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Seminole Indians battle U.S. Army at the 6th Annual Kissimmee Slough Shootout reenactment.

Nery Mejicano

Seminole Defeat Government Troops at Kissimmee Slough Shootout

By Nery Mejicano

BIG CYPRESS — Under a rainy and cloudy sky, surrounded by cypress trees and swamps, and after a fast and furious battle, a band of Seminoles defeated a well armed company of the U.S. Army, along with some irregular volunteer troops.

Under the smoke of loud cannon volleys and the smell of black powder, the crowd watched as a skillful and brave troop of Seminoles fought to defend their land and

defeated the invading army.

This battle was part of the 6th Annual Kissimmee Slough Shootout & Rendezvous held at the Big Cypress Reservation on Jan. 30 – Feb. 1. The rain did not dampen the spirit of the participants and visitors and the crowd enjoyed the food, crafts and activities offered by this annual event.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Chairman Mitchell Cypress and the

President Moses Osceola, welcomed the visitors to this historic re-creation. Billie Cypress, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Executive Director narrated the action at the battle site. Brian Zepeda, who organized and planned this event, also participated in this colorful re-creation.

According to Cypress, this battle is based not on one particular fight between

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New Motocross Track for Younger Riders Opens

By Mark Beamer

BIG CYPRESS — The Seminole Tribe Motocross has just opened a three-eighths of a mile track specifically designed for beginning or younger Pee Wee motorcycle and Quad riders ages three through nine. The Seminole Tribe Motocross is one of few riding facilities to have a course specifically for Pee Wee riders.

The young riders and their parents will enjoy having a challenging, yet safe, track all to themselves, complete with jumps, corners, sweeping corners, and straights. Protective riding gear, including a helmet, goggles, boots (over the ankle), long sleeve shirt, and long pants are required.

Additionally, the Seminole Tribe Motocross Park recommends riders wear motorcycle-specific protective riding gear, including a chest protector, knee guards, elbow guards, and helmets with Department of Transportation or Snell approval.

Parents are asked to super-

vised their riders at all times. The cost for rider's age six and up is \$20 and riders five and younger is only \$10. Regular general admission for non riders is \$3.



Learning to ride at an early age, youngsters are excited about the new mini-track.

Mark Beamer

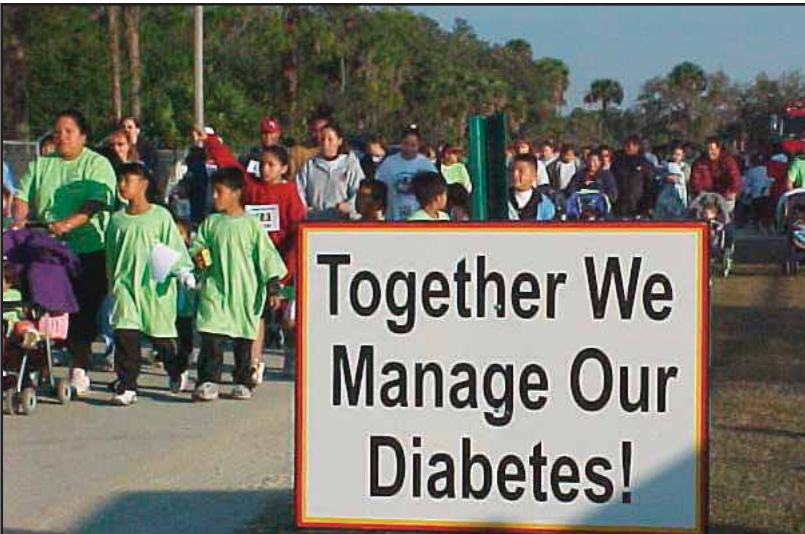
Riders of all ages and skill levels have been heading out to this incredible new riding facility in order to ride what is the motorcycle community calls one of the most state-of-the-art motocross riding facilities ever.

"We want everyone to be able to enjoy themselves and leave here with a big smile on their faces, so we are building different tracks to suit each and every need," said Jack Gorton, Track Director. "We had 150 riders here last Sunday and we haven't even begun to promote this yet."

The Seminole Tribe Motocross is currently open for practice on every Saturday and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., and every Thursday, 12:00 p.m. until dark.

For more information, please call (863) 983-1908.

Rez Rally Draws Families Committed to Fitness



Susan Etxebarria

More than 700 participants turned out for the 4th Annual Rez Rally.

By Susan Etxebarria

BRIGHTON — Sharing in the excitement of the intense, yet friendly, competition at the Fourth Annual Reservation Rally, a walking and running race to promote diabetes awareness.

One tribal elder's motivation to participate was not the prize money or a free pair of Nike® shoes for her completion of the course. Brighton resident Agnes Jumper maneuvered her wheelchair along the 3.1 mile course with one purpose in mind.

"I do this for diabetes," she said after being the first to cross the finish line in the wheelchair category. "I lost a leg about 10 years ago and I hope more young people get more education. I hope they learn about diabetes."

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Flairs Squad Takes Home First Place in Competition

By Alexandra Frank

COOPER CITY, FL — Cindi Adair, a young tribal citizen from the Hollywood Reservation, competed in the Jr. Orange Bowl 2004 gymnastics event. Cindy, along with other teammates representing Flairs, placed first. She competed in four events, showing strength, dexterity, and balance.

Flairs were squad A and they performed on the vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor. They are a Level 3 Junior, and they really know how to perform their exercises without hesitation or any signs of shyness.

Adair is very strong in the beam, vault and floor exercises and conveys what a hard worker she is by completing every move with a touch of flair. The awards

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Alexandra Frank

Cindi Adair shows off her Achievement Awards.

Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Receives Sun Run Donations



Nery Mejicano

Checks totalling \$513,275 were presented to Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and the South Florida Harley Owners Group.

By Nery Mejicano

HOLLYWOOD — On Sunday, Jan. 11, the James Jr. Fund at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital received a check for \$481,000 dollars from the donations collected at the 16th Annual Christmas Toys in the Sun Run, a motorcycle ride to raise money for children.

In addition, a check for \$32,275 dollars was donated by the South Florida Harley Owners Group members, bringing the total to more than \$500,000 dollars. The Seminole Tribe was one of the sponsors of this event and received a plaque in recognition of its contribution to this noble cause.

Hollywood Representative Max Osceola Jr. was not able to attend the event, but Nery Mejicano accepted the plaque on behalf of the tribe. The crowd cheered as Bob Armchir presented the checks to the hospital.

The Christmas Toys in the Sun Run is the largest event of its kind in the world attracting more than 35,000 riders annually.

Vivian Villarreal Speaks to Ahfachkee Students

By Nery Mejicano

BIG CYPRESS — On Wednesday Jan 14., Vivian Villarreal, the sixth rated woman billiards player in the world, was a guest speaker at Ahfachkee School in Big Cypress. Students from grades 5 – 12 listened with interest to her success story.

Villarreal placed emphasis on motivation, hard work, practice and hope in achieving success. She shared with the students that everyone is gifted, but it takes work and practice to accomplish one's goals and aspirations.

She said she practices between two and four hours a day when she is not competing. Villarreal has been playing pool since age eight, learning while helping her grandmother, who ran a small business with pool tables.

For the last 13 years, Villarreal has always ranked within the top 10 players in the world. For some time she ranked first, and she expects to get there again one.



Nery Mejicano

Professional billiards player Vivian Villarreal and Principal Lee Zepeda.



Numpagalaate laknaon • Flowers are yellow

Virginia Mitchell

Reverend Jack Henry Motlow

From the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of **Reverend Jack Henry Motlow**, Trail Indian Independent Baptist Church of Collier County

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all individuals and parties involved in helping and praying for our father, grandfather and great-grandfather along the path of his life on this earth. He was a man of conviction to God first, and everything else came after.

Those who continued to pray and assist the family after Jack's passing and journey to heaven are owed a great deal of gratitude. The Church, the service, words spoken, spiritual nourishment and steadfastness to God were a true depiction of what he stood for and would have expected.

Our thanks and prayers go out to all family, friends, loved ones and Tribal Officials for all the support afforded to the family.

May God Bless You,
The Motlow Family



Seminole Tribune archive photo

Reverend Henry Jack Motlow

❖ Flairs

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ceremony was held soon after the routines were completed showed well-disciplined young ladies as they awaited the results of first, second, third, and fourth place.

Each team member out of the four squads was given a personal medal and gift bag for competing in the competition. It was finally time to announce the winners and everyone in the room tensed up with anticipation.

The first three places announced were met with enthused applause, but when it came to announcing first place, the room erupted in noise that signified that Flairs and Cats of Jupiter were the favorites of the competition.

Adair plans on competing in future events throughout the year and hopefully for as long as she wants in the coming years. Right now, this petite 11-year-old Seminole citizen is setting records and reaping the rewards of her hard work and talent.



Alexandra Frank

Cindi Adair (second from right) celebrates a team victory.

Youngsters Flip Their Way To Victory

By Shelley Marmor

COOPER CITY, FL — On Saturday Jan. 17, six Seminole girls participated in the Level 2 portion of the Jr. Orange Bowl 2004, a gymnastics competition held at Park Avenue Gymnastics in Cooper City, Fla. They competed in four events: Vault, uneven bars, balance beam, and floor, which are the typical events of any compulsory gymnastics competition.

Competitors included: Leah Cox, Raevin Frank, Anissa Osceola, and Katelyn Young, from the Level 2 Children's group, for competitors ages eight and younger. Anahna Sirota, and Tianna Young from the Level 2 Juniors group, ages eight and older.

The Flairs B squad placed fourth overall at the competition. The A squad placed second with a score of 109.5, only 1.925 points behind the winners from the On Your Toes Gymnastics & Dance

Center in Miami, FL.

Raevin Frank received a nine out of 10 or better on three of the four events. She scored the highest out all the girls of her entire group with 36.15 out of 40 points overall. Each other girl scored an 8.5 or better on two out of four events. Anahna Sirota scored the highest of all the girls on a single event with a 9.15 on the balance beam.

Following their competition, one of their coaches Randy Walters, said the girls "had a strong, strong competition."

All the girls have trained at Flairs Gymnastics in Davie, FL with coaches Sibylle and Randy Walters, and Lauren Petrick.

"Most of them started gymnastics last year," said Randy Walters. "They continuously train until competition."

When Walters says the girls trained continuously, he was not kidding.

The Level 2 girls train between three and five days per week at two hour practices.

Vault: 1. Raevin Frank, 9.125; 2. Anahna Sirota, 9.075; 3. Tianna Young, 8.8; 4. Leah Cox, 8.775; 5. Anissa Osceola, 8.6; 6. Katelyn Young, 8.575.

Uneven Bars: 1. Raevin Frank, 9.225; 2. Leah Cox, 8.8; 3. Anissa Osceola and Katelyn Young, 8.5; 5. Anahna Young, 8.45; 6. Tianna Young, 8.05.

Balance Beam: 1. Anahna Sirota, 9.15; 2. Leah Cox, 9.05; 3. Tianna Young, 8.75; 4. Raevin Frank, 8.65; 5. Katelyn Young, 8.0; 6. Anissa Osceola, 7.6.

Floor: 1. Raevin Frank, 9.15; 2. Leah Cox, 9.05; 3. Tianna Young, 8.85; 4. Anahna Sirota, 8.75; 5. Anissa Osceola, 8.7; 6. Katelyn Young, 8.15.

Letters & E-mail

6300 Stirling Rd. Hollywood. FL 33024 • tribune@semtribe.com

Greetings to You!

My name is Sue Marie Stevens, a retired teacher out here in Phoenix, AZ and a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe in Arizona.

I am very much interested in purchasing a long lady's skirt – coming down to about ankle level in the beautiful Seminole style. I tried to get into your Marketplace, but I decided to send an e-mail letter to you with my inquiry.

I have never been to Florida, but when I do get there, I plan to visit your area, meet Seminole people and just see the wonderful sites!

I would appreciate any assistance that you can send me as to how to send for one or two of your beautiful skirts – we don't see any out here at all! If you have any catalogs with Seminole items for sale, I would love a copy.

Thank you so very much for any help you can give me!

Sincerely,
Sue Marie Stevens
phodie@fastq.com
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Hello Sue,

Thank you for your interest in an authentic Seminole patchwork skirt. All of our skirts are made to order. If you are not comfortable ordering online, I would be happy to help you over the phone.

Please visit us when you are in Florida. Call ahead of time to make your reservation at Billie Swamp Safari, or the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. I'm sure it will be worth the trip.

Melissa Sherman
Communications Department

To Whom It May Concern,

Albert Wesley Brewer and I, Matthew Bruce Aschliman, wish to honor you with our respect. We, being citizens of the U.S., wish to give your tribe the utmost respect and honor. Both Albert and I are middle-age white men, although Albert has Native American ancestry.

I was just made aware of your history against the U.S. insofar as your fight to maintain your tribe's existence. As I understand, your tribe did not ever surrender to the U.S., or sign any treaty to make peace with your aggressors.

The strength your forefathers exhibited, and as I know you still do, is true to the foundations of what I have considered the epitome of life in the U.S., your tribe did not surrender. Your tribe did, and has not succumbed to the pressures of another government that has wrongfully oppressed your people. For this, we respect and honor you.

I have given my heart to a woman of the Hupa Tribe of Northern California. Through her struggles, I have appreciated the plight of her ancestors. And though this appreciation of her heritage, I have also gained much respect for the tribes that were living in harmony before others arrived. We admire your tribe's courage and perseverance.

While serving the U.S. in the Navy aboard the USS Belleau-Wood LHA-3 in 1993, Albert met one of the members of your tribe.

He was deeply impressed with your tribe's history. Albert, although of a higher rank, gave this individual a formal salute multiple times, to the amazement of his fellow officers. We wish to impress upon your tribe that we are grateful that your culture lives on. Both of us wish to impress upon you our great respect and admiration.

Albert Wesley Brewer and
Matthew Bruce Aschliman

Dear Editor,

Our nephew Carlo W. Baker, Jr. is missing and was last seen in Haines, FL in 2000. He is a member of the Winnebago Tribe in Nebraska. If you have any information, please contact Carol Luna at (402) 878-3137. The address is: PO Box 687, Winnebago, NE 68071.

Carol Luna
Winnebago, NE

Dear Editor,

I just returned home to Tennessee from vacationing in South Florida. During my visit I went to the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation. I really enjoyed the museum and Billie Swamp Safari. Both facilities had a wealth of information.

I hope to see the reservation expand its tourism development on the reservation. A motel/hotel would be nice for those who are not brave enough to sleep out at one of the chickees along the glades at Billie Swamps.

A public citrus stand would be great since I was in the market for some citrus fruit to bring home with me. I would have rather supported the Seminole community in my purchases of fruit. I am very happy for the Seminole Tribe and wish the tribe all the best in their endeavors and expansion.

I hope to be able to come back some day. It was a very pleasant fun experience visiting the reservation. I respect the Seminole Tribe for its conquests and continuing conquests.

Jinae

Dear Editor,

I am a born and raised Floridian. My grandfather, Joseph W. Young, is the founder of Hollywood, FL. I went to South Broward High and Miramar High Schools. I am incarcerated at Lowell Correctional Institution, Annex P.O.Box 147, J4/4104L Lowell, and FL. 32663.

I am looking for Indians to write to. I am very homesick. I know Jimmy Hank "The Tank," Osceola, also some of the Tommies, Billie, and Osceolas. Maybe they don't remember me anymore, but I would like to write to people that are interested in tribal stories, folklore, and the Seminole Wars, also Christians and spiritual people.

Please write, especially "The Tank." I am also an artist and writer. I would like a subscription to Southwest Art, Wildlife Art, and Western Art Magazines. My father told me that great-grandfather was married to a Blackfoot or a coastal tribe member in the Washington – Seattle area, he was a whaling captain. I would like to research this just to know the truth. Also, I would like a subscription to *The Seminole Tribune*.

I would like to offer art and articles. Also, I am looking for a subscription application to Southwest Art, Wildlife Art, and Western Cowboy art magazines so I can get a one-year subscription to each. It is so important to me. My friend Mrs. Doctor told me that those magazines were in your office waiting room. Please send them subscriptions.

