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Travis Trueblood Sworn Into U.S. Supreme Court Bar



Emma Brown

Travis Trueblood standing on the steps
of the U.S. Supreme Court in
Washington, DC.

By Emma Brown

WASHINGTON, DC — On June 1, Travis Trueblood stood in the main courtroom at the U.S. Supreme Courthouse in front of all nine Supreme Court justices and was sworn into the U.S. Supreme Court Bar.

Trueblood is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and currently resides in Hollywood, Fla. He attended law school at Florida State University where he received his Juris Doctor and received his master's of law from the University of Miami. Trueblood has been serving as the general counsel to the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. since 2000.

Before an attorney is able to practice in the Supreme Court, he or she must be admitted, which requires at least three years of good standing with the highest court in their state and sponsorship by two members of the U.S. Supreme Court Bar. The Seminole Tribe is very fortunate to have such a young and accomplished individual on their team.

Congratulation Travis on your recent accomplishment, and we wish you much success in the future.



Herbert Jim

Whitewater rafting was just one of the many exciting highlights the group encountered.

Seminoles Participate in Ultimate Warrior Challenge

*The first project of the Boys & Girls Club of The
Seminole Tribe of Florida begins with a big splash*

By Robert C. North Sr. and Amber Giebtbrock

SNAKE RIVER, IDAHO — On June 13, a project under the auspices of the newly established Boys & Girls Club of The Seminole Tribe of Florida took a maiden voyage. The Ultimate Warrior Challenge in Snake River, Idaho was created as a prevention project to encourage Seminole youth to expand their knowledge.

Austin Billie and Herbert Jim from the language department, Coordinator Robert C. North Sr., Thommy Doud from the preschool program, Angie Margotta from the Seminole Police Department, and Amber Giebtbrock from family services went to supervise and experience with six

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Seminole Tribe Hosts 2004 Semi- Annual USET Meeting

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — Native Americans representing tribes from the southern and eastern states gathered at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino for their 2004 Semi-Annual United Southern and Eastern Tribes (USET) meeting. From June 14-17, USET discussed issues that affect their tribes.

USET is headed by the board of directors, which is comprised of tribal leaders and sometimes tribal attorneys. There are ten committees, such as the social services committee and the culture and heritage committee, which, along with the board, constitute USET.

The meeting began with Jimmy O'Toole giving the invocation. Junior Miss Seminole Brittany Smith and Chairman Mitchell Cypress welcomed everyone at the conference.

After the opening activities the committees broke off to begin their meetings. This article covers the meeting of

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Photo courtesy of Wanda Bowers

The Seminole Tribe's USET volunteer committee. (L-R) Wanda Bowers, Leona Williams, Leoma Poore, Vanessa Frank, Peggy Reynolds, April Jim, Jo North and Johnnie Van De Sande.

Hard Knocks at the Hard Rock

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — After several shows at the Coconut Creek casino and Tampa, Hollywood-based Warrior's Boxing Promotions and The Seminole Tribe of Florida promoted the first pro boxing card at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, on Tuesday June 8.

This exciting and much anticipated event marked the first ESPN2 Tuesday Night Fights broadcast of the year.

Celebrities in attendance were, Miami Dolphins' Jason Taylor and Zach Thomas, NASCAR's Jeff Gordon, actor Mickey Rourke and former heavyweight

champion Donovan "Razor" Ruddick.

The main event featured Warrior's Dale Brown from Calgary, Canada 31-3-1 (19 KO's) weighing in at 196 pounds against Robert Daniels from Miami, Fla. 45-7-1 (37 KO's) weighed in at 200 pounds.

A highly competitive 12 round match throughout, Daniels manages to cut Brown in the left eye during the eighth round, but still lost a unanimous decision. With this win, Dale Brown won the vacant NABF and NABA cruiserweight title.

Another exciting match was the

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Felix DoBosz

(L-R) Don Osceola, Joel Frank Sr., Wanda Bowers, Joey Richardson, and Casey McCall displaying their gold medals.

Seminole Archers Compete in Florida Sunshine State Games

By Felix DoBosz

TALLAHASSEE, FL — This year, the twenty-fifth Florida Sunshine State Games were held in Tallahassee and local surrounding areas. The archery events were staged on June 19-20 at Eleanor Klapp-Phipps Park, just a few miles north of Florida's capital. In this large wooded meadow, Seminole Archery Coach John Waterhouse directed his five-member team to winning gold medals in

the 3-D form competition.

The five archers representing the Seminole Tribe in this year's Sunshine State Games were Wanda Bowers and her 15-year-old son, Casey McCall, Joel Frank, Joey Richardson, and Don Osceola.

In between shooting rounds, Wanda Bowers said, "We [her and her son] started shooting just last August and

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Seminoles Break Ground on Boys & Girls Club

By Shelley Marmor

HOLLYWOOD — On Monday June 14, The Seminole Tribe of Florida joined the ranks with more than 3,000 Boys & Girls Club's of America across the U.S. On this day, the tribe broke ground on what would soon be the 175th Boys & Girls Club in Indian Country.

According to event MC Jo North, the Boys & Girls Club of The Seminole Tribe of Florida will replace the Hollywood Gym. She said the gym will likely be torn down in the next few months, and she hopes to have the Boys & Girls Club completed in 2005.

"It's not one of those projects where you see the coming soon sign and nothing happens," said North, Chief Professional Officer for the Boys & Girls Club of The Seminole Tribe of Florida.

In addition to the speakers from the tribe—Miss Seminole Cherelee Hall, Max Osceola Jr., David DeHass, and Mitchell Cypress—guest speakers Robbie Callaway, senior vice president of the Boys & Girls Club of America, and Leatrice "Chick" Big Crow from the SuAnne Big Crow Boys & Girls Club on the Sioux Indian reservation in Pine Ridge, S.D., also attended the ground-breaking.

Both guest speakers said they were happy to see another Native



Iretta Tiger

(L-R) David DeHass, Robbie Callaway, Jim Shore, "Chick" Big Crow, Mitchell Cypress, Moses Osceola, and Joel Frank Sr. at the ground breaking ceremony.

American tribe open a Boys & Girls Club. Big Crow said she was "really glad to see another tribe on board," and Callaway commended The Seminole Tribe's commitment to the youth.

"These people, like all I've met in Indian Country, care about their children," Callaway said.

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Editorials

The Dangers of Letting Someone Take Over Your Loan Payments

By Ken Goosens

Editor's Note: Ken Goosens works for the tribe in the loan department and counsels tribal citizens on loans and their credit. The opinions he expresses are his own.

How's this for a deal? A friend or relative will take your car, and in return will make your monthly payments. Or your four-wheeler, or motorcycle—anything you are paying for on time through an installment loan.

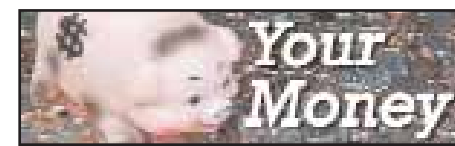
Maybe your friend or relative needs what you have. Maybe you don't need it that much. Maybe you could use the extra money you will have from no longer having to make those payments. So you help each other out?

The trade seems friendly, mutually advantageous, and simple. But it is also financially dangerous for the person who took out the loan in the first place.

What could go wrong with the arrangement? The problem starts with this stark fact: the person who took out the loan also remains responsible for the loan. If the loan isn't paid for any reason, the lender will come after the person who took out the loan for the payments—not the person who agreed to take over the payments.

For example, two months later the four-wheeler is stolen, or wrecked, or needs major repairs. Very often, the person who was using the property just walks away from the debt, leaving the other person holding the bag.

Another danger is that the person supposedly making the payments is late or skips the payment. When this happens, the lender comes after the person who took out the loan. Any delinquent payments go on that person's credit history. If the property is repossessed, the repossession is a black mark on the person who took out the loan's credit history. Finally, if the value of the repossessed property is not enough to pay off the balance on the loan, that person is also responsible for making up that difference.



Basically, whoever's name the loan is in, is the person responsible for overseeing payment of the loan. That person's good credit now depends on someone else's actions, over which they have no control.

Can the loan itself be transferred over to the new person? Almost no lender will agree to this, for several reasons. The lender never reviewed the other person. The loan was done based on the original person's ability to pay it back. Used property may not be worth the amount still owed on the loan. The bottom line is that the lender wants the loan to be paid off in full in order to release the person who took out the loan from obligation to back the loan.

What should one do to protect themselves if they elect someone else to take over the payments on a loan?

Tell them the person they can have the property only by paying off the remaining balance on the loan up front and in full. Then the original loaner may sign the title over to the person taking over the payments. By not following these steps, the person who took out the loan is in effect financing the person taking over the loan them self, without doing any review of how risky they are as borrowers.

If that policy sounds harsh, mistrustful, and unfriendly to you, think again about the risk the loaner would be taking. Does anyone want to be saddled with paying the debt on that property without having the property to use, because it was destroyed, lost, or broken? Just think about how it would feel to pay out money every month on a car that is, in essence, not your responsibility.

The same reasons lenders consider it too risky to let another person take over someone's debt are the reasons someone who has taken out a loan shouldn't let another person just take over the payments. The choice is between being careful up front or sorry later. Basically, don't let someone take over your property without first paying off any debt you owe on it.

Letters & E-mail

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Editor's Note: This letter is in regards to a trip several tribal citizens and tribal employees made to Berlin, Germany to attend the ITB tourism convention and promote tourism to the Seminole Tribe.

Dear Tom Gallaher, Development and Promotions Coordinator, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum,

The picture you sent me arrived as a very nice surprise, in more ways than one. Thank you again for the visit and for

the Seminole jacket I wear with pride.

On behalf of the school, you've provided up with some pictures that could be displayed, thus serving as an "attention getter" and reminder, which the students enjoy. Although I only faintly hear the sound of the rhythm, we remember that we managed to get almost all of the students in both assemblies involved in the friendship dance; a feat that a lot of adults did not think could be done.

The entire program served as a

chance for us to gain insight into a culture in person, rather than just relying on the traditional methods.

Should you be in contact with any of the members who participated, please give them our regards and thank them again for taking the time to come out to the Kennedy school and putting on that assembly performance.

Many thanks again Tom, for sending us this picture album, and for the entire visit in general. It helped our students to better appreciate the diversity on the U.S., and in particular, some of the Native American tribes; imperative to understanding U.S. history.

Greetings to all from Berlin!

