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Osceola Family Reunion Held

By Janice Billie

BIG CYPRESS — Like a gathering of small nations, the descendents of Jimmy Truitt (Big Town Clan) and Mary Motlow Osceola (Bird Clan) met at the Herman Osceola Gym for an amazing and warm family reunion in November.

Now one of the largest families in the Seminole Tribe, the many Osceola descendents reside mainly on the Hollywood Reservation but have family members living in Big Cypress, Tampa, Brighton and the Miccosukee Reservation.

Jimmy and Mary had six sons and three daughters, Frank Osceola, (deceased) Bill Osceola, (deceased) Joe Osceola (76), Dan Osceola (73), Max Osceola, Sr., (deceased) Jimmy Hank Osceola (65), Maggie Osceola (approximately 83), Betty Osceola (69), and Annie Osceola Jumper (60).

One of the sons, Bill, was involved with the organizing of the Seminole Tribe in the 1950's. He was the first president of the Seminole Tribe Board of Directors when the Tribe was formally organized in 1957.

He later served as pastor of the Independent Mikasuky Baptist Church in Hollywood for many years. His daughter, Priscilla Sayen has served the Tribe as Secretary-Treasurer for over twenty years.

Two grandsons, Bill's son, Marcellus Osceola, and Max's son, Max Osceola Jr., became representatives to the Tribal Council and Max's adopted son, James E. Billie, served as Seminole Tribal Chairman for over twenty years.

The family originally came from the Everglades, near what is now the Miccosukee Indian Reservation along

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Erica Deitz Student Of The Month

Submitted by Ella DeHass, Higher Education

HOLLYWOOD — Erica Deitz completed the Fall 2001 semester at ITT, majoring in Multi-media, with a 3.67 grade point average.

"For some reason, when I tried before, I just couldn't get into it. But now, everything is in sync," said Deitz.

Erica is making her dream a reality. If you're just starting college or returning . . . never give up. There are other avenues out there, not just one way. So, never give up!

Erica's family, husband Bruce and son Wyatt, along with her position with the Language

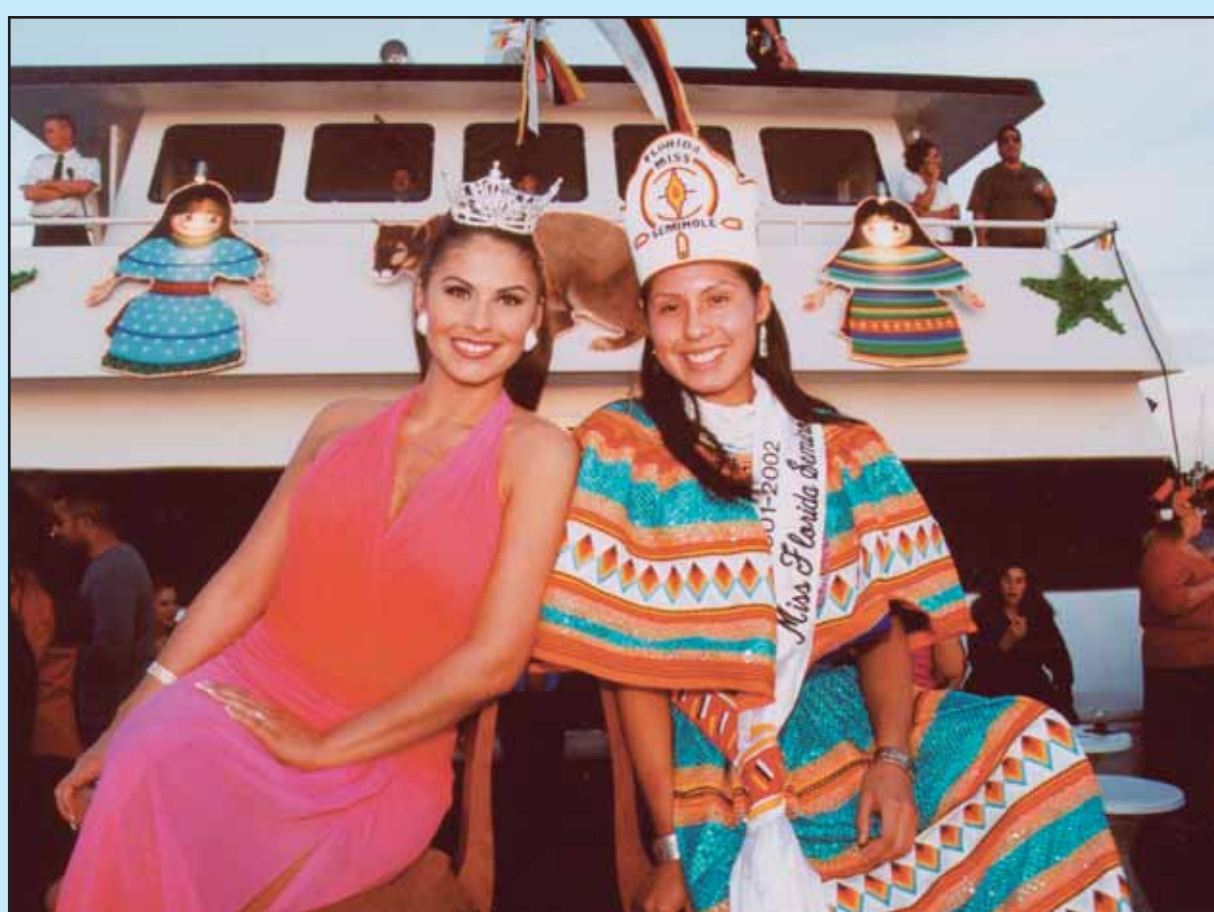
Department developing materials for the Language Instructors, keeps her busy. Deitz is the daughter of

Josephine and Robert North, who are both accomplished artists. She was born in Winnebago, NE and is a member of the Panther Clan.

Erica captures the passage of life as she reflects on her ancestors and the life of the Seminoles in the Everglades. She provides a look into the future and the past through her art introducing her viewers to the human side of her people, their personalities and their humor.

Some of Deitz's better-known works are the Clan Wheel, Princess Committee logo, and the Incentive Award Committee logo.

Higher Education looks forward to featuring YOU in the coming months as our featured "Student of the Month".



Miss Florida Kelly Gaudet and Miss Seminole Mercedes Osceola aboard the "River of Grass," the Seminole Tribe's entry in the 2001 Winterfest Boat Parade.

Winterfest Boat Parade Kick Off Party - Introducing Grand Marshal, Donald Trump

By Alexandra Frank

FORT LAUDERDALE — On Dec. 14, the Winterfest Boat Parade Committee held its final kick off party at the Double Tree Suites, signaling the official start of the Winterfest activities. This party also introduce this year's "Grand Marshall," Donald Trump.

The event was filled with notable individuals such as Channel Seven News Weatherman Jim Kahmal, and Deco Drive personalities Belkys Nerey and Lynn Martinez.

There were other high profile personalities, such as actor Steven Bower of the movies "Scarface" and "Traffic." Also introduced was Jorge Marina, an up and coming singer from Madonna's label Maverick Records.

There were two other individuals prominently placed on the evening's agenda. The first, of course, was Max Osceola, Jr., who was named the "Commodore" of the 2001 Winterfest celebrations.

Max was called up to the stage to share a few words with the attendees of the event. Max started his speech by stating, "My ancestors used to canoe down the New River, now I'm glad I get to yacht down the New River."

Osceola thanked the sponsors of the boat parade, because the event would not be possible with-

out their support. He even thanked the volunteers of the boat parade, noting that their time donated to the event; "is an act of love."

He also pointed out that, after the fateful day of September 11, the evening was a night of celebration and so should the day of the boat parade. With those parting words, Osceola said "Thank You" in the Miccosukee and Creek languages. Osceola was presented with a Winterfest Boat Parade framed poster and a Galileo Thermometer.

The next individual introduced was Mr. Charlie Folds - Director of Community and Public Relations of Channel 7. Mr. Folds was given the honor of introducing this year's Grand Marshall, to the delight of the Winterfest sponsors, spectators, and contestants.

Mr. Folds described the next individual as having been instrumental during the New York tragedy, a person he described as a compassionate and caring gentleman. Mr. Folds then asked the attendees to help him welcome Mr. Donald Trump, the honorary "Grand Marshall."

Mr. Trump made his way to the podium, amid a rousing round of applause, and smiled his way through the crowd that had gathered around him.

Before Mr. Trump could address the crowd,

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Seminole Color Guard Participate In Veterans Affairs Pow Wow

Submitted by Denise Hawks, RVSR, VA Regional Office

On Nov. 16, the Native American Equal Employment Opportunity Committee of the Veterans Affairs Regional Office in St. Petersburg held their second Pow Wow for the Native American Heritage Day Program. The theme was "Honoring Native American Veterans, Past and Present".

The day was bright and clear without a cloud in the sky. Also participating were the Seminole Tribe Color Guard, who performed the posting of the colors for the program.



Charles Hiers, Clyde Tiger, and Craig Gopher, led the Pinellas County Honor Guard, veterans, and dancers into the circle, while the Family Drum played the veterans honor song.

A touching ceremony was conducted for POW-MIA's by Mr. David Miller which was concluded by the singing of "God Bless the USA", by Henry Battiest, Jr. There was not a dry eye in the area.

After remarks by the Medical Center Director, Thomas Weaver and Dan Weise from the Regional Office, Stephen Bowers gave a powerful speech that

described what it meant to be a Native American in the military, especially as a member of the only Indian Nation that never signed a Peace Treaty.

Mr. Stephen Bowers conveyed to veterans and attendees some of the differences in culture and the impact and perceptions it created during military duty.

The participation of the Seminole Tribe of Florida in the Native American Heritage Day program has helped further a partnership that has developed over the years since the former VA Regional Office Director, Carlos Rainwater, held that position.

Mr. Weise noted that the Seminole Tribe of Florida also participated with the groundbreaking ceremony that was held for the Regional Office. This program continued that partnership.

The Seminole Tribe representatives offered insight as to the wonderful way that Native American veterans are honored in their culture and allowed all the veterans that were present to feel a moment of honoring.

We would like to thank all the members of The Seminole Tribe of Florida for supporting the Bay Pines VA Native American Committee's efforts to reach out to all Native American veterans.

Bowers has worked closely with the VA Regional Office, helping Seminole Tribe veterans file claims and has been very instrumental with their grants for compensation.

When other Native American veterans see this kind of support, they begin to ask questions about their potential entitlement to benefits and health care and start to access the benefits to which they are entitled.

The VA Regional Office, located in St. Petersburg, has a Service Center that evaluates claims filed by veterans or their dependents for possible entitlement to benefits.

The Loan Guarantee Department for veterans who are purchasing homes, which also has additional programs specific for Native American veterans, and the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment division.

If you have any questions concerning possible entitlement to benefits please contact Stephen Bowers at 1-800-683-7800 ext.: 1480, or the VA Regional Office at 1-800-827-1000.

Council Approves 2002 Budget

By Elrod Bowers

HOLLYWOOD — The Tribal Council, at a special Dec. 13 meeting, approved a balanced \$284 million budget.

Comptroller Suresh Geer, who presented the budget, was asked by Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola, Jr. if the Tribe would be able to make its first quarter predictions, and if the Sept. 11 tragedy had affected the Tribe's businesses. "So far, the Sept. 11 attacks hasn't affected our income," said Geer, who also added that the Tribe would make its first quarter predictions.

Osceola later said a meeting was planned to present the budget to the Tribal members.

"The meeting will be after the holidays," said Osceola, "we'll have Suresh and others show the 2002 budget and also ways we have saved money by discontinuing programs that were no longer economically viable."

The Council also:

Approved the Revenue Allocation and Per Capita Distribution Plan for Oct. 1, 2001 through Sept. 30, 2002. The dividend amounts will stay the same, except for Tribal members 55 and older. The Tribal Council included an extra amount for the Tribe's senior citizens in the 2002 budget.

Approved a resolution requesting the Tribe's trust income from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress stated that loans, which had been under the purview of the Chairman's Office, will now be moved to the Secretary-Treasurer Priscilla Sayen's office for screening.

"From here on out, the Secretary-Treasurer is in charge of the loans and applications," said Cypress, "if you have questions you will be referred to Priscilla."

Big Cypress Water Project Ready To Break Ground

BIG CYPRESS — A groundbreaking ceremony for Phase I of the Big Cypress Reservation Water Conservation Plan Critical Project is scheduled to take place on Jan. 15, 2002.

The project provides for water needs on the west side of Big Cypress. While this project will improve environmental conditions, it will also improve water supply and flood protection for all land uses on eastern Big Cypress.

The first phase of the project, the construction of the east conveyance canal project, will build a canal and improve network capable of delivering the Tribe's entitlement water across the Reservation. The new canal network will deliver a new water supply source to the Tribe.

The new water delivered by the new and improved canal network will supply pastures and cattle on the east side of the Reservation. This new canal network also will transport new water supply westward to the Feeder Canal system, and from there to fields and groves in the western portion of the Reservation.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida is a nation-wide and state-wide leader in ecosystem restoration. Tribal leaders determined that the health of the Tribe was dependent, in part, on the health of the Tribe's environment. The Tribe developed a Water Conservation Plan for the Big Cypress Reservation in the early 1990's.

The Water Conservation Plan is designed to improve water storage and irrigation, flood control, and water quality for all water users on the Reservation, including the "environment." The Tribe looked to the federal government for assistance in building this comprehensive project.

One of the federal programs the Tribe is participating in is the Army Corps of Engineers' (COE) Critical Project program. The Tribe's Big Cypress project was ranked sixth out of over 100 initially considered by federal-tribal-state-local groups.

This project is not only important to the Seminole Tribe, it is also important to the overall South Florida Ecosystem Restoration effort. Also, this project is the largest joint initiative the Corps has ever undertaken with a Native American Tribe.

This first phase of the joint Tribal/Army COE project, construction of the east conveyance canal, will occur entirely on Reservation land east of the North Feeder canal. Construction is planned to start in February and should take from 9 to 12 months to complete.

Over the next five years, the remaining phases of the Water Conservation Plan will be built.

If you have any questions about project construction, please contact Jerry Benock at (863) 902-3200, ext. 1411.

NYC Resident, Tribal Member Recounts Sept. 11

LaVonne Kippenberger (Panther) is the daughter of Lawanna Osceola and Robert Kippenberger. LaVonne grew up on the Hollywood Reservation and currently is residing in Brooklyn, New York. In a special two-part interview, Kippenberger gives a firsthand account of the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

How long have you lived in New York?

Seven years

Why did you move to New York?

I moved up there originally just to see another part of the country and to see what's off of the reservation, to see what city life is. I started school a year after I moved there at a community college, and got an associate's degree. That pretty much just put my life on track. After I graduated

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Community News

Seminole Casino Hosts Warren Brothers

By Benny Secody
IMMOKALEE —On Saturday, Dec. 15, BNA recording artists the Warren Brothers brought their uplifting, personal and spoken-from-the-heart style of country music to the Seminole Casino in Immokalee.

With the album, “King of Nothing,” the Warren Brothers are a fresh commitment to country music. They are outspoken, in a lighthearted way. The Warren Brothers’ debut album “Beautiful



The crowd enjoyed the Warren Brothers concert at Immokalee Casino.

Day in The Cold Cruel World” brought a nomination from the Country Music Association for Vocal Duo of the Year and from the Academy of Country Music, a nomination for Top New Vocal Duo-Group. They are Tampa’s own, and were well received by the folks in Immokalee.

“Well received” would not adequately describe the devotion of three young ladies who have literally traveled the country to see the Warren Brothers in person. Carole Stano, of Cleveland, OH, and Shannon Jones and Allie Dixon of Atlanta, GA have managed to fly to Warren Brothers concerts in Shreveport, LA, Hilton Head, SC, Knoxville, TN, Sedalia, MO, Independence, MO, Dallas, TX, the



Shannon Jones and Allie Dixon of Augusta, Georgia pose with the Warren Brothers.

Mohegan Sun in Connecticut, Turning Stone at Verona, NY, Kansas City, MO and Akron, OH.

Even the Warren Brothers are overwhelmed by the loyalty of these three fans. Brett Warren, youngest of the duo, thanked the ladies, saying, “They follow us all over the country – I don’t know why.”

Brad and Brett, originally from Tampa, are quick to emphasize the fact that “we came to Nashville to be like everybody else.” Although they have a reverence for tradition, the Warrens are very confident

about their music, which incorporates a wide variety of influences.

Brett maintains, “we’re not necessarily trying to stir the pot, but we’re really being ourselves.” On “King of Nothing”, “we’ve into come into our own,” continued Brad, “We co-produced it, wrote the majority of the songs, and played on all the tracks.”

Quite an accomplishment for the young duo, who spent much of their up and coming years in Tampa playing mostly in beach bars. They have acquired quite a following and have the family.

They were born into a highly musical family. Brad started playing guitar at age 11, and quickly dragged his two-years-younger brother Brett along for the ride.

“We’ve been playing together in bands since I was in the ninth grade and he was in seventh; so there’s never been a time when we weren’t in bands together,” says Brad.

Adds Brett, “We’ve gone through more drummers than Spinal Tap! For the past 11 years, we’ve been nothing but full-time musicians, and would play the

Waffle House for chicken and eggs!”

There were times when the brothers nearly did just that. “We did three shows a day. Three hundred shows a year for a five-year period,” Brett continued, “everything from the Eagles to Johnny Cash in developing our own songwriting style.”

But having played all the beach bars in their vicinity, they grew tired of selling beer and decided to go to Nashville and make and sell records.

In 1996, they headed for Nashville, commuting back and forth to Tampa where they still had a following. They returned regularly to make money. The Warrens steadily built a new following in the Nashville suburbs.