May God hold you in the palm of his hand,

Pat Hale #0153942

J4/4104L

Lowell Correctional Institution

Annex

P.O. Box 147

Lowell, FL. 32263

Dear Editor,

I have never been to your casino,

but plan on coming soon. Can you answer my questions on playing your slots? I am a novice and want to come prepared, if need be.

Do your slots take tokens that you provide? Or do your slots take money directly?

If your slots take money directly, do you provide coin change, or should I come with coin change?

On that issue, does the majority of your slots take dollars or do they also taken quarters, and lesser coins?

I don't mean to badger you with questions, but I don't want to be disappointed when I arrive and find that I needed to bring the right change. I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,
Vivian
Pembroke Pines

We don't have slots but rather TAD's. They look and play like slot machines and have the same titles as in Las Vegas and New Jersey. The difference is the winner is determined by the outcome of a bingo game as displayed on the screen along with the reels. No coins are utilized; it's paper money in, paper ticket out. Either play the ticket in another machine or cash the winning tickets out at the cage or through a TAD attendant.

Edward Jenkins - Director of
Gaming/Compliance and Regulations

Dear Editor,

I am trying to locate the schedule for Bingo at you Tampa facility. Could you please send me the web address to go to or a schedule?

Thank you
kpacoangel@aol.com

Unfortunately no on line schedules exist. If you could e-mail me a mailing address I will gladly have someone send programs to you.

John Fontana
General Manager, Tampa Hard Rock
Hotel & Casino

Corrections



Jan. 16 Issue

• Frank J. Billie was incorrectly identified as Henry John Billie in a photo caption. This photo accompanied the story "Big Cypress Seniors Celebrate Christmas," on page 12.

• In the story titled "Big Cypress Seniors Celebrate Christmas" on page 12, Chairman Mitchell Cypress was incorrectly identified as the sponsor of this event. President Moses Osceola sponsored this event.

• In the story titled "The Seminole Tribe of Florida's First Annual Toy Drive" on page 1, boxer Michael Moor's name was misspelled as Michael Moore.

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Party goers enjoy a delicious meal catered by Cleve Baker before the concert.

Paula Cassels

Steven Bowers Celebrates Double Nickels

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On Jan. 17, Steven Bowers celebrated his 55th birthday. Bowers, who is Seminole and Creek Indian, resides on one of the oldest sections of the Hollywood Reservation.

“As of today, I’m legally considered a senior citizen,” Bowers said. “I am looking forward to senior life and receiving senior benefits.”

His birthday dinner and party were held under the beautiful oak trees on the side of his home. After eating a buffet dinner catered by Cleve Baker, Bowers received presents from friends and relatives.

In the back yard, Bowers’ good friend

Chuckie Osceola made him a 12-foot by 12-foot, 16-foot high cooking chickee for his birthday.

“Steven and I have been good friends for a long time, more than twenty years,” Osceola said. “This is my birthday present to him.”

Later, Steven posed for lots of group photos with family and friends; candid shots were also taken. When it got dark, and Steven announced, “Let the good times begin.”

The Silver Wings Band, a popular three piece band that plays at the local pubs and bars in South Florida, provided the entertainment. Attendees enjoyed joking, dancing and laughing with Steven as everyone had a great time.

Bowers is looking forward to enjoying the prime side of life – with friends and family.



Paula Cassels

Scott Youngblood, Steven Bowers, and Trish Otterbach.

Big Cypress Family Roller Dance



Nery Mejicano

Waiting patiently for his turn.



Nery Mejicano

Let’s roll!

By Nery Mejicano
BIG CYPRESS — On Saturday, Jan. 24, the Big Cypress Recreation Department had a family roller dance at the Herman Osceola Gymnasium. This was a first of a monthly series of “Cool Events for the Entire Family” sponsored by the Recreation Department.

The gym was transformed into a roller rink, together with colored lights, music and a live DJ. In addition, there was face painting, contests and prizes for those attending and refreshments and food. The kids and parents had a great time and hope to continue to see more of these events.

Programs such as these help provide healthy structured and supervised alternatives to families and their children closer to home. For example, the closest roller rink is 65 miles away from Big Cypress residents. Bringing activities to the Big Cypress Reservation is welcome and enjoyed by all. Thanks to Stan and his staff for the terrific job.



Seminole Tribune archive photo

Participants from the Flute Retreat at Billie Swamp Safari in 2000.

4th Annual Florida Flute Retreat Coming Soon at Billie Swamp Safari

BIG CYPRESS — Come and join us at Billie Swamp Safari on the Big Cypress reservation and make your own flute under the expert instruction of Sonny Nevaquaya, master flutist.

Andrew Begay will also teach wood burning, and how to carve designs on your flute. Bebi Lowe will return for beadwork classes as well.

The Flute Retreat will take place Feb. 17 – 20, however instruction runs from Feb. 18 – 20. Accommodations are available for people wanting to stay overnight at Billie Swamp Safari.

For more information, please contact Christine at (954) 322-6196, or Mary J. Coppedge at the Big Cypress Culture Department.

Baby Shower Held for Employee

By Melissa Sherman
HOLLYWOOD — The stork has once again circled around the Hollywood Tribal Offices. The notorious bird is ready to deliver another bundle of joy to Belinda Fernandez, Benefits Coordinator in the Human Resource Department.

On Thursday, Jan. 22, the Tribal Council hosted a baby shower for the expecting mom. Hostesses Jennifer Keefe and Cecelia “Tina” Bailey organized the event at the old Hotmeals Building.

Inside, Keefe and Bailey transformed the old building, garnishing it with balloons and confetti and “Welcome Baby Boy” signs. Keefe showed off her many talents with party favor diapers she made from paper towels with favor diapers she stuffed the favors with M&M’s®; they were the hit of the party.

More than 30 tribal citizens and employees attended the celebration with gifts in hand, from diapers to diaper pails, blue bibs and blankets, even a stroller, purchased for her as a group gift.

As the shower came to an end, Fernandez gracefully thanked everyone who attended, and also thanked the Tribal Council for all of their generosity.

Fernandez has worked for the tribe for three years now. She is already a mom of two girls, 12-year-old Gina and 9-year-old Sharlene, and very excited for her third child.



Melissa Sherman

Belinda Fernandez admires a hand crafted photo album from Anthony and Valerie Frank.

PUBLIC NOTICE

TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA WATER QUALITY STANDARDS AT THE SEMINOLE WATER COMMISSION MEETING

**February 17, 2004
10:00 a.m.**

**Big Cypress Family Investment Center
Water Resource Management Department Conference Room**

The Water Resource Management Department has scheduled a public meeting for discussion of surface water quality criteria established to protect designated uses of those surface waters for the Seminole Tribe of Florida. Comment on proposed or existing criteria is desired. Oral and written comments will be accepted. For further information, please contact the WRMD at (954) 967-3402.

Gift Certificate Giveaway

Preferred-Ultimate Travel & Entertainment, a Miami, FL company that sells vouchers for entertainment events, will be selecting people at random from stories in *The Seminole Tribune* and sending them \$50 gift certificates. These certificates can be used for most theatre, music, and sporting events held in South Florida.

The winners they selected from the last issue of the paper are Mitchell Osceola and O’Hara Marcellus Tommie.

Congratulations to the winners, and remember to check back in the next issue to see who they selected.

For more information about Preferred-Ultimate Travel & Entertainment please call them at (305) 445-6566, or visit <http://www.preferredultimate.com>.



Mitchell Osceola



O’Hara Marcellus Tommie

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Council Appoints Sayen, Tiger to Tribal Secretary, Tribal Treasurer

By Shelley Marmor
HOLLYWOOD — On Friday Jan. 16, the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Tribal Council met for a regular meeting. All representatives and liaisons were present, with the exception of O.B. Osceola, Naples Liaison.

Ken Fields asked the Council to withdraw one of the items tabled from the Dec. 2003 meeting, and they accepted. All items on their agenda, including five items tabled from the Dec. 2003 meeting, passed unanimously.

In addition, the Council announced their

appointments to two key positions, Tribal Secretary and Tribal Treasurer. Former Tribal Secretary/Treasurer Priscilla D. Sayen will now be Tribal Secretary and Mike Tiger will be Tribal Treasurer. These positions will be effective as of Feb. 9.

At the Sept. 29, 2003 Council meeting, the members unanimously approved Resolution C-268-03, which split the Secretary/Treasurer position. This dual position was established in 1957, and according to the resolution, splitting it will increase efficiency.

Board Discusses Mad Cow, Citrus at Recent Meeting

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — On Jan. 20, the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. held a Board meeting at the main Tribal Office auditorium, discussing the various programs and enterprises.

Don Robertson, Natural Resources Director for the Agricultural/Cattle Company, reported that despite the fears of Mad Cow disease, the Seminole Tribe has not been affected.

Polly Hayes, 4H Coordinator, plans on setting up sewing, cooking, and other programs with the Culture Department. Hayes asked Tribal leaders and community members for their continued support.

"Anything we can do to help," replied President Moses Osceola.

Timmy Johns, Citrus Groves Manager, stated that the market is tough right now.

"Many lemons are imported from Argentina, Spain, and Chile and their prices are very low" said Johns. "Our lemons are sold mostly along the eastern

seaboard of the U.S., while 60% are sold right here in Florida."

The sugarcane business continues to excel under James Tommie, Sugarcane Manager. He is confident about this years' harvest, and the operation as a whole.

Buster Baxley, General Manager of the Okalee Village and Museum, is discussing the new design layout and would like to push the opening date up to mid-July 2004 as opposed to Sept. Baxley is involved in the design process, which will include a 750 seat amphitheatre.

Some of the resolutions that passed included: an approval of sponsorship for Five Star Championship Rodeo and Five Star Championship Rodeo for Youth, approval to enter into negotiations for a RV park, and approval to enter into negotiations for the purchase of Beck's Service Station and Convenience Store in Brighton.

Tribal Council and Board Meetings Go Wireless

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — The Seminole Tribe of Florida continues to embrace new technologies as both Council and Board representatives can now utilize wireless laptop computers during their meetings.

Among the benefits of using computers is that each individual representative can follow the meeting's agenda on their own personal computer.

"All paperwork for the meeting is scanned by Tribal Clerk Holly Tiger," said Mario Silva, Technical Services Manager. "I use to scan it before, but this system is much more efficient. After all the information is scanned in, Holly brings me the CD-ROM which I then enter into the computer."

With the advent of wireless technology, the tribe can now hold meetings anywhere. But more

importantly, it will eliminate mountains of paperwork and perhaps save a small forest.

"A great aspect of using the wireless technology is that I can bring up any information the representatives request," said Silva. "If someone makes reference to a certain resolution, I can simply locate the file and send it to each computer."

Priscilla Sayen, Secretary/Treasurer for the Seminole Tribe, enjoys the flexibility of the new system and that changes can be made quicker than ever before.

"It makes attending these meetings much easier," said President Moses Osceola. "You don't have to page through loads of paperwork. I believe it will also make our meetings much more efficient."



Excelling in school: Students received awards for character, honor roll, attendance, and most improved.

First Indian Baptist Awards Ceremony

By Jo Jumper
BRIGHTON — On Feb. 12, First Indian Baptist had their awards ceremony. The following awards were given out: Kiwanis Character Award, Nine-Week A Honor Roll, Semester All A's, Nine Week A/B Honor Roll, Attendance Award, and Most Improved. Congratulations to all students who received an award. Keep up the good work!

Kiwanis – Dayne Johns, Amanda Madison, Jennifer Tommie, Lois Billie, Ashton Baxley, Kalgary Johns, Reese Bert, Dewell Johns, Marshall Tommi, and Shanda Cypress.

9 Week A Honor Roll – Kalgary Johns, Marilee Johns and Kaley Riley.

9 Week A/B Honor Roll – C.W. Ortiz, Taylor Johns, Ashton Baxley, Lois Billie, Nicholas Nix, Marshall Tommie, Jennifer Tommie, Robert "Bo" Parker and Trina Bowers.

Attendance – Justin Osceola and Robert "Bo" Parker.

Most Improved – Dayne Johns, Justin Osceola and Missy Huff.

Semester A Honor Roll – Kalgary Johns,

Ashton Baxley, Lois Billie, Marshall Tommie and Kaley Riley.

Semester A/B Honor Roll – Spawn Loudermilk, Taylor Johns, Nicholas Nix, and Robert



L-R: Justin Osceola, Nocholas Nix, Lois Billie, Ashton Baxley, and teacher Miss Heather Yager.

"Bo" Parker, Trina Bowers, Paul Billie and Jennifer Tommie.

University of Miami Welcomes Students

By Shelley Marmor
CORAL GABLES, FL — On Friday Jan. 23, the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Higher Education Advisor John Bell, Ft. Pierce Education Advisor Jane Stockton, Dora high school students, and parent Esther Gopher toured the University of Miami (UM).

UM Admission Counselor Nikki K. Chun took the group all around the campus. According to Bell, "they showed us all the facilities," but the group spent a lot of their time touring UM's better-known departments, including the Business Department, International Studies Department, Communications Department, and Medical Sciences Department.

Bell says these departments provide individualized instruction because the classes have fewer students, which generally helps students learn better. After their tour, they ate lunch on campus. While eating, some current UM students approached Bell and

the group asking them if they had any questions. Bell said this was helpful because "young people communicate very well among themselves."

One of the students on the tour, Joletta John, expressed an interest in attending UM, and possibly studying medicine. Presently, two Seminole students attend UM, Summer Tiger, a junior, and Marina Tigertail, a senior. Hollywood Tribal Representative Max Osceola Jr. is an alumnus of the school with a degree in political science. Bell, however, says UM would like to have more Seminole students.

"I want students to see that the university really wants Seminoles there," Bell said.

To arrange a visit to UM, or any other school or university, please call Dora Bell at (954) 658-2415, Ext. 1311, or e-mail her at DBell@semtribe.com.



NOW SERVING: Immokalee Council Representative Elaine Aguilar and Board Representatives Paul Bowers, Johnny Jones, David DeHass, and Raymond Garza made sure everyone had enough to eat.

Fourth Annual Council Versus Board Rodeo

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — The John Jimmie Memorial Arena in Immokalee was host to the Fourth Annual Council versus Board Rodeo on Saturday Jan. 24.

Moses Jumper of Hollywood Recreation worked hard to organize this event and created a fun-filled rodeo for everyone. Participants included tribal citizens, employees and affiliates.

Each entry indicated whether they were riding for the end of the Board or Council team. At the end of the evening, their points were tabulated and Board triumphed over Council.

The awards to the participants were provided by Immokalee and included both cash and buckles. Councilman Roger Smith of Brighton also contributed a sponsorship.

A special thank you to all the people who worked to make this event possible and the great success that it was. Benny Hernandez of the Big Cypress Arena provided not only his time, but also sheep and cattle. Josh Jumper supplied some roping steers and the wild cow milking stock came from



Paul Bowers prepared the best tasting ribs around.

Board Representative Paul Bowers of Big Cypress prepared a free barbecue of some of the best ribs anyone has ever eaten. The following board members also assisted: Johnny Jones of Brighton, David Dehass of Hollywood and Raymond Garza of Immokalee. After a full day at the grill, enough mouth-watering ribs were barbecued for everyone to enjoy second and third helpings.

Elaine Aguilar, Immokalee Council Representative, provided a free concession stand for the entire evening, which included not only the food and beverages, but also several homemade desserts. Immokalee's Sylvia Marrero donated fry-bread for the meal as well as her valuable time in the concession stand.

Naha Jumper.

Ray Riviera of the Hollywood Horse Club lent a valuable hand to Moses Jumper who acquired the judges, bookkeepers and arena help. Also, the John Jimmie Arena crew had the grounds looking in great shape.

Future Star Sings in Front of School

Spencer Battiest won the crowd over at his school, but he dreams of winning over an even bigger crowd on the TV show American Juniors

children, and has since registered. Until he makes his television debut, you can hear Spencer singing the national anthem at the Coconut Creek Casino before boxing matches.

By Shelley Marmor
HOLLYWOOD — On Thursday Jan. 29, Spencer Battiest, 13, performed a gospel song in front of his fellow students at Hollywood Christian School, where he is a seventh grader.

