, but as a friend. He made me feel at home even though I was from Kentucky.

Thank you all,
Randal Partin

P.S. I would like to wish Mr. Tiger and his family the best.

Editor:

Over the years, I have watched many television programs on Native American Indian people and their culture. I am interested in meeting a Native American male pen pal who is 30-40 years old that does not drink, smoke, or is not violent. If you can help me with my request forward on to Main Indian Place Mat.

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Editor:

Will you be having any festivals in the fall of 2003

Nelskath@aol.com

Shawna Trnka Administrative Assistant - Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Replies:

Yes, we are planning the American Indian Arts Celebration for November 15, 2003 to be held here at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.

You can get directions to the museum if you visit us through the www.seminoletribe.com website. Just click on the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum icon on the left side of the home page. Thanks for the inquiry.

Dear Seminole Marketplace:

Well, I received the skirt and I loved it! I took it out of the package! I GASPED IT! It fits perfectly! It will go exactly as I imagined with some of my huipiles!

Is it possible you could send me the name of the artist so I can write her a thank you note? FYI, I am considering ordering another with a different base color.that's how wonderful I think this one is!

Many thanks and many blessings to you and the Tribe!

Mary Beth Powell

Dear Seminole Tribune,

This letter is for Norma Tommie of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Norma, as you know, I am deployed in Iraq, with the 3rd ACR (U.S. Army).

Norma, I love you and I want you and the world to know how happy you make me. I have asked you this question before, by e-mail, by phone and in person. You have said yes to this question, but I know you like native ways, *traditional native ways*.

As a Cheyenne/Potawatomi, I come before the Seminole Tribe and the Seminoles of Big Cypress, all of your family, to ask you this.

Norma Lee Tommie, "Will you marry me?" I will always be good to you and will try not to do things that make you mad. I am not a rich man, but I do have all my love to give you forever.

I will be the best husband I can be. I will work as hard as I can to take care of you and the kids. Please write to me and let me know. I love you.

Sgt. (P) Roy W. Matsapto
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Hope to see you at the Women's Awareness Conference that Yvonne has set up here in September.

Sincerely yours,
Heather A. El-Zein
Assistant Director of Catering

Hello Wanda

I am so happy that the 2003 Miss Seminole Pageant completed successfully under your leadership. We bonded so well and I am missing you all already.

I will greatly appreciate your comments on your whole experience in working with us and your stay.

Please write to my General

Manager, Ms. Linda Harvey. You may also mention Ray, the front office manager, Heather El Zein, Assistant Director of Catering, and Monica (and her banquet team).

Thank you, and stop by for a body and foot massage.

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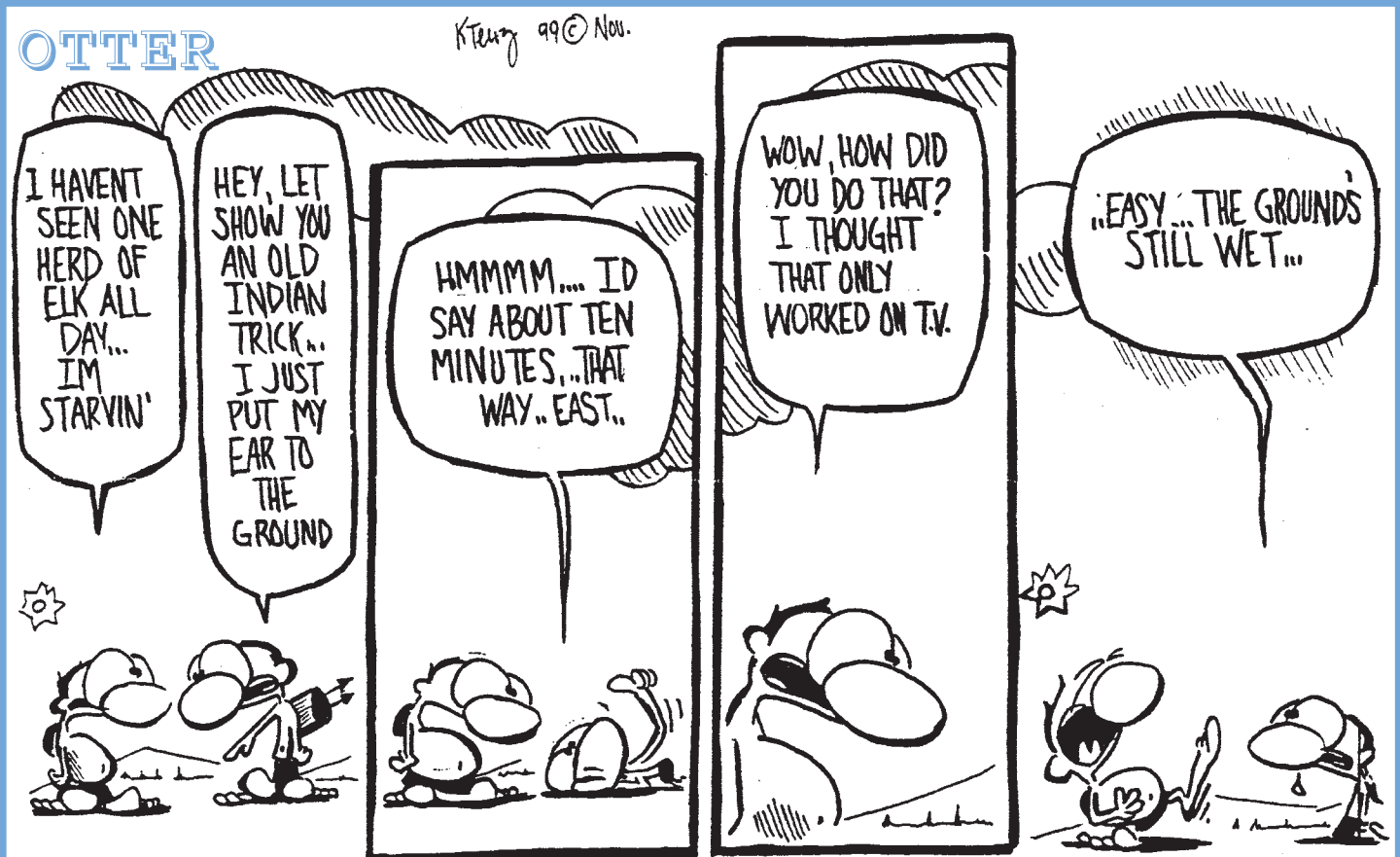
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Welcome to Brighton!

Brighton’s New “Welcome Signs”

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — As you approach the Brighton Reservation from either direction, you are now greeted with beautiful new signs that officially welcome you to the Brighton Indian Reservation. These new signs were made possible by past council representative, John Wayne Huff.

Each sign also portrays the names of current Councilman Roger Smith, and current Board Rep. Johnny Jones. They are definitely a nice addition to the beautification of the Brighton community.

Thank you John Wayne Huff for providing these signs for the Reservation entrance way.

A Special Wedding

By Michael Kelly
DEL RAY BEACH
— On July 3rd, Spirit Seneca Tiger and James "Tex" Tiger were married in Native American fashion, complete with traditional attire, candles, and the gentle music of flutist Lewis Johnson.

The wedding was held in Del Ray Beach and was performed by Spirit's niece, Gina Seneca Kiwi, who recently got married as well.

When they first started going out, Spirit was a little nervous about telling James how she felt about him. Said Spirit, "I knew from the beginning that we were going to be soul mates, but I had trouble telling James how much I liked him."

Spirit, who is a Seneca Indian, previously lived on the Cattaraugus Reservation in upstate New York. Although Spirit hasn't lived in Florida long, she felt at home, especially when visiting the Tribal Fair. She said, "I felt like I was with a great big family."

James and Spirit, who reside in Boynton Beach, both served with the U.S. Military. Spirit served in the Army, spending 17 of her 20-plus years as a



James “Tex” Tiger and wife Spirit Seneca Tiger.

recruiter. James served two years and then worked nine years with the National Guard.

The couple, who even wrote their own vows, would like to thank friends and family "for giving us your blessing." Spirit's son Jay, who was unable to attend the wedding, wrote a special poem for his mom. He wished them well on their "new beginning of a new life."

Please wish Spirit and James many years of happiness in their new life together.

Employees Emergency Fire Alarm and Extinguisher Training



Employee Lissette Jimenez learns the proper technique on extinguishing a fire.

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — The Seminole Health Department has developed a fire safety plan and standard operating procedure in case of fire emergencies. The program was conducted by the Seminole Tribe Department of Emergency Services.

This plan is to prevent employee injury, loss of lives, and to prevent damage to equipment and property due to fire or smoke.

Safety Manager Patrick Peck provided fire emergency protocols specific to the Health Department employees.

Mr. Peck stated that you should always treat all fire alarm occurrences seriously; fire extinguishers are designed to fight small combustible fires, liquid flammables and electric fires.

The health department staff viewed a 15-minute movie about five different types of fire extinguishers, Class A- ordinary combustibles, Class B- flammable liquids, Class C- electrical equipment fires, Class D- combustible metals fires and Class K- commercial grease fires.

The film showed the dangers of using class A, B, C labeled extinguishers for commercial grease fires.

Employees received hands-on training with the use of a fire extinguisher to put out a small fire.

Remember these four important steps: 1. Pull the pin, 2. Aim low, approximately 10 feet away, 3. Squeeze handle of trigger, 4. Sweep side to side.

The emergency plan included knowing the location of fire alarm stations, fire extinguishers, and exit signs in the Hollywood Health Department building.

Employees were drilled and trained on a fire plan designed to maximize the effectiveness of the health center's response in defending against fires.

Mr. Peck assigned the health department a designated meeting station in front of the Health Department building at the Betty Mae Jumper sign.

In the event of a large fire, always exit the building in a prompt and calm manner and never use the elevators. Employees are asked to remain in a central location until final clearance has been given by the fire department to return to your building.

For more information on fire safety, please contact the Seminole Tribe Department of Emergency Services at (863) 983-2150.

5th Annual Rez Rider Car Show and Rib Cook Off

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — On Saturday JULY 26, the Hollywood Recreation Department held their 5th Annual Rez Rider Car Show. People young and old polished and cleaned their treasured autos and bikes for the big contest. Also on the menu was a barbeque rib cook off.

The car show offered many different categories: Bicycle, Motorcycle, Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV), Stock car & Truck, Classic Car & Truck, Custom Classic Car & Truck, Custom Car, Custom Truck, Sound Off (for best sound system), Best of Show, and Anything on Four wheels (ATV, Golf Cart, Go Cart, Buggy).

Classic cars, trucks, Hummer SUV's, and more occupied the DSO parking lot on Saturday. The official judges were: Anthony Robinson, Rob Robinson, and Officer John Barber. Barber, who is classic car enthusiast himself, had a great time judging the contest. He said, "This would be a fun way to make a living."

Moses Jumper, who won the Custom Classic Truck, Classic Car, Motorcycle, and Anything on Wheels categories, has a deep passion for classic automobiles. He said, "Not only are these cars fun to drive, but also a good investment. The cars always appreciate in value." Moses purchased a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air in Clewiston for about \$4,000; it's now valued at \$10,000. How's that for an investment!

I asked Moses what car he's in the market for now. Moses replied, "The next classic car I want to buy is a mid-60's cherry red Mustang convertible, or a 60's Corvette Stingray with the split windows in the back."