Kind regards,

Chris Hanna, Principal

John F. Kennedy School in

Berlin, Germany

Dear Editor,

Hello. I have been checking sites for a potato recipe when I came across your site. I noticed you had some recipes on the site, but there is one in particular I am unable to find anywhere and hoping you may be able to help me on this one.

A few years ago in Northampton, Mass., there was a Native American fair. Among the foods that were served was a potato dish that seemed to be boiled down (kind of mushy soft, but not mashed) potato and contained, I think onion, bacon, possibly green pepper, and some spices.

I'm afraid it isn't much to go on; the potato wasn't a sweet potato and I don't know what spices were used in it. It was absolutely delicious and when I asked what it was called, the gentleman said "Seminole Potato."

I really can't recall all the ingredients to this, but I was wondering if perhaps you are familiar with this recipe? I have searched the web high and low with no results. My husband and I enjoyed it so much and since have been trying to find this mysterious recipe.

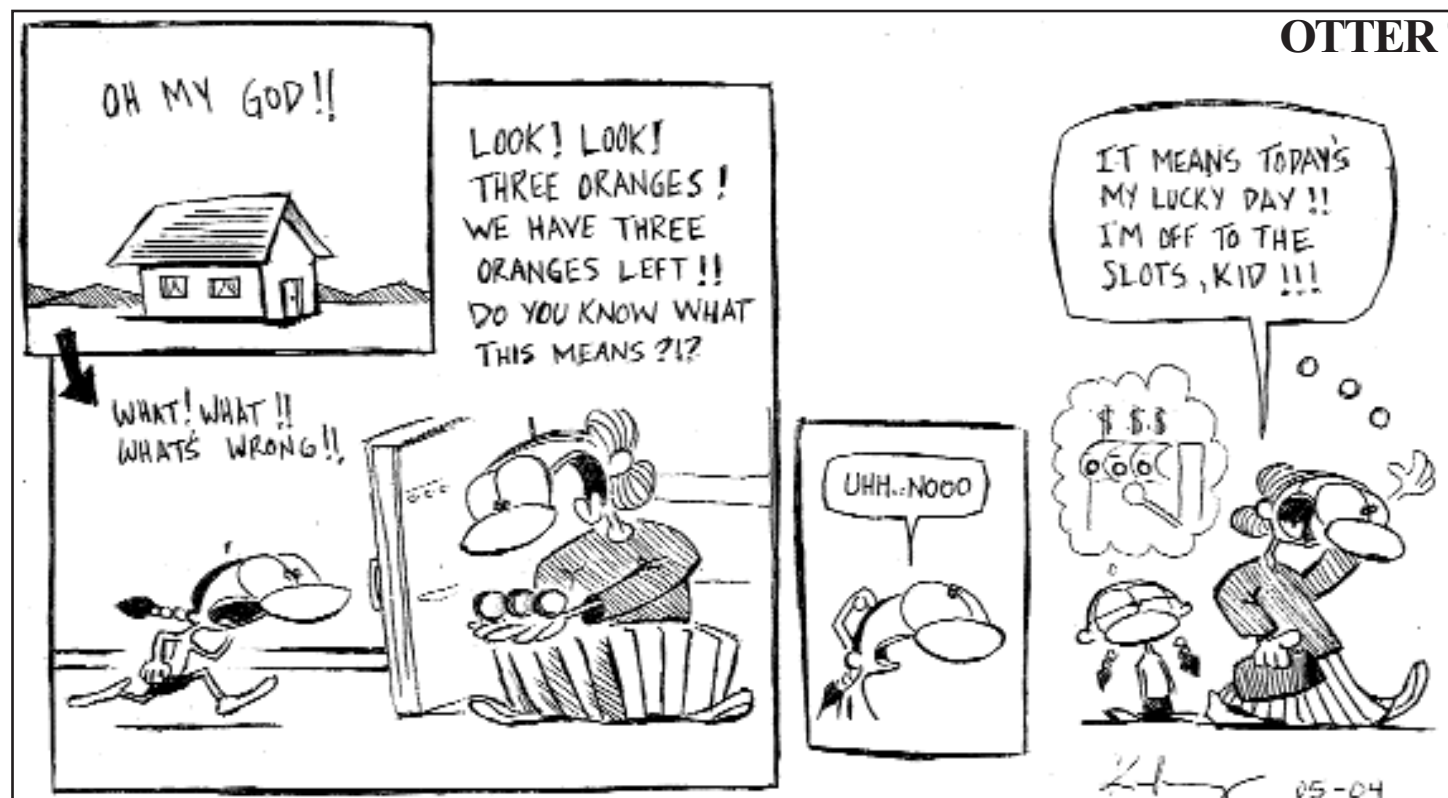
Thank you,
Debbie
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Correction

In the story titled "Savannah Huggins Earns Diploma" from the June 11 issue of *The Seminole Tribune* Savannah Huggins' fiancé was incorrectly referred to as her husband.



Fireworks - Stahpholeecheké



Farewell Party for Purchasing Department Employee Glenn Derrick

By Felix DoBosz
HOLLYWOOD — On June 8, friends and co-workers of Glenn Derrick threw a farewell party at the Birdcage restaurant, on Stirling Road in Hollywood. Derrick, who has worked as a receiving clerk for the purchasing department in Hollywood since 1995, is moving to Kentucky.

A South Florida resident for the past 17 years, Derrick decided to sell his house and move with his wife, Mikel and daughter Ledra. He will be joining his wife's family who currently live there.

Denise Carpenter, director of purchasing, said, "Our office is like one big happy family and we will really miss him."

Derrick and his co-workers sat around the tables talking, eating, joking and laughing about all the ups and downs that they all experienced working together for so many years.

Glenn started working for The Seminole Tribe of Florida as a custodian in the building maintenance department. When the department was split to create the purchasing department, Glenn trans-

ferred to the new department.

"I'm going to miss everybody, especially Denise Carpenter, who has been the best boss to work for," said Derrick, as he looked sadly around the tables at all his co-workers.

Tribal citizen Charles Hiers

Billie presented Glenn with a gold medalion with The Seminole Tribe of Florida's logo engraved on the front and a native inscription on the back. It said simply, "Sho-Naa-Bish."

Thank you, Glenn Derrick and good luck in your new endeavors.



Glenn Derrick's friends and co-workers say farewell to him at the Birdcage restaurant. (L-R, front row) Wanda Billie, Glenn Derrick, Rhonda Moffit, (L-R, center row) Greg Farley, Maria Galeano, Janice Sikora, Denise Carpenter, (L-R, back row) Staci Revish, Alex Adams and Dave Anderson.



Basketball and water balloon fights were only some of the activities at the First Annual Watermelon Picnic.

Watermelon Picnic Held in Big Cypress

By Jaime Restrepo
BIG CYPRESS — There were plenty of watermelons at Big Cypress's ball field as the recreation department prepared its First Annual Watermelon Picnic, held on June 12. Open to everyone, the event was organized for kids and adults for recreation and just plain fun.

The day was hot and sunny, but that did not stop the children from having fun in the bounce house and the spin ride. Those who were too hot and big to go bouncing around found some competitive fun in tossing water balloons at the opposing team with a large slingshot. Some demonstrated pretty good aim and managed direct hits on the other team. It was a good way to stay cool and wet.

There was music too, with entertainment provided by Paul Buster and his band. Most of the participants enjoyed a great day underneath a large oak tree to play horseshoes. In fact, there was some good competition among some of the players who play the game like it was the national sport. The tossing went on throughout the afternoon.

There was a team competition as well as individual play in both men and women's groups. There were prizes for first through fifth place. When it got too hot, there were plenty of watermelon, food, and drinks.



Frank J. Billie has a throw.



Nancy Ortega with baby Harmony Cypress sporting a watermelon outfit.

Joshua Sneed: Success Lasts a Lifetime

By Holly Billie
FT. PIERCE — Joshua Sneed, Ft. Pierce tribal citizen, is truly an inspiration to young people who are struggling with problems and life-issues.

"Teenage years can be difficult," Sneed said. "You feel like you're moving in the wrong direction, but you don't know how to stop."

Fortunately Sneed had a loving family who recognized his struggles and supported his decision to enroll at the Mel Blount Youth Home in Vidalia, Ga.

"This was the best decision I made," said Sneed. "At [the Mel Blount Youth Home] I was among people who really cared about me and my family. They helped me with my education, taught me how to be independent and helped me identify what I needed to do to better myself and be a success."

"Mr. Blount, Annie Jackson and the rest of the staff really loved us kids and teach us how to love others," he added.

With a new attitude and established goals, Sneed returned to the Ft. Pierce community. His mother, Margaret Wilcox, smiled as she shared how happy she was when she watched her son cross the platform to receive his high school diploma. Sneed continues to work on his goals as he trains in a sport he has grown to love, motocross.

Remembering success lasts a lifetime, what he was taught at the Mel Blount Youth Home, Sneed has indeed become successful.

He is currently sponsored by Husquavarna, and has been contracted by Yamaha. He spends most of his time in training or racing, and can be found at the motocross in Okeechobee, Fla. on Wednesdays and weekends.

"I am so thankful to God for my loving family, the Mel Blount Youth

Home and others who encourage me daily to stay on track and focus on success," Sneed said.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida is very proud of Sneed's success and encourages others, young and old alike, to follow his example and become successful for a lifetime.



Joshua Sneed loves to ride his bike at the motocross track in Okeechobee, Fla.

First Meeting for the 2005 Seminole Tribal Fair

By Iretta Tiger
HOLLYWOOD — On June 8, the first meeting for the 2005 Seminole Tribal Fair was held in the Hollywood tribal office auditorium. The biggest news is that the 2005 fair will be held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood.

One of the areas still under construction at the hotel is a multi-purpose complex, which is scheduled to open at the beginning of 2005. Various experts in the entertainment industry are being consulted to equip the complex for a variety of events.

The tribal fair will be the first

event held at the multi-purpose complex and to mark the occasion, a big extravaganza is being planned.

Several committees are being organized for the numerous fair events and ideas for entertainers and prizes were discussed. There was enthusiasm for the possibilities of what can be done for the tribal fair at the multi-complex.

The theme of the fair is still open to suggestions and the fair committee is looking for volunteers. Have any ideas for the fair? Don't be afraid to share them, contact Buster Baxley or Leoma Poore at (954) 364-4221.