His mother, June Battiest, said Spencer has been sick for the last month and was on the verge of having Scarlet fever at the time of his performance. He, however, did not want to miss his chance to sing.

"He is a little trouper," June Battiest said.

While his fellow students thunderously applauded for him and gave him hi-fives after he finished, Spencer dreams of bigger things. According to June Battiest, Spencer wants to be the next American Idol.

"He's been wanting to be on American Idol since he was ten," she said. "But he's always been too young."

Age, however, may no longer be a factor for Spencer to become an idol. She said Spencer recently found out about American Juniors, which is a version of American Idol for



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Flamingo Elementary students were all ears when Charles Hiers Billie spoke.

Charles Hiers Billie Volunteers at Old Davie School: Canoe Building Becoming a Lost Art

By Michael Kelly
DAVIE, FL — Charles Hiers Billie takes pride in many things. One of them is his desire to educate individuals about the Seminole Tribe. So when the Broward County School Board asked Billie to volunteer at the Old Davie School in Davie, FL, he was more than excited.

"I was at the Broward County Pioneer Days Celebration and spoke with someone about volunteering here at the school; they thought it was a great idea," said Billie. "This is the first time a Seminole has been in such a program."

Most of the visitors to the Old School are school children, ranging from second to fourth grade. On this particular day, the Flamingo Elementary School in Davie spent a late Wednesday morning listening intently to Billie as he sat in his fiberglass replica of a Seminole canoe. He discussed how the Seminoles use to travel by canoe through the meandering everglades, stopping by trading posts to buy and sell goods.

"The smaller canoes were used for hunting, holding only a couple of people," said Billie. "The larger canoes would carry families along the everglades, also known as the river of grass."

Traditional Seminole canoes are made from cypress trees, generally between 15 and 30 feet in length. The canoes are narrow, approximately three feet wide, 15 inches deep and 15 feet long. And while

most Seminoles used a tall wooden pole to navigate, some canoes were powered by a small sail.

Billie explained that constructing traditional Seminole canoes has largely died out.

"Very few people know how to do it," said Billie. "And those that do are elders."

"It can be a pain-staking process, but its part of our culture. Our younger generation needs to learn it. It's important," he continued.

Billie hired Carlos Fernandez to replicate the Seminole canoes, but added a few refinements.

"The canoe I'm making on right now is wider and has a flatter bottom, so it's easier to move about," said Fernandez. "Also, the sides are much higher so you can use it in the ocean."

The particular canoe Fernandez is working on reaches 28-feet in length, and will have a small sail.

According to Fernandez, the process for constructing a fiberglass canoe can take a few days or several weeks to make. After creating the actual canoe, a gel coat is applied, which creates an outer shell. After that, more layers gel coat are applied to add thickness.

Billie would like to construct a few of them for each reservation, and eventually use them for canoe races, reenactments, or just

for fun.

"It's important that our children learn about their past and how we lived," said Billie. "The real cypress canoes are becoming extinct. Maybe with the help of these fiberglass canoes, that past will never go away."



Michael Kelly

Carlos Fernandez works on the fiberglass canoe.

Archery Brings Family Together

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — The last time Wanda Bowers tried archery was in high school. But from Jan. 30 - Feb. 1, she and her son Casey McCall, 15, will compete in their first archery tournament at the Brighton Recreation building.

"My mother and I were inspired by Indian Day back in September 2003," said Bowers. "The Recreation Department set up archery equipment and targets to hit. After a few pointers from John Waterhouse and Steve Young, I was doing fairly well. My son Casey also enjoyed it."

For most parents, spending time with their children can be as difficult as hitting a bull's-eye.

"For me, it was a great way to bond with my son," said Bowers. "Because I work full time, I don't get to see Casey that much. This way, we get to practice together."

John Waterhouse, Indigenous Archery Coach for the Seminole Tribe for the past two years, sees potential in both Wanda and Casey.

"I think they have the potential to do well," said Waterhouse. "They're here every Monday and Friday for practice, two hours each day. They've shown they are committed to succeeding."

The mother/son team shoots as many as 60 arrows at an 18 inch target, 20 yards away. According to Casey, the hardest thing to do is remembering the right technique.

"You need to concentrate on every little detail - placing your hands just right and eyeing the target," said Casey. "But once you get it, you just know you're going to hit the bulls-eye. It's also relaxing; it's just you and the target."

This tournament is a tune-up for the Sunshine State Games, to be held in Tallahassee, FL in June. But the ultimate goal is to compete in the 2005 Indigenous Games in Buffalo, NY.

"We took the Bronze medal at the



Michael Kelly

Casey McCall's archery skills are right on target.

Indigenous Games in Winnipeg back in 2001," said Waterhouse. "Clinton Holt was outstanding. If it wasn't for a technicality, he would have captured the gold."

Unfortunately, Holt has not committed to the 2005 Indigenous Games, but Waterhouse is optimistic he'll be there.

Wanda recalled one day when Casey was getting frustrated during practice.

"He wanted to quit right there on the spot," said Wanda. "I said fine, then I'll quit too - let's go home. He changed his mind and hasn't looked back since."

Waterhouse, who has more than 20 years experience in archery and as an instructor, hopes more Seminoles will participate in classes and in upcoming tournaments.

Archery instructions are offered every Monday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in signing up, please contact the Hollywood Recreation Department at (954) 989-9457, or call John Waterhouse at (305) 796-2874.



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Taking aim (L-R): Casey McCall, John Waterhouse, and Wanda Bowers.

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				Male	Female	Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian	Asian
Murder											
Sex Offense											
Robbery	2	2189									
Aggravated Battery	5		3			3		2	1		
Battery	28		17			10	7	10	2	5	
Burglary	14	20917	5			3	2	1	2	2	
Larceny	40	43788									
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	115201	2			1	1	1		1	

Classification of Offenses	Total Arrests	JUVENILES		ADULTS		RACE				
		Male	Female	Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian	Asian	
DUI	3			3		1		2		
Stolen Property										
Weapons Violation	1	1				1				
Liquor Law Violation										
Miscellaneous	24	2		19	3	11	9	3	1	
Drugs (Possession / Sale)	17	1		11	5	11	3	3		

Narcotics Confiscated During Arrests		
Drug Type	Amount	Value
Marijuana (grams)	30.35	\$167
Cocaine (grams)	11.13	\$520
Crack Cocaine (grams)		
Alprazolam / Xanax (pills)		
Oxycodone (pills)	1	\$5
Oxycontin (pills)		
Crystal Methamphetamines	17.6	\$1000
Other Narcotics (pills)	3	\$20

First Community Christmas Dinner

By Paula Cassels

HOLLYWOOD — On Christmas afternoon, lowship that brought the Christmas day to a merry end.

Maydell Osceola and the Osceola family presented the First Community Christmas Dinner. This Christmas season, spreading holiday cheer was the Osceola family's goal.

Maydell Osceola invited community citizens and family to her home to celebrate and enjoy a Christmas dinner.

She stirred up corn, pork chops and tomato gravy with rice in the cooking chickee.

The Osceola children shared in the holiday fun, while Tate Osceola created his famous barbeque ribs and chicken. Donna Turtle stayed busy in the kitchen making traditional frybread, spaghetti, beans and more.

Mable Osceola Moses made up gift baskets with assorted pots, pans and other household items. Later, the teenagers handed out Christmas presents and gift baskets to everyone there.

When the food platters were ready to serve, all the children gathered to say grace and give blessings for the Christmas dinner.

Following dinner, everyone enjoyed watching the children take swings at the Sponge Bob Square Pants piñata. Starting with the youngest participants, each child received three chances to hit Sponge Bob with a plastic bat hoping to make all the candy fall out.

Sponge Bob held together well until Morgan Frank's turn. Frank hit Sponge Bob so hard that the candy flew all over.

Everyone shared laughs, smiles and fel-



Paula Cassels

Mary Gay Osceola (center) phones a friend to tell them the food looks good.

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Michael Moorer was the champion story time reader.

Michael Moorer Visits DSO Library

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — Two-time heavyweight champion Michael Moorer made a guest appearance at the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) Library, but it wasn't to sign autographs. Moorer read children's books to the preschoolers who thoroughly enjoyed the encounter. "It was awesome" said Yudit Lam, Hollywood Branch Librarian. "I was not expecting this kind of relationship among a boxer and children. He completely caught their attention and was able to keep a wonderful environment during all the session."

For the record, Moorer read

"Panda Bear, Panda Bear What Do You See?", "Rap a Tap Tap, If You Take A Mouse to School," and "The Cat in the Hat Comes Back."
"The Library staff was very grateful for his participation and support of our Book Fair," said Lam. "Mr. Moorer's wonderful charisma with the children at our opening day story time was superb."
Lam added the library staff hopes to share future events with both Moorer and Warrior's Boxing Promotions, Inc.
"Together, they made this event a beautiful success" he said.

Hats Off to Reading, Scholastic Book Fair

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On Jan. 12 – 16 the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) Memorial Library presented the Hats Off to Reading Scholastic Book Fair. The Scholastic Book Fair offered students and preschoolers many exclusive editions of books at great prices. On Monday, professorial boxer Michael Moorer came to visit the DSO Library and read a story to the preschoolers. On Tuesday, the preschoolers came to the library for story time and to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair. Later that day, Jerome Williams read a book to the children titled, "There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Bat." When he finished, the children cheered "read it again," and clapped their hands with joy. On Thursday, Head Librarian



Story time is always a treat for the preschoolers.

Yudit Lam and Library Assistant Jacob Coile presented a tea party for the participating students, and some children were awarded books for participating in the book fair's craft and writing contests. The children enjoyed the special events presented by the DSO Library and Scholastic Book Fair.

33rd Annual Seminole Tribal Fair & Rodeo

Schedule of Activities
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Friday, February 13, 2004	* Invocation * Officials * Dignitaries * Princesses (Royalty)
9 AM Gates Open	
10 AM Grand Entry (Bison Production: Native American Dance Troupe) * Invocation * Officials * Dignitaries * Princesses (Royalty)	1 PM Little Mr. & Miss Seminole Contest
	3 PM Pow-wow Exhibition (Bison Production: Native American Dance Troupe)
10:30 AM Pow-wow Exhibition (Bison Production: Native American Dance Troupe)	4 PM Alligator Wrestling & Snake Show
	5 PM Youth Rodeo
11:30 AM Alligator Wrestling & Snake Show	7 PM Bill Osceola Memorial All-Indian Rodeo 2nd Performance
12:30 PM Aztec Dancers	
1:30 PM Pow-wow Exhibition (Bison Production: Native American Dance Troupe)	Sunday, February 15, 2004
	9 AM GATES OPEN
2:30 PM Alligator Wrestling & Snake Show	10 AM Grand Entry (Bison Production: Native American Dance Troupe) * Invocation * Officials * Dignitaries * Princesses (Royalty)
3:30 PM Aztec Dancers	11 AM Pow-wow Exhibition (Bison Production: Native American Dance Troupe)
4:30 PM Youth Rodeo	12 Noon Alligator Wrestling & Snake Show
7:00 PM Bill Osceola Memorial All-Indian Rodeo 1st Performance	
Saturday, February 14, 2004	
8 AM GATES OPEN	1 PM Aztec Dancers
9 AM Seminole Clothing Contest	2 PM Bill Osceola Memorial All-Indian Rodeo 3rd Performance
12:00 Noon Grand Entry (Bison Production: Native American Dance Troupe)	

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4. Beadwork
5. Basketry (made from Sweet grass)
6. Seminole Designs (Design only, one yard of one design)

Rules and Regulations:
1. Item must have been made within the past six months to entry deadline

2. Item cannot have been sold then retrieved to enter contest
3. One entry, per person, per category
4. Person submitting an entry must be the original artist and a member of the Seminole Tribe of Florida
5. No previous entries
6. Deadline for entries brought to the Hollywood Tribal Office (Sec./Tres.) is Thursday, Feb. 12 at 5:00 pm.
7. Your name, reservation and phone number must be on your entry
8. All entries must be picked up on Sunday Feb. 15 by 3:00 p.m.

Tribal Fair Committee will not be responsible for any items not picked up by Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

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Description (color, etc.) _____

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Snake Warrior Honored With Park

The Seminole Tribe's Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer plays part in proving Seminole warrior once lived there.

By Shelley Marmor

MIRAMAR, FL — Chitto Tustenuggee, or Snake Warrior, inhabited what is now 6301 SW 62 Ave. in Miramar, Fla. about 175 years ago. On Wednesday Jan. 21 Broward County and the City of Miramar dedicated the land to him at a now-public 53.3 acre park called Snake Warrior's Island Natural Area, located in eastern Miramar, north of County Line Road.

The park consists of two distinct lands, a north and south island. Officials from the Broward County Parks and Recreation Department along with the Broward County Office of Environmental Services teamed up to recreate what the park would have looked like when Tustenuggee lived there. Consequently, many animals that would have lived on the land during Tustenuggee's time, including wood storks, ospreys and turtles, now regularly visit the park.

The opening ceremony was with invocation by Matthew Lee Smith, Senior Pastor at the Miramar Evangelical Free Church. In addition, community officials including Broward County Mayor Ilene Liberman, and Miramar Mayor Lori Cohen Mosley attended the ceremony.

"I think this park is a symbol of how we preserve where we came from by still going forward," Mosley said during her speech. "By having a marriage of the past and the present, we make the future for our children tomorrow."

Bill Steele, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the tribe, also spoke during the ceremony. He informed the crowd of about 100 people that Snake Warrior's Island "is the oldest known Seminole town that has been found."

Steele recalled noticing the land that is now Snake Warrior's Island in the early 1990s.

While working on an excavation project at Joe Robbie Stadium he drove down County Line Road daily, which passes the site that is now the park. He said he noticed an elevated land area and began to wonder if it had any archaeological significance.

He recalls telling a fellow archaeologist, "An elevation change like this really is where people live, because it's a real change in the environment."

It turned out the elevated land did have significance; it was actually the land at today's Snake Warrior's Island.

A crew from the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, where Steele worked at the time, began excavating the site in 1992 after the Trust for Public Lands and the Florida Emergency Archaeological Property Acquisition Fund \$1.973 million and saved the land from development. The crew uncovered Seminole artifacts including kaskaskia fishing and hunting points, and glass beads.

Though archaeologists uncovered these impor-

tant artifacts, Steele says a map from 1840 provided the most proof that the Seminoles actually used the area. This map showed a river passage that took travelers directly to Big Cypress from today's Snake Warrior's Island, and had "passage for small boats across the everglades as reported by the Indians" written on it.

At the time this map was written, Florida was mostly underwater, with only five of its 35 million acres above water. Snake Warrior's Island is located where Snake Creek cuts through the Atlantic Coastal Ridge, and Steele said the Seminoles used this as their main thoroughfare, canoeing on its waters, and walking across the land when the waters dried up.

"From the earliest times that the Seminoles occupied this part of South Florida, this has been the road," he said.

Besides helping prove the Seminoles used the land, Steele also assisted in proving the land was once Chitto Tustenuggee's island camp. He said one big clue came from the Buckingham Smith report written in 1848, which Tustenuggee is written about in. According to Steele, this report, written by Smith, a St. Augustine aristocrat, is known among archeologists as "the beginning of scientific knowledge of the Everglades."

Proving Tustenuggee did in fact inhabit the island also helped Steele with another important finding. Before discovering the Snake River's Island site, most people believed the Seminoles came to Florida much later than they actually did.

Perhaps the most important finding at the site was a British Royal Marine hat insignia. Steele said during the War of 1812, many British officers provided supplies to the native peoples in hopes of getting them to fight on the side of the British and against the U.S. He says this proves Seminoles must have occupied Snake Warrior's Island in 1812 or the hat insignia would not have shown up there.

"They use to think the Seminoles came here in 1830," he said. "This started to show they didn't come here in 1830, they were already here by 1813."

"This site was the beginning of our understanding that the Seminoles had been in South Florida a lot longer than we ever believed," he continued.

Though most archaeological sites and findings usually spark debate among the archaeological community, Steele said this one did not. He said that was likely because they uncovered a "preponderance of evidence."

Steele says that while the park itself is significant, the significance really lies in the bigger historical picture the park helps provide. He says Snake Warrior's Island assists in helping people understand a "regional interpretation of history" of Seminoles in Florida.