In the bicycle contest, both Huston Osceola and Jason Dodd took home awards. Jason captured First Place for his green low rider custom bike. A distinctive sharp- looking bike, Huston customized everything from the rims to the textured seat. He originally purchased the basic frame, but after that, it was turned into a First Place winner.

Jason's Mongoose BMX bike placed second. I asked Jason if he'd like to race professionally. He said, "No, I just like to ride for fun. I do like to do jumps and stuff."

Although spotty rain may have kept a few people away, the turnout was very good. Bo Young, of the Hollywood Recreation Department said, "This is a very good turnout this year. We're hoping next year to expand the rib contest and people can bring some side dishes. We can make this a real feast."

So which vehicles stood out at the show? Certainly Chris Osceola's sparkling green 1983 Buick Regal captured many a glance from onlookers. Other popular models included Moses Jumper's 1955 blue 3100 Chevrolet truck and 1969 gray Chevrolet Chevelle, and Daniel Gopher's 2002 black Hummer.

After the car show, a barbeque rib competition took place. Angie Martinez, and Anthony Robinson had the tasteful honor of judging the contest. Participating in the contest were: Kenny Descheene, Adam Osceola, Ruggy Jumper, Melody Osceola, Dan Osceola, and Mingo Jones.

And the winner is Melody Osceola! Second Place went to Dan Osceola and Third Place to Kenny Descheene.

Melody prefers a slow cooking technique and uses only country ribs. Although Melody didn't want to give out any secrets, she said, "I add the sauce last and then broil the ribs. It just gives the ribs a better flavor."

The First Place winners were: Bonnie Motlow (Custom Truck) Chris Osceola (Stock Truck), Daniel Gopher (SUV), Lawrence Ballentine (Custom Car), Moses Jumper (Custom Classic Truck), Chris Osceola (Custom Classic Car), Moses Jumper (Classic Car), Moses Jumper (Motorcycle), Huston Osceola (Bicycle), Moses Jumper (Anything on Wheels), Chris Osceola (Best of Show) and Lawrence Ballentine (Sound Off).



Moses “Big Shot” Jumper and his 1955 blue 3100 Chevrolet truck.



Huston Osceola captures first place with his custom bike.



Daniel Gopher’s 2002 black Hummer.

Exchange Student from Germany

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — Paul Buster and his wife Meg have added a new addition to their household. Well, at least for a year. Her name is Anica Cyprian and she is a 16 year old exchange student from Germany. According to Paul, he believes this is the first time a Seminole family has participated in hosting a foreign exchange student.

Paul stated, "We saw the story in the June 13 issue of the Seminole Tribune. We contacted Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) about hosting an exchange student and thought it would be a great idea, having someone from another country experience our culture."

Anica, who is very excited about being here in the United States, will attend Hollywood Hills High School as a junior. Her interests include music, soccer, and judo. After she graduates from school, she wants to become a lawyer in Germany.

Students who participate with Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) are screened and prepared by experienced international staff representatives. They

are chosen based on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, adaptability and responsibility. All students complete several years of English

life and want to make sure the students are in a good environment," said Paul.

Paul and Meg researched a list of potential students from many countries.

"One of the reasons we picked Anica was that she likes to play music. She plays piano so I'm excited about teaching her some traditional songs," said Paul.

Anica has been in Florida for about two weeks and enjoys it so far. "I like the palm trees and the ocean. It's much hotter here than in Germany, but I like it very much," said Anica.

Paul and Meg plan on taking Anica to Disney World, the Florida Keys, Big Cypress, and even a trip to Tennessee.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please call Regional Coordinator Patricia Littrell at (877) 534-3144 or PIE International Headquarters at (888) PIE-USA-1.



Paul “Cowbone,” exchange student Anica Cyprian and Meg Buster participated in the Pacific Intercultural Exchange program.

instructions prior to their acceptance into the PIE program.

Parents here in the United States must undergo a background check as well. "They ask you questions about your home



Tina Lacy and Bonnie Motlow show off their basket weaving skills.

Arts

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Vivian added, "I'm fortunate because I was taught how to make Seminole dolls, patchwork, beadwork, and more. I feel it's my obligation to teach people."

Jo North, Vivian Delgado, and Dan Osceola Sr. remembered the need to create Seminole artwork to earn money. "All the arts and crafts we're doing here today we sold to tourists for survival," said Jo.

She added, "I think another reason we're hear today is to demonstrate our culture to the younger generation. I'm glad to see so many children



Maggie Osceola creates beautiful Seminole dolls.

here at the various tables."

Vivian stated, "Even when we had to make crafts to survive, it never really felt like work. I remember making simple things that I knew the tourists would buy quickly. My dad would carve knives, small canoes, and more out of cypress. My grandfather, Charles Billie Boy, also did woodcarving. They were very good artists."

Dan Osceola Sr. remembers selling souvenirs to tourists taking the Jungle Queen Boat tours in Ft. Lauderdale. "We use to sell all types of wood carvings."

Dan has carved wood for many years. "I watched my father and grandfather carve wood so I had great teachers. I usually make spears, knives, tomahawks, and sometimes machetes."

Osceola, who took part at the woodcarving table, demonstrated to me proper

woodcarving techniques. "Right now, I'm using Australian pine, but it's hard because it's still too fresh. You really need to use dry wood. Cypress is the best because it's softer. It makes it much easier to carve."

Mark Billie, a skilled woodcarver, wants to see children take a greater interest in the craft. Billie had individuals practice their woodcarving skills on a bar of soap and a popsicle stick for a knife. Billie remarked

that he's has his share of scares on his hands, so he wants newcomers to learn how to carve using safer materials.

Both artists Jackie Osceola and Jimmy Osceola headed the fine arts table. Children tried their hand at drawing, cartooning, and other projects.

Artist Jackie Osceola is a very talented artist who specialized in pen and ink drawings. "I've done graphic design and logos, but my favorite medium is pen and ink, followed by pencil," said Jackie.

Both artists had samples of their artwork. Jackie had a particularly beautiful framed drawing. The brilliant colors of Jimmy Osceola's oil paintings jump right off the canvas. If you frequent the main tribal office, you'll probably see one!

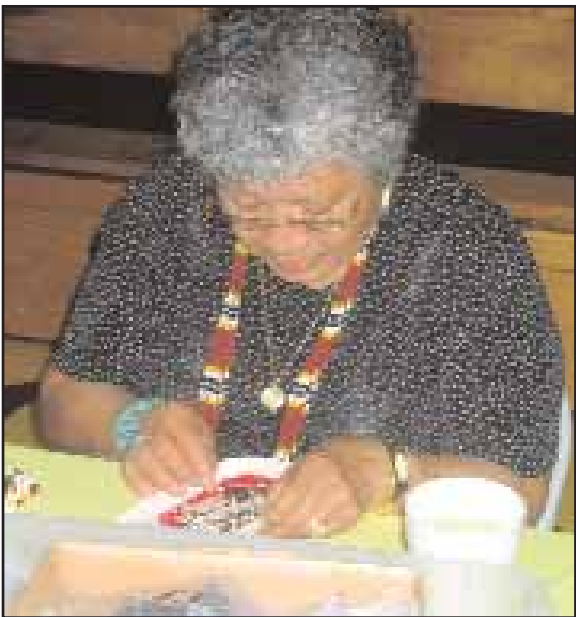
What Jackie would like to do is bring all the talented artists on the reservations together. "I would like to set up a cooperative of Seminole artists. We could have all types of artists display their oil, acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink, pencil, sculpture, and other forms of art together," said Jackie.

Here is a list of instructors who shared their talented skills with the tribal community: Bonnie Motlow and Virginia Tiger (Baskets), Ollie Wareham and Leoda Osceola (Beadwork), Maggie Osceola and Minnie Doctor (Dolls), Cornelia Osceola and Annie Jumper (Design Strips-Traditional/Modern), Betty Osceola and Maydell Osceola (Clothing), Jackie Osceola and Jimmy Osceola (Fine Art), Mark Billie and Dan Osceola Sr. (Woodcarving), and Reverend Jack Motlow and Herbert Jim (Story Telling). Paul Buster also spoke, encouraging and thanking all instructors and participants for being instrumental in making the event so special.

Vivian thanked everyone for coming out and supporting the need to

teach the Seminole culture. She added, "I want to especially thank Chairman Mitchell Cypress, President Moses B. Osceola, Hollywood Representative Max B. Osceola, and Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass for making our first 'Recapturing Our Identity through Arts and Crafts' event so successful."

I asked Vivian if there was one message she hopes tribal members will grasp from today's event. She replied, "Remember your culture. Remember what it means to be Seminole, and what it means to be Native American."



Leoda Osceola concentrates on her colorful beadwork.

From Wood Scraps to Treasured Art

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — Mark Billie's specialty is wood carving. A talented artist from the Hollywood Reservation, Billie has been creating beautiful wood carvings for over 25 years. "I've been into wood carving for a long time, but I've really gotten into it over the last 15 years," said Billie.

"I can take scraps of wood left over from chickee construction sites and turn them into art. You have to be careful not to carve too much too soon. The wood can split and your sculpture is ruined. There are all types of wood you can carve, but I especially enjoy carving with cypress. It's much softer than other woods so it's easier to work with."

I asked Mark what was the most peculiar wood carving he has made. "I once made a 15 foot totem pole for a car dealership. Although it's not Seminole, I do get a lot of requests to make totem poles," said Mark.

Typically, one of Marks' wood carvings can take from one week to a month to complete. He uses an assortment of tools when creating his sculptures. In his handy tool chest are various chisels, carving knives, small saws, and a rasp. A rasp is an odd little metal tool used to smooth down those hard to reach spots. Mark used it for the leg and head area of the Florida panther. "But the most important tool a wood carver can have is the First Aide Kit," joked Billie.

Billie, who is a recovered alcoholic, sees his wood carving as therapy.



Mark Billie and his "Florida Panther and Cub" wood carving.



Kaylan Osceola studies proper woodcarving technique.

He said, "It's good for the soul." He added, "I want to see more people, especially the children get into the art of woodcarving. I tell people that if they have the support, it could be from a teacher, a parent, or brother, you can create anything. Just don't give up."

Billie organized AA meetings on the Hollywood Reservation. He said, "We get people from all over, not just from the Hollywood Reservation. People come from Big Cypress, Miccosukee, and other places. We use the old hot meals building, but sometimes we don't have enough room."

During the "Recapturing Our Identity Through Arts and Crafts" event, Billie taught children and adults the art of woodcarving. Instead of having beginners use sharp knives and wood, participants practiced on the fine fresh scent of Irish Spring soap and used popsicle sticks as knives. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, creating everything from dog bones to eagles.

It was good, clean fun.

If you would like to contact Mark Billie, you can reach him at (954) 801-8526.

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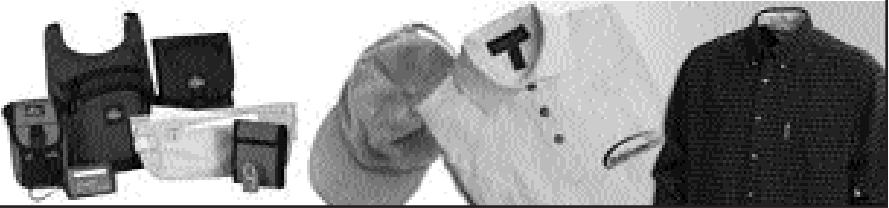
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The Best Printer for You

By Ken Goosens
[Editor's note. Ken Goosens works for the Tribe in Housing Finance and counsels Tribal members on loans and their credit. The opinions he expresses are his own.]