“We became huge in Murfreesboro and Franklin because there was nothing out there,” recalls Brad. “We played a place in Murfreesboro called the Bunganut Pig and would do a bluegrass version of ‘Brown-Eyed Girl,’ Johnny Cash, and KISS in the same set.”

The Warren Brothers have the proven talent and the respect of their peers. When the legendary country songwriter Harlan Howard first saw them perform, he loved the idea that they represented what country music used to be and needs to be again.

“He meant namely, people singing, dancing and good-looking girls everywhere!” said Brett, “It’s like what Hank Williams said, ‘There’s only one thing that separates country music from any other form of music, and that’s sincerity.’ What makes us country is that we are sincere. When you buy our records, you’re getting us. We wrote it, we sang it, and we played it.”

The Warren Brothers did just that throughout their December 15 appearance in Immokalee. The crowd, especially appreciated one particular song: “It’s a Beautiful Day in a Cold, Cruel World”.

Brett said before singing the song, “We have always liked this song, but since the September 11 attack on the United States, it has more meaning to us now, and seems even prettier than before.”

Although the crowd enjoyed the Warren Brothers, the group “Buck Wild,” who has also become a favorite with country music fans, did a great job performing the opening act for the brothers.

With another successful concert completed, Dawn Geis, Entertainment manager for the Casino, has big plans for upcoming entertainment in the New Year. Scheduled for January 12 is “Margarita”, and on February 9, “The Wilkinsons.”

Mark those new calendars now and come on out for a night of fun and good entertainment in the upcoming months. Come on out to any of the Seminole Casinos and win some big money to pay off all those old Christmas debts!



The 27th Annual Miccosukee Arts and Crafts Festival drew hundreds of visitors.

Miccosukee Tribe Hosts 27 Years Of Arts And Crafts Festivals

By Benny Secody
TAMIAMI TRAIL — Twenty-seven years ago, the Miccosukee Tribe hosted their first Indian Arts and Crafts festival. Nestled in the small village along the Tamiami Trail, the Miccosukees invited the general public and foreign guests to come visit their village and to share with them, and other Native American Tribes, the diverse cultures, food, arts, crafts and dances.

Back in the 1970’s, things were not much different than they are today. The Miccosukees have become one of the most successful Indian Tribes in the U.S., yet they have managed to keep their culture intact. Many families still living their traditional lifestyles in the camps along U.S. 41, also known as the Tamiami Trail.

The culture and language is still the highest priority of the Miccosukees. They still teach their children the language and practice traditional ways. They are a proud and highly respected Indian Tribe.

This year’s festival was held from Dec. 26, 2001 through Jan. 1, 2002. Under the leadership of Chairman Billy Cypress and his staff, a spectacular program was presented that featured the Tezcatlipoca Aztecs from Mexico and the Bird Chopper Drum and Dancers, under the director of Rick Bird of Cherokee, NC.

Jackie Bird and her family performed their own style of songs, dance and even hoop dancing. A fashion show was scheduled for three days of the program with clothing made from the magnificent patchwork designs of the Miccosukees.

Rows of arts and crafts booths lined the walkways. The delightful scents of sage, cedar and lavender coming from Medicine Man’s booth mingled with the tantalizing smells coming from the food booths that invited visitors to enjoy a meal of real Indian cuisine or splurge on a chicken dinner. Some guests and community members opted for a burger and fries. Whatever their pleasure, there was



Visitors come for miles for Iona’s fry bread.

something good to eat for everyone.

The Miccosukee Museum and gift shop were filled with tourists, who were in awe of the beautiful paintings, carvings and artifacts. The gift shop did well throughout the festival, as everyone wanted to take home a souvenir to remind of the wonderful time they had at the festival.

There was no evidence of a recession during this festival. People were enjoying spending their money. Jewelry was a hot selling item, even after Christmas. Many of the vendors reported high-



Yolie and Judy check out the jewelry booth with a friend.

er sales this year than last year, before the events of September 11.

The year also brought out more families. The feeling of being together as a family and enjoying each other seemed evident. Many people were happy to have this event to share with their loved ones.

Over yonder in the alligator pits, the massive gators basked in the sun in their separate pits, while others seemed to enjoy the closeness of their companions. Spectators lined the wrestling pit area as Kenny Cypress presented his unique demonstration of alligator hogging.

The crowd oohed and aahed as Kenny slipped his bare hand into the gator’s mouth. Everyone gasped as he pulled his hand out a split second before the massive jaws snapped together. He mesmerized the children with his method of “open-mouthed” bulldogging the gator. (Sporting a gouge made this feat even more impressive.)

The airboats were busy throughout the festival, as cars full of waiting tourists endured the long wait for their turn to experience the Everglades while buzzing through the sawgrass in the boats propelled by massive airplane engines and a propeller.

It’s safe to say that this year’s festival was among the most prosperous of all years past. The weather was great, people were happy and everyone had a wonderful time. Congratulations to the Miccosukee Tribe for another successful year of fun, food and entertainment.

Historical Film Catalogue Released

Films of the American Indian Film Festival, San Francisco (1975-2000) is now available for purchase. (\$39.95, ISBN: 0-9713794-0-8) Detailed information (country, year, length, genre, director, producer, distribution cost and contact) along with a brief narrative synopsis is supplied for 626 of the diverse films that have screened at the American Indian Film Festival since 1975.

The catalogue offers invaluable access to material from a tremendous range of film genre, including documentary short, documentary feature, feature films, live short, industrial, music video, public service, animated short and docu-drama. Films are listed alphabetically and tribal affiliations are provided for each entry.

The films represent a wide and diverse range of Indian Nations. The depth of subject matter is equally broad and includes groundbreaking films addressing cultural, social, historical and political issues relevant to Native Americans from the United States and Canada.

A companion CD-ROM will be available for shipping in February 2002. The CD-ROM is fully searchable. The disc makes available Chief Dan George’s historic 1975 soliloquy presented at the University of Washington in Seattle.

In his speech, Chief Dan George emphasizes the desperate need for positive images of Native Americans in the film arts industry during the mid-1970’s, a need we still find ourselves addressing today.

In a clear statement of his commitment to the American Indian community, he says “Listen they are calling me, I must come.” The audio recording is supplemented by a photographic montage and AIFI’s history in film.

In addition to this exclusive recording, the CD-ROM also duplicates the full catalogue information and includes 30 selected film clips, AIFI promotional reels and title video montage, an AIFI poster gallery featuring 25 poster/prints, back issues of ICE (Indian Cinema Entertainment), as well as complete AIFI history and program information.

Films of the American Indian Film Festival, San Francisco (1975-2000) is of special interest to filmmakers, historians, and anthropologists; in addition to film and cultural critics. This informative publication catalogues a rich and deep body of work, most of which is not currently available to the public. The catalogue brings together many historic films that screened once and have subsequently been lost or forgotten, providing rare access to films from the growing and vital history of Native Americans in the film industry. The catalogue is also noteworthy, as a majority of the films are written, produced, and/or directed by American Indian and Canadian first nations peoples and communities. The film catalogue provides rare access to American Indian films of cultural integrity, which seldom receive widespread distribution. For libraries, bookstores, academics, critics and collectors this collection is an invaluable research tool, linking readers to film titles and well respected but little known Indigenous filmmaking talent, such as Barb Cranner, Randy Redroad, Chris Eyre and Shirley Cheechoo.

The American Indian Film Festival is highly acclaimed for its unique dedication to intelligent and insightful documentary films for educational purposes as well as mainstream entertainment.

For more information, or to order, go to: www.aifisf.com, or call (415) 554-0525.



Naha Jumper and Jo Leigh (Boogie) Johns were happily wed on Saturday, December 15 on the Brighton Reservation. The Groom’s parents are Moses Jumper, Jr., and Laquita Jumper. The Bride’s parents are Norman Johns and Debbie Johns.

Sequoyah Homecoming Pre-Registration

The Sequoyah Alumni officers are trying to streamline the process of acquiring pre-paid 2002 tickets to cut down waiting time spent in the registration line at the 56th Annual Homecoming Celebration, Sat., May 4.

A large crowd is expected and there have been a lot of inquiries regarding the banquet and dance for this year and next year.

To obtain a Pre-Registration Form, call the President of the Sequoyah Alumni Association, Wanda Jones, at (918) 458-3591. Check the items you wish to purchase – such as banquet tickets, dance tickets, Celebrating Sequoyah Historical Book, or pay Annual Membership Dues – and return

the Form to: Sequoyah Alumni Foundation, P.O. Box 187, Park Hill, OK, 74451.

Upon receipt of your check or money order, your tickets will then be processed along with your receipt. Your packet will consist of your name badge, ticket(s), receipt and a door prize ticket. The packet will be available during Pre-Registration, Saturday May 4 at the Sequoyah High School Gymnasium Lobby at 9-12:00 p.m., or when you arrive at the pre-paid line for the banquet.

Pre-registration forms are due Friday, April 26, 2002. Any Pre-registration forms sent in after this date will not be processed.

Community News ❖



Big Cypress 4-H steer project participants show off their grand champion steer chandidates.

Big Cypress 4-H Show And Sale Coming

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress 4-H Steer Project participants are busy preparing for the Annual 4-H Show and Sale in February, hoping to win the title of Grand Champion Steer at the annual event. The steer projects must qualify for the show by meeting the weight requirement and the ability of the participant to lead his/her steer. To monitor their progress, the steers are weighed-in once a month and

each participant is responsible for feeding and training their steer. Most of the participants in this year's program are veterans at raising and showing steers. The years of experience among the Big Cypress 4-H kids range from a first year rookie to Wilson Bowers, who has participated for 12 years. We wish all of you success and look forward to the seeing each of you at the annual show.

Reunion

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Highway 41, west of Miami. They lived in traditional camps situated in the heart of the Florida swamps. Hunting and fishing were the means of living during those times and it was a fairly simple way of life that Jimmy and Mary knew as the first of their children were born. However, as son Dan Osceola remembers, it was a way of life that began to change when he was still a boy.

Due to the state's project of draining parts of the Everglades for management purposes, families were not able to travel by boats and canoes to and from the isolated camps as before. Hunting and fishing were greatly affected, generating resettlements closer to old Highway 41 and possible employment in Homestead and Miami.

Second born daughter, Betty Osceola recalls her and her siblings picking vegetables on farms in and around Homestead and Hialeah to contribute to the family income. Eventually, the Osceola family moved to Miami into a Seminole village recreated in a tourist attraction called Musa Isle.

In those days, these establishments were a means of survival for many Seminole and Miccosukee families. The families were paid a weekly or monthly wage in addition to family members finding employment within the city. Sons Joe, Dan and Max worked parking cars in downtown Miami.

In the mid 1940's, the family moved to Hollywood, settling in a camp located off of State Road 7, just south of the present day Seminole Casino. The older children were starting families of their own, but the family remained close and lived near each other throughout the years.

Jimmy Truitt Osceola passed away in 1948. Mary Motlow Osceola lived to be over a hundred years old, endeared and honored by many. The legacy of Jimmy and Mary is a spirit of survival, family unity and love. This is the legacy the descendants of this family came to celebrate, honor and keep alive at this 2001 reunion.

Not everyone of the over 350 family members could make it, but a good number of them did. Dan and Leoda Osceola were surely missed. Dan was recuperating from a very recent illness and could not travel.

Attendees began arriving at the reunion at mid-morning. Registering at the entrance of the gymnasium, all family members and guests received a commemorative t-shirt and tickets for door prizes. The t-shirt had a reproduction of a portrait of Jimmy Truitt and Mary Motlow Osceola and the names of their children.

Guests of honor were the surviving brothers and sisters: Maggie, Joe, Betty, Jimmy Hank, and Annie. The three brothers who have passed on were represented by family members.

Frank Osceola was represented by his widow, Ruby Osceola of Tampa. Ruby is 106 years of age and is one the oldest honored elders of the Seminole Tribe. Bill Osceola was represented by his oldest son,

Raymond Osceola. Max Sr. was represented by sons James Billie, Max Osceola, Jr., Steve Osceola, and Mitch Osceola.

Formal words of welcome and good wishes were spoken by each guest of honor. Both Joe and Jimmy Hank took the opportunity to give testimony and minister the word of God to the gathering. Betty Osceola encouraged the youth to take the time to acknowledge their places in life by honoring where



Generations of families enjoyed the Osceola family reunion.

they came from and making a commitment to family values.

Dan's granddaughter, Allison Osceola, researched the long reaching branches of the family tree and compiled a record of all the descendants. Painstakingly illustrated on display boards, many were amazed and delighted with the number of family members. Family photos contributed by each family were also displayed for viewing.

Bounce houses and candy filled piñatas for the children added to the atmosphere of celebration. Lunch and a delicious Thanksgiving meal was prepared and served by Family Catering of Westin.

Still doing what he does best at special occasions, Paul Buster provided some of the music for the day. Jonah Cypress also shared his gift of music for the family, teaming up with Big Cypress resident Sadie Cypress to sing gospel and Miccosukee hymns.

The idea for a reunion initially started with Joe Osceola, he wanted to get together with his brothers and sisters and celebrate the enduring legacy of their parents. A committee of younger family members was formed to plan and coordinate the reunion.

The result was a very special occasion that fostered acknowledgement, respect and remembrance of two people who started a family in the heart of the Everglades.

The Osceola Family would like to thank the following people for their consideration and contribution to the success of the Osceola Family Reunion: Tribal Councilmen Max Osceola Jr. and David Cypress, Seminole Board of Directors President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Barbara Billie, Nutritionist Jennifer Duncan, Jennifer's mom Maria, Diane Buster, and Paul Buster.

Also, a special thanks to Jack Gorton and his staff for reserving the gym and setting up tables and chairs and Chef Brad and his staff for an outstanding job preparing the food. The family hopes to have another reunion sometime in 2002.

Cynthia Billie Married In Big Cypress

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — Dec. 29 was the day chosen by Cynthia Billie and Jose Ramon-Perez of Montura Ranches to be their most memorable. On the afternoon of this day, the two were joined together in marriage at the Independent Baptist Church of Big Cypress.

Pastor Arlen Payne, of the Chickee Church in Hollywood, married the happy couple in a ceremony attended by family members and guests. The bride was given away by her father, Tommy Billie. The groom's brother, Angel Pintao, served as his best man and the bride's daughter, Ashley Phillips, was her maid of honor.

A reception was held at the home of the bride, and there was much eating, laughing and dancing. The food was traditional Cuban food, featuring a whole roast

pig, prepared by the groom and his family. The couple has no immediate plans for a honeymoon. However, they plan to visit the Bahamas in March.



Rev. Arlen Payne marries Jose Ramon-Perez (center) and Cynthia Billie (3rd from right) at the Independent Baptist Church.

Social Security Increases Benefits

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits to more than 50 million Americans will increase 2.6 percent in 2002.

The 2.6 percent increase will begin with benefits that 45 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2002. Increased payments to more than 31 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31.

For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit amount for all retired workers will rise from \$852 to \$874. The maximum federal SSI monthly payment to an individual will rise from \$531 to \$545. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$796 to \$817.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social

Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$84,900 from \$80,400 in 2002.

As a result of the increase in the taxable maximum in 2002, the maximum yearly Social Security tax paid by employees and employers will increase by \$279 each. For self-employed workers, it will rise by \$558. Of the approximately 154 million workers who pay Social Security taxes, only about 10.5 million are affected by the higher wage base in 2002.

Also based on the increase in average wages, the amount of earnings required to earn a quarter of coverage will increase to \$870 in 2002, up from \$830 this year.

Information about Medicare changes for 2002 can be found at www.hhs.gov – the internet site for the Department of Health and Human Services.

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For more information and nomination materials, visit www.gmsp.org or call 1-877-690-GSMP. All forms must be submitted online or postmarked by February 1, 2002.

Your Money: Hazard Insurance For Your Home

By Ken Goosens
[Editor's Note: Ken Goosens works for the Tribe in Housing's finance and counsels Tribal members on loans and their credit. The opinions in these columns are his own.]

In a half-hour, your home, and a lifetime of possessions, could be completely destroyed by fire. Virtually every year, someone's home on the reservation is totally lost. If the house isn't covered by hazard insurance, the destruction is simply your loss.

Insurance, however, could pay to rebuild your house and purchase new possessions. And your home is subject to perils other than fire, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, lightning and sinkholes.

You could also lose your home from more than natural perils, when people injured on your property sue you for damages. For example, if a child is paralyzed playing on the trampoline in your backyard or attacked by your dogs, you could lose your home and property as compensation for damages. Homeowners insurance gives you liability protection from such dangers.

Your home could also be damaged by theft, vandalism, and even an automobile or airplane crash.

Okay, you say, I'm convinced that terrible things can and do occasionally happen to homes and that I need hazard insurance. How do I know if I am insured already?

This question is not as easy to answer as you may think, because the Tribe may be paying for insurance. Briefly, the only cases where you need to be arranging privately for insurance are where you own your own house off the reservation, or own your house on the reservation and are under 55.

Let's explain that answer more. Off the reservation, the answer is simple: you are responsible for getting insurance on any house you personally own. If you rent one of the few houses the Tribe owns off the reservation, then the Tribe pays for the insurance.

On the reservation, the answer is more complicated. If you bought or built your house privately, then you own your house. However, if the Tribe built the house and you got it under the Homeowner Program, then you may not own your house yet. The Tribe leases the home to you, and will convey the house to you after a certain number of years.

Only after the house is conveyed do you actually own it. For Tribal houses not yet conveyed, the Tribe pays for insurance.

If your house on the reservation has been conveyed, then insurance is your responsibility, with one exception. The Tribe has a program to provide insurance for elder homeowners who are 55 or older.

This program covers even homes not originally built by the Tribe. To summarize, on the reservation, the Tribe pays for insurance for all Tribal homeowners who are 55 or older, and for Tribal houses not yet conveyed.