"We're actually getting to the point where you could do a tour of Native American history for the region," he said. "You could go from Okeechobee; you could up to the Brighton reservation. You could go all the way around and tell a story of South Florida in way that no one has ever told it."

While the state of Florida technically owns Snake Warrior's Island and Broward County manages it through a lease agreement with the state, Steele says, "this park is almost 100 percent a Seminole park."

For more information on Snake Warrior's Island please call the Broward County Parks and Recreation Department at (954) 357-8100.



Shelley Marmor

After several speeches explaining the importance of Snake Warrior's Island, politicians and other county officials prepared to officially open the park. Included in the ceremony were Bill Steele, Deputy Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Seminole Tribe of Florida (3rd from right), Broward County Mayor Ilene Liberman, (5th from left), and Miramar Mayor Lori Cohen Mosley (5th from right).



Shelley Marmor

Elevated land area Bill Steele noticed in the early 1990s. After careful study he and others were able to prove Chitto Tustenuggee once lived here.

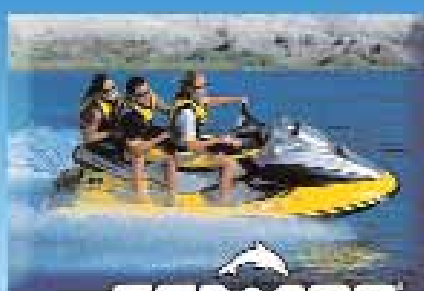
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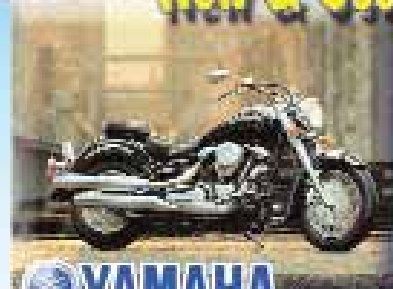
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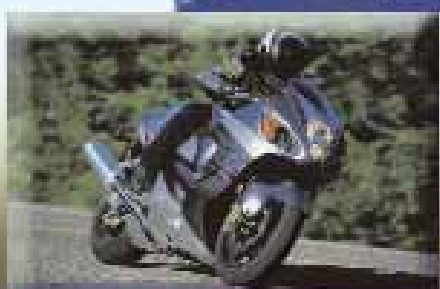
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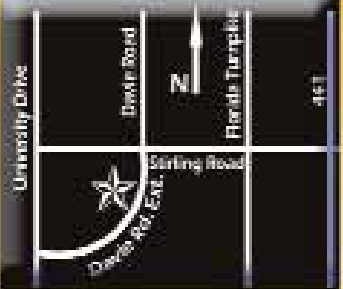
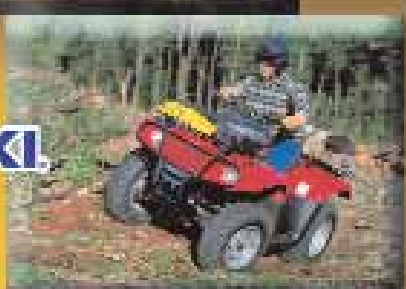
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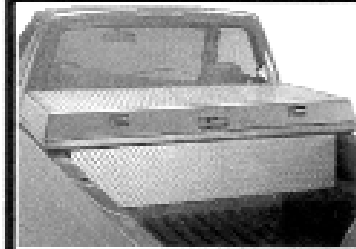
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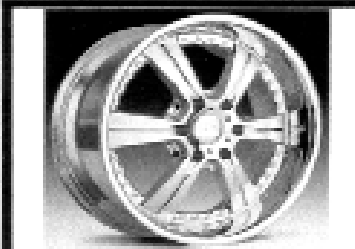
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Meet the Family Services Staff: Who We Are, What We Do



Crissie Carter, Marla Dale, Billie Napper and Laura Herit with Education Department Staff during their community meeting in Immokalee. Here, Laura, Crissie, and Norita Yzaquirre discuss collaborating with some prevention services, such as SADD, MADD, SWAT, for the community. Norita, Billie and Laura know that the stronger their relationship, the more advantages it provides to the young people of the Tribe, so they continue to work on improving that relationship.



Marla Dale, Noella Nuñez O'Donnell, SGT. Phil Gonzalez, and Billie Napper plan a meeting to provide information to the seniors. Sgt. Phil and the Immokalee Family Services Staff have established a good working relationship and through open communication are working together to help the community be as safe as possible, especially for our seniors.



Shelly Walker, Director of the Pullout Program meets with Brighton Family Services Counselors, Kay Begin and Harold Baxley.



Linda Knee, Tom Ryan, Crissie Carter, Cindy Corriher, Tony Bullington at Tampa Education Community Meeting.



Family Services Counselors, Kelli Burgess and Lois Jenkins, meet with Barbara Boling, Health Educator.



Crissie Carter, Family Services Department, and Stan Frischman, Recreation Department working together on a community drug prevention project.



Immokalee student Jade Tapia plays a math game while Billie Napper and Chelse Ford cheer her on. Billie's relationship with the kids consists of doing fun things, and this allows the kids to become familiar with her so that if they have a problem they will feel comfortable talking with her.

Billie Napper

Billie Napper graduated in 1987 from Alabama A&M University with a Master of Science degree in Counseling Psychology. She has been a counselor for 24 years and has worked in a variety of settings ranging from crisis line counseling to out-patient counseling and education to a locked Crisis Stabilization Unit and a long-term drug treatment program. She was a Certified Addictions Counselor in the state of

Alabama, and was also certified by the Department of the Army. She enjoys working with people, particularly in non-traditional settings. Billie has worked in Family Services in Immokalee for the past five years and thoroughly enjoys learning about the Seminole's history and traditions. Billie is married to Al Bodway and they have eight children and five grandsons. They have three dachshunds to help keep them in line, and they are both members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Jack VanCott



My name is Jack VanCott and I have been working for Family Services as a Counselor since May 2003. I am here for Seminole families to help with substance abuse and mental health problems. I have a master's degree in Counseling and 10 years of experience with addictions. I visit clients at treatment centers, jails and at home. I look forward to a long relationship with the Seminole community.

Family Services: Committed to Healthy Relationships

Relationship is a word that induces many mental pictures. Triggers memories and stirs emotions. It encompasses the heart of family life, the domain of marriage, parent and child, and all manners of friendship. Of all that can be said, healthy relationships are crucial to happiness and productivity in every realm of society whether it be individually, the family unit or the work place. The Family Services Department is dedicated to assisting community members in developing healthy, happy and productive relationships. Most of the services and programs offered by the department address issues intricately associated with relationships. To provide quality services, the staff seeks to relate well with each other, other departments and community members. The Family Services staff meets together weekly to discuss schedules and plans for the week. Staff members participate in monthly individual supervision with the site supervisor and group sessions

to process personal issues. Bimonthly, the staff meets for treatment team, to review cases and to receive input so that we can better serve the clients and family members. The staff regularly meets with members of other departments to discover ways to best serve the community. Medical and health issues are addressed with the clinic staff and Health Educator, and the Education Department is often at meetings to discuss student needs, community activities and assistance for parents. Family Services staff attends parent advisory committee meetings, coordinates activities with the Recreation Department, Seminole Police, Senior Centers, and more. The Family Services Department is committed to contributing to healthy relationships for all community members. The staff is ready and willing to assist with resources and by modeling healthy relationships in the office and with other departments.



Treatment Team Meeting in Brighton: Kay Begin, Lois Jenkins, Harold Baxley, Kelli Burgess, Marla Dale and Tony Bullington.

Characteristics of Healthy Relationships

- How many of the following attitudes and behaviors are present in your relationships?
- Communication is open and spontaneous (including listening)
 - Rules/boundaries are clear and explicit, yet allows flexibility
 - Individuality, freedom and personal identity is enhanced
 - Each enjoys doing things for self, as well as for the other
 - Play, humor, and having fun together is commonplace
 - Each does not attempt to "fix" or control the other
 - Acceptance of self and other (for real selves)
 - Assertiveness: feelings and needs are expressed
 - Humility: able to let go of need to "be right"
 - Self-confidence and security in own worth
 - Conflict is faced directly and resolved
 - Openness to constructive feedback
 - Each is trusting of the other
 - Balance of giving and receiving
 - Negotiations are fair and democratic
 - Tolerance: forgiveness of self and other
 - Mistakes are accepted and learned from
 - Willingness to take risks and be vulnerable
 - Other meaningful relationships and interests exist
 - Each can enjoy being alone and privacy is respected
 - Personal growth, change and exploration is encouraged
 - Continuity and consistency is present in the commitment
 - Balance of oneness (closeness) and separation from each other
 - Responsibility for own behaviors and happiness (not blaming other)

Ted Nelson

Hun-Tahmo! I recently began working with Family Services. I am a licensed clinical social worker, tribal citizen, and long time resident of the Hollywood Community. I have been in the social work profession since 1995. It is my hope to help strengthen the relationship between the Seminole community and Family Services, as well as bring about more understanding of Seminole beliefs and lifestyle. In the past ten years, I have worked mostly with children as well as young people, and adults of all ages and cultural backgrounds. I believe in the community



being involved and being there for people. I welcome all tribal citizens with an open door and ear to listen. Shanabisha!



Mary Olitzky

Hi, my name is Mary Olitzky. I am a licensed mental health counselor. I have been a counselor with Family Services since May 2002. I have a lot of experience with substance abuse problems, and also working with women and teenagers. I run the Women's Circle

gathering every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Family Services conference room. This group is for all women who need support in their daily lives. I really enjoy working with the tribal citizens and their families, and getting to know the community.

Marla C. Dale

Marla C. Dale graduated from Texas A&M University in 1978 with BBA in management. She worked as an accountant for eighteen years and after a life awakening, she went back to school and received her master's degree in social work from Barry University in 1998. Marla became licensed as a Clinical Social Worker in the state of Florida in 2001. In March 2001, she joined Family Services as Hollywood's Site Supervisor and has recently been promoted to Assistant Director. Marla worked with a variety of people in different settings prior to joining the Seminole Tribe Family Services almost three years ago. She has worked with the foster families and children at Boys Town, with the mentally and physically challenged at a rehabilitation center, with

Geriatrics and adults at a psychiatric hospital, and with adults at a drug and alcohol residential treatment facility.



Marla Dale after a long, long day!

Marla is married, has one daughter, three step children, three grandchildren, and four dogs. Marla enjoys her family, playing with her dogs, working out, reading, watching the sun rise, and working with the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Meet the Family Services Staff: Who We Are, What We Do



While Noella Nuñez O'Donnell, the Elder Affairs Coordinator was in Immokalee she made a few special home visits to let our seniors know how much they are appreciated. Here she is with Rachel Billie, who is a very active senior and involved in the community. The Senior Action Committee will be meeting on a monthly basis to plan educational classes and coordinate healthy outings for our Immokalee seniors.

Noella Nuñez O'Donnell

Noella Nuñez O'Donnell is a tribal citizen from the Panther Clan, and mother of two beautiful children. She received a bachelor's degree in health services administration from the University of Central Florida in 1997, and in 1999, she graduated from Mankato State University in Minnesota with a master's degree in gerontology.

While attending school in Minnesota, she volunteered with a hospice, which was a very rewarding experience, and worked as a

customer service representative with the Social Security Administration.

She has worked with the Seminole Tribe's Health Department as the Elderly and Handicapped Services Coordinator. Noella's passion is working with our tribal elders. She brought this passion and experience to the Family Services Department in October 2003, as the Elder Affairs Coordinator, and she says she loves it.

Linda Fleischman

Linda Fleischman is a Senior Counselor for Big Cypress Reservation Family Services Department. Linda holds a Marriage and Family Therapist License as well as a Mental Health Counselor License. She also has certification as an Addictions Professional.

Linda provides clinical supervision among the staff members, in addition to her diverse caseload working with tribal citizens. In addition to providing demonstration and instruction using the potter's wheel and small clay sculpture when asked in the ceramics room for seniors at the Senior Center in Big Cypress.

You can usually see her at the Senior Center (Hot Meals) on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. working on the potters wheel when the office is quiet. During the Halloween Festival of 2003 Linda provided face painting for the chil-



dren, and she is willing to offer face painting at any tribal community event.

Martin Borthick

Martin Borthick has worked for The Seminole Tribe as a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Counselor on the Big Cypress community for almost three years.

"My formal education is the direct result of the grace associated with getting sober myself and finishing things addiction took from me long ago," Martin said. "I worked my way from the ground up in substance abuse treatment and completed my education with a Masters Degree in Brief Systemic Individual, Marriage, and Family Therapy."

"Additionally, I have completed the Ph.D. class work and I am eligible for all associated professional licenses but did not perse it-I guess it's not my way," he continued.

"I am highly trained, with a lot of psychotherapy experi-



ence-I'm like a consultant; It's my job to help you figure out ways to do something different so that you get the results you want."



Tony Roberts

Hi, I'm Tony Roberts. I have been working for Family Services as a counselor since May 2003. I have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and more than 17 years of experience working with youth.

I have worked with many different type of youth throughout the years. I also facilitate Kids

Group every Wednesday from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the library in the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) building. I also visit the Youth Center, Gym and DSO daily to interact with the youth and to assist them in any way I can.

I really enjoy working with the youth and their families. I look forward to meeting you soon.



Michael L. Onco, Sr.

My name is Michael L Onco, Sr. I have worked for Family Services on the Big Cypress reservation since February of 1998. I'm a certified alcohol and drug counselor, Vietnam Veteran, and in recovery with 13 plus years of sobriety. I do treatment referrals, outpatient counseling, support the AA Meetings and I have recently received my ropes course certification. I'm a father of two with one of them being a tribal member who resides at Big Cypress Reservation. I enjoy deer hunting very much and fishing.

Tina Mennella

Tina Mennella began working for the Seminole Tribe Family Services in Oct. 2001 at the Hollywood Reservation. As of January 2004, she has been based on the Big Cypress reservation.

"My master's degree is in Marriage and Family Therapy and I am currently the Foster Care Coordinator and a counselor," she said. "As Foster Care Coordinator, I am involved with all of the Reservations and assist with placing children and aiding the families in their efforts to be reunited. As a counselor with the Seminole Tribe, I am very pleased to work in relationship with the children and families and the different reservations.



Tina Mennella and Pastor Salaw Hummingbird at the Big Cypress Community Center

Each person and place is unique in its own way; and that is what makes working here a great experience."

Hanna Marchel

Hello, my name is Hanna Marchel. I have been working for Family



Services for over two and a half years. My main duty as Supervisor is to coordinate all the services and to respond to the community needs.

I listen and I interact with tribal citizens and try to help achieve healthy goals in their lives. When you come to the Family Services I will welcome you, sit with you and listen, then we will explore all the options.

Please come to us and share both your difficulties and your successes.

Carmen Arango

Carmen Arango started working with the Seminole Tribe of Florida in Sept. 2001 as a Counselor and became the Site Supervisor in Nov. 2003.

She bring with her two master's degrees, one in Marriage and Family Therapy and the other in Conflict Analysis. She is currently working on meeting her requirements for state licensure.

Arango enjoys building good working relationships with the different departments and tribal members. She is full of energy and very outgoing. You can find her at the different activities either planning them or



participating in them.

She is a mother of three children, two boys and a girl. Arango is always willing to go the extra mile to help those in need.

Laura Heritier

Family Services Senior Counselor, Laura Heritier and Pete Aguilar, a foster parent and unofficial mentor for young men in the Immokalee Community, maintain a friendly relationship and often chat in the Field Office.

Laura Heritier graduated in 1974 from Ball State University in Indiana with a master's degree in Counseling Psychology. She has worked in prisons, hospitals, clinics and in the community. She has been an emergency clinician, an outpatient therapist and has experience working in a state hospital setting.

Laura is familiar with all aspects of mental health counseling, including individual, groups, marriage and family and testing/assessment. She has been a licensed Mental Health Counselor in Oklahoma, South Carolina and Georgia. And, in Jan. has taken the Florida License



Family Services Senior Counselor, Laura Heritier and Pete Aguilar, a foster parent and unofficial mentor for young men in the Immokalee Community, maintain a friendly relationship and often chat in the Field Office.