A printer on a computer is one of the more indispensable peripherals, used to print school work, letters, memos, maps, driving directions, checks, coupons, business cards, invitations, tax returns, and photographs, and to make copies of articles, messages, offers, and manuals.

Yet most people get printers which are slow and expensive to operate. The type of printer that is best to buy depends on what and how much you print.

One major type of printing is graphics or images. Photographs, for example, need very high resolution, vivid and accurate colors, and life-like tones. More generally, printing on glossy, heavy duty photographic paper requires a special kind of printer. This kind of printing includes not just photographs, but Christmas cards, corporate reports, and slick brochures – high quality printing that is designed to impress.

The best affordable graphics printers are inkjet. The “heads” of such printers can dispense liquid ink with great precision and mix ink colors to create a rich and deep palate of colors.

Inkjet printers make passes across a page, laying down a single line of color. The more lines, the finer the image. But inkjets have two major disadvantages – slow speed and expensive replacement ink cartridges.

The fact that ink jets make repeated passes over a page to lay down colors a line at a time is what makes them slow. No matter what the speed rating for an inkjet, expect a detailed, full-page 8”x10” photograph to take 3-5 minutes per page to print. Obviously, such printers are not suitable for high-volume output, such 25 copies.

The same vivid, detailed output makes inkjets also capable of producing text that is sharp, smooth, and readable even in tiny print.

Inkjet printers use cartridges of liquid ink that are relatively small and expensive. The cost of replacement ink cartridges can easily outstrip the initial cost of the printer. The most common mistake people make is thinking that an inexpensive inkjet printer for \$70-\$100 is inexpensive to operate.

For a typical example of how expensive an inkjet can be to operate, consider the Epson Stylus Photo 925 printer. This is a better inkjet capable of producing quality output with true skin tones. It can be bought for about \$215, and the black ink cartridge costs \$25 (maximum of 370 pages of text) and the color ink cartridge costs \$20. If

you replace the cartridges every month, your first year’s cost for ink comes to \$540!

The second main type of printing is text – words, sentences, paragraphs. An inkjet printer is not a good choice for text printers. The main alternative

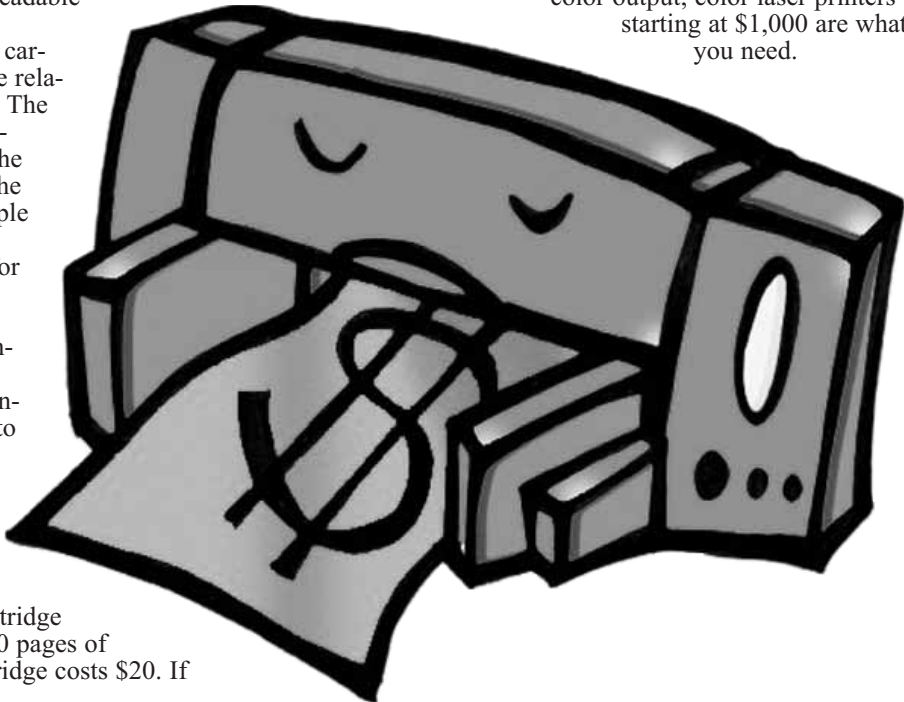
to an inkjet is a “laser” printer. Laser printers print not a line at a time, but a page at a time on a “drum”. They therefore print much faster than inkjets and are easily capable to printing 15-20 pages per minute. The pages literally roll off the printer almost continuously, one after the other.

Laser printers also have a much heavier “duty cycle”, meaning they can handle high volumes of output. For example, for under \$400, Hewlett Packard makes the Laserjet 1300 – black-and-white printer which easily fits on a desktop, and prints at 20 pages per minute. The replaceable print cartridge is capable of printing 2,400 pages for \$95, and heavier duty one can be purchased that handles 4,000 pages for \$117.

Color laser printers capable of producing photographic quality images (about 1200x1200 resolution) cost at least \$1,000, and still do not have the fine resolution of the better inkjets. These costly printers only make sense for business use.

Do consider the reliability of any printer you purchase, or else you may find yourself with a \$75 printer that breaks down after a year and takes \$70 to repair. The manufacturers with the best record for reliability are Epson and Hewlett-Packard.

In sum, if you only use a printer infrequently and need both color and black-and-white output, an inexpensive inkjet under \$100 is fine. If you need color output that has the detail of photographs, then an inkjet printer between \$215-\$500 is needed. If you print lots of text and black-and-white for graphics is fine, black-and-white laser printers costing \$400-\$700 are much better buys that are less expensive to operate. For high volume business use, you need a laser printer costing \$500-\$1000 with high capacity paper trays. For high volume, detailed color output, color laser printers starting at \$1,000 are what you need.



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Brain Institute Receives Tribe's Support

For the third year in a row, Children's Brain Trust (CBT) is proud and delighted to receive the support of members from the Seminole Tribe of Florida. CBT's mission is to facilitate the building of this country's first ever exclusively pediatric brain institute program.

The Bret Hale Memorial Golf Tournament, whose proceeds all go to support CBT, gives special thanks to Max B. Osceola, Jr., Lawrence Osceola, Roger Pinckney and Steven Bowers for their generosity and participation in this year's charity golf tournament.

"We were honored to have Mr. Osceola and his foursome as participants. We also congratulate and wish him much success on his recent election to his tribe's Council", said John Nordinger, chairman of the golf tournament.

CBT is the fund-raising arm of the newly created Children's Brain Institute, at Miami Children's Hospital. Its fund, the Children's Brain Institute Fund, provides resources for the initiatives established within the Children's Brain Institute.

CBT recently completed a list of naming opportunities resulting from the Brain Institute project initiatives. The project is recognized by many South Florida pediatric healthcare professionals as one of the most important to come to our area in a decade.

Children's Brain Institute is focused on establishing a comprehensive pediatric neurological program that will be unparalleled in the state. It wants to be certain no child ever has to leave South Florida to receive world-class treatment for ANY neurological-

based disease or disorder. Already recognized by U.S. News and World Report and Child Magazine as the best pediatric hospital in Florida and among the Top Twenty in America, Miami Children's Hospital and CBT are working to make your regional pediatric healthcare leader even better.

One of the areas of treatment the Children's Brain Institute has chosen to focus its efforts on is caring for the children afflicted with Spina Bifida. The outstanding neuroscience professionals at MCH are already nationally recognized for their Epilepsy Program and have the largest pediatry program in the USA. They are now working together to provide the same level of excellence to all their neurological-based clinical programs.

CBT raises money throughout South Florida in several manners. One such way includes public fund raisers, which are typically underwritten by caring South Florida philanthropists and corporations.

The next one in Broward County will be held on November 22nd, at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame and Museum. It will feature a Swing-time theme and is entitled Hooked on Jazz. It promises to be an outstanding event and the search for sponsors has already begun. Interested parties can contact Paul Hale at 954-439-0424.

For more information on the CBT or Children's Brain Institute Fund please call 954-345-3023. If you need information regarding the services available at Miami Children's Brain Institute, please call 305-666-6511 Ext. 2381.

Flat Feet in Adults and Children

By: Robert H. Sheinberg, D.P.M., D.A.B.P.S., F.A.C.F.A.S.

The arch of a person's foot is the main supporting structure of the body. It is composed of bones that are connected by ligaments. If the ligaments are strong, the integrity of the arch remains intact. Ligaments that are loose or weak allow the arch to flatten. When this occurs, muscles try ineffectively to hold up the arch. Pain in the foot, legs, ankle and back often develops.

CAUSES:

- Loose or weak ligaments are the most common reason.
- Bone abnormalities that may be hereditary or acquired from injury.
- Trauma to tendons and ligaments on the inside of the arch and ankle.

SYMPTOMS:

- Pain in the arch, feet, ankles and legs aggravated by standing, walking and running. Leg cramps and pain at times during the night. Very common in children.
- Premature fatigue during activity or simple walking. Weakness in the legs during running.

- Back pain is commonly associated with it.
- Lack of interest in participating in sports or activities that require running.



SIGNS:

- Flat arch when standing. Many arches appear normal when standing but the front part of the foot points out compared to the rear foot. This is a foot that functions like a flat foot and may be a problem.
- When looking at the feet from behind the heel bone appears to turn out.
- Knock-knees.
- Feet and ankles look abnormal. Bulging of the bone on the inside of ankle and foot.
- Abnormal gait with the feet excessively turned out.
- Abnormal shoe wear.

RELATED PROBLEMS:

Excessive strain from flat feet can increase the chances for

development of hammertoes, heel spurs, neuromas and sagging joints.

- Back, knee and leg problems.
- Severe collapse of the foot necessitating reconstructive bone surgery. Limited activity causing weight gain and poor cardiovascular fitness.
- Weight gain because of a person's inability to be active.
- Muscular tightness in the foot, legs and back.
- Osteoarthritis in the foot, ankle, knees, hips and back.

TREATMENT:

History and physical examination to identify areas of pain and underlying causes.

- Proper shoe gear to support the foot.
- Orthotics (insoles) custom molded to the foot to support the foot and entire extremity.
- Physical therapy to strengthen weak muscles and stretch tight muscles.
- Surgery if all efforts at conservative care have failed to alleviate a person's problem. Failure to consider a surgical alternative may condemn a child or adult with severe deformity to a future of pain, suffering and poor health.

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Homebuyer's Housing Finance Class

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On July 9, Ken Goosens, Yvonne Waters and Sam Frank of the Seminole Housing Finance Department, presented a homebuyer's educational class in the auditorium lobby at the tribal office.

Seminole citizens attending the class learned about how to apply for a mortgage, how to purchase, build, or to renovate a home. The class provided valuable insight into housing finance that will enable home buyers to save thousands of dollars.

Important topics covered in class were: How to qualify for a loan, how to repair bad credit problems, constructing and renovating homes, and foreclosures.

About the Housing Finance Department can educate you about the loan process and how to qualify for a loan. They can recommend and direct you to special loan programs.

The tribe can make a personal loan against your income and deducts payments. The tribe also provides assistance in borrowing money for mortgages, on buying, building or renovating a house on OR off the reservation.