Robbie Callaway (left), senior vice president of the Boys & Girls Club of America, with Tribal Chairman Mitchell Cypress at the future location of the Boys & Girls Club of The Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Club

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He said he successfully secured \$50,000 to put towards the construction efforts. Callaway added that he is willing to work hard to get the same dollar amount to open Boys & Girls Club facilities on both the Big Cypress and Brighton reservations.

Max Osceola Jr., Chairman of the Boys & Girls Club of The Seminole Tribe of Florida, echoed Callaway's commitment to the children.

"We wanted to do something

to help our children," Osceola said. "We wanted to prepare them for the non-Indian as well as Indian world."

He said he was sorry to see the Hollywood Gym being torn down, however, added that the gym is more than three decades old, and saying "it's served its purpose."

Osceola also said that the Boys & Girls Club, by offering many activities for youth to participate in, including sports and arts and crafts, will help raise the amount of physical activity children engage in, as well as lower the numbers of children abusing illegal substances.



David Osceola (left), manager of the Sho-Naa-Bish House for Men, addresses inauguration attendees at the grand opening.

Sho-Naa-Bish House for Men Opens

By Adelsa Williams
FT. LAUDERDALE, FL — The Sho-Naa-Bish House for Men recovery facility, located just a short distance from the Hollywood reservation, had a grand opening celebration on Tuesday June 8.

Community members gathered together to celebrate this event. Family services staff and others were in attendance as well.

Jimmie Osceola opened with a word of prayer. David Osceola, Sho-Naa-Bish recovery house manager, gave a speech, where he explained the purpose of the recovery house. He also thanked Hollywood Tribal Council Representative Max Osceola Jr. and Tribal Treasurer Mike Tiger for their support and help.

"Business wise, they both guided us in the right direction," said Osceola.

Everyone had a chance to view the beautiful spacious house, which comes with a living room, fully equipped kitchen, dining area, three double bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The house has its own telephone, cable television and central heat and air conditioning.

During the walk through, visi-

tors could see the smiles of all who admired the style and décor of the facility.

"It smells good for a man's house," said tribal citizen, Debbie DeHass, as she made her way into all of the rooms.

Osceola explained that the facility will house four men at a time. He also spoke briefly about some of the house rules and asked community members to recommend the services that the house has to offer to anyone they may feel can benefit from the program.

He said this is the first Seminole-run facility, but he intends to get more on other reservations.

"Only with the support of the tribe we can do this," said Osceola, "I'm tired of hearing 'Oh, what a shame that young man died', I want to feel as if I did something in service to help."

Osceola's future plans include opening a women's retreat, where they would be allowed to participate along with their children, in efforts to keep the family unity.

For more information, please contact the Sho-Naa-Bish House for Men at (954) 394-2215. The address is 5920 S.W. 45 Way, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33304.

Seniors Pitch Horseshoes at Father's Day Party



(L-R) Jack Smith Jr. and Billy Micco tossing some horseshoes.

By Susan Etzebarria
BRIGHTON — Despite the humidity and bright sun on Thursday June 17, a slight breeze cooled off contestants participating in the Horseshoe Pitching Tournament held at the Brighton Senior Center.

Participants threw rounds of 15 minutes, or 15 throw, while the women threw 25 feet and the men threw 35 feet. The party to celebrate Father's Day included a shuffleboard contest as well. The Brighton recreation department staff was on hand to keep score and explain the rules of the contest, as well as measure the distance from the stake to the spot where the

thrown horseshoes landed. Cash prizes were awarded to each player.

The event included indoors with participants enjoying a large glass of creamy, smooth sofkee, a steak dinner and strawberry shortcake for dessert.

The top three horseshoe-pitching tournament winners in the women's division were Agnes Bert, Addie Osceola and Onnie Osceola. The top three in the men's division were Billy Micco, Jack Smith Jr., and Wonder Johns. In the shuffleboard tournament, Happy Jones took first place and Agnes Jumper came in second.

Ahfachkee School Field Day

By Jaime Restrepo
BIG CYPRESS — The day was filled with sunshine and the temperature peaked at 89 degrees: ideal



Darren Jim participates in a bucket race during the Ahfachkee School's field day.

weather for a field day. That's what the students at Ahfachkee School enjoyed while at the Big Cypress ball field.

The field day, organized by John Boone, the Ahfachkee physical education (PE) instructor, included all the students, from preschool to high

school. It is the third field day held by the school. It marks of the end of the school year, with recognition of all their hard work and dedication with the students participating in a myriad of events that promoted team work and healthy competition. Boone has been with the PE program for two years.

This year, there were color wars. Ten teams were created, with each team consisting of children of all ages. The purpose of creating the color teams was to promote cooperation throughout the age ranges. The older children acted as team captains, coaching and guiding the younger children to help their team win. More importantly, the older children got to know the younger ones as they promoted team spirit.

All teams competed in activities and events. Among them was the bucket relay race. Here, buckets filled with water at one end of the track and had to be transported down a marked path and deposited into a waiting container at the other end. The team with the most water transported wins.

Other fun things included zipping into the slip-and-slide, which provided ample refreshment from the warm temperatures.

When the kids, as well as the adults, got hungry, there was plenty to eat and drink under the canopy with deliciously catered food.



(L-R) Rachel Billie, Anna Puente and Lois Alvarez prepare dinner over the open fire.

A Cultural Father's Day Celebration

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — Plans for a special Father's Day got under way in early May in the Immokalee community. The cultural village, which had not been in use for some time, required a little face lift.

On Tuesday June 8th several community members put on their work clothes and gloves and set out to operate on the village. Norita and Ray Yzaguirre were joined by Ralph Sanchez, Board Liaison Raymond Garza, Virginia Billie, Josh Garza, Anthony Hernandez and Robert Anzualda in an effort to clean up any trash, mow the grass and rake around the chickees. Cris and Tray Marrero, Angie Arreguin, Jeanne Martinez and Ito rounded out the group.

The cooking grill was scrubbed, fresh firewood stacked, and a new fire laid out among other things. After a day's work, the results were astonishing. Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar fired up the grill and cooked for the labor party. Hard work may tire a person, but rubbing elbows with your neighbors brings a lot of satisfaction.

In the following days, Maintenance Supervisor Chris Sanchez, co-worker Clifford Sanchez, his son Clifford Jr., and Ralph Sanchez, with his son, Ralph Jr., constructed several new picnic tables, a wash table and a food service area to complete the village.

The Father's Day celebration was scheduled for Friday, June 18th. Aguilar supplied the food and the recreation department provided the beverages.

Shortly after noon, the food preparation began. The log fire had been lit and the cooks, Elaine Aguilar, Mary Sanchez, Lois Alvarez, Sylvia Marrero, Shiela Aguilar, Jeanne Martinez, Rachel Billie, Vanessa Aguilar, Amey Yzaguirre, Angie Arreguin, and Anna Puente, prepared a feast to be remembered. The menu included fried chicken, ham, beef tips, rice, beans, corn, cabbage, tomatoes with beef, pumpkin fry bread, fried bananas and okthee.

Nothing can be compared to food cooked on a log fire. Promptly at 5 p.m., Louise Motlow offered a prayer of thanks and recognition of Father's Day. The community members had arrived by the carloads and filled their plates in celebration. They ate until they couldn't hold any more.

Potluck Dinner Brings Community Together

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — Any time you can combine good food and good companionship, it's your lucky day. This winning combination can be found at Immokalee's community potluck dinners every time.

Like every community, there are several diverse opinions on each subject that are addressed. This is coupled with the fact that we are all very involved with our personal affairs, which take us in different directions. Several members of the community longed for the time when we were interacting with each other on a regular basis and shared a common bond.

A gathering with no particular purpose—just sharing good food and open conversation looked like a solution. You know what they say, "If you're not talking, you're not communicating."

In the beginning of May, the word went out that everyone was invited to a potluck supper at the gym and the response was pleasantly surprising.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress came by to share in the moment. Before the evening ended, he addressed the group and displayed his pleasure at seeing how



Delores Jumper (left) samples some of the tantalizing dishes at the potluck dinner.

remember life in the villages.

Everyone expressed their desire to make these potluck dinners a regular event. However, graduations and other activities kept postponing the date.

Finally, Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar and Sylvia Marrero from the broadcasting department got together and decided that something would always

dinner, youngsters of all ages engaged in shooting some hoops on the basketball court, dancing to a boom box and playing catch. Adults sat around exchanging ideas, laid out plans for future cultural activities and caught up on the latest gossip.

The big question for the evening was, "When will we meet again?"

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Eight youngsters, out of 67 children who attended the wellness camp, display their stellar balancing skills.

Big Cypress and Immokalee Youngsters Attend Wellness Camp

By Jaime Restrepo

UMATILLA, FL — Sixty-seven children from Big Cypress and Immokalee participated in the Big Cypress/Immokalee Youth Camp Wellness Camp held at the Florida Elks Camp, in Umatilla, Fla. It ran for four days from June 2-5.

Located just outside of Ocala, Fla., the facility featured swimming, camping, fishing, and outdoor activities, including a ropes course. It sports a state of the art gymnasium with a basketball court, as well as outdoor volleyball, tennis and basketball courts.

These 8-16-years-olds took part in a series of activities and events which were well planned and choreographed by tribal and camp staff. With an emphasis placed on health, nutrition and exercise, the wellness camp was designed to teach the children how to maintain a healthy body and mind through healthy eating, exercise, and hygiene.

In addition to physical exercise, the kids were treated to educational and motivational speakers. The speakers included Andrew Leach, who spoke about leadership skills, and our own Suzanne Davis, who spoke about health and hygiene. Leach is from Canada, however, he travels throughout North America teaching leadership skills at youth conferences.

Seminole Tribal Chairman Mitchell Cypress greeted the children on the first day. His message urgently emphasized need to control diabetes and how it could be done through exercise and proper nutrition. He said obesity and general lack of exercise is a growing cause of diabetes in youths today. A little exercise and good eating habits can go a long way in controlling, if not preventing diabetes.

Days two, three and four began with an early rise at 6:30 a.m., followed by stretching and a sunrise fitness walk. The early walk promotes good blood circulation after a good night's rest and set the tone for the activities to come. Breakfast immediately followed the walk at 7:30 a.m.

Each day was arranged with different activities. On day two, the children took part in a ropes course. This course is designed to promote team effort and cooperation. Among the notable aspects of the course was the use of a balancing platform to demonstrate how team effort will enable a group of students to mount the platform without allowing it to tip too far to either side and touching the ground. Other exercises included the use of balance and mutual assistance to guide the participants through a series of logs without losing balance and falling off.