Amber Giehtbrock

On Feb. 25, 2002 I began working with the Seminole community. I have a bachelor's degree from Florida Atlantic University and many years of experience working with kids.

Tribal citizens know me from home visits and going to court on behalf of foster families. I

can be found at the Dorothy Scott Osceola Building with the Girl Group every Thursday at 4 p.m. I also visit children and their teachers at schools.

When I am not at work, I enjoy swimming, skating and movies.

Holly Guyon



My name is Holly Guyon and I have recently started working as the Secretary for Family Services. Currently, I support the Family Services staff by answering the phone, greeting visitors and assisting with the office organization.

I am excited to learn more about the Seminole Tribe and how I can better serve this community.



Yvonne Courtney

Hi Everybody! My name is Yvonne Courtney, Tribal Outreach Worker II since 1999. I work in this field believing that we can make a difference of a better healthier life for our tribal citizens.

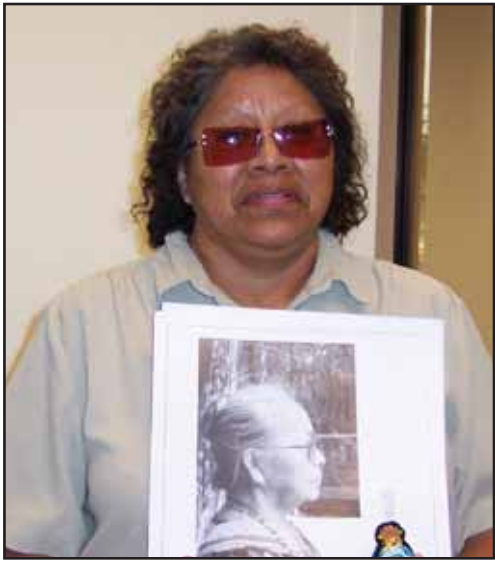
Recovering from alcohol and drugs, I know as a Christian that you can have a better life.

Also, I assist the staff members to have a better understanding of the way our people live. Spirituality is a major part of survival for us as individuals, and as a tribe.

If you have any positive ideas of reaching our members, please contact me.

Lucille Jumper

My name is Lucille Jumper. I am a tribal member. I reside in Big Cypress and work with Family Services Department. My work consists of client transport, home visits, "looking for you," place Indian Medicine requests and delivering it. Also, I attend community functions, and try to be available to work with the elders and everyone that needs someone to talk with. I am the liaison between our department and my community. Come talk with us so you can get to know us.



Brenda Walker



Brenda Walker is the Secretary for the Brighton Family Services Office.

Brenda always has delicious snacks and regularly cooks for the staff. She is a true and wonderful caretaker, which helps the Brighton staff stay very, very happy. Visit her anytime and she'll share a cookie and a smile.

Mark Lichtenberg



My name is Mark Lichtenberg and I am a Counselor for with Family Services. I have a master's degree in counseling and experience in working with adults and children. I really enjoy working with teenagers, who I see at the office, at home and at school. I look forward to meeting you and working with your family.


Congratulations PAC Meeting Attendees

By Cindy Hughes, Assistant Director of Education
HOLLYWOOD — Congratulations to the parents of Seminole students who have attended two or more Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings this school year. The Department of Education and local PAC Committees thank these parents for their support and continued effort towards the education of their children.
 The Private School Scholarship Policy requires all parents of private school students to attend at least two PAC meetings during the school year. The Education Department encourages the parents to attend all PAC meetings, whether your child attends private or public school.
 PAC Committee meetings are held at each reservation. Please contact your reservation's advisor to find out the dates and times of your PAC meetings. If you, as a private school parent, do not see your name on the following list, that means you have not yet completed the required attendance at two meetings.
 Most PAC Committees will have their last meeting in May, so you only have four months left to attend and fulfill the requirements. If you do not attend the two PAC meetings, you may lose the chance to qualify for a scholarship next year. If you have any questions, please contact the advisor on your reservation.
 Parents who have attended two or more PAC meetings: Cornelia Osceola, Barbara Billie, Glory Diaz, Janine Cypress Dawna Bell, Lisa Billie, Michelle Billie, Allison Osceola, Ericka Cypress, Debi DeHass, Bobby Frank, Jennifer Idle, Felicia Holata, Carla Cypress Wanda Bowers, Virginia Mitchell, Francine Osceola, Tammy Osceola, Virginia Osceola, Melissa DeMayo, Leona Tommie-Williams, Angel Billie, Holly Tiger, Donna Turtle and Nancy Willie.

GED Classes Available

GED Classes will be starting on the Hollywood Reservation offered on Jan. 26, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday. Classes will be held on the second floor in the Dorothy Scott Osceola (DSO) Memorial Building.
 Anyone interested in registering for the GED classes, please contact the Employment Assistance and Training Program at (954) 989-6840, prompt 5, between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Registration


 The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Department of Education would like to announce the Kindergarten Summer Program registration. Parents of all children entering kindergarten in Sept. must register from June 14 – July 30, between 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For more information call Linda Knee, Pre-K and Kindergarten Education Advisor, at (954) 989-6840.

Summer Camps Offered at FSU

Submitted by Dora Bell
 Cross Country: Seminole Trails Cross Country Camps
 Individual Camp: July 12-17; Cost: \$299
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 Volleyball
 Nike Camp: July 8-11
 Individual Camp: July 13-16
 Team Camp: July 19-22
 Tennis
 June 2004: 6-10, 13-17, and 20-24 (separate camps)
 Softball
 Session 1: June 6-9
 Session 2: June 10-12
 Session 3: June 20-23
 Session 4: June 24-26
 Football, Basketball, and Golf do not have dates as of yet, but I'll have them to you as soon as possible.
 Golf
 Boys Camp: June 13 - June 16
 Womens Basketball
 Individual camp: June 11-13
 Elite Skills camp: June 13-17
 Team Camp: June 18-20
 1 Day camp (for eighth graders and younger): June 28- July 1

College Scholarships in Science Fields

The deadline for minority students in the chemical sciences to apply for scholarships from the American Chemical Society (ACS) is Feb. 15. In collaboration with several industrial partners and contributors, the American Chemical Society, which is the world's largest scientific society, makes the scholarships available to students as part of its ACS Scholars Program.
 African American, Hispanic/Latino and Native American students who are pursuing studies in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, environmental science and related disciplines at two- and four-year colleges are eligible to receive renewable awards of \$2,500 - \$3,000. The society expects to award approximately \$850,000 this academic year to academically accomplished, but underrepresented minorities.
 Relatively few minorities pursue chemistry-related careers, according to a report prepared by the society. In 2000, for example, Hispanics/Latinos, who make up 14 percent of the U.S. population, represented less than three percent of the chemistry workforce; African Americans, at almost 12 percent of the population, comprised less than two percent of the chemical workforce; and Native Americans, representing one percent of the population, made up less than 1 percent of the chemical workforce.
 More than 1,350 students have received financial support from the ACS, based on a mix of academic achievement and financial need, since the Scholars Program was launched with a \$5 million grant in 1995. The program is a winner of the 2001 President's Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring, and the 1997 Award of Excellence from the American Society of Association Executives.
 Several collaborating partners, including AstraZeneca, Bayer, the Dreyfus Foundation, Dupont, GlaxoSmithKline, Procter & Gamble and Xerox, have contributed \$100,000 or more to the Scholars Program. PPG Industries Foundation, Inc. – a founding partner of the program – has contributed more than \$500,000. Many companies also offer mentoring and paid internships to selected program participants as part of a student's academic and career development plan.
 For more information please contact Natasha Bruce at (202) 872-4379. For more details about applying for a scholarship, visit www.chemistry.org/scholars, or call (800) 227-5558, Ext. 6250.

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Foundations for reading: Children will develop an awareness of sounds and letters. Children will develop the building blocks for learning to read and write by understanding that language is made of words, the words are made of letters, and that letters represent sounds.
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 Use talk to enact or tell a story
 Ask questions: why, where who and when.
 Talk and listen in small groups (dinnertime conversation; sharing experiences at school, daycare or church).
 Respond to direct questions.
 Use different words to express the same idea. Use language to describe items and events
 Recognize and repeat nursery rhymes, songs and poems.
 Children explore and play with language to communicate with others. These are suggestions for you to use to build a solid foundation for reading.
 For more information call Linda Knee, Pre-K and Kindergarten Education Advisor, at (954) 989-6840.



Students learn of incentives through the Higher Education Scholarship Program.

Brighton Students Meet with Higher Education Advisor

By Emma Brown
 On Thursday Jan. 15 students in grades 9 – 12 from the Brighton Reservation were invited to the Golden Corral restaurant for a luncheon with Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor, Tanya Huff, Employment and Training Counselor, and Emma Brown, Brighton Education Advisor.
 Bell informed the students about higher education scholarships they can apply for with the Seminole Tribe. She also told each child that each tribal citizen is eligible to attend college through this program.
 Bell also explained that tuition and some expenses, such as books, are fully paid for by the tribe, and each participating receives a stipend each month to assist them while attending school. As with any scholarship, there are rules, such as maintaining a 2.0 grade point average, and staying in contact with the Higher Education staff should the student decide to leave school during a semester. Bell told students she is available to assist students with matters such as college selection, career and degree choices, campus visits, etc.

Huff shared with the students a little about vocational school and job training. For those students wishing to obtain a technical degree or certification in any area, such as culinary art, the Employment and Training Department will assist. This program functions a great deal like Higher Education. Employment and Training will also assist with job placement for those that would like to begin their work experience early.
 For those students less than 18 years of age, there are positions available that will allow you to work up to 20 hours per week. Each of the students attending the luncheon heard of many different options they are privy to being that they are tribal citizens. If you are interested in attending college, no matter what your age, please contact your local Education Department.
 The Higher Education Scholarship Program is a great incentive for tribal citizens to attend college, and as a potential student, Dora Bell, or your respective Education Advisor, can help with planning.

Brighton Reservation's After School Program

By Donny Arnold
BRIGHTON — Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue firefighters Mike Hopkins and Donny Arnold took time out of their busy schedule on Thursday, Jan. 15, to offer fire prevention and safety instructions for the youth of the Brighton Reservation's After School Program.
 They taught the children many aspects of fire prevention and safety such as: Learn not to burn, give matches and lighters to adults, the importance of smoke detectors in the home, and “stop, drop and roll.” They also taught the children to call 911 if an emergency occurs, and told them what information they need to tell the dispatcher.
 The firefighters gave the children fire safety stickers, pencils, fire safety coloring books, and their very own junior fire helmet.
 Donny Arnold
Firefighter Mike Hopkins assists Delaney Osceola with spraying some water from the fire hose at the fire prevention and safety demonstration at the Brighton Gym on January 15, 2004.



Meet the Brighton Students

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — Bryan Arledge is the son of Arica and Shane Buck. He is in the 11th grade at Okeechobee High School and resides on the Brighton Reservation. Some of Bryan's favorite activities include football, basketball, and being involved in Student Council at school.
 Arledge would like to attend Florida State University after he graduates, and set the pace for a successful career. He would like to major in architecture and someday build houses and buildings for the Seminole Tribe.
 He offered some motivating advice for young tribal members.
 “Don't take the tribe for granted because they might not always be there,” Arledge said. “Stay in school, and don't be recognized as the ‘typical Indian’.”
 It was spoken like someone well on his way to successful career. He said the biggest inspirational influence in his life has been Andrew Bowers, because he has gone beyond high school, and is working on a successful career.



Bryan Arledge

satisfy her two-year foreign language requirement. Her primary goal is to attend college to study Indian law or forensic science.
 Once she has completes her studies, Jade wishes to return home and work for the tribe.
 Braswell's advice to the younger generation is to, “get involved and excel in school because it will only hurt you in the future if you don't.”
 Braswell said the biggest influences in her life are her parents because they have always inspired her to do her best, and to succeed in anything she wants to be.
 All three of these students are of strong character and remarkably talented. The Brighton Education Department is very proud that they are a part of us and the Seminole Tribe. Good luck to each of you, and may you achieve all of your goals.



Jade Braswell



Alona Driggers

Alona Driggers is the daughter of Wade and Julie Driggers. She is a senior at Lake Placid High School where she plays softball and golf.
 Driggers plans on attending Texas A&M University and majoring in agricultural economics. After college, she plans on returning back to Florida to use her knowledge and degree to begin a successful career.
 She offered some advice to young tribal members coming up.
 “Stay in school, be involved, and keep up your grades,” Driggers said.
 Driggers gives her family credit for inspiring her because she feels they only accept her best and never allow her to settle for less.
 Jade Braswell is the daughter of Jay and Kay Braswell. She is a senior at Okeechobee High School and is involved in the rodeo, and a member of the Cattlemen's Association.
 Braswell also has chosen to learn the Creek language to



Two-time former heavyweight champion Michael Moorer TKO's Brazilian heavyweight Jose Da-Silva.

Night of the Heavyweights

By Nery Mejicano
COCONUT CREEK, FL — On Jan. 17, Warrior's Boxing Promotions provided boxing fans with an event that filled the Coconut Creek Casino's arena to capacity. Following the successful Backyard Brawl Series in 2003, Warrior's Boxing Promotions, in association with the Seminole Tribe of Florida Coconut Creek Casino, started the 2004 season with a bang.

There were seven bouts, with the

knock out (KO) in round one. This bout was a no contest fight as Grant was no match for Castillo's hard punches. Kendrick Releford of Forth Worth, Texas, was defeated by DaVarryl Williamson from Washington, D.C. in the ninth round, after Washford received a strong punch that resulted in a TKO by Williamson.

Tito Mendoza, from Panama, a favorite of the South Florida fans, defeated Ettianne Whitaker from Warren, Ohio by KO in the third round.



Tito Mendoza captured the WBC Latin American Super Middle Weight title.

main event featuring two-time former heavyweight champion Michael Moorer facing Brazilian heavyweight Jose Da-Silva.

During the seventh round, Moorer came out strong, punching Da-Silva into a confused and stumbling state. After landing a series of blows to the head, Da-Silva's team threw in the towel ending the bout and giving Moorer a victory by total knock out (TKO).

In other bouts, Eliaser Castillo of Miami, Fla. defeated Uriah Grant by

(NABA) Promoter of the year. This is a major accomplishment considering this is only the second year for the Hollywood, Fla. based company.

Warrior's currently has four NABA champions: Heavyweight Lance Whitaker, featherweight Whymer Garcia, Super bantamweight Celestino Caballero and flyweight Angel Priolo.

In addition, Warrior's has announced the signing of middleweight champion Daniel Santos of Puerto Rico.

Florida High School Rodeo



Shelby Osceola placed sixth in breakaway roping and pole bending,

By Tabby Osceola
BRIGHTON — The Florida High School Rodeo was held at the Brighton Reservation, Saturday Jan 24. The weekend started with a 3-Head Progressive Benefit Team Roping where Jason Grasshopper made it to the second Go three times, but had no luck in making it to the final round.

On Saturday, the High School Rodeo started at 10:00 a.m. Trina Bowers and Shelby Osceola were ready to compete against other high school students throughout Florida. Trina Bowers competed in barrel racing, breakaway roping and team roping where she placed fourth with her partner Jenna Adams. Osceola competed in goat tying, breakaway roping (where she placed sixth), barrel racing, pole bending (where she placed sixth) and team roping.

Congratulations to Trina Bowers and Shelby Osceola for a successful day. The next High School Rodeo will be held in March in Ocala, Fla. where these two girls will likely compete again.

The Fourth Annual Council Versus Board rodeo was held at the Immokalee Rodeo Grounds Saturday night, Jan. 24, 2004. The evening was kicked off with a barbecue given by the

Board Representatives. Moses Jumper Jr. was the host for the evening and started the Rodeo off by thanking all the Board Representatives for their support.

Congratulations to all, especially to the Board who ended up winning the trophy, which will be displayed in Immokalee until the next Council versus Board Rodeo, to be held in Big Cypress next year.