The class also covered the issue of borrowing money from a lender outside the tribe. Outside loans are more expensive with annual interest charges, taxes and closing cost. If you don't pay the outside loan on time, you can lose your house.

If you can't make the loan current, there are ways to keep your house, such as renting the house to cover your mortgage payments. You can refinance

or negotiate a lower interest rate. You can even negotiate a longer term with the lender. Selling your house to pay off the loan is an option, but see if the tribe can assist you.

Second mortgages are not recommended. They often have higher interest rates when borrowing against your house and could put yourself deeper in debt instead of paying off your house.

The Tribe has one program called the Conventional Loan Guarantee; it's where the tribe guarantees to pay off the loan if you don't with the First Bank of Indiantown.

If the Tribe pays off your loan, you lose your house to the tribe both on and off trust land in Florida. Some major advantages of living on the reservation are: almost no land cost or taxes, lower-house insurance cost, and more tribal subsidies like free water.

Ken Goosens, Yvonne Waters and Sam Frank can provide helpful information on how to avoid making costly building mistakes. When building a new house or renovating a house, be smart. Inspect all work to make sure contractors used proper materials with no defects or shoddy work.

Make a checklist to inspect windows, electrical outlets, all faucets and drains, possible roof leaks, toilets, showers and tubs, and more.

For more information on housing finance, please contact Ken Goosens, Yvonne Waters or Sam Frank at the Seminole Housing Finance in the Tribal office. They are there to assist you.

National Indian Education Association Employment Announcement:

The National Indian Education Association, located in Virginia, is seeking an experienced, professional, progressive and energetic Executive Director.

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For information about the mission of NIEA, please see our website at www.niea.org. To request a job description, send a confidential email request to cair@qwest.net. Telephone calls will not be accepted.

American Indian hiring preference is given in accordance with U.S.C. Section 45, U.S. Supreme Court, (6/17/74). Employment is dependent upon continued funding and is "at-will".

S.P.D. Report: War on Drugs

BIG CYPRESS — The Seminole Police Department Narcotics Unit conducted two search warrants for drugs on the Hollywood Reservation. These search warrants resulted in Marijuana being confiscated in one residence and Cocaine confiscated in the other with numerous drug paraphernalia in both.

A total of four suspects were arrested in conjunction with these search warrants and taken to Broward County Jail. Patrol Officers on the Big Cypress Reservation conducted a traffic stop on a reckless vehicle. A subsequent search revealed

approximately 9 grams of Rock Cocaine packaged in 28 separate bags and Xanax pills.

The suspects' intention was to sell the drugs on the reservation. The suspect was arrested and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance without a Prescription, Possession with intent to sell Cocaine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. He was taken to Hendry County Jail.

If you have any drug information on any Seminole Indian Reservation please call our "Turn in a Pusher Hotline" at 1-866-Ask-4-Tips (1-866-275-4847). Remember this can be done anonymously.

Warrior's Boxing Promotions Presents: "Combat at the Creek" August 23

HOLLYWOOD — Warrior's boxing promotions presents the fourth installment of the backyard brawl series "Combat at the Creek" On August 23, professional boxing continues at the Seminole Tribe of Florida Coconut Creek Casino with an outstanding lineup of bouts featuring Ray "Merciless" Mercer, Michael Moorer, Tito "El Misisl" Mendoza, Angel Priolo, Friday Ahunanya, and Jack "Flash" Cohen.

The card, to be held at The Seminole Tribe of Florida Coconut Creek Casino will consist of seven bouts that include the North American Boxing Association flyweight championship and one female bout.

Heavyweight Ray "Merciless" Mercer (30-5-1, 22 KO's) will square off against Mario Cawley (22-9, 16 KO's) in a ten round heavyweight attraction. Mercer is coming off of a sixth round TKO loss to Wladimir Klitschko and is on the comeback trail to challenge for the heavyweight title. Mercer, the former Army sergeant and 1988 Olympic Gold medal winner is making his debut under the Warrior's Boxing Promotions banner.

In the co-main event, Michael Moorer (44-3-1, 34 KO's) is taking on Rogerio Lobo (27-7, 21 KO's) in a ten round bout. Moorer, the former light heavyweight and two-time heavyweight champion of the world is fighting for the second time since his first round KO loss to David Tua in August of 2002. In his most recent outing on March 29, Moorer decisively won against Otis Tisdale.

Eighth rated International Boxing Federation super middleweight Tito "El Misisl" Mendoza (28-4-0, 21 KO's), fights for the second time in the super middleweight division taking on Tyler Hughes (20-16-1, 6 KO's). A proud native of Panama, the 6'3

Mendoza is eager to continue his rise in the super middleweight division. He currently is coming off a second round TKO victory of Raymond Berry.

Eighth rated International Boxing Federation super flyweight Angel Priolo (28-1-0, 15 KO's), will vie for the vacant NABA flyweight title. In his most recent effort on June 28, Priolo, from Barranquilla, Colombia, stepped up in weight to defeat Vemie Torres for the World Boxing Council Latin American bantamweight title by way of decision.

In other action, Nigerian heavyweight contender Friday Ahunanya (18-1-1, 10 KO's) is taking on Onebo Maxine-Ghahou (16-17, 11 KO's) in a ten round heavyweight attraction. Ahunanya is coming off a first round TKO of Daniel Frank on June 28. Local hero Jack "Flash" Cohen (3-0, 3 KO's) is looking to continue his knockout streak against Johnny Pawlowski (0-1) in a four round welterweight bout and female fighter Jennifer Mancil (1-1) is taking on Yvonne Reis (2-1) in a women's super middleweight bout.

Tickets for "Combat at the Creek", priced at \$30 general admission, \$100, \$125 and \$150 ringside reserved are available through the Seminole Tribe of Florida Coconut Creek Casino by calling (877-50-FIGHT) or in person at the box office. Doors open at 5:30 PM. First fight is at 6:30 PM.

For more information on Warrior's Boxing Promotions, visit their Website at: www.warriorsboxing.com Contacts: Peter Kark Warrior's Boxing Promotions Director of Marketing and Public Relations 954-985-1155 (Office) 954-272-0182 (Fax) (Media Credentials)

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NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

This publication covers two separate procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, responsible entity (the "RE") as follow:

RE proposes to expand and renovate thirteen (13) single family homes located in three (3) housing developments in the Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation within the confines of Broward County in the State of Florida (the "Project"). Funding for construction is provided by Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002, grant number 02IT1228220, as provided for by the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), which is administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).


RE has assumed responsibility for environmental review, including but not limited to an Environmental Assessment, as required by HUD regulations 24 C.F.R. Part 58. RE has determined that the Project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Accordingly, as required by 24 C.F.R. Part 58, RE hereby provides this Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Project information including the Environmental Review Record is available for examination and review at the RE address below. The public or a public agency should address any written comments or objections to this determination within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Notice to RE address. All such comments will be considered by the RE prior to completion of its environmental certification and submission of its Request for Release of Funds.

Address: Seminole Tribe of Florida, Housing Department, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024
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RE hereby provides Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF); address comments to RE, same comment period as hereinabove. On or about the first day after the expiration of the comment period provided hereinabove, the RE will submit a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) to HUD for the release of IHBG funds under NAHASDA, grant number 02IT1228220, awarded in FFY 2002, to undertake the subject Project. Mitchell Cypress, Chairman of the Tribal Council of RE will certify to HUD that it has fulfilled its responsibilities relevant to environmental review as provided by 24 C.F.R. Part 58, and that he is an authorized official of RE and consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal court if action is brought by HUD to enforce RE's responsibilities. HUD will accept objections to the release of funds and the RE's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the Request for Release of Funds, whichever is later, but only if the objections are relevant to any one of four bases. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with 24 C.F.R. Part 58 and should be addressed to:

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Procedure for Handling Employment Inquiries for Hard Rock Properties

Submitted by Kathy Rybar
TAMPA — Recently, we have had a number of employment inquiries for our future Seminole Hard Rock gaming properties. Many of those inquiring have been referred to the Tribal Government Human Resources office, which does not need to have any involvement in the staffing process. Therefore, I am communicating a procedure that should be followed from here on.
All employment inquiries, whether in person, via the phone, or through a resume or employment application should be referred to the Corporate Human Resources department. Specifically, please refer them to my Administrative Assistant, Kathy Donaldson.
Kathy will be responsible for informing the individual of his/her next steps, timeframes, and other relevant issues. She also will notify the appropriate property Human Resources leader and forward any relevant documentation. Kathy can be reach at (954) 364-4169.
This procedure is to be followed for all off-site properties with the exception of Tampa, as they are currently hiring for Phase I openings.
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Brighton Girls make it to World Series

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — Two of Brighton's own young ladies have performed exceptionally in the sport of softball. Mary Huff, daughter of John Wayne and Vicky Huff, and Melanie Jones, daughter of Danny and Jennifer Jones were chosen for this year's all-star team for the ponytail softball league in Okeechobee, Florida.

The all-star games began on Friday July 18, with a double elimination tournament. The Okeechobee all-star team was the only team that went undefeated for the tournament, earning them a ticket to this year's World Series in Mississippi. Good job Mary and Melanie for outstanding playing.

Good luck as you move on to the World Series! We're rooting for you!



Mary Huff and Melanie Jones, All-Stars.

Emma Brown



Alexandra Frank

Future bowling stars displaying their winning trophies (L-R): Jackie Tommie, Marshall Tommie, Jonathan Frank, Justin Frank, Makayla Danielle Gonzalez.

Seminoles in Native American Classic

By Alexandra Frank
Las Vegas, NV — From July 25-27, the Native American Classic was held at Gold Coast

Lanes. The event held is in conjunction with the Cecil Johns Memorial and the Hope Tommie Wilcox Memorial.



Alexandra Frank

Bobby Frank, Terri Frank, Denise Moran, Victor Manriquez

Seminoles from Ft. Pierce, Brighton, Big Cypress, Hollywood and Trail made the trip to Las Vegas. Youth, young adults, adults, and Senior Citizens participated in the three-day event.

The youth segment is generating interest, but a promoter remarked that it would be great to see more youth involved in the tournament.

This years winners for the Junior Masters Roll Off Division-Bantams were: 1st Place - Jonathan Frank, 2nd Place - Marshall Tommie, and 3rd Place - Justin Frank.

The top two winners in the Juniors Masters Roll Off Division-Boys Preps were: 1st Place - Dejong Frank and 2nd Place - Aaron Hill.

Results for the Adults and Seniors will be forth coming. Everyone had fun in the city that never sleeps.



Trina Bowers won All-Around

Emma Brown

Recreation Hosts EIRA Rodeo

By Emma Brown
BIG CYPRESS — On Saturday July 26, the Hollywood Recreation Department hosted an EIRA rodeo in Big Cypress. The kid's events took place at 5:00 p.m. and the Open Rodeo began at 7:00 p.m.

With only one more rodeo event to go, cowboys and cowgirls are battling for final points that could earn them a place to this year's Indian National Finals rodeo. Congratulations to EIRA rodeo queen Trina Bowers for finishing first in the all-around category and earning a saddle for her efforts. The final rodeo for 2003-2004 rodeo season is scheduled for August 9.