Later that day, there was a poster contest as well as indoor basketball, kickball and volleyball games.

Day three included the ropes course and interactive games. Later that day, the children commenced working on the soap box derby kits in preparation for the soap box derby scheduled to take place on Saturday. The goal was to create a car, to be worn by the contestant, as he or she raced along a path to the finish line.

Other activities, though not as physical, but just as important, were participating in discussions on coping with parents that use drugs, as well as the importance of preserving the environment, culture and traditions of the tribal community. Diabetes skits were conducted to illustrate the importance of a healthy diet and maintaining a healthy lifestyle to prevent and/or control diabetes.

On Saturday, after the usual fitness walk and breakfast, the group held an awards ceremony. Chairman Cypress was on hand to congratulate the kids for their participation in the program. Awards were given out on the following categories: Cleanest Cabin: Cabin 25, Dannie Tommie, Alanis Bowers, Cooper Rivers, Monique Jimmie, and Alexis Martin, with Clea Billie as chaperone; Loudest Cabin: Cabin 41, Catlen Tommie, Anthony Balantine, Jordan Rodriguez, Chebon Gooden-Harden, Jalen Cypress, Cody Motlow, Mario Osceola; On Time, All the Time: Cabin 35, Echo Wolf, Levi Billie, Andre Lardin, Justin Roff and Timothy Bearden; Soap Box Derby: Cabin 32, Ralph Sanchez Jr., Nelson McElroy, Jonathan Rodriguez, and Mark Arriaga; Poster Contest: Cabin 28, Josie Davis, Jessalyn

Balantine, Randi Willie, Lazara Marrero. The winning poster will be reproduced and will be on shirts for next year. Last year's winner was Nelson McElroy and shirts bearing his drawing will be given out to the children for this year.

Many thanks to the people who helped put this event together. Their efforts and dedication made the logistical aspects look easy.

The event was a success. All the children participated. The faster walkers and/or runners made sure to help the slower ones keep up. The children learned about exercise, nutrition, group participation and cooperation. They learned about their culture and how to promote and preserve it. Above all, the students learned, exercised, and above all, had fun.



Jaime Restrepo

Wellness camp attendees, including Rodni Katelyn Mercer, learned many valuable fitness techniques.

Dan and Leoda Osceola Celebrate 51 Years Together



Adelsa Williams

Four generations (L-R): Daughter Vivian Delgado, Dan Osceola, Leoda Osceola, Granddaughter Allison Osceola, and Great-Granddaughter Kaylan Osceola (front).

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — A will of love has brought Dan and Leoda Osceola to this day, where family and friends gathered to celebrate their 51st wedding anniversary. The special occasion took place on June 3 at the Council Oak Restaurant at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel.

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal as they shared laughs and tears of happiness, celebrating the beauty, gift, and blessing of Dan and Leoda's enduring love.

Dan made his way to each table to greet and thank everyone for attending the celebration, while Leoda spoke highly of her husband.

"He's a good man," she said, "We attend church, we sing; that's why the lord has helped us stay together."

Invitees congratulated the couple as they handed them gifts, while great grand daughter Kaylan Osceola gave the couple a back massage.

Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr. presented the couple with his and hers set of engraved gold Rolex® watches, as a token from The Seminole Tribe of Florida. Osceola spoke briefly, congratulating Dan

and Leoda for the 51 years of their lives together.

After dinner, invitees enjoyed dessert, along with cake provided by one of the couple's daughter, Vivian Delgado.

Tribal citizen Dan Osceola is a member of the Bird clan and his wife Leoda is from the Panther clan. As product of their love, the couple share five children, ten grand children and four great grand children, most of which were in attendance.



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Councilman Max Osceola Jr. (back) helps Leoda and Dan Osceola show off their beautiful anniversary gifts from The Seminole Tribe of Florida.

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Seminoles Get Schooled in Proper Etiquette at the Hard Rock Hotel

By Shelley Marmor
HOLLYWOOD — Celeste Jones, founder and director of the Elementary Etiquette Society in Palm Beach, Fla., believes most children do not exercise proper etiquette skills as much as they should. By etiquette, Jones means “social skills... people skills,” not just keeping elbows off the table, and being able to identify the salad fork versus the dinner fork.

She founded the Elementary Etiquette Society a decade ago, and has been teaching classes in the subject ever since. On Saturday and Sunday June 12–13, she and Elena Silenok, an instructor from the school, taught a class in proper etiquette at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel.

During the first session on Saturday, children ages four through eight in the first session, and 9–17-years-old in the second session, practiced skills including proper methods of introducing people at social events. Jones emphasizes that eye contact is the most important aspect of proper introductions, and informed the participants that women are always introduced first, followed by men.

Jones and Silenok also discussed table etiquette, including the proper way to fold a napkin—folding it corner-to-corner, leaving no seams showing—and the proper way to set a table. They conducted a relay race for the 4–8-year-olds, giving them an opportunity to learn kinesthetically, or learn by doing. According to Jones, this method of learning is necessary for teaching etiquette because “[etiquette’s] not



Brevon Cypress tries to remember what goes where during a relay race where the children had to correctly set a table.

skills will help people in every situation they apply to.

“They’re learning how to behave in certain situations so they are well-liked,” she said.

Day two of the etiquette classes, with 9–17-year-olds in the first session and 4–8-year-olds in the second session, dealt with everyday courtesies in public settings. These included: telephone and internet etiquette, classroom etiquette, proper etiquette on escalators and elevators and good sportsmanship. According to Jones, sportsmanship is the most important skill a person can have because it plays a part in every situation where people interact with others.

“It’s about playing the game of life,” Jones said. “It’s about how you play, not whether you win or lose.”

Jones emphasized that most people do teach these skills to children in the home, saying “we’re not trying to teach this, we’re reinforcing.” However, she noted that most children learn better with an actual instructor versus a

parent, grandparent or guardian. “Just like we send our children to school,” she said. “Children tend to be more responsive to an outside person.”

For more information on the Elementary Etiquette Society, please go to, www.eespb.com, or call (561) 582-8222.



(L-R) Elena Silenok and Celeste Jones from the Elementary Etiquette Society check Adahma Sirota’s work during the relay race.

innate, it’s a taught behavior... it’s not something we just know.”

The duo then taught their classes general etiquette skills including: poise and posture, proper entry and exit for rooms and cars and how to give off positive body language. According to Jones, these

Immokalee Library Holds Scrabble® Tournament

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — A good game of Scrabble® is not only a brain teaser but very rewarding. As a participant in the Scrabble® tournament held at the Immokalee reservation library on Tuesday May 25, each player came away a winner. There was cutting edge competition in each game regardless of age level and a lot of fun.

The pre-kindergarten tables were learning their letters, sounds and how they relate to each other.

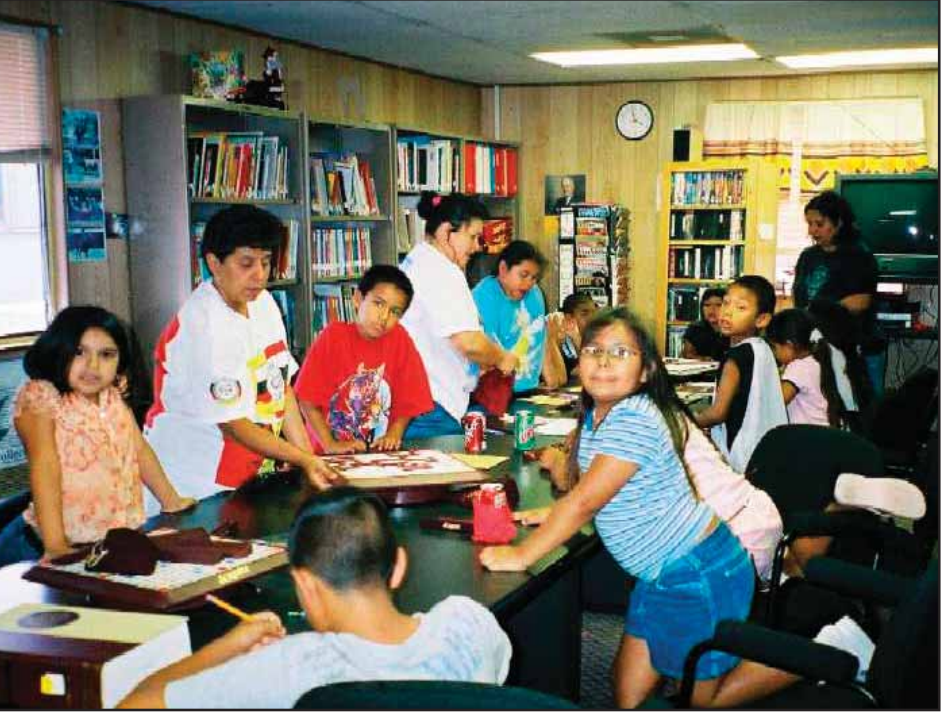
Librarian Cris Marrero, Coordinator of Higher Education Norita Yzaguirre and Assistant Angie Arreguin set up the games, supervised the play and tabulated the final scores. They each hovered around the tables, verifying or discrediting words and stimulating the players with encouragement.

None of this would have been possible without the generous sponsorship of the Immokalee recreation department. Everyone was very grateful to them and hoped that there would be more of these tournaments in the not too distant future. These competitions provide good companionship, as well as language skills and word development. The human brain benefits from exercise in much the same way that our bodies are rewarded by physical activities.

The number of entrants in each category determined how many tables were in play. Winners were rewarded through fourth place at each table. Play started immediately after school and continued into the evening. Refreshments were available throughout the tournament and included pizza, chicken wings and soda. If you ask the

players, they will tell you that good food builds healthy minds.

First place winners at each table were as follows: Pre-kindergarten: Damion Escobar and Chelsey Alvarado; Kindergarten–first grade: Damian Frank and Laurissa Delarosa; second–fifth grade: Beth McElroy, Aaron Alvarado, Julissa Arreguin, and Joel Arreguin; middle school–high school: Jonathan Rodriguez, Anthony Hernandez, Frankie Marrero and Lazara Marrero; all around champion: Lazara Marrero; junior all around champion: Damian Frank.



Children of all ages enjoyed playing in the Scrabble® tournament.