On the reservation, one insurance firm charges half or less of what others do – Amerind. This company provides insurance only on the reservation. The reason the insurance is so inexpensive is that the Seminoles have not had many claims, and the Seminole Tribe is pooled with other trust lands all across the United States rather than with other Florida properties near the reservations.

One person who was paying \$1300 for insurance got a quote from Amerind for the same insurance for only \$400. If you are not using Amerind, get a quote! If you want to apply, you can speak to the insurance coordinator for Housing at the Hollywood office, who takes care of homeowner's insurance for the Tribe.

If you live off the reservation, you can't get insurance from Amerind, but you should get quotes from different insurers to compare prices, which I have seen differ by as much as \$800 per year. You may be able to save significant money by not taking insurance from the first company that offers you coverage.

What coverage should you get for hazard insurance? Most importantly, get insurance for replacement and not cash value. Replacement means the insurance pays for a new replacement. Cash value means the insurance pays only for the current value of your property, which may be significantly less than the cost to replace, especially with personal property and appliances. The point of insurance is to make you whole again by replacing what you lost.

Next most important is to get comprehensive coverage for perils, including fire, lightning, wind, pipes that break, theft, vandalism, and lawsuits. Good policies cover everything except perils specifically excluded which typically exclude acts of war and flood (meaning damage to a house from rising water on the ground).

Finally, the insurance should cover not just your house, but also your possessions inside and other structures on your property, such as a fence, carport, shed, horse stalls, or chickee.

The insurance the Tribe buys meets all these criteria.

Get enough insurance to replace the house, but not more. Don't make the mistake of insuring your property for more than necessary. Suppose you brought a home off the reservation for \$150,000. Should you take out an insurance policy for \$150,000? No! For one thing, suppose the land cost \$30,000. The land is not at risk from the perils of fire, wind, and theft.

So you need, at most, \$120,000 to replace the house itself. Even then, the foundation, the underground pipes, a driveway, and a septic tank will seldom be damaged, so if these items are in your cost, don't insure them.

The insurance will not pay for a bigger or better house – only one with the size and construction of your current house. If you carry more insurance than is needed to rebuild the house, you still will not get paid the larger amount, so paying for excess insurance wastes money.

Employees Share In A Christmas Luncheon

By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD — What could be better than to have lunch with a few of your co-workers? Having lunch with about fifty co-workers! That is exactly what happened at the Tribal headquarters on Dec. 19.

The Christmas Luncheon, organized by Maureen Vass and Jennifer Keefe, highlighted the season by asking everyone to bring in a covered dish. Was this a way to sample each others cooking techniques or to see who was the best cook?

No, it was a chance for all to enjoy an hour for lunch eating, talking, and just plain old having a good time with friends and becoming acquainted with other Tribal workers who may not know too well.

It also gives each one of us a chance to share our bounty with others and to show how much we mean to each other. There were some pretty good dishes out there, to bad I couldn't have it all!

I hope you all had a good time, I did, and I am looking forward to sharing in more lunches just like the one we recently had. So remember to save some room for the next Tribal employee luncheon and I hope to see you there!



Tribal employees lined up to share in a holiday luncheon that featured delicious dishes prepared by one another.

Senior Profile: Spending Time With Mary Bowers

By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD – The Hollywood Hot Meals building once again served as the interview site for another Senior Profile.

This month, the Senior Tribal member I had the chance to spend time with is Mary Bowers. Mary is a statly elder who has a warm smile and a quick wit.

She has always struck me as a well-educated individual because of her ability to speak the Miccosukee and English languages smoothly and effortlessly.

Mary’s father was Dan Parker (Panther Clan), and her mother was Heather Tiger Parker (Snake Clan). She was raised near Indiantown, which is located northwest of West Palm Beach.

Mary’s mother died when Mary was only a year old, she also lost a baby sister at 3 days old. Mary did have another sister though, her name was Agnes Parker Denver, and she was Mary’s baby sister.

Mary spoke briefly about her younger sibling with feeling and admiration. Agnes had attended Haskell High School and finished her education by attending Lawton Nursing School, where she received certification as a registered nurse

Agnes worked on the Ute Reservation, where she married a Ute member who had served as a Marine. They had two daughters and a son. Sadly, Agnes passed away in 1998. Mary mentioned that her sister would always come back to visit her hometown whenever she could.

Mary spoke about her own family, she was married to the late Joe Bowers from Brighton (Bird Clan). They had four children, three sons and one daughter.

Mary was only six years old and her sister was four when the family moved to the Dania/Hollywood Reservation. The camp they lived in was in the vicinity of the current Bingo/Casino building. The year would have been 1928, and there were no modern homes around at that time.

The government had built a school on the reservation but, as Mary related with a chuckle, the four Seminole students who attended were so mean they chased away the teacher who was assigned to the school.

Because the local schools did not allow Seminoles to attend, the Seminoles were forced to look for alternative schools that would take the young Tribal members.

The only school that would do this, and was close enough to send the Seminole youth, was an Indian Boarding

School in Cherokee, NC.

The first Seminoles who attended the school were Mary, Betty Mae Jumper, and Betty’s young brother Howard Tiger. The snow, cold and long distance from home caused Mary and the other Seminole youth to become homesick.

Over time, the three Seminole youth soon grew used to the school and the surrounding area. Later on, more Seminole youth attended the boarding school.

Mary continued her education by attending a school to learn how to be a nurse aide. She even worked at Jackson Memorial Hospital upon completion of her nurse-training course.

The training and work at Jackson Memorial took place before Mary became married. She worked at Jackson Memorial until she was sent to a medical center that was located between Hollywood City, and the Town of Dania.

Mary worked at the medical center until the late Reverend Bill Osceola approached her about working at the newly opened Seminole Okalee Village. There was a need for a gift-shop manager.

At first she was hesitant, because the only training Mary had was for being a nurse aide. Bill Osceola reassured her that she would receive training by a non-Indian woman.

Mary asked Bill if he would not mind if she quit the job if she did not like it, he told her that it was okay with him. She then went to her supervisor at the medical center to tell her about the position at the gift-shop.

She explained to the supervisor about her hesitation towards accepting the job and asked that if she tried the job out and did not like could she come back and get her old job back. The supervisor reassured her that she could come back to the medical center at any time.

Secure in knowing that, if the new job did not work out well she had other options, Mary went to the Village gift shop a little nervous and apprehensive. What she didn’t know was that there



Mary Bowers is a resident of the Hollywood Reservation since its inception.

was a surprise for her when she went to work at the gift shop on her first day.

Mary expressed her delight when she realized the person who would be responsible for her training as manager was none other than Edith Boehmer. Mrs. Boehmer and her husband were government workers who had worked extensively with Seminoles on education and obtaining assistance from the government.

Mrs. Boehmer had started a day school for Seminole children and taught them as well. Mary said her very first job was working with Mrs. Boehmer at the day school. So working with her again was special, Mrs. Boehmer taught Mary a lot about being a manager.

Mary said she learned how to do sales, booking, inventory, and “grabbing

the green dollar” from the tourist who visited the village. She was taught to always smile and talk to the tourist constantly, this helped to bring the people back and bring money into the Tribe’s account.

Mrs. Boehmer taught Mary everything she needed to know and, soon after Mary’s training, she left the gift shop. Mary, on the other hand, stayed in the position as manager for 13 years. She even had a hut-kee’ woman for a secretary and trained other Tribal members to work in the gift shop over the next several years.

Mary commented that she enjoyed working for the program, the hours she worked and the closeness to the homes on the reservation.

The many changes to the reservation itself is something Mary enjoys. Having homes instead of chickees is one such change. Mary jokingly commented that a chickee had free air conditioning and cleaning it was not a hard task, but she also added, in a serious tone, that living in one had been hard.

A woman from Moore Haven trained the Seminole people how to care for a home when the government first built their homes. Mary at that time were unfamiliar with living in a closed structure.

Throughout the slow change of the surrounding area from ranches and orange groves to a suburban area, Mary has noticed the slow loss of the Seminole language. She believes that the encroachment of drugs have taken a hold of the reservation inhabitants. This has caused a disinterest in the language and in passing on of the language.

Mary feels that the teaching of the native language to pre-school aged children is important. She stresses that it is very important for them to hear the language spoken at home as well.

One day an interpreter may be needed and it would be nice to have a young person do this task. She remarked that this task could be a full time job for someone. Mary finished with a secret about how she would speak Miccosukee at Tribal Council meetings when non-Indians were around so that they would not know what it was she saying.

Mary said that she hopes that young Tribal members will go out and receive the highest education possible and bring it back to the reservation in order to share the knowledge.

I would like to finish this profile by thanking Mary for her time doing this interview. I hope to bring to you more profiles from one of the most important resources we have right here on our reservations, the Senior Citizens of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Sho-Na-Bisha!

Pine Crest School Open House

Attend the Pine Crest School Annual Open House Program on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2002. Teachers from pre-kindergarten through grade 12 will answer questions, and materials will be available about admission, financial aid, bus transportation, and summer programs.

Schedule of Events: 1:00 p.m.- listen to Student Jazz Band in Stacy Auditorium; **1:30 p.m.-** attend opening program about school and admission process; **1:50 p.m.-** select a grade level to preview and/or attend special presentations about athletics and activities, college admission or academic computing; if you wish, attend an informal reception with refreshments to talk with faculty and parents and to receive school materials.

For Reservations and More Information: Please reserve places by calling (954) 492-4103 or 492-4100 or e-mail: pcadmit@pinecrest.edu so that we can prepare for attendance. Mention grade level of entry and number coming to program.

Driving and Parking
Directions: Use I-95 to East Cypress Creek Road, go east one mile, look for parking near the Bell Tower or take US 1 to NE 62nd Street, go west past NE 18th Avenue and look for open parking areas. Please be seated in Stacy Auditorium by 1:30 p.m.

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Hollywood Community Christmas Party

By Alexandra Frank
HOLLYWOOD — On Dec. 18, the Hollywood Community was treated to a Christmas Party, sponsored by Council Representative Max Osceola, Jr. and Board Representative David Dehass.

Tribal members enjoyed dinner, which was catered by Maydell Osceola and family, and they also received a gift from the representatives that they could spend however they wanted.

Paul Buster provided holiday themed music over a sound system and Jimmy Hank Osceola gave the blessing before the meal was served.

The Hollywood Community enjoys this yearly event, it is a great time to see neighbors and friends one may not get to see during the year. The years seem to become more hectic and it is hard to see everyone we know throughout the year.

I hope everyone had a great time these past few weeks and I only hope for the best for everyone in the Tribe and those who share our everyday lives in the community and at work. May the coming year prove to be a good one for you and yours.



Kenzie Motlow dressed up for the Community Christmas Dinner held at the Hollywood Gymnasium.

Hollywood Pre-School Christmas Play

By Alexandra Frank
HOLLYWOOD — On Dec. 20, at the Tribal headquarters auditorium, the Hollywood Pre-School children put on a Christmas Play for family and friends. Dressed as Joseph, Mary, wise men, shepherds and angels, the students performed the play about the birth of Jesus Christ, which was narrated by Ms. Carol Crenshaw.



The wise men from left to right: Ethan Cypress, Kanivas Cypress, and Tous Young.

The children who were in the play were 3-year olds, 4-year olds and ten 5-year olds who will graduate this year. They performed flawlessly and did an excellent job, receiving a rousing round of applause from the audience members.

After the play, the children, family and friends were treated to a luncheon, which was served in the auditorium lobby. There was also another treat for all pre-school children to 5 years old.

Santa made a special appearance and handed out gifts to all the good boys and girls. Believe me, there were quite a few good children who received an early Christmas gift, courtesy of the Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola, Jr.

It was a joy to see so many happy faces at the end of a somewhat trying year, and a blessing to see so many happy children who are healthy and well taken care of. May the New Year bring you happiness and joy with your own little actor and be a safe and joyous one.

Wind Clan 6th Annual Community Christmas Party And Dinner

By Benny Secody
BIG CYPRESS - Over the past year, after the fifth annual Wind Clan Community Christmas party, Nancy J. Billie has been preparing for this year's celebration. Only a few days after last year's party, she started buying toys, clothing, cookware, tools, and anything else any person could possibly use.

By summer, she had already filled up one spare bedroom in her home, which had to be cordoned off to prevent curious little folks from exploring new toys and other cool stuff.

By the end of the year, it was nearly impossible to get through that particular end of the house, where there were pots and pans, clothing, material, toys, games, bikes, tools, household items – even a stereo CD/tape player – and just about anything you could conjure up in your mind's eye. It was there – guaranteed!

It wasn't like Nancy had nothing to do all year long, she takes part in the upbringing of her grandchildren and teaching them the traditional ways of the Seminole people. She cares for her mother, manages her own household, and co-manages a chickee building/repair business which employs several workers.

She accomplishes more in a day than most people do in a week. She is the kind of a person who is not comfortable relaxing: she is always on the go.

Nancy looks forward to all the hard work each year, and looks at Christmas as a time to enjoy family, friends and community. She says that this event "is for everyone – no matter who they are – or where they come from. All are welcome at this celebration." She feels it is a time for peace – for leaving the bad times and problems behind as another year ends and a new time begins.

This year, Nancy and her family worked hard to make the Christmas celebration a wonderful event for the community. There were literally hundreds of gifts to wrap, a meal to plan and cook, and helpers to recruit. Many family members had already planned to help out, as they have been doing for the past five years.

Chickees were repaired and new ones were built. The Wind Clan campsite was finally ready for the festivities. These challenges were all taken in stride and dealt with accordingly. Then, as Christmas time drew near, everyone knew what was expected of them and went about doing their part to help.

Nancy credited Tribal leaders for their part in the success of the event through donations, food and funds to help put on the event – which has nearly doubled in participants since its inception six years ago.

This year's Christmas Party was held on

December 20 at Henry John's camp – just as in the past. Hundreds of community members, guests and Tribal employees came out to join in the fun. They all came to enjoy the company of friends and family at this special time of year.

The children were treated to a visit from a real Santa's elves, passing gifts and toys out to community members, guests and the children. Kids were everywhere showing off their gifts.

They say that Christmas is for the young at heart. That was the case at this year's event, as everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. A karaoke machine was set up for those aspiring singers who provided a song or two. They literally



Jennifer Billie-Chadwick MC'd the party and thanked everyone for coming

sang for their supper.

Henry John delighted the guests, young and old, with stories and legends during dinnertime. Former Big Cypress Board Representative Mondo Tiger presented the community with his own special Christmas greeting and well wishes for the New Year.

Many of the non-Indian guests and Tribal employees were amazed at the amount of food that was provided, literally enough to feed a small army, but considered normal for community members who are accustomed to such a production for special events. Big Cypress folks have always enjoyed celebrating with lots of good food and good company.

The day was truly a huge success. Thanks and congratulations go out to Nancy J. Billie and her family, who originally started hosting the Wind Clan Christmas celebration six years ago. It just keeps getting better. Now, with the spare rooms temporarily accessible again, she is already planning for next year's celebration and will soon start stockpiling gifts.

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Big Cypress Seniors Host Annual Christmas Celebration

By Libby Blake
BIG CYPRESS
— The holiday celebrations in Big Cypress started off with the annual Seniors Christmas Party, held at the new Community Center on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Festively dressed seniors started arriving at 10:00 a.m. for the midday event, which featured bingo, door prizes, a specially prepared luncheon, and a visit with Santa Claus, who came with presents for everyone.

Seniors from all the reservations, except Tampa, attended the event. Betty Mae Jumper began the festivities with the invocation.

Tribal President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress greeted those assembled, reminding everyone, “it’s not the gifts, or the trees, or the presents, it’s you that make Christmas what it is.”

“I’m so thankful for the elderly that are still here with us. We all need to remember that it is because of them that we are here and we should be thankful because everything we enjoy today we would not have if it hadn’t been for their work and sacrifices,” said Cypress.

Bingo was the next order of business, four games were played for cash prizes. Winners of the first three games were Martin Gopher, Onnie Osceola, and Effie Osceola. In the fourth game,



The seniors concentrate as the numbers are called during the bingo session.



Seniors pose for holiday picture in front of the Christmas tree.

Frank Billie and John Pigeon both got Bingo at the same time and split the prize money. Cash door prizes went to Tommie Jumper and Annie Jumper.

Afterwards, lunch was served. Everyone feasted on an array of foods prepared by Cecelia Solano, Martha Doctor and the Hot Meals crew. They wandered about the room throughout the day making sure that all the seniors were well taken care of. Family Services workers were also on hand to help serve the food.

“Elvis” Jumper, aka Theresa, entertained the group with a few traditional holiday tunes from the karaoke machine. “Patsy Cline” Tommie, aka Virginia, joined Elvis on a few of the tunes.

After lunch, special plaques of appreciation were presented to Mitchell Cypress, David Cypress, and Dale Grasshopper for all the things they do for the seniors program. Joe Junior Billie received a plaque for providing music for the seniors.

Santa Claus made a stop at the Center to personally greet and present each senior with a Christmas present. Several of the seniors took advantage of the visit, hopping up on Santa’s knee to whisper their special Christmas wishes in his ear.

Before the day ended, Mitchell took the opportunity to say a special thanks to Betty Mae, “who is now ready to retire.” Cypress introduced Betty Mae as one of the first Seminoles to go to school, graduating from Cherokee in 1945.

“After that, she went on to Nursing School in Oklahoma and graduated from there in 1947. Betty Mae came back, worked at Jackson Memorial for a while, then came to work for the Tribe. She was the only woman Chairman of the Tribe and has worked for the Tribe and her people ever since. We thank Betty Mae for all she has done and accomplished in her life and wish her well in her retirement.”

As the party ended, the seniors had the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa Claus. Lines formed as many took advantage of the offer. Others lined up to have their pictures taken without Santa. These pictures will be displayed throughout the Big Cypress Family Investment Center for everyone to enjoy.