Results of July 26 EIRA Rodeo: **Steer Wrestling:** 1) Robbie Chalfant, 2) Jeff Johns, **Calf Roping:** 1) Josh Jumper, 2) Naha Jumper, **Breakaway Roping:** 1) Trina Bowers, 2) Shelby Osceola, 3) Lizzie Dixie, **50 & Over Breakaway Roping:** 1) Amos Tiger, 2) Moses Jumper, 3) Rootie Osceola, **Team Roping:** 1) Amos and Billie Tiger, 2) Marvin and Trina Bowers, 3) Alex Johns and Pauletta Bowers, **Barrel Racing:** 1) Trina Bowers, 2) Jo Jumper, 3) Brenda Youngblood.

The First Annual Big Cypress T-Ball Tournament takes the Field

By Marlin J. Billie
BIG CYPRESS — On Saturday, July 19, the Seminole Tribe's youngest ballplayers were invited to join together for the Seminole Tribe's "First Annual T-Ball Tournament."

Both Brighton and Big Cypress youngsters were eager to play. The two-team tournament consisted of a full squad from Brighton, while children from Big Cypress and the Hollywood Reservation made up the other team.

When the game finally ended, the score was tied 15-15. The sun was blazing overhead pretty good by now and many of the children felt like taking a break. Besides, the players were looking forward to the Billie Swamp Safari, swamp buggy rides, and lunch. The First Seminole Tribe T-Ball Tournament ended in a tie. (Just like the MLB All-Star game last year!)

During lunch, Coach Amos had some announcements, including a raffle of sporting equipment, baseball gear, and even bicycles. Winners of the bicycle raffle were: Michael Garcia, Delaney Osceola, and Lewis T. Gopher, Jr.

Because the game ended in a tie, team trophies went to Brighton while the other reservations took home the individual trophies.

Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr., Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Big Cypress Recreation provided the sponsorship for all the sports activities.

Here are the children that participated during the tournament: Brighton T-Ballers- Delaney Osceola, Lewis Gopher, Jr., Imillakiyo Osceola, Myrick Puente, Ashley Gopher, Deveon Jones, Nick Smith, Jerry Smith, Yopalakiyo Osceola, Michael Garcia, and Tommy Jackson. The coaches were: Richard Osceola, Lewis Gopher Sr., Earl Lena, and scorekeeper Rita Gopher. The Big Cypress T-Ballers are: Darryl Billie, Tyrus Billie, Levi Billie, Ricky Joe Osceola, Oshani Cypress, Chief Billie, and Dillon Cypress. The coaches were Amos Billie, Marlin Billie, and scorekeeper Norma Tommie. The Hollywood T-Ballers are: Tristen Wilcox, Tameron Wilcox, and Coach Leon Wilcox.

Juanita Billie Memorial Pool Tournament

By Marlin J. Billie
BIG CYPRESS — For the second year in a row, the Big Cypress Senior Citizen's Group and their committee, held a pool tournament in honor of Juanita Billie.

Jack Gorton, of Big Cypress Recreation, opened up the program by introducing Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress and Chairman Mitchell Cypress. Both expressed their respect for the dedication. It was a tribute for all the hard work Juanita displayed in getting trips and activities organized for the seniors of Big Cypress.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress stated, "Juanita, her sister Martha, and other tribal members, went to Cherokee Indian boarding school in Cherokee, North Carolina. They had a reunion every fall at Cherokee, so Juanita and Martha would get everyone's name and make sure they all knew where we were going. Plus, they would always talk with us."

Cypress added, "Juanita also helped the forming of the Seminole Tribe in the early days, by writing and interpreting. She did the work, but didn't go around bragging about what she did. That's what kind of woman she was."

The First Baptist church of Big Cypress provided some very beautiful singing. Jonah Cypress and Tony Osceola played guitar while Marie C. and Brenda Hummingbird provided the voices. What beautiful music.

A small surprise was also in store for a hot meals employee; tribal members Ruby Osceola just happen to have her birthday on the same day. Happy Birthday!

Everyone had a wonderful time, showing pictures, visiting and having lunch with each other. The committee deserves a big thanks from the family of Juanita Billie. We appreciate the gesture that you have shown to our family. Thank you!

Seminole Casino Bowling League

By Marlin J. Billie
DAVIE — The winter bowling league at Don Carter lanes on University in Davie, Florida completed their season with an open bowling tournament.

The tournament winners were: 1st Place - Jeremy Bowers and Andre Jumper (team name of J & B), 2nd - Big Cypress - Alvin Buster, Jr. and Erin Buster, 3rd - Bud - Victor Manriquez and Denise Morin, 4th - Two Balls - Jerry Balentine and Eric Cypress, 5th - Gutter Balls - David Jumper and John Jumper, 6th - Team #9 - Delwin McGowen, 7th - Seminole - Amos Billie and Issiah Billie, 8th - Sooners - Jamie Kirkland and Rylan Kirkland, 9th - No Name - Moses Billie and Chris Buster, 10th - Munson Inc. - Justin Osceola and Julius Billie, 11th - 20 tons - Chris T. Osceola and Lawrence Balentine, 12th - Gutters - Celeste Osceola and Cicero Osceola.

This group has been in competition all winter long, working on their average to compete in national tournaments. Good luck to all the bowlers!

Randolph Clay Memorial Pool Tournament

Will be held on August 29-30, 2003 at the Hollywood gym
Friday-8/29/03 seniors (50-59)-(59 & over) youth division (under 18) register: 4-6 p.m. start: 6:30 p.m. seniors mixed will follow saturday-8/30/03 adult division- (18 & over) register: 10 a.m.- 12p.m. Start: 12:30 p.m. adult mixed will follow
Food will be served. Any questions contact Brandi Clay at (954) 214-7176.
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EIRA Kids Rodeo Buckle Series

By Alexandra Frank
BRIGHTON — The Fred Smith Rodeo Arena hosted the EIRA Kids Rodeo Buckle Series on July 19, starting at 10 a.m. Participating youths did not have to be a member of the association.

Call-In entries included: Dummy Roping, Break-Away, Team roping, Pee Wee Barrels, Junior Barrels, Senior Barrels, Mutton Busting, Calf Riding, Steer Riding, Junior Bull Riding, Pony Riding, and Steer Un-decorating.

Gift certificates were given at each rodeo for every event and division winner. Buckles were awarded for series winners.

There were 48 participants ranging from 6 to 15 years old. Most came from the Brighton Reservation, while others hailed from Big Cypress and Hollywood.

Winners for the Dummy Calf Roping 3-6 years old. 1st Place - Calgary Johns, 2nd Place - Blevins Jumper, and 3rd Place - Kenny Descheene.

Pee Wee Mutton Busting 3-6 years old 1st Place - Blevins Jumper, 2nd Place - Kelton Smedley, and 3rd Place Kenny Descheene.

Calf Riding 7-12 years old 1st Place - Andre Jumper, 2nd Place - Frank Huff, and 3rd Place Josh Johns.

Pony Riding 7-12 years old 1st Place - William Bearden, 2nd Place - Austin Holmes, 3rd Place Jacoby Johns.

Steer Riding 7-12 years old 1st Place - Ethan Gopher, 2nd Place - Dyane Johns. Senior Breakaway 11-15 years old 1st Place - Benny Hernandez, 2nd Place - Dayne Johns, 3rd Place - Georgie Williams.

Senior Steer Un-decorating 11-15 1st Place - Randell Osceola, 2nd Place - Georgie Williams, 3rd Place - Sarah Anderson.

Senior Team Roping - 11-15 years old 1st Place - Georgie Williams/Paige Pohle, 2nd Place - Dayne Johns/Randell Osceola, 3rd Place - Benny Hernandez/Joe Hipp.

Pee Wee Barrels 3-6 years old 1st Place - Calgary Johns, 2nd Place - Baylie Pohle, 3rd Place Ciceria Coward.

Junior Barrels 7-10 years old 1st Place - Nautkee Henry, 2nd Place - Andre Jumper, 3rd Place - Acealyn Youngblood.

Senior Barrel 11-15 years old 1st Place - Jennifer Devoe, 2nd Place Paige Pohle, 3rd Place - Reba Osceola.

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Poems

Disease:

To my disease, I hate you! You ruined my life. You did stuff to me I probably never have done if I was sober. You got me in so much trouble with the law. I went to jail because of you. I'm looking at prison time because of you.

If you never came into my life my, family's lives would have been so happy. My life would be great without you in it. I hate you so much. I just want to let you know that. I wish you never existed.

Because of you, I didn't get to hang out with the people I love and care about - the way I use to before you were in it. I regret the first time I let you come into my life. I hate you so much. I just want to let you know that.

In the past year, my disease took my brother away from me. You took my cousins and my friend away. I will never forgive you.

If you weren't around, he would still be here right now. I know you are sitting back laughing because you don't care. You don't care for nobody but yourself. I hate you. I could never forgive you.

I never want you back into my life again. You will just ruin it. I know you are waiting for the right moment so that you could jump right back into my life again. But I'm going to let you know right now, don't be waiting too long, because you'll be waiting forever. So just leave me alone.

I know you are feeling like crap right now, and that makes me feel good, because now you know how I felt when you took my people away from me. And now I'll be back in the cut laughing. So keep this in mind, I'm through with you. And just remember, I hate you.

— Crystal

"To the People I Hurt"

To the people I hurt while I was on drugs, I'm sorry. Some people I can't remember because I was so messed up.

To my family and loved ones that I hurt, I love you. I know you'll always be there for me. I know you will always love me. I did stuff to you that some people would be disowned for. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

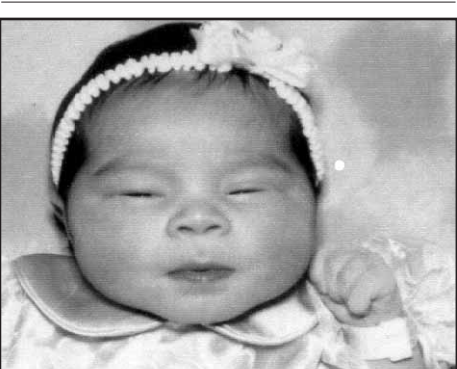
To my family and my loved ones, when I was sitting in jail on a \$250,000 bond, you were there for me. When I needed someone to talk to, you were there. When I needed someone to cry to, you were there. I thank you for accepting my collect calls that made your phone bills go sky high.

To my family and my loved ones, I thank you for being there for me when no one else would. To the people I thought were my friends, ya'll really ain't. You never asked how I was doing. If you were talking about me, you were talking sh-t about me. I thank my family and my loved ones for telling me that I don't need friends like that.

I want to thank you, my family and my loved ones, for showing me your care. And I'm sorry for hurting you.

— Crystal

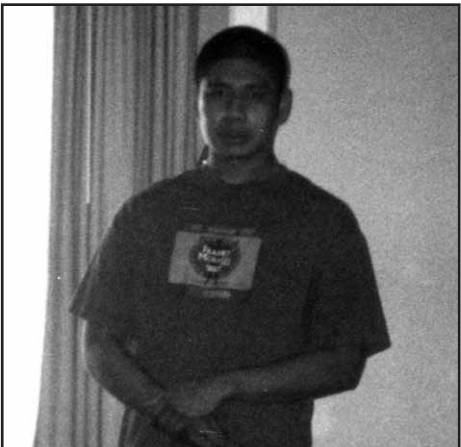
Birth



Sha nutch kee Billie and Randall Osceola would like to present to you Mahala Raine Billie-Osceola.