Kindergarten through first grade were building easy words, as well as learning the point value of each letter and the basic math of scoring. By second through fifth grade, the challenge was apparent as they worked hard to use up difficult letters like Q. These could cost them a lot of points if they were caught holding any when the final scores were tabulated.

Middle school through high school brought out the big guns. For many of the contestants, it meant new words with new meanings. Of course, there were the inevitable questions, “Is that really a word?” and “Prove it.”

A Fun-Filled Day at the Tampa Renaissance Festival

By Suzette Henry
TAMPA — I attended the Renaissance Festival in Tampa about 10 or 11 times with my sister Linda and a good friend Regina. It was like stepping back in time as we entered the door. There were lots of exciting entertainments, from funny comedy skits to fun games to play, and of course, lots of different delicious food to enjoy.

Vendors also featured beautiful arts and crafts for sale, including jewelry, candles, clothes and leather. All beautifully handmade. There were even elephant, camel and pony rides. A friend from Kissimmee had a lovely wedding ceremony at the festival.

At the Renaissance Festival, visitors see and meet interesting people and characters, like Peter Pan looking for his Tinkerbell, which I had to assure him I wasn’t his Tinkerbell. And a pirate, who wanted to buy both my sister Linda and I, but we convinced him he couldn’t afford us. I did have the pleasure of meeting and talking to pirates Johnny “Captain Jack Sparrow” O’Kelly and his friend James M. “Quarter Master Yellowbeard” Gibson.

I found out Johnny and James are two very special guys. Pirates with hearts of gold. They travel to different places and make appearances by request. They especially love doing children’s charities. They told me they go by the old pirate’s motto “take everything and give nothing back.” But it seems to me they give back a lot more than they take. So, if you need some awesome pirates at your next party, contact Johnny “Captain Jack Sparrow” O’Kelly and James M.

“Quarter Master Yellowbeard” Gibson. You won’t be disappointed.

My favorite entertainment was the black-heart jousting show. Besides having two knights on awesome horses jousting, you also have swordfights and other weapons. They beat each other up with. Just Kidding; well, sort of. They put on exciting and funny show. It was enjoyable meeting the talented group from their jousting company.

I got to know the two Brians (handsome devils). Brian Hughes has been in the business for 11 years and Brian Fertal came out of retirement of six years to do the show. After the show, they stayed around to greet the guests and answer their questions or just to chat with them, still wearing their heavy suit of armor in the very hot sun. I could see they were hot and uncomfortable in those armors. But they were such troopers to take their time to talk and pose for pictures. Brian H and Brian F as well as the other cast were truly charming gentlemen, just like the knights in shining armor.

Sunday April 18, was the last day for the festival until next year. Which was also sad day for me; for I had to say so long to my new friends I had made over the event. I’m going to miss them. But we

exchanged addresses and phone numbers, so I’m sure we’ll all keep in touch until we see each other again.

Their next stop is Southern California. I wished them all a safe journey. It was a blast while it lasted. I’m looking forward for next year, same time, same place.



(L-R) James M. “Quarter Master Yellowbeard” Gibson, Suzette Henry, and Johnny “Captain Jack Sparrow” O’Kelly having a good time at the Tampa Renaissance Festival.

Photo courtesy of Suzette Henry

Christian Hip-Hop Concert Delivers Message of Faith



The “Devine Souljahs” perform hip-hop with help from the audience.

By Kenny Bayon, C.F.T
HOLLYWOOD — They call themselves The Devine Souljahs, and their spiritual message is a clear one. Three musical performers, two brothers, rapped a positive spiritual message to Seminole citizens and their family and friends on Saturday night, June 6 at the Seminole gym.

The format was a hip-hop music mixed with spiritual Christian themes in their raps. During the breaks, an ex-college athlete spoke to the friendly crowd about how life was great one day, and all of a sudden a physical injury causing excruciating pain when he blew out his knee, and was hospitalized. He was so depressed from this tragic event he asked God for help. He recovered slowly from his injury and dedicated his life to the Lord by preaching to kids about the dangers and struggles in our lives.

They kept up their hip-hop rants and rhymes, urging the crowd, to the loud bass beat, rumbling throughout the gym from out in center court. They shouted lyrics like “Thanking the Lord,

Jesus Christ” to a steady modern beat. The crowd responded with chants of “turn it up!”

Suddenly the music stopped, as the performers shouted out, “Freeze!” Everyone in the audience started to applaud to the heavy rap beat. The Devine Souljahs continued with more raps about how they had reached the lowest points in their lives and they were able to recover from these difficult times when they found the Lord to help them.

The lyrics and music were by Smuve and the Preacha, the two brothers. They performed their song “Its time to go to War,” and enchanted the fans. Rhyming and jiving lyrics including “...yes, we motivators, yes we educators,” they shouted in unison over and over to the big bass beat.

More ex-jocks spoke about how they self-destructed and finally found the Lord to help them down the righteous path. Miami Dolphins General Manager, Rick Spielman, was an invited guest speaker at the event.

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Big Cypress Health Department Offers Nutrition and Diet Tips

By Jaime Restrepo
BIG CYPRESS — On June 15, Helene Buster, of the Big Cypress health department, organized a special lunchtime class at the senior center for the benefit of the seniors and all other interested persons. This is part of a “Lunch and Learn” series throughout the reservations.

The topic of the day was nutrition and diet. The special guest speaker was Karen Gauci, a nutritionist with clientele throughout South Florida, who illustrated the differences between processed foods and natural foods.

Throughout her lecture, she emphasized the importance of whole foods, fiber and complex carbohydrates, along with exercise and fitness, as a means to naturally controlling diabetes. She said processed foods contribute to high sugar levels in the body, thus causing the over production of insulin to counteract the sugar. Although a person gets a quick burst of energy after consuming high sugar/processed foods, the insulin eventually overcomes the sugar effect, leaving the person more tired than before he or she consumed the junk food. This information, along with other valuable lessons, is available to all community members.

A better approach to good eating is to consume more complex foods that are harder to digest, so that they digest at a constant, slow rate, to allow for the proper production of hormones and chemicals associated with proper diet and digestion. Eating foods with fiber assist in the reduction of waste products in the body, contributes to healthier skin, and to a

more effective natural control of diabetes. Eating healthy does not mean you have to give up your favorite foods either. All it takes is a little moderation and knowing when enough is enough.

Obesity has rapidly become a primary cause of diabetes, even in children. The fundamentals of



Guest speaker Karen Gauci and nutritionist Jeanne Hatfield giving a presentation on healthy eating.

good health begin with a proper diet and exercise. Exercise can be as simple as a walk around the block, taking up an athletic sport or hobby, going swimming, and even moderate weight training. The most important thing is to get up off the couch and do something.

For more information on good health and diet, you can contact the health department at (863) 983-5151. The staff will be more than happy to assist you in maintaining good health.

Weight Loss Programs in Brighton Motivate Dieters

By Susan Etxebarria
BRIGHTON — The Weight Loss Program in Brighton is one-year-old and the Brighton Recreation Department awards participants who lose the most weight during each three month cycle. This last cycle ended Friday June 18, and the participants were able to weigh in for the next three month cycle the same day. They will be weighed again on September 17.

The Brighton Health Clinic has monitored the weigh-in and weigh-out since the inception. Beth Skinner, the clinic's nutritionist, offers counseling and nutritional education to the dieters. She says the key to weight loss is “not to be on a diet but to make

lifestyle changes.”

Skinner, who has a degree in nutrition and is a nationally registered nutritionist, says counseling services are free to tribal citizens and the dieters are encouraged to take advantage of the program that is normally \$50-\$75 at private clinics in the cities.

Skinner has three tips for anyone hoping to lose weight. They are: add more fruit and vegetables to your daily diet, drink more water, and add more movement—at least 30 minutes a day of exercise.

There have been approximately 50 people who have participated during each three-month cycle. This cycle there were 63 entries.



Photo courtesy of the Brighton Health Department

Diabetic Fun Day participants in front of the Museum of Discovery and Science in Ft. Lauderdale. (L-R, top row) Beth Skinner, Onnie Osceola, Holly Billie, Mary Johns, Wonder Johns, Bessie Tommie, (L-R, bottom row) Agnes Jumper and Barbara Boling.

Brighton Citizens Enjoy Diabetic Fun Day

By Holly Billie

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL —

The Brighton Diabetic Fun Day was enjoyable and extremely educational. Arrangements were made for our group to visit the Museum of Discovery and Science in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

We had the opportunity to spend a lot of time at the Seminole exhibit where all the tribal citizens in our group recognized the enlarged photos on display. Many photos were of family members, camps, where they spent their childhoods, and pictures of historical events important to the Seminole people.

Each group member posed for their own picture next to an exhibit piece that was meaningful to them. We also enjoyed watching an IMAX® movie titled “Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West.” The movie was also sponsored by the Seminole Tribe.

The activities were followed by healthy eating. While dining at Subway®, our dietitian, Beth Skinner, explained the importance of not grabbing all the low carb foods that are being marketed, but to carefully consider the ingredients of our sandwich choices.

Healthy food choices can be made in most restaurants and food spots and should not prevent diabetics from joining the gang and having fun.

For more information on Diabetic Fun Day, please contact your reservation clinic staff.



Barbara Boling

(L-R) Onnie Osceola and Agnes Jumper on Diabetic Fun Day.

Seminole Police Department Crime Statistics

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Classification of Offenses	Total Number of Offenses	Total Value Property Stolen	Total Arrests	JUVENILES		ADULTS		RACE			
				Male	Female	Male	Female	Caucasian	Black	American Indian	Asian
Murder											
Sex Offense	2	0									
Robbery											
Aggravated Battery	4		3			1	2		1	2	
Battery	26		18			14	4	9	4	5	
Burglary	3	\$4010									
Larceny	33	\$21993	8			2	6	7			1
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		Male	Female	Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian	Asian
DUI	3			2	1	2		1	
Stolen Property									
Weapons Violation	1			1		1			
Liquor Law Violation									
Miscellaneous	18			13	5	15	1	2	
Drugs (Possession / Sale)	22			19	3	19	1	2	

Narcotics Confiscated During Arrests		
Drug Type	Amount	Value
Marijuana (grams)	45.5	\$178
Cocaine (grams)	5.05	\$425
Crack Cocaine (grams)	4	\$380
Alprazolam / Xanax (pills)	20.5	\$505
Oxycodone (pills)		
Oxycontin (pills)		
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Other Narcotics (pills)		



Barbara Boling

Bessie Tommie stands in front of the Museum of Science and Discovery's Seminole exhibit.