The winners for the evening were: **Mutton Busting:** Calgary Jumper **Calf Riding:** Andrew Jumper. **Junior Bull Riding:** No entries in this category. **Senior Bull Riding:** Clinton Holt. **Barrel Racing (10 and younger):** Acelyn Youngblood. **Barrel Racing (11-16 years old):** Shyla Jones. **Barrel Racing (17 and older):** Trina Bowers. **Calf Scramble (12 and younger):** Chelsea Mancil. **Youth Goat Team Roping:** Andre Jumper & Bevlin Jumper. **Team Penning:** Josh Jumper and Naha Jumper. **Ribbon Roping:** Josh Jumper and Pauletta Bowers. **Wild Cow Milking:** Mike Henry & Joey Henry. **Team Roping & Branding:** Jennifer Mancil, Josh Jumper and Benny Hernandez. **Trailer Race:** Jennifer Mancil, Candy Mancil and Sam Allyson. **Money the Hard Way:** Ray Rivera.

Canes Win Native American Students Association Title

By Alexandra Frank
PHILADELPHIA, MS. — The Choctaw Tribe of Pearl River hosted the Native American Sports Association (NASA) Tournament. The 28 teams representing Choctaw, Cherokee, Seminole, Miccosukee, and Iroquois played at four gyms located on Choctaw land.

The tournament started on Thursday Jan. 8 and lasted until Saturday Jan. 10. The men's teams played 55 games in both the winners and losers brackets. The women teams played 24 games in the winners and losers brackets as well.

The Canes started out with a strong lead in points, and as some of you may remember, they are the 2002 NASA Champions. At the time of their win, they were one of the smallest teams to face the defending champions Iroquois Athletic Club (IAC).

All that changed in 2003 when Express, a Choctaw team from Mississippi took last year's title, which put the Canes in third place. The Choctaws had beaten out the Canes to snag second place.

This year, the Canes came back



The Canes defeated the Choctaws 60-49 to win the 2004 NASA Championship.

with a vengeance, as they repeatedly defeated team after team of native players who were looking at a shot at winning the tournament. One of the most heated games played on the court was between the Canes and Express on Saturday morning. Express, an experienced team loaded with talent, were set on maintaining their championship status.

The game was one of talent, skill, aggression, and determination. Tony Heard displayed his relentless skills as a power forward, while Charlie Frye dominated the boards with lay-up shots and blocking. Anthony Huggins was dead on aim for three pointers as the Canes proved to be a force to reckoned with.

The Canes defeated Express 65 – 54. This did not sit well with the Choctaw fans, but eating humble pie doesn't taste well when eaten with a grain of salt. The Canes continued their dominate streak racking in an impressive 50 point lead in one game while in other games, posted 12 – 31 point lead. Despite all the unnecessary technical fouls called against Canes players, the points

generated by the Canes came about with blood, and sweat.

It paid off during the championship when the Canes faced the second place winners from last year, the Choctaws. The game was close, but the Canes prevailed, defeated the Choctaws 60 – 49 and walked away the 2004 NASA Champions.

The Lady Seminoles were not as fortunate as the Canes lost, despite an impressive line up that included Mercedes Osceola and Lila Osceola. The team lost their first game on Friday night to last year's champions, Native Honey's. This meant the Lady Seminoles were in the loser's bracket, and they had to battle their way out of the loser's bracket with two games played back to back.

They faced Native Honey's in their final game but the back to back games had a draining effect on the women and their attempt at the championship title. The Lady Seminoles were defeated 69 – 55 and walked away with third place in the NASA Tournament.

All Florida teams played with all they had; let us hope they continue to play in future NASA Tournaments with the championship title in their sights.



The Lady Seminoles placed third.

The President's New Year's Bowling Tournament

By Paula Cassels
DAVIE — On Jan. 18, Moses Osceola, Robert Frank and Dora Tiger presented The First President's New Year's Bowling Tournament, held at the Don Carter's University Bowl in Davie. This tournament featured two sessions, in the first session seniors 50-59, 60 and more, and a youth division 6-11yrs. 12-17 yrs. competed in three games 3-6-9, regular and No Tap. Games in the second session Adults 18-49 had to have a partner to participate. During the bowling tournament ticket drawing for bowling bags, cash prizes and 27" flat screen televisions were held. The tournament ran late into the evening, and everyone enjoyed the bowling tournament and went home with smiles. Special thanks, to Moses Osceola for sponsoring The President's New Year's Bowling Tournament.

No Tap Seniors, 50 – 59: Joe Osceola, 246; Mary Tigertail, 237; Ronnie Doctor, 226; Mabel Doctor, 223; Dora Tiger, 209; Parker Jones, 205; Lois Smith, 190; Mary Bowers, 189; David Jumper, 168; Ruby Osceola, 156; Sammy Gopher, 155; Sonny N., 149; John (Bear) Osceola, 142; Jack Smith, 130; Christine N., 99.

Super Seniors, 60 and older: Eugene Bowers, 266; Don Osceola, 232, Sammy Nelson, 202; Annie Jumper, 182; Dan Osceola, 181; Madell Osceola, 180; Archie Johns, 170; Mary Gay Osceola, 169; Joe J. Billie, 156; Billy Micco, 155; Rosie Billie, 148; Louise Billie, 145; Lottie Baxley, 101; Alice Snow, 100.

Regular Seniors, 50 – 59: Dora Tiger, 196; Mabel Doctor, 184; Jack Smith, 180; Sonny N., 177; Mary Bowers, 172; Sammy Gopher, 171; Joe Osceola, 166; David Jumper, 147; Mary Tigertail, 145; Ronnie Doctor, 143; Ruby Osceola, 141; Lois Smith, 133; Parker Jones, 130; Shirley Sampson, 121; John (Bear) Osceola, 111.

Super Seniors, 60 and older: Eugene Bowers, 211; Mary Gay Osceola, 163; Joe J. Billie, 155; Archie Johns, 154; Sammy Nelson, 149; Dan Osceola, 148; Madell Osceola, 145; Alice Snow, 144; Don Osceola, 141; Annie Jumper, 133; Louise Billie, 131; Rosie Billie, 128; Billy Micco, 103; Lottie Baxley, 83.

Alma Johns and Danny Jones, 530 (combined score); Amanda Smith and Danny Tommie, 481; Cathy Jumper and Mike Micco, 472; Rosette Bowers and Damon Wilcox, 468; Jeanette Cypress and Chris Osceola, 465; Mary Wilcox and Andre Jumper, 456; Marilyn Doney and Leon Wilcox, 428; Gail Cypress and Derrick Thomas, 427; Brandi Clay and Jerry Micco, 420; Denise Morin and Eugene Tiger, 412; Trish Wilcox and Albert Snow, 410; Dora Tiger and Roger Smith, 398; Crystal Smith and Mitch Osceola, 390; Rosette Jumper and Bobby Frank, 389; Linda Tommie and Garrett Osceola, 386.

High woman: Alma Johns, 254
High man: Chris Osceola, 278

3-6-9 Seniors, 50 – 59: David Jumper, 228; Mabel Doctor, 222; Ronnie Doctor, 220; Parker Jones, 215; Sammy Gopher, 214; Joe Osceola, 214; Jack Smith, 210; Dora Tiger, 194; Lois Smith, 194; Ruby Osceola, 193; Mary Bowers, 193; Mary Tigertail, 173; John (Bear) Osceola, 168; Lawrence Osceola, 150; Shirley Sampson,

145.

Super Seniors, 60 and older: Sammy Nelson, 210; Eugene Bowers, 201; Dan Osceola, 194; Joe J. Billie, 189; Billy Micco, 180; Mary Gay Osceola, 170; Annie Jumper, 167; Archie Johns, 158; Lottie Baxley, 153; Don Osceola, 149; Rosie Billie, 138; Madell Osceola, 134; Alice Snow, 132; Louise Billie, 118.

Cathy Jumper and Danny Tommie, 449 (combined score); Amanda Smith and Marcy Osceola, 428; Rosette

Smith and Joe B. Osceola, 381. High woman: Tie; Betsy Franco and Mary Tigertail, 203. High Man: Marcy Osceola, 277

1st Regular
Crystal Smith and Marcy Osceola, 402 (combined score); Elton Shore and Farrah Jones, 399; Brett Osceola and Mitch Osceola, 388; Monica Cypress and Mike Micco, 370; Michelle Osceola and Leon Wilcox, 368; Betsy Franco and Remus Griffin, 363; Mary Wilcox and Damon



Participants sign up for a chance to win a flat screen television.

Bowers and Chris Osceola, 418; Vivian Delgado and Elton Shore, 416; Betsy Franco and Bill Johns, 405; Mary Tigertail and Andre Jumper, 404; Alma Johns and Eugene Tiger, 402; Tommie Billie and Lawrence Balentine, 389; Trish Wilcox and Philman Bowers, 397; Brandi

Wilcox, 360; Jackie Thompson and Andre Jumper, 355; Alma Johns and Bill Johns, 348; Brandi Cox and Milo Osceola, 345; Lois Smith and David Jumper, 341; Dora Tiger and Rufus Tiger, 340; Beulah Gopher and Lawrence Balentine, 340; Rosetta Bowers and Danny Jones, 339; Shannon Gopher and Sampson, 337. High woman: Mary Wilson, 200. High man: Marcy Osceola, 242.

2nd Regular
Jeanette Cypress and Eugene Tiger, 390 (combined score); Beulah Gopher and Bobby Frank, 374; Dora Tiger and Derrick Thomas, 369; Alma Johns and Andre Jumper, 359; Brandi Clay and Danny Jumper, 355; Mary Bowers and Roger Bean, 354; Diane Smith and Danny Tommie, 349; Farrah Jones and Kenny Doney, 348; Rosie Bowers and Alvin Buster, 339; Rosette Bowers and Marcy Osceola, 335; Cathy Jumper and Matthew Cypress, 330; Monica Cypress and Elton Shore, 325; Jackie Thompson and Parker Jones, 320; Lois Smith and Blake Osceola, 368.

High woman: Terry Frank, 191
High man: Eugene Tiger, 227

Ages 6 – 11
Tommie Jackson, 367; Clarissa Jumper, 356; Deforrest Carter, 343; Janet Smith, 339; Nathan Gopher, 338; Catlen Tommie, 333; Marshall Tommie, 332; Kristen Doney, 324; Dalton Jumper, 310; Jonathan Robins, 309; Tristen Wilcox, 309; Richard Smith, 295; MaKayla Snow, 289; Tameron Wilcox, 243; Rumor Juarez, 240.

Ages 12 – 17
Mary Huff, 450; Robert Frank III, 445; Hillard Gopher, 436; Jerome Davis, 408; Cordell Jumper, 396; Dejong Frank, 374; Gregory Carter, 352; Ruby Harrell, 339; Jewel Buck, 328.



Ready to bowl!

Clay and Blake Osceola, 396; Crystal Smith and Leon Wilcox Jr., 395; Shirley Sampson and Leon Wilcox, 385; Diane Smith and Remus Griffin, 385; Michelle Osceola and Matthew Cypress, 382; Lois

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❖ Rally

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Jumper said she has suffered from diabetes for 36 years and back then the tribe did not know how severely this disease would strike Native Americans. She said she wanted to serve as an example that diet and exercise will prevent what happened to her.

"The way the young people are walking and running today, if they do this, I hope they won't get diabetes later," she said.

The enthusiastic 713 participants showed up in the early morning hours to test their physical fitness on Saturday Jan. 17, enduring the shivering early-morning cold and then sweating from the sun as it warmed up during the race.

Before the race began, words of encouragement came from the tribal representatives of each reservation.

"It is good to have friendly competition," said Hollywood Tribal Representative Max Osceola Jr. "But, today, it is not just teams from Brighton, Hollywood, Tampa, Immokalee and Big Cypress competing against each other. Today we are also team Seminole."

"You are here to prove something," he continued. "You are proving we are here for our health."

Regarding the challenge of the race, he brought a laugh to the crowd when he said: "The last time I ran this far, I was chasing girls."

It was evident this event was a family affair with many moms and dads pushing their babies in the stroller category. Rachel Smith of Big Cypress pushed her baby, Julia, in the stroller category, while her husband, Mike, and son, Robert, walked.

"This is about staying healthy, staying clean, no drugs, no alcohol," Smith said.

Parents set the example bringing their older children and doing the rally with them. Brighton resident Matt Gopher walked in the race as did his two daughters, Shemi and Shay. Gopher said he had gained weight and this walk was motivation for him to start an exercise program again.

"We have a tribe with a lot of diabetes which leads to poor health," Gopher said.

Sisters Lorraine Posada and Lenora Roberts competed against each other as well as the other reservations.



Agnes Jumper was determined to complete the three mile journey.

Posada placed 3rd in the runner's division, while Roberts placed 4th.

"My sister won last year so I wanted to keep up with her," said Posada. "We come from one of the smaller communities; we wanted to put Immokalee on the map. I have been practicing all year and it paid off."

Last year's first place winner, Lalo Rodriguez, representing Brighton, came in second in the race this year. Just ahead of him by a few yards for the entire

race was first place runner, Jordan Jones, who had placed second in last year's race. Jones said he did not practice the course, but he stays in shape playing basketball during the year. This tall, lanky ninth grader ran the course in 12 minutes, 47 seconds. Rodriguez said they switched places this year but he looks forward to 2005 when he will try to take back first place.

No event this large and successful happens accidentally. Sponsors and organizers started planning for this event in October. There were many people involved, but most important were the team captains of each reservation who worked at getting as large a turnout as possible.

The captains for Big Cypress were: Candy Cypress, Cathy Cypress, Cherelee Hall, Vera Herrera, Rochelle Osceola, and Clea Billie. Brighton/Tampa: Terry Hahn, Patty Waldron, Amanda Smith and Lonnie Gore. From Hollywood/Ft. Pierce/Trail: Bo Young, Jo North, Holly Tiger and Diane Buster. Immokalee/Naples: David Billie and Maria Billie.

Sponsors included the Chairman and Tribal Representatives, the President's Office and Board Representatives, the Seminole Tribe Recreation and Health Department, and Nike, Inc. Numerous volunteers included the Seminole Police Department, Seminole Fire Rescue, and the Glades County Emergency Medical Service.

Perhaps the closing words of the master of ceremonies, John Madrigal, said it all.

"We went from 620 participants last year to 713 this year," he said. "Next year let's make it 1,000."

Then he reminded everyone why they ran, why they walked, and that winning wasn't the most important thing.

"We are glad to see you taking care of your health," Madrigal said. "We are glad you came out. This makes your heart strong — and that makes the tribe strong. The only way you can lose is by not showing up."

Guests of Seminole Tribe Impressed by Rez Rally

By Michael Kelly

BRIGHTON — Wahilla Doonkeen, Band Chief for the Mikasuki Nation in Oklahoma City, OK said he was highly impressed at the 4th Annual Rez Rally held in Brighton.

"I'm taking this event back home to my band in Oklahoma," said Doonkeen. "This is a great event and there is no excuse we can't duplicate it. There are approximately 1,400 people in our band, and after experiencing this event, I would like to challenge each and every member to participate. It can be done."

Doonkeen, a guest of Chairman Mitchell Cypress, met him about three years ago and recalled his enthusiasm for being healthy. Cypress understands the importance of diet and exercise and the consequences of diabetes.

"My diabetes levels were very high, but with exercise and a proper diet, I've gone from 365 to 165," said Cypress. "We need to get the message across now to our young children about the dangers

of diabetes."

Although Doonkeen is excited about bringing the memories of an event like the Rez Rally back to her home state, she realizes there are obstacles.

"It's difficult for the Creek Nation and Mikasuki Nation because they're so spread out, said Doonkeen. "The Creek Nation is spread over 11 counties, while the Mikasuki Nation is mixed in an urban setting."

If there was one element of the Rez Rally that impressed the guests of Chairman Cypress was that all the reservations gathered together for such an important cause.

"I'm really impressed with this event," said Matt Tiger, a Minister from the Creek Nation in Oklahoma. "We could try to get something like this together back home."

Rusty Powell, also a member of the Creek Nation and a Deacon, said, "Because we are spread out in 11 counties, it makes it hard to come together like this, but we've set up health fairs in the

past and gotten a good response from the community."

"We do hold community events and health fairs, but not on this scale," said Clarence Johnson, of the Creek Nation. "We're starting to implement diabetes awareness events to our community. We'll start small and hope that the events grow like they've done here."