Their new "Lil Angel" that arrived June 18, 2003, weighing 7lbs and 19 1/2 inches long. The grandparents are Bobbie Lon and James E. Billie and Janice Osceola. Mahala will bring much "Joy" into Shanutchkee's life as she did to her big sister's lives. Love you guys and good luck

BJ and Tommi



Happy Birthday to Kiel Evans Jumper. Born July 31. I just want you to know, that you are always in my mind and heart.

I love you and can't believe you are already 20 years old. Hopefully we'll all be home soon to wish you Happy Birthday. Mom, Rhonda Sue Jumper.



Happy Birthday Sissy. Love from your big sister, Maranda,



Happy 10th Birthday Tana. Born August 27. I hope you enjoy your day, you deserve so much that life can offer.

Love Always, Auntie Mary.

Happy Birthday Ricky Ray Baxley on August 30th.

Daddy, another year I sit and write again to express my love to you and tell you how much I love you.

Today I believe you live through my son. So you're really gone. I hope I make you proud. I'll see you. Love always, your first daughter, Carolee J. Nelson and Baby Rick

Happy Birthday Darrick C. Nelson-Williams. Born on September 7, 2002.

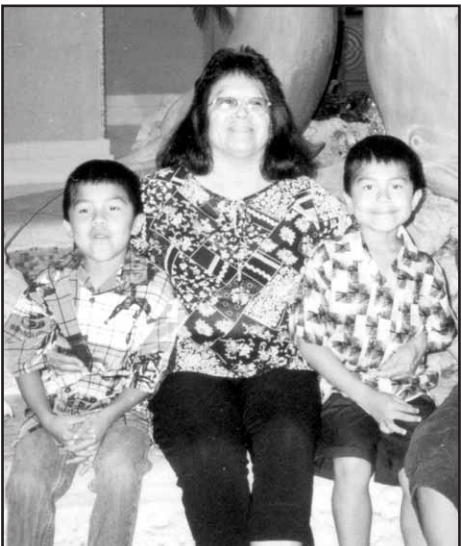
My pride and joy Baby Rick, you have filled my heart with so much love. I realize my life if nothing without you. Every time I look at your smile, you make everything all better. I love you.

Love momma Caroline Nelson

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Happy Birthday July Babies



Happy Happy Birthday Birthday to Justin and Jonathan born August 11 1995.

We hope you enjoy your special day because you two are very special people. From your Dad, Mom, Sha-ba-kee, Brent, Bug, Grandma's, Uncles, Aunt's, Cousins, and Great Grandma.

Happy Birthday to my Mom, Elaine Aguilar, who turns ??? on August 17th.

Thanks for being my Mom and for always being there for me. Love, Michelle (your Birthday Baby) and Chelsey Ford.

Happy Birthday to my Lil' sis, Sheila Aguilar. Love, Michelle and Chelsey Ford

Happy Birthday Moan - Sheila Aguilar. We love you very much - Love, Jessica, Mika, Troy Troy and Elisha.

Happy Birthday Grandma Elaine. We love you and you are the best Grandmas there is. Love, from ALL your Grandkids, (which are too many to name).

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I love you both with all my heart and soul. Always and forever, Barbara Cypress.



Happy Birthday to Catherine Elgina Ann Jumper, born July 27. I hope you have a nice birthday and I thank god everyday for blessing me with a beautiful daughter. I love you and miss you. Mom, Rhonda Sue Jumper.

Memory

In Loving Memory of Roger B. Jumper
11/16/81 – 6/30/03

My baby brother, I'm so sad it had to be you, and you had to go. I keep telling myself you're in a better place and that you don't have to suffer in this sick, corrupted world where I'm stuck at, with all the drugs and alcohol in it.

I want you to be proud of me bro. I'm trying hard to change the way I live, my lifestyle, everything, because I know you wanted me to be there for Aaron. It's hard not seeing you. I miss you bro.

The way you used to make me laugh, and hanging out with you. We were so close it's going to be so hard going on with my life without you, my baby brother.

I hope because of your death, and the way you died, maybe someone will see that drugs and alcohol can kill someone. You could be the nicest, cutest person in the world, but if this disease wants you, it's going to take you. And it's



really not the way to live your life. It not only affects the person who's using it, but it affects everybody around you that loves you and cares about you.

I know I'll see you again one day. Until then, I will always love you and will always miss you Roger.

— Love always, your sister, Crystal.



A miracle is growing!
I don't know what you have done, but you opened a new world for me. You opened the doors to my heart, you've put the world's most beautiful spell on me.

You see the miracle growing in my heart, it grows with every tear I cry for you. It's a miracle of ultimate affection, it is the power of love so true. You have become my heaven on earth, you have become the beat of my heart.

You are the love of my life, love that will never part. Love Always and Forever, Mom (Amanda Smith) and Dad (Derick Thomas)

We would like to wish our daughter Mallorie Thomas a very special Happy 1st Birthday on August 3rd. It just seems like yesterday you were just born and now you are growing into a beautiful little girl! Love Always, Mom and Dad

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You taught us much and we remember the good times and the laughs we shared.

We feel so honored to have worked with you and honored to have called you our friend.

You will always be in our hearts, Naomi and Suzanne



Education Advisory Community Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 3 at the Brighton Cattle and Range at 10 a.m.

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Education ▾

Emily Osceola Branch - FSU Graduate!

Submitted by Fran Conaway
TALLAHASSEE — On Saturday August 2, Emily Osceola Branch became the third member of the Seminole Tribe to graduate from Florida State University. Emily received a bachelor's degree in Social Science during FSU's summer 2003 commencement ceremonies.

Branch, the daughter of Marie Osceola Branch and Dexter Branch, was able to attend Florida State thanks to the tribe's strong support for education.

Celebrating with Branch were about 60 friends and family members, who were honored at a special reception hosted by FSU President T.K. Wetherell.

Wetherell noted the strong relationship between Florida State University and the Seminole Tribe and spoke of the symbolism and ties between the university and the tribe.

In addition to the special reception, Emily and her mother were invited to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the commencement ceremony.

Moses Osceola, Vice Chairman of the Tribal Council and President of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, said that Emily's achievement is especially impressive, since many of the tribe's young people do not finish high school.

"Our people have been discouraged from getting educated the white man's way," Osceola said.



FSU graduate Emily Osceola Branch with her mother Marie and Father Dexter Branch.

"It's only recently that this kind of education has been valued by the tribe."

Emily, who attended school on the Miccosukee Reservation through fourth grade, took advantage of tribal opportunities to study geography and political science at FSU, with a minor in film studies. "I've been able to receive a degree in what I love, thanks to the tribe," she said. They made it easy for me to go to school, including studying in London last summer."

Emily added, "FSU treated me so well. I never thought I'd find the kind of personal support at such a big school."

Emily will be working in management at the tribe's casino in Tampa. Congratulations Emily!

EMAHAKV VPELOFV - "Teaching Hammock."

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — Emahakv Vpelofv is the creek word meaning "teaching hammock." This name was chosen to represent the two-week summer enrichment program for the elementary children of the Brighton Seminole community.

The program focuses on: language experience approach, cultural relevancy, peer mentoring, and partnered teaching. Seminole culture is given relevancy by a language experience approach as students and teachers hear stories, draw pictures, learn about Seminole culture, and create personal reading materials and math problems using Seminole culture.

This year there were five classes, each taught in a team-teaching approach. Each class was instructed by a student from the Florida Gulf Coast University and either one or two Seminole teachers. This approach allowed teachers from FGCU the opportunity to gain practical experience in cross-cultural teaching. It also gave Seminole teachers a chance to develop competencies in teaching/tutoring skills that can be applied to tutor Seminole children and even their own children.

Each day began with the chickee behind the education building with a salute to the Seminole flag. Then, guest speakers such as Martha Jones and Willie Johns would share traditional legends and history with the children before they began their daily classes. Once assembly was over, the children would gather into classes and begin their day.

The classes were as follows: Verbal arts taught by FGCU student Christine Oler, and Seminole teachers Holly and Marilee Johns. Reading taught by FGCU student Jason Nail, and Seminole teachers Bryan Arledge and Beverly Tommie. Culture and language taught by FGCU student Christina Gerwitz, and Seminole teachers Jade Braswell, Jenny Shore and Lorene Gopher. Math taught by FGCU student Jennifer Perez and Seminole teachers Clarissa Randolph and Jeannie Billie. Writing taught by FGCU student Jana McDowell and Seminole teachers Trina Bowers and Kari Kroepin.

During each class, the students were able to earn points for following class rules, and finishing assignments. On Thursday of each week, the students' points were tallied and each was given an opportunity to go shopping in the school store for a prize of their choice. This worked as a great incentive for the students to excel in each of their classes.

The students learned many things about math, reading and writing by incorporating Seminole culture into their learning process. Examples of this was measuring ingredients and reading instructions on how to make pumpkin and fry bread. They also were able to read, draw and act out Seminole legends. In culture, they learned to make bracelets, necklaces and baskets. This year's Emahakv Vpelofv celebrated its final day on Friday July 25, at the Education building in Brighton.

Parents, Grandparents, and community members came to enjoy the celebration with the children, and were able to see the productiveness of their child for the two week long program.

The Emahakv Vpelofv Summer program has been going for about ten years now. This year's high attendance proves the success of the program. Dr. Susan Stans, from FGCU, is the coordinator for the program and should be recognized for all the hard work and effort she has put into making this all possible for the Brighton students.

A special thank you to the teachers from FGCU and Brighton. Without your daily efforts and dedication, there would be no summer school program.

Last but definitely not least, a big thank you to the cooks, Tonya and Lewis Gopher, and Martha Jones. You were greatly appreciated.



The two-week summer enrichment program benefits the elementary children of the Brighton Reservation.

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Immokalee Graduating Class of 2003

Submitted by Norita Yzaguirre

This month we are profiling our high school graduates of 2003. Immokalee has four graduating seniors from various local high schools with GPA's of 2.5 and better. Our graduates are: Sheena Yzaguirre, Tony Sanchez III, Ray Yzaguirre III, and Justin Campos. This is the largest group of graduates to come out of Immokalee in awhile.

Sheena Yzaguirre is the daughter of Rebecca Martinez and graduated from P.A.C.E., a private school in Immokalee, with a GPA of 2.9. She played on the girls NAYO fast pitch softball team one year and is looking forward to just chillin' for the summer. Sheena is interested in computer technology and will be looking to start college in January of 2004.

Tony Sanchez III is the son of Tony Sanchez Jr. and graduated from Estero High School. Tony played baseball and basketball for one year, and participated in NAYO for two years. Tony is looking to start college in the fall of 2003.

Justin Campos is the son of Jimmy Wayne Holdiness and is also a graduate of Estero High

School. Justin played Varsity football, NAYO Baseball and was a member of the drama club. We were unable to reach Justin as to his future plans after high school.

Ray Yzaguirre III is the son of Norita and Ray Yzaguirre Jr. and graduated from Immokalee High School with a GPA of 3.8, ranking 23rd in his graduating class. Ray is a member of the BETA Club, served four years on the school executive board, a member of the Drama club, and the SWAT program.

Ray participated in various sports: two years in golf, four years varsity baseball, youth pool league, NAYO Baseball and Basketball. Ray also attended the Florida Indian Youth Program where he was elected as Chairman during their Indian Government sessions with the program in Tallahassee.