Seniors Celebrate Christmas At Trail

By Alexandra Frank
TAMIAMI TRAIL— On Dec. 12, Senior Citizens from four Seminole Reservations gathered with the Seminoles who live out on the Trail at the Miccosukee Gymnasium to enjoy a day of Bingo, door prizes, food and fun.

Many men and women were dressed in colorful patchwork outfits that highlight the talent that many of the Seminole seamstresses possess. During the morning bingo session, various Tribal dignitaries

made an appearance: President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress came to see acquaintances and spend time catching up on the latest news. He shared his wishes for everyone to have a “Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.”

Miccosukee Chairman Billy Cypress also made an appearance, and wished all a safe and happy holiday. Also making an appearance were students from the Miccosukee Elementary School. Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st Grade students performed “Jingle Bells,” “We wish you a Merry Christmas,” and “All I want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth.”

Of course, a celebration would not be complete without delicious food and, believe me, there was none in short supply. Some of the dishes served were pumpkin bread, la-pa-lee, hamburger gravy over rice, green bean casserole, fried pork meat, and fried chicken.

Gifts, of course, were also another big feature to the celebration, items given out consisted of blankets, slippers, and other useful items.

It was great to see so many of our elders still able to get out and have some fun. With the end of the year just days away, it is good to be able to sit down and enjoy good food, good friends, and each other’s company.



Bingo was played all the visiting seniors and was enjoyed all as can be seen by the smile on Lottie Baxley’s face.

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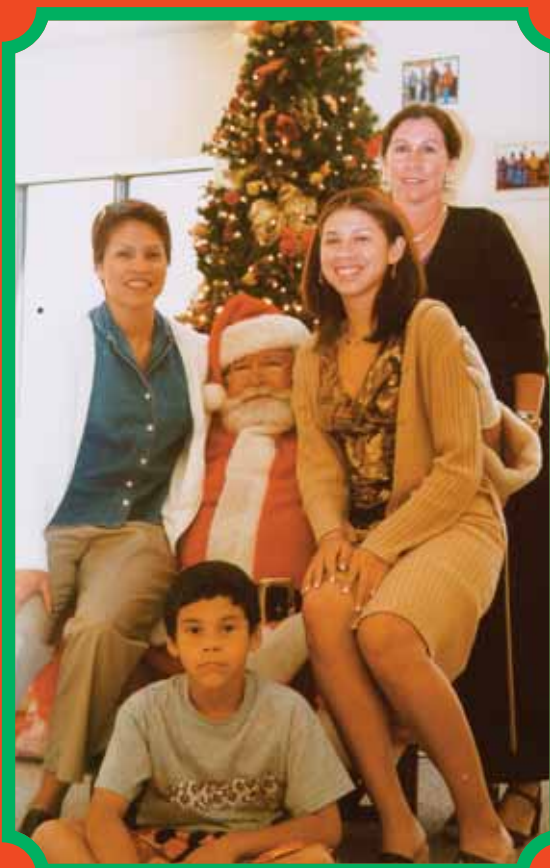
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Community Christmas In BC

By Libby Blake

BIG CYPRESS – Holiday celebrations continued in Big Cypress on Thursday Dec. 20 when the community gathered at the Gym for the annual Christmas luncheon.

wonderland – with all the decorations available for those attending to take home.

Traditional holiday music, and a few country tunes, were provided throughout the day by Paul “Cowbone” Buster and band. One of Santa’s elves was on hand making balloon animals for the kids and balloon hats for the more adventurous adults.

The Swamp Water Café put out a variety of foods, including turkey, ham, fish filets and all the fixin’s. The food was plentiful and many of the attendees took home “doggie bags” for later.

Turnout for the event was tremendous, many guests had to search for chairs. When people linger, it usually means they are enjoying themselves. From the laughter and good cheer heard throughout the gym well into the late afternoon, that appeared to be the case.

Big Cypress Councilman David Cypress and President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, started the day off with good wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. As the day progressed, they wandered throughout the crowd offering personal good wishes to the community members.

As with all good things, the day finally ended. Community members took off in various directions with gifts and full bellies, many preparing for the Ahfachkee School dinner and program scheduled that evening.



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Sally and George Billie making a holiday fashion statement.

At this event, Robin Hernandez and crew surpassed their awesome Thanksgiving decorations, a feat many thought impossible. The crew, consisting of Robin, Robin’s Mom, Louise Osceola, Mabel Jim, and Cecilia Tigertail, transformed the gym into a winter

Gilbert Bowers Memorial Bowling Tournament

By Alexandra Frank, Eugene and Mary Bowers

DAVIE — Dec. 16 marked the Second Annual Gilbert Memorial Bowling Tournament, hosted at Don Carter Lanes, located just west of University Drive.

The event is a memorial to a young man, not short in life, who had a passion for bowling since he was five years old. Gilbert grew up in family that lived and breathed bowling, so it was natural for him to take up the sport.

Gibby, as his family and friends knew him, was an accomplished bowler. He loved to bowl in tournaments and received four prestigious awards, the F.B.A. and Masters, which are held on weekends and locally, and won the championship twice. He has bowled in state tournaments in different cities and participated in Nationals tournaments in many different states.

One notable award is the 14th Annual Tim Green Memorial Award. Tim Green was a cancer patient for a long time. However, between his treatments, he always enjoyed sports, especially bowling. His dream was to bowl a perfect game, which meant a score of 300.

One night, he bowled a perfect game in his league. Shortly after this accomplishment, Tim Green succumbed to his illness while still in his late twenties.

Gilbert also had a dream of bowling the perfect game some day. That

day came on March 12, 1999 at the National Bowling Stadium in Reno, Nevada at the Reno Indian Bowling Tournament.

The Tim Green Memorial Award is bestowed upon those individuals who suffer from life threatening illnesses and like the award's namesake and Gilbert Bowers, who both shared the dream of bowling a perfect game. The award is given to their families in memory of that person's accomplishment.

On May 12, 2001 the Tim Green Memorial Award was presented to Gilbert Bowers, which was accepted by his parents, Mary and Eugene Bowers.

At Gilbert's Memorial Tournament, there were 74 bowlers who traveled from 4 reservations. The bowlers were treated to door prizes that consisted of custom made bowling balls that resembled a golf ball, a football, a basketball and a ball designed with colorful rings like the planet Saturn.

Also given away were bowling ball carry bags for adults and children, as well as gift certificates, free shirts and hand towels with the logo "Gilbert Bowers Memorial Bowling Tournament" emblazoned on them.

Everyone in attendance also enjoyed a catered lunch, prepared by the Don Carter Lanes snack bar staff, as well as a beautifully decorated sheet cake commemorating the event.

Gilbert's father, Eugene, mother,



Gilbert "Gibby" Bowers at age 5.

Mary, and brother, Philmon, thanked everyone for their participation and sponsorship of a tribute to an extraordinary young man who overcame many health difficulties to accomplish not just one dream, but many others.

Listed are the winners of the 4 games bowled, the scores and prize amounts. This year's event was fun and brought friends and families together to remember a young man who lived life for all it was worth the short time he was here on earth.

Gilbert Bowers Memorial Bowling Tournament Results

Regular
1st Place – Amos Billie & Alfreda Muskett, score: 454, pay out: \$500. 2nd Place – Hyde Gopher & Rosetta Jumper, score: 412, pay out: \$450. 3rd Place – Phil Bowers & Joe Billie, score: 397, pay out: \$400. 4th Place – Mike Micco & Patricia Wilcox, score: 390, pay out: \$350. 5th Place – Ollie Wareham & Cornelia Osceola, score: 387, pay out \$300. 6th Place – Joey Micco & Reina Micco, score: 371, pay out \$250. 7th Place – Delwin McGowan & Sarah Kirkland, score: 369, pay out: \$200. **Tied** 8th Place – Ronnie Doctor & Mable Osceola, score: 355, pay out: \$125. 9th Place – Chris Osceola & Mary Gay Osceola, score: 355, pay out: \$125. **Tied** 10th Place – John Tigertail & Jennifer Tigertail, score: 328, pay out: \$50. 11th Place – Bobby Frank & Terri Frank, score: 352, pay out: \$50. 12th Place – Joe Osceola & Mary Koenes, score: 335, pay out: \$50



Eugene, Mary and Philmon Bowers prepare for the door prizes and cash prizes during "Gibby's" Memorial Bowling Tournament.

Moses Billie & Reina Micco, score: 416, pay out: \$150.

Tied
9th Place – John Tigertail & Mary Gay Osceola, score: 409, pay out: \$75. 10th Place – Pernel Bert & Leslie Osceola, score: 409, pay out: \$75. 11th Place – Ollie Wareham & Farrah Hones, score:

5th Place – Remus Griffin & Shana Frank, score: 414, pay out: \$350. 6th Place – Kassim Stockton & Jackie Thompson, score: 413, pay out: \$250. 7th Place – Chris Osceola & Leslie Osceola, score: 408, pay out: \$200. 8th Place – Mike Micco & Mabel Osceola, score: 407, pay out: \$150. 9th Place – Bobby Frank & Celesta Osceola, score: 401, pay out: \$100. 10th Place – Danny Tommie & Patricia Wilcox, score: 397, pay out: \$50. 11th Place – Moses Billie & Farrah Jones, score: 394, pay out: \$50. 12th Place – Elton Shore & Stacy Jones, score: 390, pay out: \$50

Regular
1st Place – Phil Bowers & Amanda Smith, score: 408 pay out \$500. 2nd Place – Hyde Gopher & Denise Morin, score: 370, pay out: \$450. 3rd Place – Chris Osceola & Sarah Kirkland, score: 369, pay out: \$400. 4th Place – Joey Micco & Crystal , score: 358, pay out: \$350. 5th Place – Sonny Frank & Annie Jumper, score: 357 pay out \$300. 6th Place – Mitch Osceola & Diane Smith, score: 353, pay out: \$250. 7th Place – Delwin McGowan & Mabel Osceola, score 347, pay out: \$200. 8th Place – Danny Tommie & Nadine Tommie, score: 343, pay out: \$150. 9th Place – John Tigertail & Celesta Osceola, score 334, pay out: \$150. 10th Place – Andre Jumper & Mary Gay Osceola, score: 324, pay out: \$50. 11th Place – Amos Billie & Michelle Osceola, score: 323, pay out: \$50. 12th Place – Nathan Doctor & Reina Micco, score: 317, pay out: \$50.

No Tap
1st Place – Delwin McGowan & Diane Smith, score: 478, pay out: \$500. 2nd Place – Chris Osceola & Nadine Tommie, score: 476, pay out: \$450. 3rd Place – Elton Shore & Cornelia Osceola, score: 453, pay out: \$400. 4th Place – Moses Osceola & Shana Frank, score: 448, pay out: \$350. 5th Place – Mike Micco & Amanda Smith, score: 436, pay out: \$300. 6th Place – Danny Tommie & Michelle Osceola, score: 426, pay out: \$250. 7th Place – Milo Osceola & Mary Koenes, score: 425, pay out: \$ 200. 8th Place –

408, pay out: \$50. 12th Place – Andre Jumper & Mary Jo Micco, score: 401, pay out: \$50.

3-6-9
1st Place – Moses Osceola & Cornelia Osceola, score: 440, pay out: \$500. 2nd Place – Phil Bowers & Alfreda Muskett, score: 417, pay out: \$450.

Tied
3rd Place – Amos Billie & Mary Jo Micco, score: 414, pay out: \$350. 4th Place – Joey Micco & Annie Jumper, score: 414, pay out: \$350.

Seminole Students Earn Yellow Belt In Karate

By Alexandra Frank
PLANTATION — On Dec. 13, two young Tribal members tested for higher belts in karate at their school, American Heritage Academy.



Darwin and Sister Aileen Cypress show their stuff in order to graduate to a higher belt.

Darwin Cypress (3rd Grade) and his sister, Aileen Cypress (1st Grade), took the test before family and friends in Mrs. DeAmato's class.

Mrs. DeAmato, the karate instructor, is also a teacher of basic school curriculum. There were 14 students in the Thursday afternoon test that performed the exercises and special moves to display their skill and experience in executing those moves.

The students then graduated from one color belt to another color to signify the higher rank they had earned. The colors are just a sign of how much a student has learned and the improvements

and progress made in their karate instruction.

Darwin and Aileen, both beginners, graduated from white belt to yellow belt. Both proved that they are grasping the concepts and ideals associated with karate.

The changing of one belt from another holds a significant symbolic action. Mrs. DeAmato explained that the changing of one belt to another is a special event of which the parent, or other important person in the student's life, will play a significant part.

When that person cuts the belt, their spirit remains in that student's belt for as long as the student has the belt. It is believed to be this way with every belt the student earns.

Father, mother and grandmother are proud of these two budding karate students. The future can only tell how far they intend to go with this ancient form of exercise and self-defense. No doubt they will do well in whatever task that lay ahead, and achieve it through perseverance.



17 YRS) \$20, Senior (18 & OVER) \$25.

To call in, dial 954-961-9694. The books open on Monday, Jan. 28 at 8:00 a.m. - 5 p.m., and close at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 29. There will be \$2.00 entry at the gate. Peewees who missed the call in, bring them!



L-R: BC Councilman David Cypress, Annie Jumper, Mabel Osceola and President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress.

BC Christmas Pool Tournament

BIG CYPRESS – Many people were more than willing to spend a nice winter day inside for the BC Christmas Pool Tournament, held on Dec. 22. Sponsored by Big Cypress Councilman David Cypress, the tournament featured 8-Ball singles, 8-ball scotch doubles, and 9-ball divisions.

Mike DeWitt, of Naples, was on hand to repair cues and many raffles were held throughout the day. The winners are:

8-Ball
Boys 8-12 – 1) Nathan Billie 2) Marlon Foster 3) Alex Cypress
Girls 8-12 – 1) Bonnie Billie 2) Janet Mata 3) Erica Mata
Boys 13-17 – 1) Josh Garcia 2) Ildy Garcia 3) Miguel Mata
Men's 18-54 – 1) Randy Clay 2) David Cypress 3) Elrod Bowers 4) Ralph Sanchez 5) Justin Gopher
Women's 18-54 – 1) Virginia Billie 2) Carlene Osceola DiCarlo 3) Linda Billie 4) Brenda Cypress 5) Laura Clay
Men's Senior – 1) Joe Jr. Billie 2) Russell

Osceola 3) Harry Douglas 4) Harley Jumper 5) Ronnie Doctor
Women's Senior – 1) Mabel Osceola 2) Ruby Osceola 3) Annie Jumper

Scotch Doubles
18-54 – 1) David Cypress/Laura Clay 2) Justin Gopher/Jenifer 3) Lester Gopher/Connie Williams 4) Tony Billie/Janelle Billie 5) Virginia Billie/Raymond Garza
Seniors – 1) Mabel Osceola/Ronnie Doctor 2) Joe Jr. Billie/Annie Osceola
Mini-tournament – 1) Russell Jumper Rudy Osceola 3) Alan Jumper 4) Harley Jumper

9-Ball
Men – 1) Randy Clay 2) O.B. Osceola 3) Lester Gopher 4) Elrod Bowers 5) Russell Osceola
Women – 1) Virginia Billie 2) Laura Clay 3) Jenifer 4) Janelle Billie 5) Carlene Dicarlo



The 100 Meter run for the men's and youth – boys division.

North American Indigenous Games Track And Field Try-Outs

By Alexandra Frank
MOORE HAVEN — It's time again to take track shoes, sweats and stop watches out of the closet and dresser drawer.

The time has come to see if you posses the energy, stamina, and guts to try out for the Track and Field segment of the 2002 North American Indigenous Games, set to take place in Winnipeg, Manitoba from July 25 – Aug. 4.

At a recent try out, held at the Moore Haven Jr./Sr. High School track field, Seminole Tribe members, as well as tribal members from other tribes, competed for a place on the Team Florida roster.

Gilbert King is the coordinator of the Track and Field segment of the try-outs. Kristin Duda, along with Kenny Dayon of the Hollywood Recreation

Department, kept time in the running events, measured the distances jumped and gave pointers in the discus throw.

There were 13 participants on a sunny Saturday morning. A few had to adjust themselves to the running chutes before the actual run for the 200-meter run and the 100-meter run.

The Long Jump and Triple Jump had one girl in the youth division and two men in the adult division.

The Disc Throw had two women and two male participants. The Shot Put had two women and the men's had three participants.

The 100-meter had two girls in the youth division and one boy made a try out. The women's division had two women try out and there were four trying out for the men's division. Robbie Billie made an attempt and did very well.

The 200-meter had the same number of try-outs as the 100 meter for youth and adults.

The 3000-meter run had one adult male try out, while two females tried out for the 5000-meter run.

Listed are the individuals who made it to the December try-outs. Gilbert explained that try-outs and special events, such as track meets, would take place monthly until the Indigenous Games date draws near.

Watch out for future flyers

announcing the various events to try out for. So far, try-outs have been held for Track and Field, Volleyball, and Youth Basketball.

The try outs for Baseball and Swimming were not held, due to a cold front that moved through Florida on Dec. 25, thus making it cool on Dec. 26.

I hope to see more individuals try out, we have a lot of talent out there just waiting to be discovered. It's also a great time to see how good of a shape you are in and to chance to work on getting into shape.

Long Jump: Youth – girls, Jennifer Chalfant distance 11'7". Adult – men's, Lawrence Balentine distance 18'3", Gilbert King distance 16'6".

Triple Jump: Adult – men's, Gilbert King 34'8".

Disc Throw: Adult – women's, Donna 48' and Velma Osceola 58'3". Adult – men's, Darrin Osceola 88'7" and Keith Condon 75'3".

Shot Put: Adult – women's, Velma Osceola 17'5" and Donna 15'3". Adult – men's, Gilbert King 35'2" and Darrin Osceola 32'6", Keith Condon 31'7".