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Ft. Pierce Welcomes New Social Worker

By Holly Billie
FT. PIERCE — Born in Birmingham, England, Jacqueline Isles is now happy to call Florida her home. In February of 2004, Isles joined the family services staff in the Ft. Pierce office.

She received her bachelor's degree from Coventry University in England and her master's degree from Webster University in Florida.

"We are so happy to have our own social worker," said Margaret Wilcox and Jane Stockton.

Ft. Pierce not only welcomed Isles with open arms, but also her family, who recently visited from England.

"My family came to my graduation and many tribal citizens joined us in our celebration," said Isles. "My family returned home with the knowledge of how happy I am in America and how wonderful the Seminole people have been to me."

If you would like to visit Isles at the family services office, please stop by or call her at (772) 467-2454, Ext. 103. The office is located at 4150 E. Okeechobee Road, across from the old Orange Blossom Mall.



Jacqueline Isles is a welcome addition to the Ft. Pierce family services team.

Anne E. Stephenson Joins the Team at Seminole Family Services

By Anne Stephenson
HOLLYWOOD — Hi everyone. My name is Anne E. Stephenson. I have recently become a part of the Seminole family services team as a counselor.

Prior to being a family counselor, I was a pre-school teacher for eight years. I love working with children and their families. I am married and have an 8-year-old daughter. I love going to the beach, taking bike rides, being with my family and playing with the family Labrador retriever puppy, Buddy.

I have more than five years of experience working with children, couples and families.

I taught classes at Florida State University and I was a counselor for three years, serving the students and the community in Tallahassee, Fla.

I have provided supportive counseling and parenting education to families with children experiencing behavior problems at home or at school. I have also provided supportive guidance to persons experiencing problems with self-esteem, family relationships, and sexual and physical abuse.



(L-R) Anne Stephenson and Sandy Murugan at the Hollywood Family Services booth.

I hold a master's degree in social work, with a specialization in family social work from Florida State University, and I am currently working on a doctorate from Florida State University.

It is an honor to be a part of The Seminole Tribe of Florida, and I look forward to meeting everyone in the community. Please feel free to stop by my office with questions or concerns, or call me at (954) 964-6338.

Hollywood Family Services Booth

By Sandy Murugan and Anne Stephenson
HOLLYWOOD — On June 1, the Hollywood family services team was at it again. The Family Services' outreach booth was set up in the auditorium of the Hollywood tribal headquarters building focusing on a very serious and important subject to the Seminole community: HIV/AIDS and teen pregnancy.

The booth featured a display on HIV/AIDS that encouraged tribal citizens to reach out and ask questions that they wanted answered about HIV/AIDS and teen pregnancy. The family services staff provided an informative video about HIV/AIDS awareness and handed out information on HIV/AIDS and teen pregnancy.

In addition, the family services staff enjoyed having tribal citizens stop by to get information for themselves or their family, or to pick up a cool beverage or a piece of fresh fruit.

Booth participants were interested in the following two questions about HIV/AIDS: What should I know about HIV/AIDS?; and, Is HIV/AIDS education provided in the schools?

Please stay tuned for next month's very exciting theme, Coping with Life Transitions. We will be in the auditorium on July 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please feel free to stop by and join us and pick up a free gift. All of the family services staff looks forward to seeing you.

In the Mood for Some Summertime Fun?

Submitted by Ed Ventures
Summertime was made for adventures. Although kids want to have fun, parents want them to get a little education too. Between swimming, canoeing, hiking, snorkeling, campfires and recreational games, what more could any kid ask for in an adventure? But did you realize all these activities are also teaching youth while they have fun?

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Cost of camp: \$195 per week, if the balance is paid by July 9; \$220 per week, if the balance paid between July 10-26.

Seminole Tribe Youth Athletic League Summer Games

Submitted by the Big Cypress Recreation Department
Date: Wednesday July 14
Time: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Where: Big Cypress Indian Reservation, ball field
10 a.m. Opening ceremony
10:15 a.m.-12 p.m. Punt, pass, and kick
12 p.m.-1 p.m. Lunch

1 p.m.-2 p.m. Tug of war
2 p.m.-3 p.m. 40-yard dash
3 p.m.-4 p.m. Softball throw
4 p.m. Closing ceremony, medals and trophy presentations

For further information please contact the Big Cypress recreation department at (863) 983-9659.

What the Seminole Tribal Community Should Know About HIV/AIDS

By Anne Stephenson and Sandy Murugan
The theme of the family services booth this month was HIV/AIDS education. This article is a response to the questions of tribal citizens who stopped by the booth.

What is HIV?
HIV is the acronym for human immunodeficiency virus, a retrovirus that infects certain white blood cells called helper T cells (CD4+ cells). HIV infection leads to progressive deterioration of the body's immune system and causes acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, or AIDS.

What is AIDS?
AIDS stands for acquired immune deficiency syndrome. HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, causes AIDS. HIV attacks the immune system, the body's defense against disease.

How does HIV develop into AIDS?
Contracting HIV is not the same as having AIDS. It usually takes years for the virus to wear down a person's immune system. When this happens, all kinds of deadly infections seize the opportunity to infect the body. Only at this point—when a person's immune system is weakened enough for these "opportunistic" infections to attack—does a person have AIDS.

Does HIV always result in AIDS?
Without treatment, HIV infection nearly always leads to AIDS. How long this takes varies from person to person. It depends on many factors: age and general health, co-infection with other diseases, nutrition, genetic makeup, and the aggressiveness of the HIV strain with which a person is infected.

Is there a cure for HIV?
Even with treatment, there is no cure for HIV infection. A person with the HIV infection will carry the virus for the rest of his or her life. This means they can infect other people through unsafe sex or needle sharing. Anti-HIV treatment usually keeps HIV in check for a very long time. Treatment isn't easy or cheap. These expensive drugs have to be taken every single day for the rest of a person's life. Side effects are common. Despite these problems, modern AIDS therapy keeps most people AIDS-free for many years.

How could I contract HIV?
There are many ways to contract HIV. Two of the most common methods include: unprotected sex and needle sharing, however, there are other ways.

Unprotected sex: This means vaginal or anal intercourse without a condom or oral sex without a latex barrier. Oral sex—even without a condom or latex barrier—is far less risky than unprotected vaginal or anal sex.

Sharing a needle: The most common way people contract HIV by

needle sharing is by injecting drugs or steroids. There have also been a few reported cases in which someone contracts HIV when getting a tattoo or body piercing.

Being born to a mother with HIV: A baby can also get HIV from the breast milk of an infected woman.

Blood transfusion: In the 1980s, many people became HIV positive after receiving blood from a person with HIV. However, blood donation centers now test for HIV, so this is now very unlikely in the U.S. and Western Europe.

How do I find out if I have HIV?
HIV testing is the only sure way to know whether you have HIV infection. People at risk of infection should consider getting tested. You can get tested at the Seminole Health Clinic, by your doctor, or the local health department.

Will my kids learn about HIV/AIDS in school?
Yes, the Broward County Public School system educates kids, starting in second grade, about HIV/AIDS awareness. In elementary school, it is part of general health education. HIV/AIDS facts are taught in science class in middle school. In high school, HIV/AIDS prevention education is included in a life management skills class that is required for graduation.

Questions to Ask Your Doctor Regarding HIV/AIDS

By Anne Stephenson and Sandy Murugan
For people who think they may have been exposed to HIV:

1. Should I have an HIV test?
2. How can I protect myself against HIV infection?

For people who test positive for HIV:

1. How can I keep from passing my HIV infection to others?
2. Who can help me deal with my feelings?
3. How much experience do you have treating people with HIV infection?
4. What do all these medical tests mean? How often should I be tested?
5. Should I start taking anti-HIV drugs? Why?
6. What side effects can I expect from anti-HIV treatment? How can you help me deal with these side effects?
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Brighton Students Receive Awards

By Emma Brown
BRIGHTON — Another year has come and gone leaving behind lasting memories of the passing school year. The Brighton education department is extremely proud of all of their students and wishes to recognize the following students on



Principal Dixon presents Brydgett Koontz with a math superstar award.

award received at their school. Have a great summer and keep up the good work!

Seminole Elementary:

Participation Award: Kindergarten-Ruben Burgess, Michael Garcia, CW Ortiz, Immillakiyo Osceola, Donovan Osceola, Yopalakiyo Osceola, Kelton Smedley, Donavin Tiger.

Chief's Award: First Grade-Deliah Carrillo, Larissa Cortez, Lewis Gopher, Anthony Johns, Deandre Osceola; Second Grade-Kiylier Baker, Dylan Chalfant, Jessi Osceola, Acealyn Youngblood; Third Grade-Phillip Jones, Kayla Nelson, Janet Smith; Fourth Grade-Tyler Harjochee; Fifth Grade-Janae Braswell, Mary Johns, Kristina Osceola, Eric Robinson.

Accelerated Reader: First Grade-Lewis Gopher, Rayven Smith.
Perfect Attendance: Kindergarten-Ashlee Gopher; First Grade-Lewis Gopher; Third Grade-Wade Micco.

Math Super Star: Kindergarten-Robert Fudge, Ashlee Gopher, Chastity Harmon, Harley Johns, Brydgett Koontz, Joshua Madrigal, Lahna Sedatol, Jayce Smith, Elizabeth Johns, Trista Osceola, Lanie Sedatol, Jerry Smith.

Scout Award: First Grade-Deveon Jones, Brittany Oakes, Royce Osceola, Dezmon Shore, Rayven Smith; Second Grade-Dylan Chalfant; Third Grade-Jaryaca Baker, Wade Micco; Fourth Grade-Stormin Youngblood; Fifth Grade-Ravenne Osceola.

"A" Honor Roll in Reading and Math All Year: First Grade-Lewis Gopher, Anthony Johns.
Terrific Kids: Fourth Grade-Tyler Harjochee.

Student Council: Jessi Osceola, Phillip Jones, Kristina Osceola.

First Indian Baptist Church:

"A" Honor Roll: Ashton Baxley, Lois Billie, Trina Bowers, Marilee Johns, Kalgary Johns (all year), Kaley Riley, Marshall Tommie.

"A/B" Honor Roll: Ashton Baxley, Paul Billie, Lois Billie, Trina Bowers, Matthew DeHass,

Taylor Johns, Marilee Johns, Bo Parker, Kaley Riley, Jennifer Tommie, Marshall Tommie.