The Rez Rally didn't begin with hundreds of participants four years ago, Chairman Cypress recalled the first rally.

"The first year we held the Rez Rally, we had about 100 people" he said. "This year we have over 700 people. The event keeps growing, but I want to set a goal of 1000 people next year."

"This event is a great combination of healthy competition, healthy food, and friendship," Cypress continued. "I think a reason for the success of this event is that people don't want to miss out on the fun and health. Be healthy and have fun."

Health Department Enjoys "Healthy" Turnout at Rez Rally

By Michael Kelly

BRIGHTON — Connie Whidden and Suzanne Davis were all smiles as they saw the huge number of tribal citizens participating in the 4th Annual Rez Rally. Months of hard work and preparation paid off as nearly a quarter of the Seminole Tribe of Florida walked, ran, or strolled their way to better health.

"Fitness is for every age and every level," said Chairman Mitchell Cypress. "The Reservation Rally represents individuals, families and communities coming together to make a difference in the health of the Tribe. Together we are stronger and every year we get better."

Fitness Director Vicky Barogianis leads the tribe's efforts in making exercise a priority.

"We beat our total participant numbers this year. We went from 629 in 2003 to 713 people enrolled in the race," said Connie Whidden, Allied Health Director. "It was great to see so many people out to participate in the Rez Rally."

Suzanne Davis, Allied Program Health Manager, was pleased to see everyone take such a vested interest in their health.

So how important has the Rez Rally become? Nike, Inc. and Kinko's are just two of the sponsors that recognize the growing popularity of the Rez Rally. Thanks to Nike, Inc., anyone who com-

pleted the Rally received a voucher for a pair of athletic shoes.

Dr. Robert H. Sheinberg, foot and ankle specialist, was just one of the committed professionals available to assist Rally participants with foot issues and shoe fittings. Dr. Sheinberg stressed that proper foot care is essential for people of all ages, especially people with diabetes.

"Children should be assessed for flat feet which have been found to be very common among Native American youth," said Dr. Sheinberg. "Proper orthotics will alleviate future foot problems."

While many enjoyed the friendly laidback atmosphere of the rally, some individuals are taking the competition seriously.

"I heard many people say that they trained for the event," said Whidden. "This tells me that some people are beginning to take responsibility for their health. It was really good to see all the council representatives also participate. I think everyone did a wonderful job at working together to organize this event."

"Team effort coming from all different tribal programs makes this event a success," added Whidden. "I also want to thank the team captains from the different reservations who put so much effort into this."

Davis, along with a host of volunteers who braved the predawn cold, is already gearing up for next year's Rally.

A big thank you to Brighton Building and Grounds and Jody Goodman for their many efforts to make the 2004 Rez Rally a sparkling success.

Center for Disease Control and Indian Health Service Diabetes Facts from 2000

It has been estimated that 17 million people in the U.S. have diabetes.

Diabetes: U.S. population - Approximately 6.2%

Diabetes: Seminole Tribe of Florida - Approximately 15%

Nationwide cost of diabetes: \$3.4 billion

U.S. cost in medical expenditures and lost productivity climbed from \$98 billion in 1997 to \$132 billion in 2002 (American Diabetes Association publication in March 2003 issue of Diabetes Care Magazine)

Cardiovascular Disease is the leading killer in diabetes patients. Research has proven that regular exercise can prevent or delay the onset of diabetes.

Regular exercise is an extremely important part of controlling sugar in people with diabetes.

For more information on diabetes please contact your local clinic staff, health educator or nutritionist.

Additional Diabetes Facts

A Diabetes Prevention Program Study ended their study early to report their results to the New England Journal of Medicine.

According to the American Diabetes Association (ADA), by adopting a moderate, consistent diet and exercise program, many people with risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes can stop the disease before it becomes irreversible.

"Some of the positive effects that physical activity can have on patients with Type 2 Diabetes are: Lower obesity rates, strengthened heart, stabilized blood sugar, and cells will become more responsive to insulin," said Dr. Barry Goldstein, Director of Endocrinology at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA.

He added, "Regular, moderate physical activity clearly helps to manage diabetes in those who have it and definitely can prevent it from happening among people at high risk for the disease."

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2004 Reservation Rally Winners

If you have any questions on the results, please Contact Vicky Barogiannis at (954) 347-4104

Children (12 and Under)
Female Runners
 1st, Nelson, Kayla, BR
 2nd, Nunez, Destiny, BR
 3rd, Delarose, La Rissa, Immk
 4th, Billie, Natasha, BC
 5th, Billie, Shawna, BC

Children (12 and Under)
Male Runners
 1st, Tommie, Catlen, BC
 2nd, Randolph, Seth, BR
 3rd, Tommie, Lavonta, Hlywd
 4th, Youngblood, Daylon, BR
 5th, Beardon, William, BR

Children (12 and Under)
Female Walkers
 1st, Osceola, Courtney, Hlywd
 2nd, Buck, Jewel, BR
 3rd, Tommie, Jennifer, BR
 4th, Bowers, Sierra, BC
 5th, Macelroy, Beth, Immk

Children (12 and Under)
Male Walkers
 1st, Cypress, Oshanne, BC
 2nd, Huff, Ty, BR
 3rd, Hernanadez, Allen, Immk
 4th, Osceola, Trevor, Hlywd
 5th, Thomas, Layton, BR

Juniors (13 - 17)
Female Runners
 1st, Osceola, Jeanne, BR
 2nd, Huff, Mary, BR
 3rd, Smith, Brittany, BR
 4th, Osceola, Reba, BR
 5th, Tommie, Monique, Hlywd

Juniors (13 - 17)
Male Runners
 1st, Jones, Jordan, BR
 2nd, Madrigal, Garrett, BR
 3rd, Taylor, Stanley, BR
 4th, Cypress, Alex, BC
 5th, Osceola, Lucas, BR

Juniors (13 - 17)
Female Walkers
 1st, Osceola, Tasha, Hlywd
 2nd, Marrero, Lazara, Immk
 3rd, Osceola, Keyah, BR
 4th, Osceola, JoJo, Hlywd
 5th, Sapp, Shamia, Hlywd

Juniors (13 - 17)
Male Walkers
 1st, Billie, Byron, BC
 2nd, McCall, Casey, Hlywd
 3rd , Pumpkin, TJ, BC
 4th, Osceola, Joseph, Hlywd
 5th, Pumpkin, Marcus, BC

Adult 1 (18 - 35)
Female Runners
 1st, Osceola, Mercedes, Hlywd
 2nd, Billie, Rebecca, BC
 3rd, Roberts, Lenora, Immk
 4th, Posada, Lorriane, Immk
 5th, Billie, Clea, BC

Adult 1 (18 - 35)
Male Runners
 1st, Cypress, Tyrone, BC
 2nd, Brugh, Cody; Turtle, Adam, BR
 3rd, Bowers, Wilson, BC
 4th, Buckly, Clayton, BC
 5th, Briggs, Marcus, BC

Adult 1 (18 - 35)
Female Walkers
 1st, Huff, Jimmie, BR
 2nd, Brown, Emma, BR
 3rd, Billie, Tommie, BC
 4th, Tiger, Holly, Hlywd
 5th, Tommie, Angela, Hlywd

Adult 1 (18 - 35)
Male Walkers
 1st, Sander, Gary (Trail), Hlywd
 2nd, Andrews, Nicolas, BC
 3rd , Jim, Herbert, Hlywd
 4th, Koontz, Darren, BR
 5th, Johns, Todd, BR

Adult 2 (36 - 49)
Female Runners
 1st, Lambert, Dee, BR
 2nd, Madrigal, Sheila, BR
 3rd, Billie, Almira, BC
 4th, Buster, Helene, BR
 5th, Clay, Shirley, BC

Adult 2 (36 - 49)
Male Runners
 1st, Hall, Jeremiah, BC
 2nd, Brown, Avant, BR
 3rd, Huff, Alan, BR
 4th, Madrigal, Magoo, BR
 5th, Johns, Jeff, BR

Adult 2 (36 - 49)
Female Walkers
 1st, Bowers, Ana, BC
 2nd, Madrigal, Mahala, BR
 3rd, Jones, Rose, BR
 4th, Braswell, Kay, BR
 5th, Tiger, Marilyn, BC

Adult 2 (36 - 49)
Male Walkers
 1st, Doney, Ken, BR
 2nd, Osceola, Kevin, BR
 3rd , Bowers, Richard, BC
 4th , Braswell, Jay, BR
 5th, Smith, Tracy, Hlywd

Seniors (50 - 59)
Female Runners
 1st, Waldron, Patty, BR

Seniors (50 - 59)
Male Runners
 1st, Shomo, John, BC
 2nd, Osceola, Pete Jr., BR
 3rd, Johns, Billie Joe, BR
 4th, Bowers, Andy, BR
 5th, Sweat, Buddy, BR

Seniors (50 - 59)
Female Walkers
 1st, Bowers, Agnes, BR
 2nd, Osceola, Louise, BC
 3rd, Jumper, Lucille, BC
 4th, Tigertail, Mary, BC
 5th, Bowers, Wanda, Hlywd

Seniors (50 - 59)
Male Walkers
 1st, Cypress, Mitchell, BC
 2nd, Johns, Mitchell, BC
 3rd , Bowers, Paul, BC
 4th, Roberts, Harley, BC
 5th, Phillip, Jumper, BC

Super Seniors (60 and Up)
Female Runners
 1st, Jones, Martha, BR

Super Seniors (60 and Up)
Male Runners
 1st, Tichener, Terry, BR
 2nd, Micco, Billy, BR

Super Seniors (60 and Up)
Female Walkers
 1st , McDuffie, Edna TIE, BC
 1st, Haught, Mabel TIE, BR
 2nd, Johns, Alma, Hlywd
 3rd, Jumper, Annie, Hlywd
 4th, Billie, Louise, BC
 5th, Tommie, Virginia (Frances), BC

Super Seniors (60 and Up)
Male Walkers
 1st, Johns, Stanlo, BR
 2nd, Bowers, Dan, BR
 3rd , Micco, Howard, BR
 4th, Jumper, Annie, BC
 5th, Billie, John, BC

Stroller - Female
 1st, Youngman, Rita, BR
 2nd, Jones, Ginger, BR
 3rd, Thomas, Michelle, BR
 4th, Smith, Rachel, BC
 5th, Jumper, Kathy, BC

Stroller - Male
 1st, Thomas, Jason, BR
 2nd, Billie, Hunter, BC
 3rd, Cypress, Roy, BC
 4th, Stockton, Kassim, BC
 5th, Bowers, Elrod, Hlywd

Wheelchair
 BC, Billie, Rosie
 BC, Cypress, Lydia
 BC, Cypress, Theo
 BR, Billie, Rosie
 BR, Johns, Mary
 BR, Jones, Happy
 BR, Jumper, Agnes
 BR, Snow, Alice
 BR, Tommie, Juanita
 BR, Tommie, Virginia Lee
 BR, Villa, Josephine

Family
 1st, Tina Gore Family, BR
 2nd , Rosie Billie, BC
 3rd , Elsie Smith, BR

Employee (Adults Only)
Female Runners
 1st, Brown, Niki, BR
 2nd, Burges, Mika, Hlywd
 3rd, Moncada, Maria, Hlywd
 4th, Brown, Sherrelle, Hlywd
 5th, Silva, Caridad, Hlywd

Employee (Adults Only)
Male Runners
 1st, Rodriguez, Lalo, BR
 2nd, Mavroides, Chris, BR
 3rd, Brown, Jamie, BR
 4th, Silva, Mario, Hlywd
 5th, Pearce, Levi, BR

Employee (Adults Only)
Female Walkers
 1st, Curry, Rushelle, BC
 2nd, Reis, Trisha, BC
 3rd, Molina, Dailia, BC
 4th, Parrish, Tamara, BC
 5th, Ollitzky, Mary, Hlywd

Employee (Adults Only)
Male Walkers
 1st, Bayon, Kenny, Hlywd
 2nd, Whiddon, Brian, BR
 3rd , Yates, Keith, BR
 4th, Clough, Carter, BC
 5th , Redd, Eddie, BC





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Docket No. 03D1739

Summons By Publication
Ernst Cherry, Plaintiff(s)
v.
Myriam Cherry, Defendant(s)

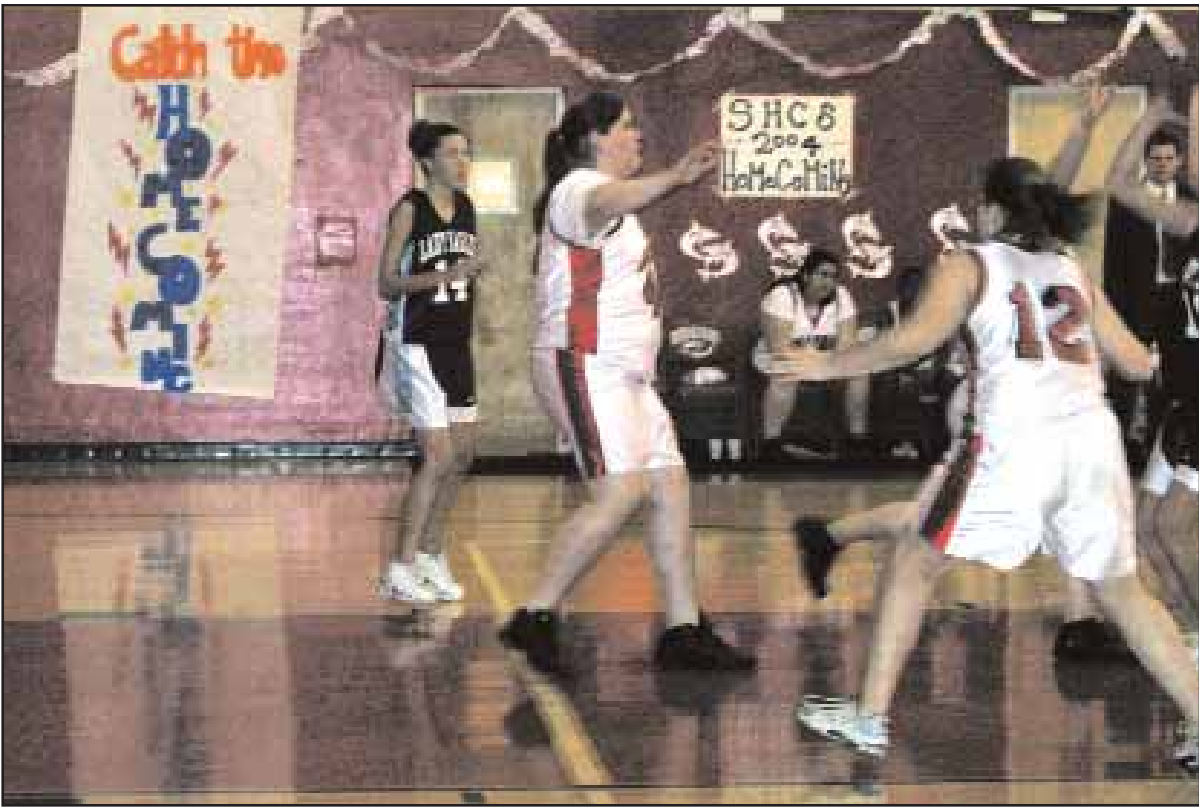
To the above named Defendant(s):
A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Myriam Cherry, seeking a

divorce.

You are required to serve upon Dane M. Shulman, Esq. – plaintiff(s) – attorney for plaintiff(s) – whose address is 1596 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA 02126 you answer on or before April 1, 2004. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, John M. Smoot, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 23rd day of January 2004.
Publication: in Hollywood, Florida

[SIG] Richard Iannella
Register of Probate Court



Christine McCall (center) finished with 10 points and 15 rebounds helping lead the Sharks to victory.

Basketball Star Plays in Homecoming Game

By Shelley Marmor
HOLLYWOOD
— On Jan. 30, Christine McCall, daughter of Wanda Bowers, helped lead the Sheridan Hills Christian Sharks high school varsity basketball team to victory in their homecoming game against the Wellington Christian School Eagles 48-21.