100 Meter: Youth – girl's, Josie Snow 15.60 seconds and Jennifer Chalfant 16.29 seconds Youth – boy's, Kelsey Spencer 12.72 seconds. Adult – women's, Donna 16.02 seconds and Velma Osceola 18.40 seconds. Adult – men's, Gilbert King 11.25 seconds, Lawrence Balentine 13.72 seconds, Darrin Osceola 14.87 seconds and Jeremiah Hall 13.83 seconds.

200 Meter: Youth – girl's Josie Snow 35.29 seconds and Jennifer Chalfant 35.23 seconds Youth – boy's, Kelsey Spencer 28.53 seconds. Adult – women's, Velma Osceola 36.69 seconds and Donna 41.17 seconds. Adult – men's Gilbert King 25.53 seconds Lawrence Balentine 27.94 seconds, Jeremiah Hall 30.09 seconds and Darrin Osceola 35.19 seconds.

3000 Meter: Adult – men's, Jeremiah Hall 16 minutes 51.42 seconds.

5000 Meter: Adult's – women, Helene Clay 1 hour 9.34 seconds and Patty Jones 1 hour 9.34 seconds.

Open All Girl Rodeo

HOLLYWOOD—The Seminole 4-H & Hollywood Horse Club will present an Open All-Girls Rodeo on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002 at the Hollywood Rodeo arena at 11:00 a.m. Sign up will start at 9:00 a.m.

\$1,000 added money in each division: Pee Wee Mutton Bustin'; Pee Wee Hairpin Race; Pee Wee, Junior, Youth and Senior Barrel Race; Pee Wee Pole Bending, Youth and Senior Pole Bending; Junior, Youth and Senior Breakaway Roping; Junior, Youth and Senior Goat Tying; Junior, Youth and

Senior Steer Decorating; Junior and Senior Team Roping; Youth and Senior Roping; and Youth and Senior Bull Riding.

Participants must enter at least three events to qualify for All-Around buckle.

Points awarded as follows: 1st Place - 5 Pts., 2nd Place - 4 pts., 3rd Place - 3 pts., 4th Place - 2 pts., 5th Place -1 pt.

Entry fees (Cash Only): Pee Wee (7 YRS & UNDER) \$10, Juniors (8 YRS -12 YRS)\$15, Youth (13 YRS -:

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3. Thu	11:31	11:53	5:29	6:03	
4. Fri	—	12:25	6:26	7:01	
5. Sat	12:55	1:22	7:27	8:01	
6. Sun	2:01	2:22	8:31	9:04	
7. Mon	3:09	3:23	9:37	10:06	
8. Tues	4:15	4:23	10:42	11:05	
9. Wed	5:16	5:19	11:42	—	
10. Thu	6:11	6:12	12:01	12:37	
11. Fri	7:01	7:01	12:51	1:26	
12. Sat	7:46	7:46	1:38	2:12	
13. Sun	8:28	8:29	2:21	2:54	
14. Mon	9:08	9:11	3:02	3:34	
15. Tues	9:46	9:51	3:42	4:13	
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17. Thu	11:00	11:14	5:00	5:31	
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23. Wed	3:36	3:34	9:57	10:20	
24. Thu	4:34	4:31	10:56	11:15	
25. Fri	5:29	5:27	11:52	—	
26. Sat	6:21	6:21	12:09	12:45	
27. Sun	7:10	7:14	1:01	1:35	
28. Mon	7:58	8:05	1:52	2:24	
29. Tues	8:45	8:57	2:42	3:13	
30. Wed	9:33	9:49	3:32	4:02	
31. Thu	10:21	10:42	4:23	4:51	

Fishing Reports
Big Cypress Reservation (L-28 Interceptor)
Recently, temperatures have dropped into the low 40's in south Florida and the freshwater bass have moved to deeper waters in the Everglades to escape the Florida winter and begin the first stages of

the pre-spawn.
In addition to the approaching winter, northerly winds have also made light work out of the shallow canals. Right now, the canal water is muddy and, in the windy conditions, it's hard to position your boat long enough to cast on a fixed position for more than two casts.

Upcoming Events
Competition Tackle & Marine will be holding their 2002 5th Annual Dolphin Round-Up on June 1-29. Over \$15,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded on June 30 at I.T. Parker Center with 200 places to win. For more information, call (954) 581-4476. Competition Tackle & Marine, 4620 Griffin Road Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314

Jamaican King Fish Recipe, Mon

Ingredients: 1 King Fish cut into 1 ½ inch thick steaks, Mojo marinade seasoning, 1 scotch bon-net pepper diced (be careful not to touch your skin after handling this pepper, it is extremely hot), 1 onion sliced , 1 green pepper sliced, vinegar, flour, ¼ cup of oil, 1 tablespoon of but-ter.

Soak the King Fish in Mojo Seasoning overnight or a few hours (it is always a good idea to marinate in the refrigerator to keep food from spoiling).

In a sauce pan put in the onion, green pepper, a tablespoon of vinegar, 1 tablespoon of butter. Sprinkle in a little Scotch Bonnet pepper (start of small). Simmer until onion is clear, then keep on low.

Dip King Fish in flour, then fry in oil until golden brown. Lay fish steaks on a paper towel to absorb the extra oil.

To serve, place King Fish on a plate and scoop onion mixture on top.

Native American Classic Results Finally Certified

By Libby Blake
LAS VEGAS – The results have been final-ized for the 8th Annual Native American Classic Bowling Tournament, held last July at the Showboat in Las Vegas. The results were delayed due to a dis-qualification and an appeal, according to Tournament Director Wendell Starr.
The prize fund for this year's tournament was close to \$20,000 and Starr sent out a special "Thank You" to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for its contributions, both in the number of bowlers attend-ing and items donated for raffle.
The 2002 Native American Classic will be held on July 26 – 28, and will moved from the Showboat to the Gold Coast. Starr suggests that everyone start making plans now.
While none of the Seminole sponsored teams played, many Seminole bowlers brought home the money in singles, doubles, and masters' competi-tion.
The results are:
Women's All Events: 2nd place – Salina N. Dorgan, Okeechobee, with a score of 1916, \$45; 5th place – Stacy Jones, Okeechobee, 1901, \$20.
Men's Doubles: 3rd place – Dan Bowers/Pittman Sampson, Okeechobee, 1361, \$200; 8th place – Duane Jones/Jesus Urbina, Okeechobee, 1286, \$90.

Men's Singles: 8th place – Duane Jones, Okeechobee, 658, \$80; 15th place – Kevin Tommie, Okeechobee, 653, \$50.
Mona Hagen Memorial Women's Doubles: 3rd place – Stacy Jones/Emma Urbina, Okeechobee, 1285, \$190.
Women's Singles: 2nd place – Valerie Holata, Okeechobee, 661, \$140; 3rd place – Denise Morin, Hollywood, 659, \$120; 10th place – Stacy Jones, Okeechobee, 633, \$60; 11th place – Lois J. Smith, Okeechobee, 632, \$55; 16th place – Maydell Osceola, Hollywood, 626, \$30; 17th place – Laura Clay, Hollywood, 625, \$22.50.
In the Masters Division, the following bowlers placed (scores not available):
Women's Senior: 2nd place – Betty Osceola, Hollywood, \$45; 6th place – Mary Gay Osceola, Hollywood, \$26.
Women's A Division: 5th place – Patricia Wilcox, Hollywood, \$35; 6th place – Gail Cypress, Hollywood, \$30.
Men's B Division: 2nd place – Kevin Tommie, Okeechobee, \$130 plus \$26 for highest qualifier; 6th place – Lamce Ballentine, Hollywood, \$40; 8th place – Amos Billie, Clewiston, \$30.
Women's B Division: 7th place – Mabel Osceola, Hollywood, \$35; 8th place – Alfreda Muskett, Clewiston, \$30.

Indigenous Games Basketball Try-Outs

By Alexandra Frank
BIG CYPRESS – On Dec. 28, the Big Cypress Gymnasium hosted the Youth Basketball Try-Outs for the Indigenous Games, which will be held this summer in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Cicero Osceola is the coach, recruiter and the law when it came to handling the youth trying out for the basketball team of Team Florida.
The day was not spent waiting around, as the youth were quickly put through the motions of warm up exercises, practice drills and final 2 scrim-mage games that combined experienced players with the inexperienced players. The majori-ty of the youth came from the Big Cypress and Brighton reservations.
There were a few moments when it seemed as if some those youth had trouble keeping up during the practice drills and scrimmage games. All in all, there is a lot of talent out there, and a couple of future all stars.
I know some people think that when they see the Michael Jordan or Charles Barkley play, it seems easy. Believe me, that is far from the truth when it comes to getting out on the court and hitting three pointers or even a decent lay up yourself.
I'm pretty sure the young people trying out found that it isn't as easy as it seems when they have to get on the court themselves and have to go through the motions of what makes a good player, much less a great team!
Cicero, along with Arnold Cypress and Vinson Osceola, kept the youth on their toes during the whole ordeal and gave words of encourage-ment to the young people not quite used to playing on a team.
We will have an outstanding team, judging from the effort the youth gave during the try-outs. Remember, practice is the most important ingredient to becoming the best that a player can be if they want to win.
Listed are the requirements for the youth division in basketball only! Bantam- 13 and 14 years of age (the athlete must be born from 1988 and 1989). Midget- 15 and 16 years of age (the athlete must be born from 1986 and 1987). Juvenile- 17 and 18 years of age (the athlete must be born from 1984 and 1985).

Drug testing will be conducted on two occa-sions up until the event will take place. Cicero made the announcement with a word of advice that if any of the youth are serious about this venture they will discontinue any activity that could jeopardize their chances of making it onto Team Florida.
With the preliminaries of the try-outs out of the way, it is time for the coaches and players time to focus on the strengths and weaknesses of the teams representing the Seminole Tribe.
Below is a list of all the participants who will try their best to make the Seminole Tribe proud



The participants get a rest between practice drills and scrim-mage games as Cicero goes over the rules to be able to play in the Indigenous Games.

of the attempt to capture a medal.
Boys: Wilson Bowers – 16, Justin Osceola – 17, Issiah Billie – 16, Juilius Billie – 17, Byron Billie – 14, Sonny Billie – 14, Adam Osceola – 14, Kelsey Spencer – 13.
Girls: Ashley Spencer – 12, Megan Jones – 12, Audrey Snow – 13, Stephine Dixon – 12, and Brittany Smith – 12.
Good luck to all who are trying out for teams and stick with it as long as possible. You are only as good as you want to be and you only win if you really want it bad enough!

Hollywood Recreation Schedule

January
11-12 - NASA Basketball Tournament in New York
12 - Bull Riding Clinic and Board vs. Council Rodeo in Brighton
18-19 - Open
25-26 - Open

February
1-2 - Open
5 - 1st Annual Hall of Fame Golf Tournament
5 - Seminole Sports Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet

6 - Seminole Tribal Fair Golf Tournament at Hillcrest Country Club
8-9 - Seminole Tribal Fair All-Indian Basketball Tournament M/W
8-9 - Seminole tribal Fair Bowling Tournament
8 - EIRA Rodeo
9 - Seminole Tribal Fair 3K Run/Walk
10 - Seminole Tribal Fair – Archery, Canoeing, and Log Peeling Contest
15-16 - Hollywood 4-H in Brighton
20-24 - Boys & Girls Club Ski Trip

My Indian Name is “Thunder Bear,”
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Robert Tree Cody (Thunder Bear), age 50, **Musician, Composer**, Pima/Maricopa, knows the importance of keeping the story alive. He is one of the many people the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian can call friend and supporter. He knows that he is helping to preserve the rich culture of his people. **Preservation for generations.** He knows that someday his great-granddaughter will thank him.

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The NMAI is working to make sure that the tradition is continued. The museum in collaboration with Native peoples is dedicated to the preservation, study, and exhibition of the life, languages, history, and arts of the Americas. Currently the NMAI is building a museum in Washington, D.C., next to the U.S. Capitol, where these powerful stories will be kept alive.

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Coconut Creek Casino “SALUTE TO BROADWAY”

Join us Jan. 27 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Center Stage at the Seminole Casino - Coconut Creek. Live performance by “Class Act” featuring Kim Forman and Susan Ashley as they perform many timeless “Broadway Show Stoppers”. These lovely ladies promise to “WOW” their audience and will invite you to sing along while you reminisce with them to your favorites from shows such as “Cats”, “South Pacific”, “Beauty and the Beast”, “Fame” just to name a few.

Two lucky winners will have a chance at winning A Night on Las Olas - Dinner, a Broadway



Show of Choice at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts and Limo. Be sure to stop by our Guest Service Center for your entry form.

POKER Coconut Creek Style!
Jan.14 through Feb. 14, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m., \$1,000.00 Cash Prize will be awarded to a player holding a WINNING hand of *Tens Full of Deuces in a “Live” or “Tournament” Games.

This Poker action includes: 7 Card Stud, Texas Hold ‘Em, Omaha Hi-Lo and Tahoe.

Tampa Casino News

For more years than we care to think of, we traditionally have had ten drawings in Special Sessions. Ten people – ten envelopes. Ten people – ten pumpkins, or whatever, The number has always been ten.

Bingo Bob decided he wanted to see what would happen if that number were changed to eleven. What if, he thought, we added an unknown element? What would happen? Well we all are about to find out this month as he introduces **The Eleventh Envelope!**

We’ll call ten, as usual. Those ten people will all stand in line in the order they were called – just like usual. We’ll call the eleventh person. That person will get the last envelope in the stack. Each person in line will have their choice of what is in their own envelope or they may switch their envelope with the eleventh person’s envelope! And, just to kick it up a notch, BB may offer a third choice! This should be a lot of fun, so be sure to be here on your Special Day just to see what happens.

There will be eleven drawings in each session (twenty-two in the Evening) and in each set of drawings, none of the envelopes will have less than \$50 and one of the envelopes will have **\$1,000!**

In addition, everyone who comes in on their Special Day will get a \$3 - \$4- or \$5 discount off their package purchase. This discount is selected at random by the JPC computer. After you get your packs, go to the Jackpot Club table next to Do-It-Yourself Central in the lobby to get a drawing ticket.

Members whose last names begin with the letters **A-K** (or those who have switched to this group) will have their Special Day on **Tuesday, January 8, 2002.** Members whose last names begin with the letters **L-Z** (or those who have switched to this group) will have their Special Day on **Tuesday, January 15, 2002.**

Drawings tickets deposited for Matinee I will remain the drum for Matinee II. All others will be removed after the drawings.

Tour Operators, their employees or agents, may not be members of the Jackpot Club. Immediate family members of Seminole Casino – Tampa employees may receive the at door discount, but may not participate in the drawings. **No coupons or passes will be accepted at any session on either day.**

Players must be in the Bingo Hall at the time of the drawings, and only one drawing prize per person per session will be allowed.

So what happens when the **Eleventh Envelope** is added to the Mix? Be here on your Special Day to find out!



games. Game 1 pays \$100, Game 2 \$200, Game 3 \$300, Game 4 \$400, and Game 5 \$500. Party Games are not included in your pack. They are \$5 for a 3-on strip for five games or get the best value by getting the 6-on sheet for all ten games for \$10.

At 7:00 p.m., the Regular Session will start. Included in your pack are 6 cards for the two Specials and the Super Jackpot: 12 cards for each of the 20 Regular Games; and a Do-It-Yourself. The cost of the package for the night is \$100 for non-members, \$95 for members.

For those of you who come to Bingo with a Tour Operator, be sure to book early as space for busses is limited.

No coupons or passes will be accepted for this event.

Double-Double Win means two cars in January. We will be giving away a new Saturn on Monday, January 14, 2002 and Wednesday, January 30, 2002.

Any year that starts and ends with a “2” should also start with “2” cars being given away. Not that it’s a rule or anything, but then again, maybe it should be!

To receive a drawing slip here’s all you need to do: Win any Bingo game at any session, win any portion of any Special Game in Decision Bingo, win a \$1,200 or more Jackpot or Special Win on a video gaming machine, come in first, second, or third in any Poker Tournament (including mini-tournaments), win a Bingo Jackpot in the Poker Room, or have a single win of \$50 or more on a paper pull-tab. *It’s that simple!* Then be here for either drawing on **Monday, January 14 or Wednesday, January 30.** We call this **Double Win** – win once! and then get a drawing slip for a chance to win again!

Tickets will be issued from 12:01 a.m. on December 312 in the Palace and Poker, and from Matinee I on December 31 in Bingo. They will be given out through Nite Owls in Bingo on January 29, and until 12:00 p.m. on January 29 in Poker and Palace.

After you have played – and won! – in January, be sure to be here for either drawing. **You will be able to deposit your slips from after Matinee II until 9:30 p.m.** Once the drum has closed, no further entries will be accepted. Drawings will be held at 9:45 p.m. Winners must be present at the time of the drawing and have valid photo I.D. and Social Security with them. When the ticket is drawn, if we do not have an immediate response, the name will be read in the Palace and in the Poker room. That person will have ten minutes to come forward. If no one comes forward in the ten minutes, the ticket will be considered void, and a new name will be drawn. We will follow this procedure until we have a winner. **No coupons or passes will be accepted on the Evening session January 14 and January 30.**

No coupons or passes will be accepted for this event.

Join us for a **Jumpin’ January.** What would you think about a special Saturday night program that paid \$2,000 for each of the twenty Regular games? How about if we added two Specials that paid a total of \$3,500? And while we are at it, let’s make the Bonanza Consolation \$2,000, the Do-It-Yourself first Consolation \$2,000 and the second Consolation \$1,000! Let’s finish the Evening with a Super Jackpot that pays a total of \$5,800! What would you think of all that? Oh, and while we are at it, let’s throw in 25 \$100 cash drawings!