Attendance: Ashton Baxley, Lois Billie, Missy Huff, Marilee Johns, Justin Osceola, Bo Parker, Jennifer Tommie, Marshall Tommie.

BUG Award: Dalton Bert, Leanna Billie, Shanda Cypress, Matthew DeHass, Missy Huff, Jaron Johns, Dayne Johns, Dewell Johns, Justin Osceola, Jennifer Tommie, Marshall Tommie, Melody Urbina.

Kiwanis:
Cierra Baker, Ashton Baxley, Dalton Bert, Reese Bert, Damen Bert, Paul Billie, Lois Billie, Brandon Billie, Shaun Billie, Troy Billie, Leanna Billie, Clint Bowers, Trina Bowers, Shanda Cypress, Eric Cypress, Matthew DeHass, Elisabeth DeHass, Nathan Gopher, Missy Huff, Jaron Johns, Dayne Johns, Taylor Johns, Dewell Johns, Marilee Johns, Kalgary Johns, Spawn Loudermilk, Amanda Madison, Justin Osceola, Randel Osceola, Samuel Osceola, Bo Parker, Clarissa Randolph, Kaley Riley, Jennifer Tommie, Marshall Tommie, Dixie Tommie, Nikki Urbina, Melody Urbina.

Semester Honor Roll: Lois Billie, Kalgary Johns. School Spirit: Kalgary Johns.

South Elementary:

Desiree Snow: four Terrific Kids personal best, two reading Eagle pins, music award, student of the month.

McKayla Snow: Terrific Kid, two write-on computer time, two music, two completing on the job.

Central Elementary:

Alicia Nunez: President of the United States 2004 Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, all year honor roll, math achievement award, outstanding leadership and service award for student council, perfect attendance, merit award for safety patrol, talent show award.

Stevie Brantley: All year honor roll, math achievement award, talent show award, student council award, panther pals award, citizenship award certificate of achievement for outstanding writing performance.

Moore Haven Elementary:

Courtney Gore: All year honor roll.
Kailin Brown: President of the United States 2004 Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, top reader award in accelerated reading program, all year honor roll, math award.

Lakeview Christian School:

Talon Youngman: Certificate of achievement in reading and Bible.

St. Joseph Catholic School:

Quinnton Tiger: Honor roll, good citizenship.

Joshua Tiger: Citizenship award, handwriting award, reading award, math/spelling award.

Osceola Middle School:

Shelby Huff: Principal's Award.

Liaison Richard Henry, and Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith praised Henry and Simmons on all their accomplishments and rewarded them with gifts.

Although Louise Gopher, Brighton education director, could not make it, Emma Brown was there to read a letter from Gopher that commended the graduates on their hard work and encouraged them to further their education.

The night ended with everyone enjoying cake while listening to music and playing games. Congratulations graduates on a job well done!

Tampa Students Linda Jane Henry and Keith Mitchell Simmons II Graduate

By Andrea Holata

TAMPA — On June 15, community members, family and friends gathered in the ballroom of the Tampa Hard Rock Hotel & Casino to celebrate Linda Jane Henry and Keith Mitchell Simmons II's high school graduation.

Henry is the daughter of Richard and Colleen Henry of Tampa and Simmons is the son of Keith and Myra Simmons of Brandon, Fla.

The night started off with everyone treated to a delicious bar-becue style buffet prepared by the Hard Rock staff. Afterwards, Tampa



Proud graduates (L-R) Linda Jane Henry and Keith Mitchell Simmons II.

Tampa Community Congratulates Linda Jane Henry and Keith Mitchell Simmons II

By Danny Santiago, Education Department Assistant

TAMPA — Congratulations go out to Linda Jane Henry and Keith Mitchell Simmons II for graduating high school.

Linda Jane plans on traveling and getting into the photography field. Mitchell plans on enrolling into college to further his education. Here's wishing them both well.

Incentive Award Notice

The Brighton Incentive Awards Program will be held on Friday September 17, at 10:30 a.m. outside of the Brighton education department (weather permitting). This is the first teacher's workday of the 2004-2005 school year for Okeechobee County. Lunch will be served immediately following the program. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the education department at (863) 763-3572.



Photo courtesy of Emma Brown

Brighton Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) members attended the school board meeting to honor Okeechobee County's School Superintendent Phobe Raulerson. (L-R, front row) Robbie Billie, Nancy Shore, Jenny Shore, Alice Sweat, Louise Gopher, Shelly Walker, (L-R, back row) Charlotte Burgess, Yvonne Calhoun, Superintendent Phobe Raulerson and Emma Brown.

Brighton PAC Honors Superintendent Raulerson

By Emma Brown

OKEECHOBEE, FL — On Tuesday June 8, Director of Education Louise Gopher, Brighton Education Advisor Emma Brown and members of the Brighton Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) attended an Okeechobee County School Board meeting. They attended this meeting on behalf of Superintendent Phoebe Raulerson who will be retiring from the Okeechobee County School system on June 30.

Superintendent Raulerson has had more than 30 years of service with the Okeechobee County school system as a teacher, principal and superintendent. Raulerson has been very instrumental in the welfare of Seminole students attending the Okeechobee County School system. She has always supported the tribe 100 percent and was an integral component to the implementation of the Brighton Pull-Out program.

Not only has she been a support line to the tribe's education department, but she has also become a special friend to many students and parents of the

Brighton Community. Brighton Education Advisor Emma Brown, presented Superintendent Raulerson with a letter from Chairman Mitchell Cypress commending her for her valuable support to the students of the Brighton Community.

Brown also presented Raulerson with a gold tribal emblem medallion on behalf of the chairman's office. Education Director Louise Gopher spoke to the audience about the years of support Raulerson has given to the parents and students of Brighton and how she has been an invaluable part of student and the education's department success for many years.

On behalf of the Brighton PAC, Gopher presented the superintendent with a trip to Hawaii. This gift was purchased by the Brighton PAC with money earned through parent fundraising. Superintendent Raulerson was left speechless by the appreciation of the education department and members of the Brighton PAC committee, and we only hope that we were able to give back a little of what she has given to our students during the past three years.

Battiest Children Graduate from Kindergarten

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — On May 28, Coral and Turquoise Battiest graduated from kindergarten at Hollywood Christian School in Hollywood. They are now ready to enter first grade next year.

Big brother Spencer Battiest will enter eighth grade next year at Hollywood Christian as well. Congratulations to the Battiest children; keep up the great work!



Oliver Wareham

Spencer Battiest stands behind his two younger sisters, Turquoise (left) and Coral.

Jackie Willie Graduates Kindergarten

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — Jackie Willie graduated from kindergarten at Hollywood Christian School. The five-year-old is excited to enter first grade in the fall. Congratulations Jackie!



Oliver Wareham

Mom Kim Willie with graduate Jackie Willie.

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Adelsa Williams
Dale Brown (left) defeated Robert Daniels in the main event match.



Adelsa Williams
As soon as the bell rang, Juan Urango (left) and Sergey Sorokin came out swinging from their respective corners.

Boxing

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10-round heavyweight battle between Ramon Garbey from Miami, Fla. 17-3 (6 KOs) and Kendrick Releford from Fort Worth, Texas 9-4-1 (5 KOs).

The highlight of the match was when Garbey took many hard punches from Releford during the fifth round and just stood still, no reacted movement, making the crowd get louder and louder in cheers, trying to motivate Garbey to snap out of it. Garbey somehow managed to make a comeback by the end of the round. Still, Releford beat Garbey by a unanimous decision.

In other bouts, Julius Long from Michigan 10-5 (10 KOs) defeated Nicolay Popov from Ekaterinburg, Russia 12-0 (6 KOs) by technical knockout in the sixth round.

What was scheduled to be a four round match, quickly ended on the first round as Warrior's welterweight Kili Scott Madrid, from Maui, Hawaii easi-

ly defeated Tomas Subiul from Miami, Fla., by TKO, despite the intense verbal threats the two fighters exchanged during the weigh in.

Last but not least, Colombia's Juan Urango 12-0 (10 KOs) defeated Russia's Sergey Sorokin 15-0-1(10 KOs) by unanimous decision. Sorokin showed much resistance, taking all six rounds of Urango's stiff punches, getting knocked down in the third round. By defeating Sorokin, Urango managed to keep his undefeated record intact.

Peter Kahn, director of marketing and public relations for Warrior's Boxing Promotions commented that he was extremely pleased that there was a sold out crowd, and that the live broadcast reached over 90 million households, making this a huge success.

"Is great exposure for Warrior's and The Seminole Tribe of Florida," said Kahn, "The Hard Rock did a first class job and we're looking forward to the arena being completed [at the Hard Rock] to accommodate all the fans."



Adelsa Williams
Miami Dolphins' defensive end Jason Taylor (left) stops for a quick picture with tribal citizen Eugenia Osceola.

Bowling Results from the Seminole Tribe's Fifth Annual Sports Festival

Submitted by Big Cypress Recreation

Men's Singles

1. Parker Jones, 737; 2. Leon Wilcox Jr., 652; 3. Marcy Osceola, 623; 4. Matthew Thomas, 619; 5. Andre Jumper, 609.

Pernell Bert, 608; Kevin Tommie, 605; John Madrigal, 605; Alvin Buster, 596; Blake Osceola, 595; Merle Billie, 594; Duane Jones, 593; Moses Osceola, 570; Elbert Snow, 566; Elton Shore, 564; Emery Fish, 561; Bobby Frank, 532; David Jumper, 526; Amos Billie, 523; Jerome Davis, 517; Floyd Evans, 515; Neil Baxley, 509; Roger Smith, 480; Danny Jones, 478.

Women's Singles

1. Mary Wilcox, 597; 2. Mahala Madrigal, 583; 3. Wendi Juarez, 574; 4. Patricia Wilcox, 543; 5. Diane Smith, 521, Salina Dorgan, 521.

Stacy Jones, 519; Alfreda Muskett, 507; Mary Tigertail, 507; Erin Buster, 503; Gaylene Evans, 500; Rosetta Bowers, 500; Sherri Jumper, 492; Amanda Smith, 489; Myra Jumper, 482; Terri Frank, 481; Trisha Osceola, 474; Alma Johns, 466; Monica Johns, 454; Rose Jones, 450; Joyce Jumper, 397; Farrah Jones, 396.