Ray plans to attend Florida State University majoring in Law or Medicine while also playing on the University baseball team. He wants to develop his baseball skills and eventually make it as a professional baseball player. He plans to return to Immokalee and contribute his knowledge to the Seminole Tribe, as well as provide an active leadership role for the youth of his community.

We wish our four graduates success in their plans for college. We also want to let them know how proud our community is of their accomplishments in graduating high school. Keep your heads up and look to the future!



Sheena Yzaguirre



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gunned and outmanned, we fought smarter and won."

David DeHass said, "Absorb all the knowledge you can. This is a very important experience for all the kids here."

The "Journey Back" was emotional and historic. It was an opportunity for children to learn about their culture and history. It was a chance to understand all that the tribe had fought for, and the brilliant leaders who sought freedom.

The "Journey Back" began at the Dade Battlefield State Historic Site, located in Bushnell, Florida. Three busloads of children, parents, and staff members traveled to the sleepy town of Bushnell, Florida. The site was surrounded by towering live oaks; the moss dangling from lengthy branches, reminiscent of the Antebellum South.

On December 28th, 1835, Seminole warriors, lead by Micanopy, Alligator, and Jumper, attacked Major Francis Dade's group of 108 soldiers, killing all but three. The three-acre site is significant because it marked the beginning of the Second Seminole War (1835-1842). It would be the longest, bloodiest, and most costly Indian war in United States history, costing 20 million dollars and 1,500 U.S. lives.

Children and adults heard the stories about the famous battle from both Park Manager Chuck Wicks and from Seminoles Billy Cypress and Bobby Henry. This gave everyone a different perspective of the event.

Over 70 children and nearly 100 adults were split into two groups. The older children and adults first listened intently to Billy Cypress and Bobby Henry. The younger children and parents listened to Park Ranger Chuck Wicks. He demonstrated the proper technique of loading and firing a rifle. The children covered their ears as the loud explosion of the antique gun went off.

The children were shown other weapons used during battle and the heavy wool uniforms worn by the soldiers. Next, they saw the type of food (rations) the soldiers ate. Often, soldiers munched on, or really gnawed on, a solid round cracker nicknamed "teeth dullers." There were artifacts, exhibits, demonstrations and a replica of the log barricade erected by Dade's command to mark the military road and battlefield.

After the group had checked out the museum and walked the paths of past battles, everyone got a chance to enjoy lunch under the much appreciated shade of the big trees. After lunch, it was off to Fort King.

Barbara Roberts, who is the Park Manager at the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park, stated, "This is the first time the Seminole Tribe had taken a formal tour of the site."

She added, "The Dade Battlefield was established in 1922 and is listed as a Natural Historic Landmark. This is very significant because there are only 1,200 of these types of sites in the whole United States."

Roberts said the importance of what happened here cannot be understated and sincerely hopes that more Seminoles will take a keen interest in preserving the site. "I was extremely pleased that Holly Tiger wanted to plan a trip here. It's something we won't forget," said Roberts.

Next on the itinerary was Fort King, located in Ocala, Florida, about an hour north of the Dade Battlefield. In April 1835, Wiley Thompson, an Indian agent, dictated a new treaty with the Seminoles, forcing their removal to Oklahoma. Several chiefs declined to sign and deal with white officials. This site is where Osceola allegedly slashed the treaty with his knife.

On December 28, 1835, Osceola and several warriors awaited General Wiley Thompson outside the fort and shot him. This site is currently in the



process of becoming an important historical site. It doesn't look like much, but the history is significant.

On Thursday, everyone headed for the buses and it was on to Castillo de San Marcos, located in St. Augustine, Florida. It is the oldest European fort built in the United States, taking over 20 years to complete.

The two-hour trek is where Osceola, under a false flag of truce, attended a peace council at Fort Augustine in 1837. Despite the flag of truce, he was captured and incarcerated. He was later transferred to Fort Moultrie, South Carolina, where he died on January 20, 1838. His death made front page news around the world and he was buried with full military honors.

Before the children began "Looking Back at the Seminole Trail," each was given an assignment. In a special notebook, prior to visiting each site, children made predictions on what they would see, answering questions such as: When and where did this event take place? What happened at the event? And more.

The children answered the questions as best they could. After visiting each site, the children filled in the facts of each historical event. Videos were also provided to help with the assignment.

Thommy Doud, Disabilities Coordinator for the Preschool Department, assisted the children on their writing assignments throughout the conference.



He said, "Here we are in Orlando, full of parks, rides, etc., but the children were into completing their writing assignments and working with their parents. I was impressed with what they wrote. When we visited the battle sites, they paid close attention to Bobby Henry and the park ranger, who spoke about the historic battles."

"The children really put their hearts and minds into their assignments, even the younger kids. It was great seeing both children and their parents working together. I think the parents got as much out of the trip, or even more, than the children," said Doud.

Other events that took place included discussions on maintaining the Seminole way of life, story telling, Seminole beadwork, a fitness program, and the creation of a very large paper mache alligator.

Guest speakers like Bobby Henry, Herbert Jim, and Victor Billie spoke about the importance of family and tradition.

Henry, who spoke in both Miccosukee and English said, "It's important to talk to your parents and grandparents because family is everything. If we're not careful, our traditions will be lost."

Herbert Jim, who works for the Language Department on the Hollywood Reservation, spoke about how with modern housing, people are more distant. "When we lived in chickees, you could go over and say hello, to do wood-carving or patchwork."

Herbert also spoke passionately about the importance of storytelling. "Our history and legends are spoken verbally and passed down from generation to generation. These stories keep families together. We need to continue these traditions or the knowledge will be lost forever."

Victor Billie, an Independent Native American living on the Immokalee Reservation, spoke exclusively in Miccosukee about how people



looked up to each other. "We followed our traditions, rules and regulations. I learned so much from my elders," said Billie.

Henry Sheldon, a consulting engineer and avid Florida historian, offered everyone an informative presentation about the Seminole people, the historic wars, and the great warrior, Osceola.

Throughout the conference, there were arts and crafts for children and adults to enjoy.

In what was later dubbed "The Alligator Room", children assembled a nearly eight-foot paper mache alligator. The many talented artists all got a chance to tape, paper mache and then paint the friendly reptile. The only problem is that the paper mache gator needs a cool name.

Any child who worked on the gator may drop off name suggestions at the Language

Department in the DSO Building or call Michael Kelly at the Seminole Tribune at (954) 966-6300 ext 1267. We're not sure where he'll end up, but is should be somewhere at the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) Building.

Closing remarks

President Moses B. Osceola thanked the committee for such a well-organized conference and hoped everyone who attended got something out of it.

William Osceola, Trail Liaison for the Seminole Tribe, "I hope you all learned something these last few days. We're getting in touch with our past and making progress."

Suzanne Davis, Allied Health Program Manager, praised both adults and children who participated in the early morning walk program. These dedicated individuals braved the early morning dew, walking the boundaries of the hotel.

Both children and parents firmly grasped the importance of the 2003 Hollywood Youth Conference. They walked along the famous battle sites, heard the truth about great Seminole leaders and the battles they won. More and more, the children are understanding their history and the need to learn their culture.

Holly Tiger and Jo Motlow North were instrumental in preparing such a meaningful, well-organized, structured, and focused Youth Conference. They have both set the standard for future youth conferences. It was extremely educational, emotional, and exhilarating.

Said Jo North, "We really wanted to do



something special for the children. I think they realized how important this trip really was to them."

"When I first approached the Youth Conference Committee about visiting historic Seminole battlefields, they were excited about their children learning their history and culture," said Holly Tiger.

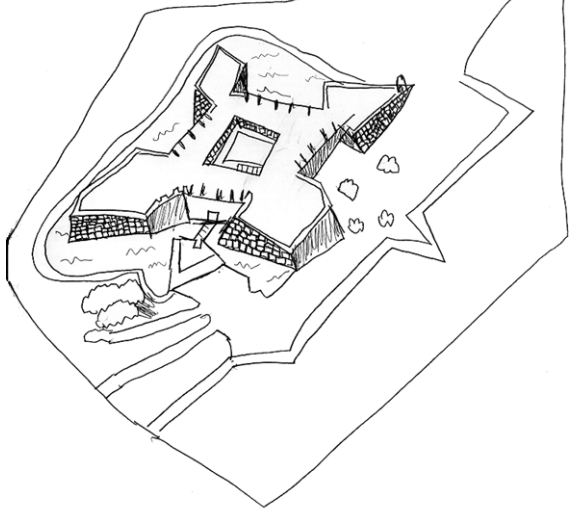
She added, "When we had our staff meetings and discussed visiting the battle sites, the emotions really came out. I felt so proud and vindicated as a Seminole. We fought smarter and had better weapons. I later spoke with the parents who told me they learned a lot too. I feel good about that," said Holly.

"Both Jo North and I would like to thank all the staff, parents, guest speakers, volunteers, and Tribal Officials, who were instrumental in the success of our Youth Conference," said Holly.

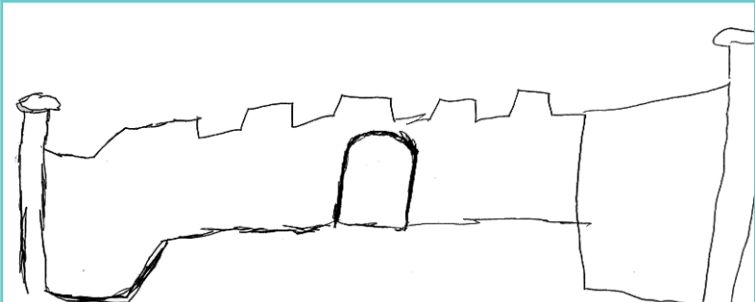
I would like to personally thank both Holly and Jo for allowing me to participate as a staff member and to better understand the Seminole history and culture. The entire staff of the Hollywood Youth Conference performed like professionals. It was a pleasure to be associated with you all. Let's do it again next year!