Well, don’t just think about it – experience it for yourself on **Saturday, January 19, 2002.** The evening will start at 600 p.m. with two sets of Party Games. Each set of Party Games consists of five

Clans of the Seminole

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“Jumpin’ January” has started at the Casino. Every Saturday throughout the month a \$500 cash drawing will be held from noon – 11:00 p.m. for machine players. Then on Super Saturday, Jan. 26, one lucky machine, Poker, or Pull Tab player will take home a grand prize of \$10,000 at midnight. See Casino for details on obtaining drawing tickets.

Bingo players won’t be left out. On Super

Saturday, immediately after the session, five lucky players will win \$500 each. Specials on all game sets will be offered and the Bonanza and Super Jackpot will be a Must-Go at \$5,000 each.

JPC members – Light Up Your Life. All members will receive a handy flashlight/key chain, in it’s own gift box, during the matinee and evening sessions on Sunday Jan. 13. Bring your JPC card and bingo admission receipt to the special table next to the caller’s stand to select your gift. If the one you select has a cash sticker on it, you’ll win that amount.

Congratulations go to Leona Schmidt on her \$5,000 win on the Double Diamond Pull Tab machine, proving that diamonds are definitely a girl’s best friend.

SEMINOLE INDIAN CASINO OF HOLLYWOOD

4150 N. S.R. 7, Hollywood, FL. 33021. (954) 961-3220 or (800) 323-5452.

Join the casino on Saturday Jan. 12 for Mardi Gras Madness! The casino will hold a three-round machine tournament with a \$2,000 1st place prize to be awarded.

Buy-in is \$100 per player. Second place will win \$1,000, 3rd place - \$800, 4th place - \$600, and 5th – 15th places - \$100.

Rounds One and Two start at 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., with the final round starting at

5:30 p.m. Each round will last 15 minutes. You must be at the casino 30 minutes before the start time. Winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m.

Buy your tickets now, as all sales will be in advance. See/Call the casino for further details and complete rules and regulations.

BRIGHTON SEMINOLE BINGO AND GAMING

Highway 721, Brighton Indian Reservation, Route 6, Box 611, Okeechobee, FL. 34974. (800) 360-9875. Closed Mondays and when the last player leaves nightly.

Fabulous Fridays & Wild Wednesdays is the theme throughout January at the casino. Every Friday there will be four drawings and four winners. Jan. 11- winners receive Home Theater Systems, Jan. 18- it will be Diamond jewelry, and Jan. 24- winners get Video Cameras.

Then on Friday, Feb. 1, four Grand Prize

drawings will be held for Home Computer Systems.

Drawing tickets can be won for the weekly prizes on Fridays. Play on Wednesdays and you could earn double the amount of tickets – That’s why it’s Wild!

Tickets can be deposited into the special drum each Friday from 4:30 p.m. until 9:45 p.m. The drum will be sealed and no further entries for that drawing will be accepted. Drawings will be held at 10:00 p.m. each Friday and winners must be present with valid photo ID and Social Security card.

See or call the casino for full details, rules and regulations. Tickets are non-transferable.

The poker room would like to welcome back all of their winter friends. Free tournaments are held Tuesday through Friday at 3:00 p.m.; daily Mini-Tournaments are also available. See the poker room manager for details.

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Family Services Worker

As the new Family Services Medical Worker, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Jamie Schevis and I am a recent graduate from the University of South Florida in Tampa. I am very proud to be working with the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Since I began in late October, I have been attending the clinic staffing and medical treatment team meetings and have begun visiting clients and families in their homes and in a variety of community settings (treatment facilities, group homes, etc.).

I am available at the Family Service Office and I can assist you with Medicaid issues, facilitating referrals/ admissions for substance treatment needs or any other medical related issues. Please stop by Family Services or call me at 964-6338.

I would like to make you aware of the numerous activities taking place at our Family Services Center:
Diabetic Day (2nd

Wednesday of every month, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) Diabetic clients are invited and encouraged to stop by the clinic to have their blood sugar tested, and then enjoy a healthy breakfast while learning healthy tips from the nutritionist and health lessons from the health educator.

In addition, sometimes you will find me walking with the Seminole Walking Club on **Monday and Thursday**, at 12:00 p.m. at John Williams Park. (East of the overpass, if you need a ride, contact Jeanne Hatfield at 965-1300 x111). So come and join us to get some fresh air and increase your heart rate.

The Bloodmobile will be parked at the Tribal Office on January 31 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Look for advertisements on the Seminole Broadcasting channel.

December's Diabetic Fun Day took place on the 19th. Look for fliers in the clinic for details for the fun day in February.



Jamie Schevis

January is National Eye Care Month

By Jeanne Hatfield, Health Educator
Because January is National Eye Care Month, I think it is good to be aware of the high risk of eye disease in diabetics.

What kinds of eye problems affect people with diabetes?

Diabetic eye disease refers to a group of eye problems that people with diabetes may face as a complication of this disease. All can cause severe vision loss or even blindness. Diabetic eye disease may include:

Diabetic retinopathy – This disease is specific to those with diabetes and damages blood vessels in the retina. There are no early symptoms, only an eye exam can identify diabetic retinopathy. Irreversible vision problems occur when the disease has progressed.

Cataract – Cataracts are clouding of the eye's lens causing vision to become blurry. People with diabetes are twice as likely to develop a cataract as those who do not have the disease.

Glaucoma – With glaucoma there is an increase in fluid pressure inside the eye that leads to progressive optic nerve damage and loss of vision. People with diabetes are nearly twice as likely to develop glaucoma as other adults.

Why is diabetic retinopathy a concern with diabetes?

Diabetic retinopathy is the most common diabetic eye disease. This disease is a leading cause of blindness in American adults. It is caused by changes in the blood vessels of the retina.

Who is most likely to get diabetic retinopathy?

Anyone with diabetes. The longer someone has diabetes, the more likely he or she will develop diabetic

retinopathy. Nearly half of all people with diabetes will develop some degree of diabetic retinopathy during their lifetime.

What are its symptoms?
For many people with diabetic retinopathy, there are no early symptoms. There is no pain, no blurred vision, and no ocular inflammation. In fact, many people do not develop any visual impairment until the disease has reached advanced stage.

At this point, the vision that has been lost cannot be restored. That is why regular eye examinations for people with diabetes are so important.

How is diabetic retinopathy treated?

Laser surgery has proven to reduce the risk of severe vision loss from diabetic retinopathy.

Can diabetic retinopathy be prevented?

Not totally, but your risk can be greatly reduced. The Diabetes Control and Complications Trial (DCCT) demonstrated that better control of blood sugar level slows the onset and progression of retinopathy, and lessens the need for laser surgery for severe retinopathy.

The study found that people with diabetes who tried to keep their blood sugar levels as close to normal as possible had much less eye, kidney, and nerve disease. This level of blood sugar control may not be best for everyone, including some elderly patients, children under 13, or people with heart disease. So ask your doctor if this program is right for you.

How common are the other diabetic eye diseases?

If you have diabetes, you are also at risk for other diabetic eye diseases. Studies show that you are twice as likely



to get a cataract as a person who does not have the disease.

Also, cataracts often develop at an earlier age in people with diabetes. Cataracts can usually be treated by surgery. Glaucoma may also be a problem. A person with diabetes is nearly twice as likely to develop glaucoma than other adults. And, as with diabetic retinopathy, the longer you have had diabetes, the greater your risk of getting glaucoma.

Glaucoma may be treated with medications, laser, or other forms of surgery. Early detection with an annual eye exam is the best way to detect all forms of diabetic eye disease and prevent vision loss.

IHS Receives 5% Funding Increase

The FY 2002 budget authority for the Indian Health Service (IHS) is \$130 million more than the FY 2001 appropriation, a 5% increase. Adding estimated health insurance collections of \$501 million, \$100 million in mandatory diabetes funding, and \$6 million for living quarters funds, increases brings the \$2.8 billion budget authority for the IHS to \$3.4 billion in program level spending.

This increase in budget authority reflects the impact of the Department's tribal budget consultations and a continuing Federal Government commitment to providing for the health of members of federally recognized tribes. The appropriation was contained in the Department of Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year (FY) 2002 (H.R. 2217), which the President signed into law on November 5, 2001.

Appropriations for the general categories of clinical services and preventive health activities were increased by 5%, or \$100 million, over the FY 2001 appropriations. The FY 2002 budget also provides approximately \$55 million to fully cover increased pay costs for IHS Federal employees and to allow tribally operated health programs to provide comparable pay raises to their staff.

A total of \$86 million is included for health care facility construction, which includes approximately \$28 million for staff quarters and equip-

ment for the replacement hospital for the Navajo Nation in Fort Defiance, AZ, and approximately \$15 million to fund the construction of the replacement hospital serving the Winnebago and Omaha Tribes in Nebraska.

According to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan Disparity Index (FDI) actuarial study (which was conducted in consultation with tribes to identify and quantify the high level of unmet medical health care needs in Indian country), the health funding for Indians is 40% below health expenditures for other Americans.

The FDI study determined that there is a disparity gap of \$1.2 billion between available Indian health funding levels and what is needed to provide current tribal members with personal health services that are equivalent to those provided through a basic employer-sponsored health benefits package. The budget increase for FY 2002 will contribute to closing this gap and improving the health status of American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The IHS is the principal federal health care advocate and provider for approximately 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to more than 560 federally recognized tribes in 35 states. It is composed of 12 regional offices and a system of 49 hospitals, 226 health centers, 123 health stations, and 170 Alaska village clinics, and provides support to 34 urban projects.

Native Diabetes Prevention Conference

Norman, OK – Health Promotion Programs (HPP), the recognized leader in facilitating native wellness for the past 15 years, proudly announces the Native Diabetes Prevention Conference to be held Jan. 21-23 in Laughlin, NV.

Individuals with diabetes and their supportive family members, as well as diabetes practitioners and community leaders, are invited to join this gathering for an exciting opportunity to learn about diabetes innovations as well as to share knowledge and understanding. This conference is the eighth of its kind since HPP began diabetes prevention work in 1992.

Co-sponsors for this year's conference include the Southwest Diabetes Prevention Center of Gallup, NM and the Association of Continuing Education, the American Indian Institute of Norman, OK. As a complement to the conference, HPP is also offering Native Fitness Training for Special Populations at the same site, Jan. 23-25.

Native holistic wellness philosophy is at the root of native traditional beliefs, and is the foundation upon which all of the HPP programs are built. In that

spirit, this conference honors those traditional beliefs and practices by making them an integral part of the gathering.

The conference theme is T'áá hwó' ají téego – It Is Up To You! This traditional Navajo statement of empowerment will set the tone in bringing together the best and brightest that Indian Country has to offer in diabetes prevention, intervention, and treatment. Participants are asked that time can be taken to celebrate other powerful work being done in native communities throughout North America.

Workshop presentations will focus on the importance of exercise and nutrition to building a healthy lifestyle and managing weight, the healing power associated with storytelling, listening to and honoring the body voice, taking holistic and proactive approaches to diabetes prevention, managing diabetes during pregnancy, developing the right attitudes to fight back, taking care of the diabetic foot, making behavioral changes that last and developing personal and professional plans of action.

In addition, several workshops will highlight important efforts being made by organizations working hard to

combat the incidence and prevalence of diabetes and its complications in native people, including: the Southwest Diabetes Prevention center, the Association for American Indian Physicians, and the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, as well as various tribal communities throughout the Southwest.

As always, conference activities will include educational exhibitors and wellness activities, including a sunrise walk, low impact and chair exercises, talking circles and Native AA.

The conference registration fee is \$230 per participant if registering by January 14, 2002. Participants registering after that date or on-site will be charged \$330. The Native Fitness Training registration fee is \$200 any time up to the beginning of the training on January 23, 2002.

For a copy of the conference and training and/or more information, contact The University of Oklahoma Promotion Programs at (405) 325-1790 or visit the program web site at <http://hpp.ou.edu> and go to Upcoming Events.

Around The Campfire: Indin Jokes

By Dr. Dean Chavers

From time to time, I need a break from the hard work I have to do. My life revolves around writing grant proposals, writing reports, writing appeal letters, and preparing mailings. My organization has 230 students on scholarship, and it takes a lot of effort to raise the \$400,000 we will give them in scholarship grants this year.

My main recreation is bowling. My second recreation is Indin jokes. A year ago or so, I started writing these jokes down, with the idea that they would evolve into a book called "Indin Jokes." I have 60+ pages written so far.

When I get the time, I intend to continue writing this book, just for fun, and then to look for a publisher. I think we need more humor in Indian Country. We have an awful lot of it, and we have some very funny comedians. If you have never seen Charlie Hill or Drew LaCava in action, you have missed something. Go see them the next chance you get.

This month, to start the year off right, I thought I would share some of these jokes with you. Wherever possible, I have tried to trace and give credit to the people who gave me the jokes. It is not always possible to give credit. I originated a few of the jokes myself.

The first one is what to tell a person who says he or she has a Cherokee grandmother. There are many more Wannabes in this group than people who had a real Cherokee ancestor. And the ancestor is always a woman. I have never had a Wannabe tell me he had a Cherokee grandfather.

Authenticate the next person who tells you he had a Cherokee grandmother with these questions:

Do you like wild onions and eggs?
Are you a Ross?
Are you a Buckskin?
Was your father a prince?
Was your grandfather the king?
Where are you enrolled?
What is your CIB number?
Do you know where Tahlequah is?

What language do you speak?
Who owns your land?
What does Tsalagi mean?
I know your grandmother was a princess. But what are **you**?
Have you ever lived in a tepee?
How much land did she own?
Where did you take your blood test?

Do you need a scholarship?
Have you met my cousin Buck?

Does she still have her tiara?
What years was she princess?
Did she ever make it to queen?
Did she have high cheekbones?
Did she have brown skin?
Which side was she on in the war?

Did she own everything?
Was she married to a prince?
Indians and white people talk differently. There are some things a white person would say, and some things a white person would never say. There are some things an Indian person would say, and some things an Indian person would never say. **Some things an Indian person would never say are:**

That's too much food. Take some of it back.

This round is on me.
I'm saving myself for marriage.
I hate snagging.
That's awfully white of you.
I wish I was white.
I love western movies.
John Wayne was such a nice guy.
This forty-nine is too loud.
We don't need all that land. Let's give some of it to the white people.
Manhattan was a good deal.
I really liked General Custer.
Those Italian actors look just like us.

I'm going to keep all this stuff for myself. I'm not going to give any of it away.

There are some things white people say that Indians would not say:
I can't eat all this food.
Sheep fat is disgusting.
I could never live at home after I turn eighteen.
I could never date my third cousin.

I hate to ride in the back of a pickup truck.
I'm saving myself for marriage.
I hate commodity cheese.
Here are the top things you can say to a white person upon first meeting:

How much white are you?
I'm part white myself you know.
I learned all of your people's ways in the Boy Scouts.
Funny, you don't look white.
Do you still live in a covered wagon?
What's the meaning behind the square dance?
What's your feeling about riverboat casinos? Do they really help your people, or are they just a short-term fix?



Oh wow! I really love your hair! Can I touch it?
Harlan McKasato, host "Native America Calling," shares these new Indian words:

Skinship- the eventual connection to some common relatives that all Indian people discover within ten minutes of meeting each other.

B-I-Ailment- an affliction within the Bureau of Indian Affairs, characterized by the inability to keep track of millions of dollars in Indian money.

Pow Wow Vow- the standard pledge of the pow wow Romeo. "Baby, you're the only jingle dress dancer for me! Really! Look at this face! Would I lie?"

Alter-Native- an individual who was born and raised in the non-Indian culture but who recently discovered a hidden Indian ancestor.

Snaggrated- the annoying feeling one gets upon realizing that last night's snag isn't quite all that in the light of day.

Moccashoe- contemporary dance footwear designed by beading the top of tennis shoes or aquasocks instead of making moccasins the old fashioned way.

Fordrum- the instrument used for singing powwows when a regular drum is not available, usually the dented hood of a one-eyed Ford.

Commodify- the uncanny ability of Indian women to convert any recipe to commodity ingredients such as powdered milk, powdered eggs, and canned meats.

Dr. Chavers is Director of Catching the Dream, a scholarship fund. He can be reached at Nscholarsh@aol.com.

31st Annual Tribal Fair Fine Arts Contest

Deadline will be Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. (Absolutely No Late Entries Will Be Accepted). Native American Themes.

Categories- **Adults** (18 & OVER), 3 places- Acrylic, Pen & Ink, Photography, Mixed Media, Pencil, Oil, Watercolor. **10-17 Age Division**, 5 places- Pen & Ink, Oil, Watercolor, Pencil, Acrylic, Mixed Media, Photography. **6-9 Age Division**, 5 Places -Mixed Media, Pencil

Submit Entries to: Hollywood-Seminole Okalee Village (Laura Tucker); Big Cypress- Frank Billie Center (Mabel Jim); Brighton Field Office (Chairman's Office); Immokalee- Field Office (Elaine or Sheila); Tampa- Field Office (Richard Henry); Non-Residents, or for more information, contact Judy Jones at the Tribal Office 1-800-683-7600 OR 966-6300, Ext. 1312.

31st Annual Tribal Fair Poster Contest

Theme: **Education - What It Means To Me**

Participants- Members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
Poster (Standard Poster Board Size)- One Entry Per Student. All Entries will be returned to the student, including the laminated winning posters displayed at the Tribal Fair 2002.

Media- Collage, Poem with Art Work, Painting, Pen and Ink Sketches, Water Colors, All Mixed Media.

Judging- 1) Visual Effect 2) Creativity 3) Layout/Organization 4) **Copying/Reproduction will not be judged.**

Awards- First Place- \$100.00, Second Place- \$75.00, Third Place- \$50.00, Honorable Mention- \$20.00 Plus Medallion, Honorable Mention- \$20.00 Plus Medallion, All Non-Cash Awarded Participants-

Ribbon "For Participation."
Poster Contestant Groups:
Group One- Kindergarten, First Grade; Group Two- Second Grade Third Grade, Fourth Grade; Group Three- Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade, Seventh Grade; Group Four- Eighth Grade, Ninth Grade, Tenth Grade; Group Five- Eleventh Grade, Twelfth Grade.