McCall had to sit out the first quarter of the game because she is a junior, and the rules mandated that seniors must play the first quarter in the homecoming game. She, however, came back strong in the last three quarters, scoring 10 points and grabbing 15 rebounds.

The Sharks' Coach Eric Spee says this is typical of McCall, who leads the team in scoring, rebounds, and blocks.

"For the season she's averaging 10 points per game," he said.

McCall's skills are so imperative on the court Coach Spee is making her the team's captain next season.



Christine leads the Sharks in scoring, rebounding and blocks.

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Dept: Water Resources
Position Opens: 11-10-03
Position Closes: 11-24-03
Salary \$25,000.00 annually with benefits

Position: Nutritionist
Dept: Health
Position Opens: 1-12-04
Position Closes: 1-26-04
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Network Administrator
Dept: Information Systems
Position Opens: 11-24-03
Position Closes: 12-08-03
Salary: Negotiable with experience

Position: Dental Assistant (Part time)
Dept: Health
Position Opens: 1-26-04
Position closes when filled
Salary: \$19,968.00 - \$26, 291.00

Position: Jr. Programmer Analyst
Dept: Information Systems
Position Opens: 1-26-04
Position Closes when filled
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Outreach Worker
Dept: CAA
Position Opens:9-2-03
Position Closes: 9-15-03
Salary: \$8.00/hr with benefits

Position: Building Manager
Dept: DSO Complex
Position Opens: 1-19-04
Position Closes: when filled
Salary \$28,000 annually with benefits

Position: Vehicle & Equip Coordinator
Dept: Fixed Asset, Accounting
Position Opens: 12-22-03
Position Closes: 1-12-04
Salary: \$20, 800.00 - \$24, 960.00 annually with benefits

Position: Fixed Asset Accountant
Dept: Accounting
Position Opens: 12-22-03
Position Closes:1-12-04
Salary: \$30,000 - \$37,000 annually with benefits

Position: Finish Carpenter (2)
Dept: Housing
Position Opens:9-2-03
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Position: Rough Carpenter
Dept: Housing
Position Opens: 9-2-03
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Position: Resource Specialist (Elig. & Util)
Dept: Health
Position Opens: 12-15-03
Position Closes: 12-29-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Purchasing Agent (non-Certified)
Dept: Seminole Police Dept
Position still available.
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Position: ABE/GED Teacher
Dept: Employment & Training, Education
Position Opens: 1-19-04
Position Closes: When filled
Salary \$36,000.00 annually with benefits

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Position: Tour Guide
Dept: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum
Position Opens: 10-13-03
Position Closes:10-27-03
Salary: \$7.50/hr with benefits

Position: Sales Associate, F/T & P/T
Dept: Corp. Board, Gas
Position Opens: 10-21-03
Position Closes: 11-3-03
Salary Negotiable with experience with benefits

Position: Environmental & Safety Worker
Dept: Health
Position Opens: 12-15-03
Position Closes: 12-29-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Instructional Aide
Dept: Ahfachkee School
Position still available.
Salary negotiable w/exp. with benefits.

Position: Fire Inspector
Dept: Emergency Services
Position Opens: 12-8-03
Position Closes: 12-22-03
Salary negotiable with benefits

Position: Administrator, Emergency Services
Dept: Emergency Services
Position Opens: 12-01-03
Position Closes: 12-15-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Fuel Truck Driver/Line Man
Dept: Aviation
Position Opens: 1-5-04
Position Closes: 1-19-04
Salary: \$18,720.00 annually with benefits

Position: Water Sampler
Dept: Water Resources
Position Opens: 1-12-04
Position Closes: 1-26-04
Salary: \$21,840.00 annually with benefits

Position: Elementary Educ Teacher
Dept: Ahfachkee
Position still available.
Salary negotiable with benefits

Position: Bus Driver
Dept: Ahfachkee

Position Opens: 1-19-04
Position Closes: When filled

Position: Food Prep. & Service Assoc.
Dept: Corp. Board, Gas
Position Opens: 10-27-03
Position Closes: 11-10-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Maintenance Worker
Dept: Corp. Board, Gas
Position Opens: 11-3-03
Position Closes: 11-17-03
Salary negotiable with benefits

Position: Ast. Store Manager
Dept: Corp. Board, Gas
Position Opens: 10-21-03
Position Closes: 11-3-03
Salary: Negotiable with experience with benefits

Position: Elem. Music Teacher
Dept: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 10-20-03
Position Closes: 11-3-03
Salary: \$23,920 annually with benefits

Position: Community Health Rep.
Dept: Health
Position still available.
Salary: \$20,800 - \$22,880.00 annually with benefits.

BRIGHTON

Position: Operator Maintenance Trainee
Dept: Utilities
Position still available.
\$ 18,700 annually with benefits.

Position: Video Programmer, P/T
Dept: Broadcasting
Position still available.
Salary: \$8.00/hr.

Position: Sales Associate, F/T & P/T
Dept: Corp. Board, Gas
Position Opens: 10-21-03
Position Closes: 11-3-03
Salary Negotiable with experience with benefits

Position: Transporter
Dept: Health
Position Opens: 9-8-03
Position still available
Salary: \$18, 720 - \$20,592 annually with benefits

Position: Ast. Store Mgr.
Dept: Corp. Board, Gas
Position Opens: 10-21-03
Position Closes: 11-3-03
Salary: Negotiable with experience with benefits

Position: Bus Driver
Dept: Education
Position Opens: 1-26-04
Position closes when filled
Negotiable with experience

Position: Counselor II
Dept: Family Services
Position Opens: 1- 5-04
Position Closes: 1-19-04
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Counselor Aide (3)
Dept: Preschool
Position Opens: 8-18-03
Position Closes: 9-2-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits & education

Position: Water Resources Mgt. Coord.
Dept: Water Resources Dept.
Position still available.
Salary: \$ 30, 000 annually w/ benefits.

Position: Weed Control Technician
Dept: Water Resources
Position Opens: 11-10-03
Position Closes: 11-24-03
Salary \$19,760.00 annually with benefits

Position: Heavy Equipment Mechanic
Dept: Natural Resource Program
Position Opens: 10-27-03
Position Closes: 11-10-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Water Sampler
Dept: Water Resources
Position Opens: 1-12-04
Position Closes: 1-26-04
Salary: \$21,840.00 annually with benefits

Position: Heavy Equipment Operator
Dept: Water Resources
Position Opens: 11-10-03
Position Closes: 11-24-03
Salary: \$21,840.00 with benefits

Position: Tribal Outreach Worker II
Dept: Family Services, Health
Position still available.
Salary Negotiable with benefits

FORT PIERCE

Position: Counselor II
Dept: Family Services, Health
Position still available.
Salary Negotiable with benefits,

IMMOKALEE

Position: Counselor II
Dept: Family Services, Health
Position still available.
Salary negotiable with benefits

Position: Cultural/Lang. Instructor
Dept: Culture Education
Position still available.
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Position: Maintenance Worker
Dept: Recreation
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Position: Teacher I
Dept: Preschool
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Position: Operator Maint. Trainee (1)
Dept: Utilities
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Position: Nutritionist /Health Educator
Dept: Health
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Position: Counselor II
Dept: Family Services, Health
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Salary negotiable with benefits

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Freelance Reporter: Write stories and cover events. For example, if you live in Brighton, generally you will cover events there, or ones that are close by. Basic 35mm and/or digital camera experience are needed. A good understanding of grammar rules and solid writing skills are important. A valid driver's license is required. Strong computer skills needed (Windows/MS Office, Word).

If you would like more information, please call the Human Resources Department at (954) 967-3403, or the Seminole Tribune at (954) 967-3416.

Emergency Services

Position: Fire Inspector/Public Education Specialist
Location: Big Cypress and Other Reservations
Salary: \$38,000. (negotiable) Plus Benefits
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Minimum Qualifications: Current State of Florida Fire Inspector Certification, experience conducting Fire Inspections and working with the public.
*Preference will be given to candidates possessing State of Florida Firefighter Certification, relevant college degrees and certifications plus extensive Fire Inspection/Public Education experience.
Other Requirements: High School Diploma, Valid Florida Driver's License, Ability to pass an extensive Background Investigation and Drug Screen



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The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino is hosting a Tribal Job Fair on Monday February 9, 2004 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 3101 North State Road 7 (previously the World Ford building).

The Seminole Hard Rock team is proud to support the Tribal community.

Please remember the following items:

- Tribal CIB Card
- Driver's License
- Social Security Card


INTERNAL JOB FAIR

The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino is hosting an Internal Job Fair on Thursday, February 12, 2004 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at 3101 North State Road 7 (previously the World Ford building).

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Happy Birthday



Happy 1st Birthday to our little sissy **Morgan Pocahontas Yates**. Love always, **Katrina, Myra, Megan, Kane, Isaac**



Happy Birthday to Katrina! You're already a teenager. Gosh, it doesn't seem that long ago, but I guess you can't stay a baby forever; but you'll always be my baby. I hope you have fun on your big day. I love you always, **Your Mom**

Just wishing a **Happy Birthday** to our Big Sister **Katrina**. Love always, **Myra, Megan, Morgan, Kane, Isaac**



Happy 1st birthday to our son **Conchade' Mitchell Osceola**, on Feb. 4. You have grown so fast during your first year and brought so much joy and happiness to our lives, and to the lives of your family and friends.

You are already walking; now you can start learning to use a golf club (just kidding). People are always saying, "he is such a happy baby" because of that big smile you always have on your face.

Yes it is true that you are always smiling at people who see them and they love to see that smile. So keep up the job of being a good baby. We love you with all our hearts.

Happy Birthday to our mom on Jan. 17. We love you!
Love,
Lizina, Keyah and Lysandra

Happy Belated Birthday **Justina Li-rain**.
Love you,
Lizina

Happy Birthday to **Lizina Bowers** on Feb. 21.
From,
The Martinez Family

Happy 5th Birthday **Mi-Lyn**.
From,
Your cousin **Lizina**, and the

Martinez Family

Happy 5th Birthday **Shae D. Pierce**.
From,
Cuz **Lizina**, and the **Martinez Family**

Happy Birthday to **Vivianna Martinez**. I hope you have fun.
Love you lots,
Aunt Lizina

Happy belated birthday to my baby brother **Bronson**. I love you and I know things aren't so great now, but we will get through it together.
Love always,
Your sis

In Memory



Ricky Rodriguez
Oct. 7, 1977 - Jan. 4, 2004

*Memory is a story
Told in smiles and feelings shared,
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Memory is an album full of fun and priceless art
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In loving remembrance of someone
That had to leave long before we ever thought he would*

From,
Your wife (Tisha Walker), and family, the Jumper family, and all your homies from BC to Immokalee to Hollywood, and Panther Clan



Mia Scarlett Nuez
Born: Jan. 7, 2004 at 2:05 p.m.
Weight: 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Length: 19.5 inches
Parents: Dorian and Elliot Nuez.
Grandparents: Theresa Willie, Roy Cypress Jr., and Margarita Reyes and Wenceslao Nuez. Brother and Sister: Maximus Elliot and Lexie Dorian.



Morgan Pocahontas Yates

Born: Feb. 10, 2003 at 5:47 p.m.
Weight: 7 Pounds, 5 Ounces. Length: 20.5 inches
Parents: Bobby and Louvella Yates



Griffin Billie

Born: Dec. 12, 2003. Weight: 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Length: 19 inches.
Parent: Susanne Billie, Bird Clan, Hollywood Reservation. Grandparent: Sally T. Billie, Hollywood Reservation.



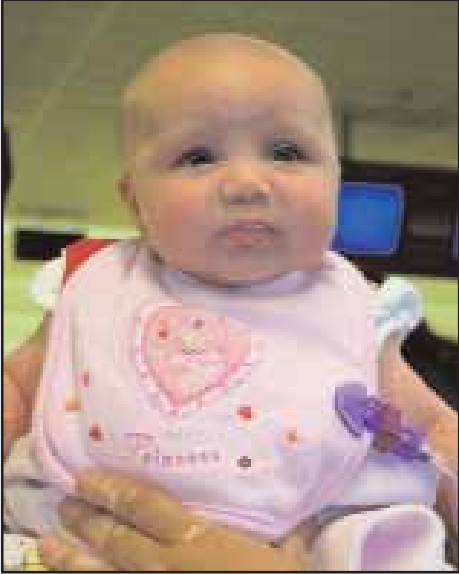
Happy Birthday to my husband **William Osceola**. I love you and hope you had the best day ever.
Love you always,
Your wife, **Way (Erica Osceola)**



I love you and **Happy B-Day** to my daddy **William Osceola**.
Love you,
Darian Osceola AKA Guppy

Happy Belated Birthday to **Ryan Bert Osceola**
We want to wish a happy 12th birthday to my son on Dec. 11. Just watching you grow, finding your own way, brings us so much joy. You are a great athlete, a great student and most of all a great son and brother.
Keep up the good work and always remember you can achieve anything you work for. We love you and hope you have a great year.
Love always,
Dad and Brett

Happy 4th Birthday **Babyanna**. We love you mucho.
Love,
Ju Ju, Valek, Mommy and Daddy



Clarice Laura De Mayo

Born: Oct. 14, 2003. Weight: 8 pounds, 1 ounce. Length: 20 inches
Parents: Jacob and Melissa DeMayo



Corrina Lois Smith

Tampa residents Jahna and Candy Smith are the proud parents of a healthy baby girl, Corrina Lois Smith. She'll even have two older sisters to play with - 2-year-old Victoria and 1-year-old Maya.
The excited grandparents are Jack and Lois Smith.



Morton Henry Silver Osceola
Jan. 3, 1968 - Jan. 5, 2004
Taa Sha Gah Yee
"Stone cold 3:16"

Morton Henry Silver Osceola was a member of the Panther Clan. He was a dedicated member of the Osceola's Corn Dance and was one of the popular stomp dance leaders for the Corn Dance ceremonies. He also served as the leader of the opening ceremony of the fasting bird dance for many years.
Each year, he would welcome all of the many visitors to the use of his chickee as needed. Many times, he would offer the use of his own room to friends as needed, while he stayed at the Micosukee resort. He will be missed many moons to come by family and friends that knew him.
Frances, Wild Bill Osceola and family would like to thank all the cooks

that volunteered their time. Also, we would like to thank Larry Osceola and family of Brighton, Theresa Cypress Osceola and family of Micosukee, and Jerry Cypress (Micosukee Tribe) for donating firewood.
We would also like to thank the following people: Moses Osceola, Seminole Tribe President, Andrew Bert Sr., and his staff at the Micosukee restaurant, Trail Seminole Liaison William Osceola, Micosukee Head Start, Vincent Micco for the funeral services, Micosukee Health Department and staff, Micosukee Police Department, and Roy Cypress Jr., for his traditional guidance and support, Joe Jimmie for the traditional medicine and the families who contributed the groceries and their time.
Thank you to all of those who are too many to name whom visited and gave their support and encouragement.

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❖ Shootout

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Seminole and government troops, but is a depiction of the struggles of resistance of natives against the government policies of removal and aggression during much of the last half of the 19th century.

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state, and Congress gave Florida full rights to the state rivers and lands. This legislation was designed to take the land given to the natives in 1838 and exile all the Seminoles to Oklahoma.

In early December 1855, Lieutenant George L. Hartsuff, a topographical engineer, along with six mounted men, two foot soldiers and two wagons drawn by mules, entered Big Cypress country in what he described as "an exploratory mission."

On his second day, he came across several "deserted" Seminole villages, and entered Billie Bowlegs Town. Not seeing any of the village residents around, the soldiers cut some banana bunches from plants near the chikees and destroyed crops belonging to Bowlegs.

This act of disregard for native land and property infuriated the Indians, who on Dec. 20, 1855, surrounded and attacked Lt. Hartsuff's troops, killing four soldiers and wounding four others, including Hartsuff. After this brief battle, the Seminoles retreated to the safety of the Big Cypress swamps. Soon after this incident, the third Seminole war started.

The re-creation of the Kissimmee Slough Shootout gives visitors an appreciation for the dangers that both sides faced during these bloody encounters, where men faced each other at close quarters and in an environment that provided safety for the defenders and nightmares for the aggressors.