Castillo De San Marcos
Robert North, Jr., age 13



Fort King
Trevor Osceola, age 7

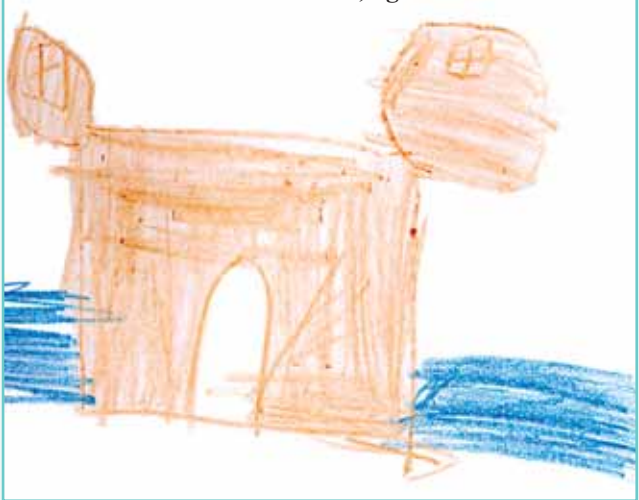


Castillo De San Marcos
Robert Frank, III, age 13

Castillo De San Marcos
Brevon Leo Cypress, age 4



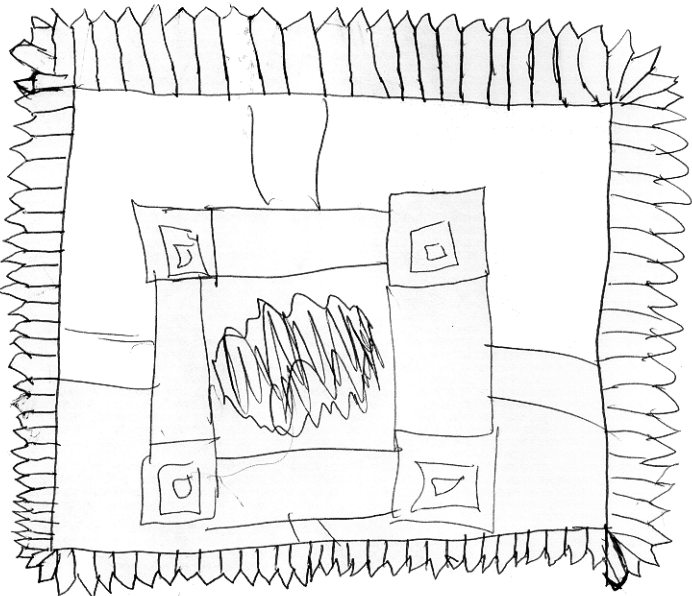
Castillo De San Marcos
Jesse Mitchell, age 8



Dade Battlefield
Victor Osceola, age 12



Fort King
Kei-ya-le Osceola, age 12



Youth Conference Essays: “Looking Back at the Seminole Trail”

By Mariah Buster

When I heard of Osceola’s death, I heard two different stories: One from Seminole elders and one from the people who worked at the places we went. The one I heard at the Dade Battlefield was that he died because of sickness.

And the one I heard from the elders was that the white man had asked him to sign a treaty but he refused and shot him once in the chest, so they asked him again but he still refused to they shot him in the head and that’s how he died.

I heard two different stories but the one I believe is the one of my elders, because the elders of our time heard from the elders of their time.

When I heard this, I felt angry because I wonder why is it so bad to try to be left alone. The white men were being greedy by wanting more land, and all we wanted was to be left alone. So when they tried to force us to move west we had no choice but to fight. And now, thanks to the Seminole warriors who fought for us, I am proud to be who I am today, a Seminole Indian.

By Robert North Jr.

This trip has made an impact on me because it showed me my Seminole heritage. It showed me we were my people came from and how they lived. It showed me that Seminoles were fierce warriors and smart thinkers.

It also shows that Seminoles were treated poorly by white soldiers but still kept strong. This trip showed me that not us Seminoles but Indians all over the United States have been through a lot all these years.

By Jesse Mitchell

What this trip meant to me was a great history lesson. When we went to the Dade Battlefield, I learned about what kind of guns the soldiers and Indians used during the battle. I got to hold a six pound cannonball.

At Fort King, I learned that some Indians were held prisoners there. I learned that some Indian burnt down the fort so the soldiers would not come back. Osceola was held prisoner there.

Our last trip was to St. Augustine to visit Castillo de San Marcos. Here is where Wildcat made medicine to get some Indians out from a small window. I had a great time at this conference and glad to have visited sites with my family and friends.

I hope others will come and learn and enjoy like I did.

New Thoughts - By Catlin Jim

Last year, I remember a lot of older kids on the Orlando youth trip. This time, hardly any teens came, sorry to see.

I thought I knew my Seminole History from school, only to see and hear the other half of all the stories coming from the Indians, my history.

This trip opened my eyes; to see and feel where all our Seminole jeans walked and fought for us to be here today.

We had to be strong people back then (that strength still live through us today). The history is there as long as we are still willing to listen to our elders.

When I become a parent, I

will tell my children the stories I have learned. That our land is precious and our tradition precious. As an Indian, it’s important to know our history so you know where you are going tomorrow.

By Noel Jim

I am proud to say that I’m Seminole Indian. Every Seminole should be proud where their family came from. Many brave leaders fought for us to be here so that we could have a home.

Also, I’m very proud that my blood is half-Seminole. But I have enough pride as a full blooded. My whole experience here has been exciting and educational. I learned a lot that I’ll probably be talking about with my family. I was a little scared of the historical sites since we’re not supposed to be going on grounds where people died. But it was alright.

My whole stay here was good. I know that I can help the Tribe by going to school and then college. The conferences helped me know that our generation is the next that will help the Tribe. I only wish there could have been more kids my age rather than kids my age rather than eight and younger.

It is the older kids that the Tribe should worry about more. Since there’s only a small portion that goes to school and a big portion that doesn’t. The Tribe should encourage all older kids to come to these kinds of conferences, especially the ones that don’t go to school and try to help them go back to school.

Tell them how important they are to the Tribe and their parents. I think that’s what you’ve been trying to do all this time.

By Tianna Young

What I learned from this trip is the Seminole Indians had three wars. And that the first was in Dade Battlefield, the second in Fort King and the third in Castillo San de Marcos.

Wildcat escaped from a four inch window and that Osceola was a great leader. And in that time, we only spoke one language. Also, there are different tribes and we all have different cultures. We are all different in some ways.

By Codene Jumper

From all I’ve learned from this past week I have enjoyed it. I know a lot more about my heritage than I did before I came here. I am glad good people like you are caring to educate us on our Seminole past.

The best place I enjoyed would have been Dade Battlefield. You can walk the trail the real people walked on. All in all, I really enjoyed this week.

By Darion Cypress

This trip is important because I learned about my culture. Osceola was very strong and survived three wars. He went to South Carolina and that is where he died. Then Wildcat escaped from prison.

I enjoyed the trip because I learned a lot about how are people never gave up and how our ancestors wanted us to stay in Florida.

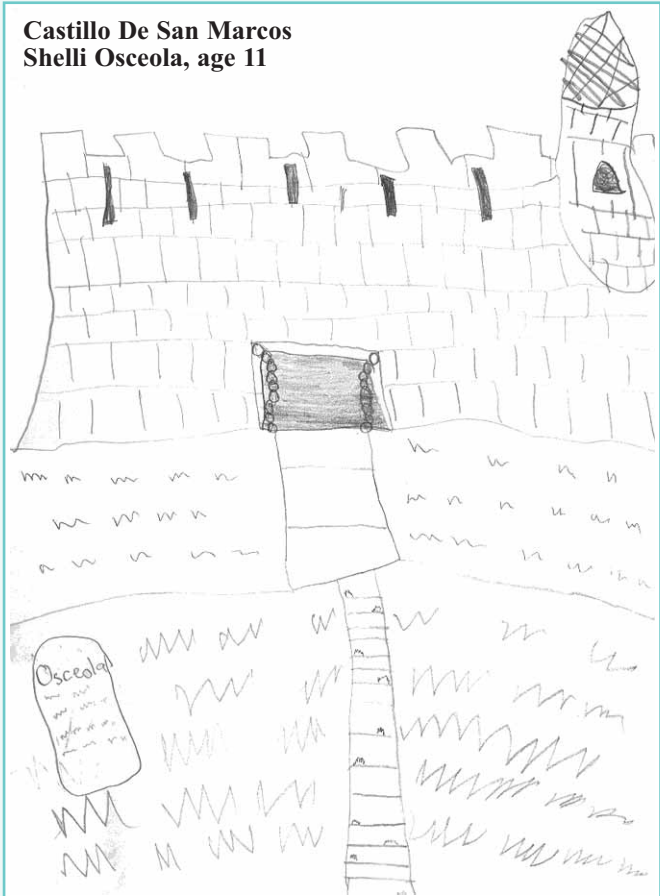
I think Osceola, Alligator, Wildcat, Jumper were the bravest of all our people. They wouldn’t let the white soldiers tell them what to do.

Dade Battlefield
Luis Escobar, age 7

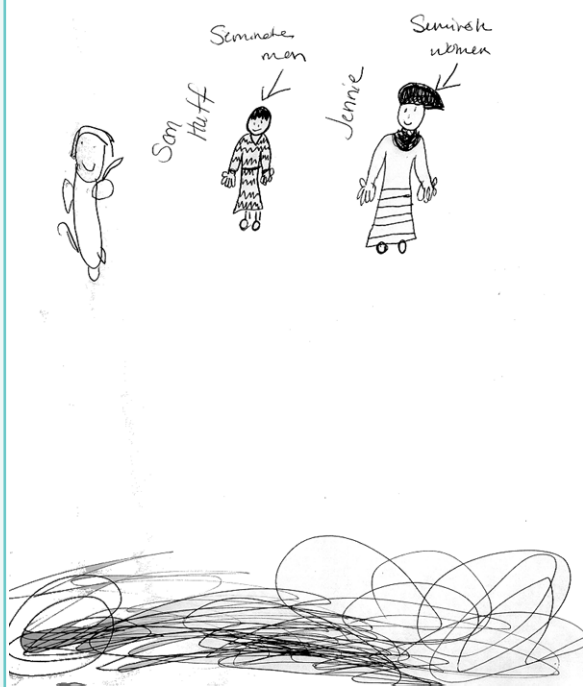


Dade Battlefield
Tiffany Baker, age 7

Castillo De San Marcos
Shelli Osceola, age 11



Dade Battlefield
Alexander Escobar, age 6





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Graduates with Tribal officials at July 25 banquet dinner: Front (L-R) B.C. Councilman David Cypress, Jenni Jo Billie, Megan Otero, Brittany Yescas, Gregory Thomas, Chairman Mitchell Cypress; Back (L-R) Naples Liaison O.B. Osceola, Jr., Issiah Billie, Aaron Frank, Pete Osceola, III, President Moses Osceola.

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“Throughout high school, I got my strength and encouragement from them.”

Pete Osceola- Osceola plans to attend Miami-Dade Community College to study Business. He plans to transfer to Florida International University.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress congratulated each of the graduates on their accomplishment.

“You have graduated from high school and no one can take that away from you,” said Cypress.

Cypress spoke of growing up in Big Cypress and being awakened by his mother at 5:00 a.m. every morning to go to school.

“Back then, there were no Tribal programs,” said Cypress, “We would get maybe \$25 a year, which we traveled to the Oak Tree in Hollywood to receive. There we would be able to visit with some the others, like Moke.”

President Osceola echoed the sentiments and encouraged the students to take advantage of the opportunities that they have today.

“Back then we didn’t have many choices,” said Osceola, “For many, it was the military. Now, through the Tribe, you have many opportunities.”

Mistress of Ceremonies Sally Tommie recognized the parents as well. “Let’s thank the parents for making sure that the graduates made it through high school,” said Tommie.

The graduates spent Thursday visiting the Pirates Museum and shopping in downtown Nassau.

On Saturday, the graduates and chaperones spent a day at the Blue Lagoon Island which featured scuba diving, volleyball and a Dolphin Encounter. They reached the island by powerboat, passing along the way the house of baseball star Barry Bonds and the small island that houses Island Records.

Throughout the trip, the graduates explored the Atlantis Resort, which offered numerous aquarium exhibits, beach access, restaurants and water slides. On Sunday, they reluctantly packed up and boarded the plane back to the mainland.

“It’s good to recognize and reward the graduates on finishing high school,” said Chairman Cypress, “They deserve a small vacation before they get back out there and begin the next part of their lives.”



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Parents enjoying the powerboat ride to the Blue Lagoon Island.

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