Entries due at Parent Advisory Committee designated location on or before Dec. 27, 2001. Contest began on Sept. 1, 2001. **Contest Deadline Extended to Jan. 18, 2002.**

Judging- to Be Announced.
Judges will be three (3) Judges
Selected Specific To Reservation/Area
Display- 1) All winners displayed at the Tribal Fair 2002. 2) All non-winners displayed on specific reservation/area, preferably at the local Tribal Library. 3) Winners featured in the Seminole Tribune.

2002 Calendar Is Coming To Town

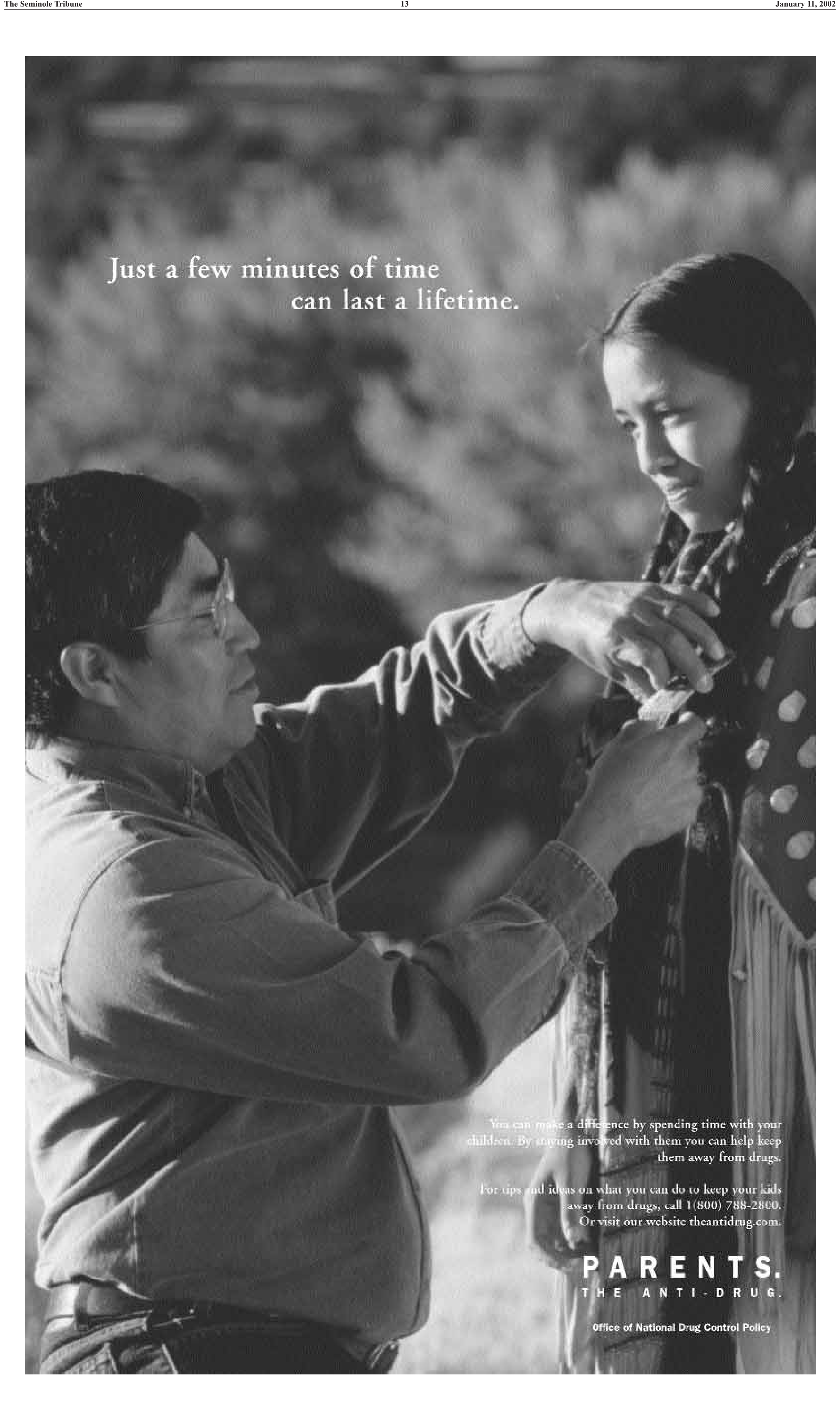
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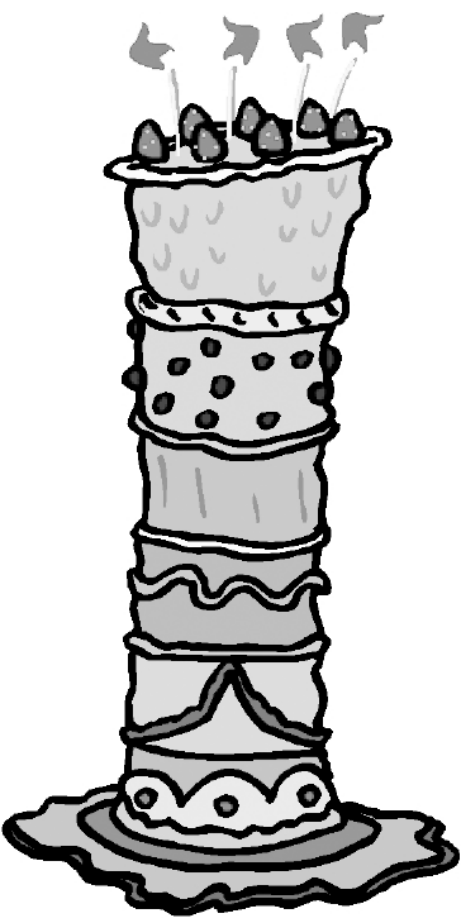
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January Birthdays

Susie Jim Billie Jan. 1
Tommy Jumper Jan. 1
Pocahontas Huff Jumper Jan. 1
Annie Jimmie Jan. 1
Ruby Tiger Osceola Jan. 1
Mary Tiger Jan. 26
Peggy Billie Jan. 1
Rosie Billie Jan. 1
Joe Johns Jan. 1
Maggie Osceola Jan. 1
Ada Bowers Jan. 1
Arlene Johns Jan. 1
Alice Billie Jan. 1
Henry Jumper, Sr. Jan. 1
Eddie C. Billie Jan. 1
Frances Billie Jan. 1
Frank J. Billie Jan. 1
Sandy Billie, Sr. Jan. 1
Jimmie O'Toole Osceola Jan. 1
George Billie Jan. 1
Minnie Billie Doctor Jan. 1
Juanita Smith Tommie Jan. 1
Tony Hank Osceola Jan. 1
Minnie Billie Jan. 1
Mary Lee Sanchez Jan. 4
Eva Cypress Billie Jan. 1
Mary Moore Jan. 1
Junior Billie Jan. 2
John Billie, Sr. Jan. 30
Judy Ann Osceola Jan. 2
Lola Gopher Jan. 25
Lawanna Osceola Niles Jan. 10
Marie Tommie Jan. 22
Calvin Jumper Jan. 11
Cornelia Osceola Jan. 19
Joseph Billie Jan. 31
Daisy M. Buster Jan. 6
Thomas Mark Billie Jan. 17
Steven David Bowers Jan. 17
Moses Jumper, Jr. Jan. 3
Virginia Lee Tommie Jan. 6
Oneva Baxley Jan. 8
Joe Don Billie Jan. 17
Paul Buster Jan. 17
Maggie Billie Porter Jan. 13
Frank Huff, Jr. Jan. 25
Eddie Jim Jan. 3
Smawley Snow Holata Jan. 8
Mollie Jolly Jan. 10
Susie Osceola Doctor Jan. 14
Scarlett Marie Jumper Jan. 6
Solomon Cypress Jan. 9
Larry Frank Jan. 18
Parker Jones Jan. 23
Sampson Phillip Frank Jan. 28
Lonnie Billie Jan. 1
Jack (Mason) Osceola Jan. 4
Joe Frank Jan. 13
Mary Ann Osceola Jan. 17
Carolyn Billie Jan. 5
Elbert Snow Jan. 5
Jennie Martinez Jan. 2
Daniel Enoch Gopher Jan. 5
Mary Jean Coppedge Jan. 16
Geneva Linda Mae Beletso Jan. 18
Timesia Jimmie Jan. 25
Lupe Osceola Jan. 16
Connie Slavik Jan. 19
Marcella Angelene Green Jan. 5
Kevin Tommie Jan. 10
David Daniel DeHass Jan. 12
Sandra McClenithan Jan. 17
Dennis Luke Osceola Jan. 19
Barbara Ann Cypress Jan. 22
Virginia Louise Osceola Jan. 31
Thomas McGown Storm, Sr. Jan. 24
Jasper Roberts Jan. 3
Ronnie Billie Jan. 16
Penny Jimmie Jan. 16
Ray Osceola Jan. 24
Verna Louise Billie Jan. 29
Billie Johns, Jr. Jan. 29
Earlene Nellie Tony Osceola Jan. 3
Tommy Henry, Jr. Jan. 9
Larry Smith Jan. 9
Mary Lou Alvarado Jan. 28
Archie Hank Johns, Jr. Jan. 5
Connie Osceola Jan. 7
Ronnie Peter Doctor Jan. 11
Brenda Joy Cypress Jan. 14
Cecelia Allison Thomas Jan. 25
Kenneth Aguilar Tommie Jan. 25
Reese Pernel Bert Jan. 26
Marcus Van Billie Jan. 18
Marty Maurice Tommie, Sr. Jan. 2
Brian Grant Shore Jan. 5
Lucy Marie Bowers Jan. 9
Robert Ellis Chalfant Jan. 10
Carol Jane Foret Jan. 17
Donelda McDuffie Mercer Jan. 19
Cicero Quentin Osceola Jan. 20
Lesley Daniele Beer Jan. 21
Amy Leah Cox Jan. 27
Shaun Preston Willie Jan. 3
Jacob Osceola, Jr. Jan. 9

Jason Cypress Jan. 16
Consuelo Cohn Jan. 17
Jeannie Cypress Jan. 6
Michaelene Evelyn Cypress Jan. 25
Allison Marie Osceola Jan. 29
Michael Bowers Jan. 8
Vera Herrera Jan. 14
Marcia Ann Cypress Jan. 27
Danielle Rene Nelson Jan. 9
Francine Marie Osceola Jan. 15
Fernando Herrera Jan. 17
Robbie Devane Billie Jan. 6
Katherine Courtney Cypress Jan. 8
Marcella Jim Billie Jan. 15
Patapony Root, Jr. Jan. 29
Emerson Droot Billie Jan. 14
Robert Louis Hill Jan. 26
Vanessa Lane Frank Jan. 1
Jody Lynn Osceola Jan. 2
Crystal Gayle Smith Jan. 12
Patrick Lawrence Doctor Jan. 17
Cathy Myrna Jumper Jan. 17
Shelly Lynn DeHass Jan. 18
Ciara Desiree Billie Jan. 25
Kasey B Baker Jan. 27
Billie Jo Porter Jan. 5
Anna Rose Tucker Jan. 13
Anthony Moses Young Jan. 28
Alice Tony Brady Jan. 3
Devin Mindy Cypress Jan. 15
Charlie B. Micco Jan. 24



Yahola Isaac Buck Jan. 31
Melissa Diana Billie Jan. 7
Candice Sharon Osceola Jan. 12
Justin John Gopher Jan. 21
Samantha Ann Jimmie Jan. 5
Mary Agnes Tiger Jan. 14
Amos Moses Billie Jan. 17
Kyle Richard Doney Jan. 18
Obadiah Osceola Jan. 19
Dustin Jimmie Osceola Jan. 12
Phillip David Frank Jan. 22
Megan Jean Otero Jan. 22
Hope Patricia Sneed Jan. 22
Andrew Shawn Bowers Jan. 24
Richard Barry Tiger, Jr. Jan. 14
Kelly Louise Harrell Jan. 17
Clarissa Marie Randolph Jan. 24
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Donald Shawn Billie Jan. 10
Anthony Scott Billie Jan. 19
Daniel Yzaguirre, Jr. Jan. 29
Kayla Marie Billie Jan. 30
Richard Allen Keyser Jan. 1
Gary Ben Frank Jan. 11
Clifford James Sanchez Jan. 22
Audrey Lynne Snow Jan. 31
Jade Adair Jim Jan. 9
Noel Lorraine Jim Jan. 13

Joshua Phillip Smith Jan. 14
Josie Nakita Davis Jan. 17
Hortencia Ida Yzaguirre Jan. 18
Kelley Danielle Haight Jan. 28
Alexandra Dawn Colon Jan. 30
Clint Duane Bowers Jan. 1
Gregory Leone Carter, Jr. Jan. 2
Ashley Thekera Santiago Jan. 2
Christian James Osceola Jan. 20
Nathan Joshua Billie Jan. 25
Pierson Lee Hunsinger Jan. 1
Amber Anochee Craig Jan. 8
Alec Darian Cypress Jan. 12
Randee Lee McDonald Jan. 14
Nikki Nichol Urbina Jan. 15
Joseph David Rodriguez Jan. 19
Victor Phillip Osceola Jan. 20
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Jewel Lynne Buck Jan. 9
Amanda Raye Madison Jan. 18
Josie Lee Wildcat Balentine Jan. 19
Jon Ross Billie Jan. 19
Talena Rosa Castillo Jan. 22
Eric Douglas Sanders, Jr. Jan. 23
Mariah Lee Buster Jan. 25
Kendra Lisa Frank Jan. 26
Kendrick Leo Osceola Jan. 26
Erik Gardner Wilson Jan. 28
Dalmonnia Jonelle King Jan. 31
John Ross Alvarez Jan. 1
Farrah Leeann Lytle Jan. 2
Whitney Leigh Osceola Jan. 7
Justin Troy Osceola Jan. 8
Dillon Cole Thomas Jan. 8
Jalen Bailey Cypress Jan. 20
Charlie Kandi Osceola Jan. 26
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Garhett Tyler Smith Jan. 28
Peter Joel Foret Jan. 29
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Tristana Dean Wilcox Jan. 27
Turquoise Jewel Battiest Jan. 28
Alexander Sanchez Garcia, III, Jan. 30
DeRick Jumper Toho Jan. 6
Colton Roland Vazquez Jan. 6
Rebecca Ruby Vazquez Jan. 6
Ruben Shonie Burgess, Jr. Jan. 7
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Aaron Thasia Olejnik Jan. 14
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Druitt Bruce Osceola Jan. 22
Caleb Rebekah Harli Wolf Jan. 24
Chynna Tashina Villareal Jan. 25
Victoria Gabrielle Stivers Jan. 26
Trinity Andra-Beth Bowers Jan. 28
Romeo C. Jumper Garcia Jan. 3
Angelina Lauren Osceola Jan. 10
James Lemark Williams, Jr. Jan. 12
Waylynn J. Frank Bennett Jan. 13
Toby Libra Johns, Jr. Jan. 26
Cavan Juan Omar Guzman Jan. 31



Happy Birthday to my most Beautiful and Precious Little Ladies, **ESYRA** and **ELLYSE FRANK**. I know I don't get to see the two of you very often, but you both are with me all the time in my heart, in my thoughts, and I even have your pictures in my wallet and in my office. There is not a day that goes by without you being talked about, by me, your Daddy. The very thought of you both makes my day shine bright and full of hope. Stay well and happy because you are loved and praised by the one who loves you most. You know I love you so stay out of trouble and behave and listen to your elders and teachers
Lots of love and wishes on you Birthday, **Daddy**.

Jan. 12, **Happy Birthday** to **Denise Emanuell Osceola** "Melokmehche". Be good and have fun on your special day. Love you lots, **Egoosh**.

Jan. 15, **Happy Birthday** to watch, **grandma, great-grandma Peggy Jim Osceola**. We love you lots. Also on the same day a Birthday wish to **Marcella "Nook" Billie** have a good one. One Love, **Doris** and the **Otter Gang**.



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Happy Birthday Trinity! Love, Mom and Dad.



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Hollywood

Job Title: Accountant Location: Hollywood, Accounting Open Date: 12-05-01 Salary: \$45,000 annually with benefits	Job Title: Cook Assistant Location: Hollywood, Preschool Open Date: 11-20-01 Salary: \$18,150 – 22,000 annually with benefits	Job Title: Office Clerk (P/T) Location: Hollywood, Utilities Open Date: 10-03-01 Salary: \$8.00 per hour with benefits	Job Title: Snake Handler Location: Hollywood, Okalee Village Open Date: 9-10-01 Salary: \$20,800 with benefits
Job Title: Alligator Wrestler Location: Hollywood, Okalee Village Open Date: 9-10-01	Job Title: Executive Administrator Location: Hollywood, President's Office Open Date: 10-10-01 Salary: \$ negotiable with benefits	Job Title: Patient Services Coordinator Location: Hollywood, Health Open Date: 10-24-01 Salary: \$21,840 annually with benefits	Job Title: Surveillance Operator Location: Hollywood, Gaming Open Date: 10-24-01
Job Title: Building Custodian Location: Hollywood, Building & Grounds Open Date: 11-29-01 Salary: \$24,960 annually with benefits	Job Title: Foster Care Worker (1) Location: Hollywood, Health Open Date: 10-03-01 Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits	Job Title: Plumber Location: Hollywood, Housing/Construction Open Date: 10-17-01 Salary: \$24,960 annually with benefits	Job Title: Telecommunications Manager Location: Hollywood, Information Systems Open Date: 11-20-01 Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits
Job Title: Commission Officer Location: Hollywood, Gaming Open Date: 10-31-00 Salary: \$28,000 annually with benefits	Job Title: Librarian II Location: Hollywood, Tribal Library Open Date: 11-07-01 Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits	Job Title: Receptionist Location: Hollywood, Communications Open Date: 11-07-01 Salary: \$18,720 with benefits	Job Title: Transporter Location: Hollywood, Health Open Date: 10-24-01 Salary: \$18,720 annually with benefits
Job Title: Community Outreach Coordinator Location: Hollywood, Health Open Date: 10-24-01 Salary: \$29,100 – 35,600 annually with benefits	Job Title: Maintenance Worker/Janitor Location: Hollywood, Okalee Village Open Date: 9-10-01 Salary: \$14,560 with benefits	Job Title: Secretary II Location: Hollywood, Health Open Date: 10-24-01 Salary: \$26,000 annually with benefits	
	Job Title: Medical Records Assistant Location: Hollywood, Health Open Date: 10-24-01 Salary: \$26,000 – 32,000 annually with benefits	Job Title: Senior Administrative Assistant Location: Hollywood, Radio Adjusting Company Open Date: 7-19-01 Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits	



Immokalee

Job Title: Commissioner Location: Immokalee, Gaming Open Date: 10-31-00 Salary: \$28,000 annually with benefits
Job Title: Maintenance Worker Location: Immokalee, Building & Grounds Open Date: 10-24-01 Salary: \$14,500 with benefits
Job Title: Surveillance Operator Location: Immokalee, Gaming Open Date: 3-07-01 Salary: \$17,680 with benefits
Job Title: Recreation Aide Location: Recreation, Immokalee Open Date: 12-19-01 Salary: \$13,500 - \$18,700 with experience, with benefits
Job Title: Youth Center Staff Location: Recreation, Immokalee Open Date: 3-07-01 Salary: \$13,500 - \$18,700 with experience, with benefits

Big Cypress

Job Title: Cook Location: Big Cypress, Ahfachkee School Open Date: 10-03-01 Salary: \$9.00 per hour	Job Title: Library Coordinator Location: Big Cypress, Tribal Library Open Date: 11-07-01
Job Title: Community Health/Representative Location: Big Cypress, Health Open Date: 11-29-00 Salary: \$18,700 annually with benefits	Job Title: Maintenance Worker Location: Big Cypress, Building & Grounds Open Date: 12-05-01 Salary: \$18,720 annually with benefits
Job Title: Counselor Location: Big Cypress Open Date: 11-29-01 Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits	Job Title: Operator Maintenance Trainee (2) Location: Big Cypress, Utilities Open Date: 9-10-01 Salary: \$18,720 annually with benefits
Job Title: Instructional Aide Location: Big Cypress, Ahfachkee Open Date: 11-29-01 Salary: \$9.00 hourly with benefits	Job Title: Secretary Location: Big Cypress, Family Services Open Date: 10-17-01 Salary: \$20,800 with benefits

Brighton


Job Title: Carpenter Location: Brighton, Housing/Construction Open Date: 6-25-01 Salary: \$33,280 annually with benefits	Job Title: Nutritionist Location: Brighton, Health Open Date: 8-09-01 Salary: \$35,000 annually with benefits
Job Title: Commission Officer Location: Brighton, Gaming Open Date: 10-31-00 Salary: \$28,000 annually with benefits	Job Title: Operator Maintenance Trainee Location: Brighton, Utilities Open Date: 8-16-01 Salary: \$18,700 with benefits
Job Title: Companion Care Coordinator Location: Brighton, Health Open Date: 11-20-01 Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits	Job Title: Surveillance Operator Location: Brighton, Gaming Open Date: 10-24-01
Job Title: Maintenance Worker Location: Brighton, Building & Grounds Open Date: 10-03-01 Salary: \$14,500 with benefits	Job Title: Water Quality Sampler I Location: Brighton, Water Resources Department Open Date: 9-10-01 Salary: \$18,500 annually with benefits

Tampa

Job Title: Commission Officer Location: Tampa, Gaming Open Date: 10-31-00 Salary: \$28,000 annually with benefits
Job Title: Surveillance Operator Location: Tampa, Gaming Open Date: 3-07-01 Salary: \$17,680 with benefits

Coconut Creek

Job Title: Commission Officer Location: Coconut Creek, Gaming Open Date: 10-31-00 Salary: \$28,000 annually with benefits
Job Title: Surveillance Operator Location: Coconut Creek, Gaming Open Date: 3-07-01 Salary: \$17,680 annually with benefits



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Kippenberger

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from the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC), I went to New York University and earned a master’s degree in Secondary Education with a specialization in Social Studies.

What are you doing right now?

Right now, I am doing genealogical research for the Tribe’s Department of Anthropology & Genealogy. I am able to keep my life in New York and still keep my connections to my family and my culture down here by working back and forth.



Tribal member Lawanna Kippenberger has lived in NYC for 7 years.

Is that mainly what you are doing?

Yes, that’s my thing now.

So you went to school in Manhattan? How far were BMCC and NYU from the World Trade Center?

The community college is right there. The community college is right on Chambers Street, which is just a couple of blocks away from the World Trade Center. My stop actually was Chambers Street/World Trade Center. So, thankfully, I wasn’t in that school at that time, but it’s right there. I’m sure they got a lot of the rubble and the smoke, I’m sure it was engulfed by the smoke.

NYU is more uptown, I guess you could say. It’s in the heart of Greenwich Village, which is pretty much west Fourth Street, that would be approximately twenty blocks from the World Trade Center.

How far did you live from the World Trade Center?

I pretty much lived three miles east of the World Trade Center. Since it’s New York, if I were to drive there from my house, it would take about thirty minutes! Go through a tunnel and over a bridge. But if I went to the roof of my building, I could see it as clear as day.

So you live across the river?

Yes, the East River.

On Sept. 11, were you supposed to be in the area or had you planned to be there that day?

No, that’s actually in the

Financial District, and I’m never down there. Battery Park’s in the Financial District. I was at home, I had just woken up and was about to start working. The way I found out, my mother called me, a frantic phone call. I didn’t pick it up, because I wasn’t ready to talk to mother that early in the morning, and she said, ‘I don’t know, I’m just calling to see if you’re okay, it’s a horrible thing,’ and then she hung up. So I turned on the news and then I saw it happen and then I felt bad there first of all, because I didn’t know it was going on already, but that was right after the first plane hit, before the second plane hit.

A lot of people went up onto their rooftops, were you able to do that?

I was able to, but I didn’t. I did not want to see that. After seeing CNN, and then all the news coverage, and then after seeing the second tower collapse. Just seeing it in the news, played over and over and over again. I couldn’t bring myself to go up to the roof and see that, it was awful. I don’t think you could see it clearly anyway, because of all the smoke. Downtown Manhattan was just this big ball of debris and smoke.

The wind was blowing towards Brooklyn that day, so we got a lot of the smoke and the ash. There were charred business cards on the roof of my building, charred faxes and documents. People were walking around with painters’ masks on so they didn’t breathe it in. Then I frantically called all of my friends, even though I knew they wouldn’t be down there, I had to call them anyway to see if they were okay.

What was the general scene where you lived?

I could hear a lot of stuff through the air shaft in my building, there are four floors with two apartments on each side, and I heard a lot of people calling up their parents in different states and just screaming.

Somebody was on the phone, you see that’s the thing in New York, you can hear everybody, somebody was on the phone when the tower collapsed and I could hear them just start screaming and talking to their mom saying, ‘I’m okay, I’m okay.’

I didn’t go outside until much later and everybody was just walking around in shock and being helpful. That’s when my hurricane training kicked in, I went out and bought bottled water and canned food and extra can openers. Everybody was really helpful, but very shocked. All the storeowners were very considerate, a lot of them are Middle Eastern store owners and I was really worried for them because they were just as shocked as everybody else.

Were there a lot of other people doing what you were doing?

Yes, a lot of people were stocking up on water, and canned food, and bread, and tuna.

In that respect, it must have reminded you of South Florida when a hurricane’s about to hit.

Yes, it was just like that, but for some reason, the shelves were not empty, like they are down here. They were still pretty stocked.

Immediately, in the days after, were you able to move around?

In Brooklyn, yeah, I could move

around. There are a couple of fire ladder companies in my neighborhood, one of them lost ten of their men and the other one lost four and there were flowers everywhere. We were pretty free to move around in Brooklyn, I didn’t go into Manhattan until, I think the first time I went into Manhattan was the Saturday after. There was a peace rally in Union Square, and we were fine getting in and out of Manhattan by then.

How far was the peace rally from the site?

Union Square is Fourteenth Street, and NYU is on Fourth Street, so it was about the distance between those two areas. But, because Union Square is like Fourteenth and Fifth Avenue, or part of it is Fifth Avenue, you could just look down Fifth Avenue and see where the towers were, all you saw were these big floodlights.

Was there a big military presence?

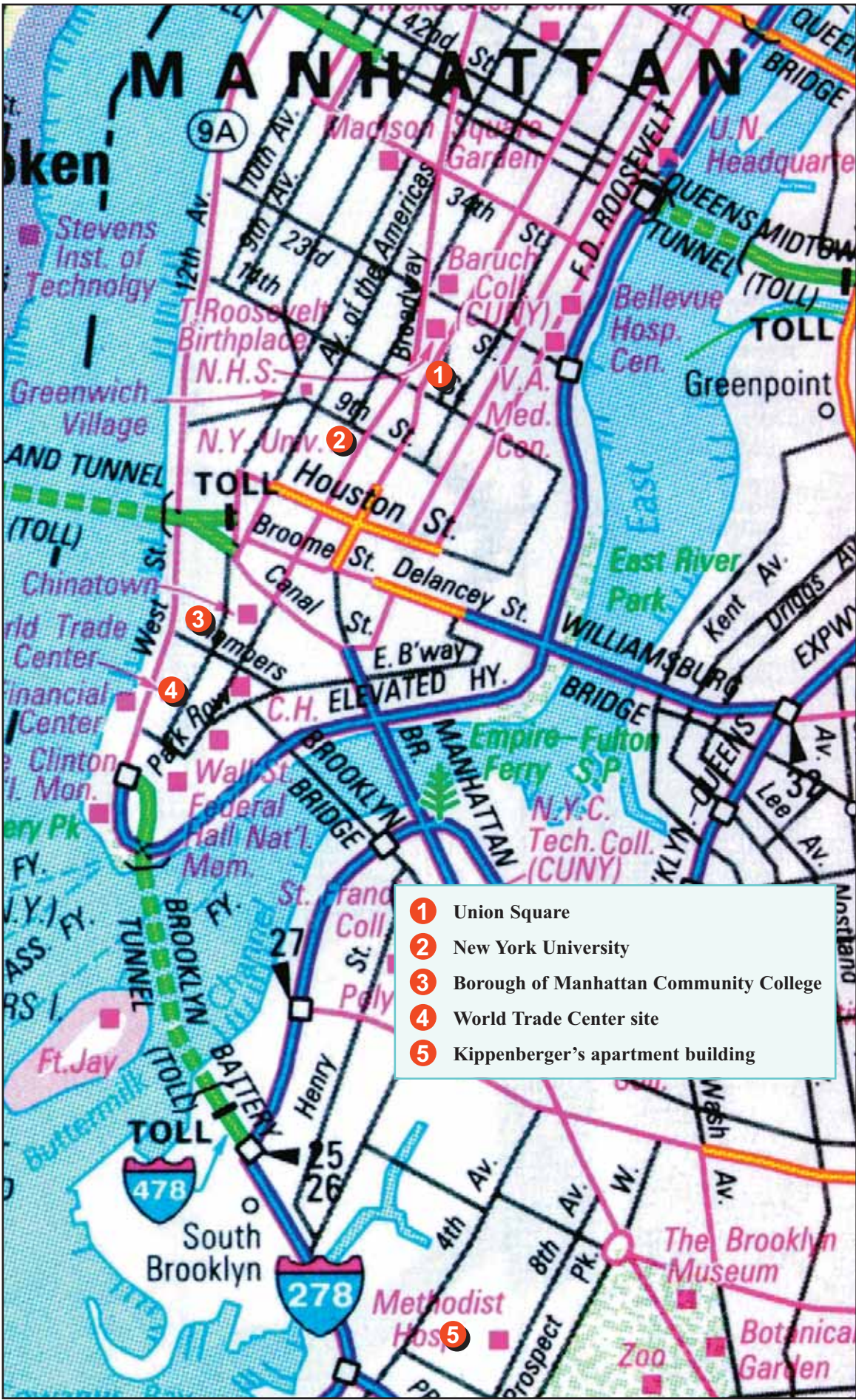
No, that’s pretty much downtown Manhattan. I haven’t set foot down there at all, near where I went to school or anything, so I can’t really comment on that. I did happen to fly in late September, maybe two weeks after it happened, I had to go to Missouri to see family and you could see the guys in the fatigues in the airport and they were eighteen year old kids. You had to trust them.

How were the airports? How long did it take you to get through?

I had the first flight out, so it was about 6:30 in the morning, so it was fairly easy. They bumped me up to an earlier flight since I had to get there two hours earlier. Security wasn’t so bad, they were “wandering” everybody, and everybody seemed to be fine with that. They were making sure you didn’t have toenail clippers in your carry-on, there was a big sign with all these different objects saying, ‘If you have this in your carry-on, put it in your checked luggage.’ Everybody was really patient and calm and a little nervous, but they kept it under control.

How has life changed in your neighborhood?

Everybody’s nicer, and that’s something for New York. There’s this enormous sense of New York pride going around, as you can imagine. Thank God that baseball started up again during that



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time, because a lot of men and women were really itching for some distraction, and since baseball is so American, it really helped. A lot of people were in bars during that first week, a lot of people were drinking and watching baseball.

In terms of changing, I don’t really know. I need to wait and see the long-term effects, if it’s going to be a positive change. There were a bunch of peace rallies that I never saw on the news, people were walking around New York with candles in their hands and, every now and then, on the sidewalk you would see little clusters of candles and flowers.

The peace rallies, was there a specific cause?

No, I think it was more of a

memorial and no retaliation. There were all these old school throwbacks to the 60’s just waiting to come out and sing their 60’s protest songs, so they were teaching the younger generation how to sing, what songs to sing, that was fun.

Everybody was walking around with candles, there was chalk everywhere writing “peace” and “love,” and flowers all over the place, pictures of the World Trade Center all over the place, pictures of missing persons, there was an entire wall of that and that was pretty difficult to look at.

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Boat Show

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Mr. Folds presented Trump with a special performance by two young girls. The girls were dressed in sailor uniforms and sang a special version of “Hello Dolly”, which was changed to “Hello Donald.” Mr. Trump was very pleased and gave both girls a hug.

Mr. Trump thanked the Winterfest board for the honor of being named the Grand Marshall, saying, “As you may have read, this area is one of my favorite areas in the world, I love it.”

“I’ve been here many times, I’m here literally on a monthly basis. I’ve found it to be one of the best spots in the world between the weather and the beautiful people. Notice, as I age, I say people as opposed to something else. I just find it to be one of the great places in the world.”

“So when I was asked to be

Grand Marshall I said, ‘ Well, I’ve been watching that parade for years,’ and really it is an honor. Getting out of the airport today in New York wasn’t the easiest thing in the world to do, you know, we have a little problem with airports nowadays.”

“But this really is a great honor for me and I really am looking forward to tomorrow and we’re gonna have a lot of fun and I thank you all very much.”

After Mr. Trump’s speech, Mr. Folds presented Trump with a crystal sailboat, a cummerbund and a Winterfest poster signed by the artist.

The evening was just the beginning of a two-day event that featured the “Birch State Activities,” a Winterfest Celebration at Birch State Park.

This event started on Saturday morning, the day of the boat parade, featuring music, food, arts and crafts, and specialty items by some of the sponsors of the boat parade.

The participants of the boat

parade, some who have traveled long distances needed something to do before the boat parade began that evening. The Winterfest people thought up the idea to have activities during the day for the participants to enjoy while they waited for the boat parade to begin.

The Seminole Tribe had a booth that highlighted some of the Tribe’s ventures, such as the museums and eco tours. Also presented at the booth area were exhibits such as Native American dancing, arts and crafts, and Florida wildlife.

This is the second year the Seminole Tribe has participated in the Birch State Activities, which is in its fourth year. What better way to highlight some of South Florida’s best businesses and sponsors of the Winterfest Boat Parade.

Note: The Tribe’s boat, which was dubbed the “River of Grass,” won the Showboat division of the Best Use of Theme category.



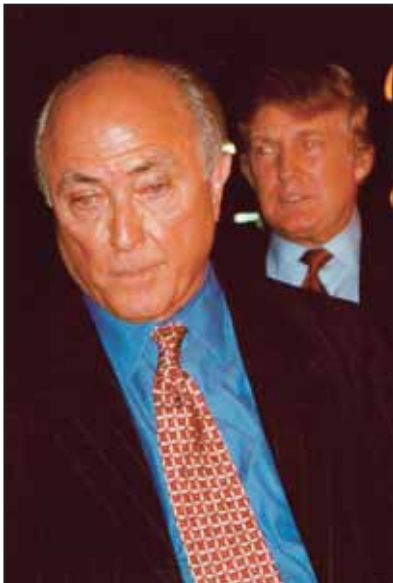
Spectators dropped anchor and secured their boats together to get the best view of the 2001 Winterfest Boat Parade.



Commodore Max Osceola, with Miss Florida Kelly Gaudet and Miss Seminole Mercedes Osceola, wave to the crowds lining the intracoastal.



A colorful entry, featuring NYC firefighters, makes its way down the intracoastal.



Mr. Folds leads Mr. Trump to the podium before an eagerly awaiting crowd at the Winterfest Kickoff Celebration.