Men's Doubles

1. Justin Osceola and Alvin Buster, 1299; 2. Kevin Tommie and Merle Billie, 1298; 3. Alvin Buster and Andre Jumper, 1287; 4. Kevin Tommie and Leon Wilcox, 1274; 5. Issiah Billie and Amos Billie, 1241.

Elton Shore and John Madrigal, 1239; Roger Smith and Marcy Osceola, 1210; Derrick Thomas and John Madrigal, 1189; Roger Smith and Marcy Osceola, 1188; Parker Jones and Danny Jones, 1167; Neil Baxley and Merle Billie, 1165; Leon Wilcox and Jerome Davis, 1126; Amos Billie and Elbert Snow, 1049; Amos Billie and Andre Jumper, 1010.

Women's Doubles

1. Mary Wilcox and Patricia Wilcox, 1134; 2. Trisha Osceola and Mary Osceola, 1131; 3. Mary Tigertail and Myra Jumper, 1019; 4. Trisha Osceola and Diane Smith, 1004; 5. Wendi Juarez and Salina Dorgan, 998.

Sherri Jumper and Alfreda Muskett, 981; Erin Buster and Denise

Billie, 939; Sherri Jumper and Erin Buster, 929; Mahala Madrigal and Amanda Smith, 980.

Mixed Doubles-Teams of two

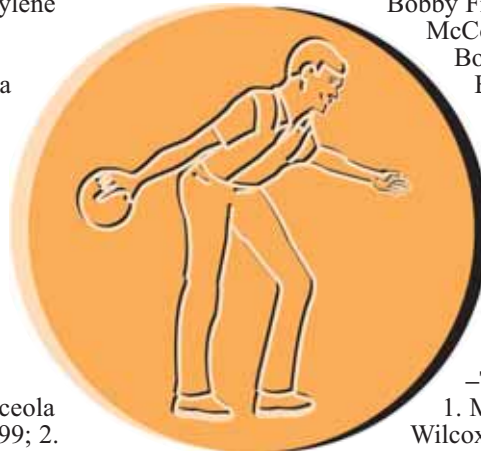
1. Patricia Wilcox and Blake Osceola, 1223; 2. Alfreda Muskett and Amos Billie, 1166; 3. Jacki Thompson and Andre Jumper, 1161; 4. Mahala Madrigal and John Madrigal, 1149; 5. Mary Wilcox and Kevin Tommie, 1144.

Trisha Osceola and Mary Osceola, 1131; Alma Johns and David Jumper, 1123; Mary Osceola and Jimmie Osceola, 1103; Mary Tigertail and Delwin McCowan, 1103; Moses Osceola and Mary Jo Micco, 1101; Stacy Jones and Duane Jones, 1090; Leon Wilcox and Rosetta Bowers, 1080; Diane Smith and Roger Smith, 1072; Erin Buster and Alvin Buster, 1065; Patricia Wilcox and Kevin Tommie, 1064; Alfreda Muskett and Moses Billie, 1064; Maydell Osceola and Eric Osceola, 1060; Monica Johns and Emery Fish, 1056; Terry Frank and Bobby Frank, 1033; Delwin McCowan and Rosetta Bowers, 1003; Denise Billie and Terri Frank, 1000; Joyce Jumper and Archie Johns, 987; Gaylene Evans and Floyd Evans, 942; Farrah Johns and Elton Shore, 921; Mary Jo Micco and Parker Jones, 918.

Mixed Doubles -Teams of four

1. Mary Wilcox, Patricia Wilcox, Kevin Tommie and Blake Osceola, 2483; 2. Mahala Madrigal, John Madrigal, Amanda Smith and Matthew Thomas, 2311; 3. Alvin Buster, Erin Buster, Sherri Jumper and Amos Billie, 2178; 4. Monica Johns, Joyce Jumper, Emery Fish and Alvin Buster, 2177; 5. Jackie Thompson, Stacy Jones, Duane Jones and Andre Jumper, 2171.

Erin Buster, Alvin Buster, Alfreda Muskett and Amos Billie, 2161; Diane Smith, Terry Hahn, Neil Baxley and Pernell Bert, 2102; Amos Billie, Denise Billie, Jerry Balentine and Terry Frank, 2079; Maydell Osceola, Mary G. Osceola, Eric Osceola and Jimmie Osceola, 2047; Terri Frank, Bobby Frank, Mary Jo Micco and Merle Billie, 2008; Rose Jones, Parker Jones, Farrah Jones and Elton Shore, 1976; Amanda Smith, Farrah Jones, Matthew Thomas and Elton Shore, 1953; Trisha Osceola, Diane Smith, Roger Smith and Marcy Osceola, 1859.



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Coach Terry Tartsha (left) awards the game ball to Cameron Osceola.

Seminole T-Ball All-Stars play in Hollywood Tournament

By Felix DoBosz
HOLLYWOOD — On Saturday June 12, the Seminole T-Ball All-Stars played like all-stars, defeating Hallandale T-Ball, 34-10. Now it was time to take on the vaunted Driftwood All-Stars. Unfortunately, they defeated the Seminole team, 15-2 in the fourth inning.

Seminole T-Ball All-Stars Coach Terry Tartsah yelled encouraging words to his little ball players as they struggled to beat the Driftwood T-ball team at Walnut Creek baseball field on Monday June 14. The All-Stars tried as hard as they could as their family members and friends yelled out to them to play harder and get some hits.

Coach Terry tried his best to get the little players set-up on the T-ball to knock in some runs, but the Driftwood all-star team was really playing well, and it was getting harder for the youngsters to catch up in the later innings.

Brady Latchford had on a big black catcher’s mask that seemed to swallow up his entire head. He turned to his mother from behind the plate and asked; “Can I get some more lollipops?”

“C’mon now, watch the ball and hit it,” said Coach Terry to his players. “You’ve got to run now and hustle, you hear!” as another ball cracked into the outfield for a hit.

If a team scores seven runs or more in one inning, they switch sides

automatically to give the other team a chance to bat, that’s what the Driftwood All-stars were doing to the Seminole T-ball All-Stars.

Nick DeHass scored a run, followed by another double play to end the quick rally in the sixth inning. Cameron Osceola hit one straight out to deep center and got the home crowd fans on their feet screaming for more hits. It was too little too late for the young slugger’s as they game came to a merciful conclusion at the end of the seventh inning. The final score was Driftwood All-Star team 30, Seminole T-Ball All-Stars 11.

“A few of the best hitters and fielders were not here today and it kind of hurt our team, but we play again tomorrow,” Coach Terry said. “The new 20-game season starts in September, with the same great bunch of kids.”

At the end of the game, the little ball players lined up against the fence and listened to the coach, as he gave them a little pep talk and tossed out a few game balls to the most outstanding players of this game.

Congratulations to all the T-ball players for a great season. A special thanks goes out to Coach Terry Tartsah and his assistant coaches, who spend so much of their valuable personal time teaching these youngsters the great sport of baseball and good sportsmanship.



Cornelia Osceola placed in the senior women’s category during this tournament.

Sports Festival Golf Tournament

By Adelsa Williams
PEMBROKE PINES, FL — The 2004 Sports Festival Golf Tournament was held at the Raintree Golf Resort in Pembroke Pines during Memorial Day weekend.

Seminole teams and native golfers from other tribes enjoyed two days of play under an ardent 102 degree South Florida summer weather, at the popular 18 hole course.

Keeping pace with the group in front, each player played his or her own ball out on holes 1–9 and scrambles for holes 10–18.

On both days, golfers breezed into the Hiatus Room at the resort to cool off and enjoy a hearty meal during the awards ceremony, coordinated by Stan Frischman, Big Cypress recreation department director.

“Players come out to win and they play for fun too,” said Frischman, “They also get to play catch up with old friends.”

Shirlee Aylor, Big Cypress golf instructor assisted Frischman as they raffled golf items. Many took home a new set of golf balls, new visors, umbrellas, golf bags, while other lucky winners won a new set of golf clubs. Congratulations to all who placed. The winners are listed below.

Sunday May 30
Longest Drive

Ladies: Melissa De Mayo; Senior Men: Ernest Riley; Men: Max Tommie.

Closest to the Pin
Senior Ladies: Holes 4, 6, 8, Terry Hahn; Ladies: 6, 13, 15 Melissa

DeMayo; Senior Men: Holes 4, 6 Del Riley, 8 Rock Locust, 13 George Grasshopper, 15 Max Osceola Jr., 17 Del Riley; Men: Holes 4, 6 Steve Tooshkenig, 8 Charles Frye, 13 Curtis Osceola, 15 John Madrigal, 17 Kyle Doney.

Team Standings
1. Ron Whaler and Kendall Whaler, 2. Henry Whaler and Dwayne Whaler, 3. Jason Tommie and Maxie Tommie, 4. James Soap and Lee Springwater, 6. Charlie Cypress and George Grasshopper.

Monday May 31
Longest Drive

Ladies: Jackie Thompson; Senior Men: Ernest Riley, Men: James Soap.

Closest to the Pin
Senior Ladies: Hole 4 Cornelia Osceola, 6, 8, 13, 15 Terry Hahn; Ladies: 4 Pauletta Bowers, 6, 13 Linda Tommie, 15 Terry Hahn, 17 Kasey Baker; Senior Men: 6 Frank Kaseca, 8, 15 Rock Locust, 17 Del Riley; Men: 4 Max Tommie, 6 Josh Harrison, 8 Steve Tooshkenig, 13 Jeremy Harrison, 15 Charlie Cypress, 17 Kendall Whaler.

Team Standings
1. Jeremy Harrison, Terry Tartsah, Frank Kaseca, Linda Tommie, 2. Del Riley, Kyle Doney, Kerry Whaler, Jackie Thompson, 3. Charlie Cypress, Charles Frye, Keeno King, Loretta Micco, 4. James Soap, Steve Osceola, Maxie Tommie, 5. Ron Whaler, S. Hummingbird, Vincent Micco, Joe Kippenberger, 6. Steve Tooshkenig, Rock Locust, Bosco Whaler, Pauletta Bowers, 7. Mitch Osceola, Ernest Riley, Bradley Whaler, Jason Nicholson.

Large Turnout for USET Golf Tournament

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — On June 13, the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. (USET) Golf Tournament was held at the Emerald Hills Country Club, located in Hollywood. Many of the golfers participating were here in South Florida attending the USET Semi-Annual Meeting at the new Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino.

Sixty-two golfers tackled the beautifully groomed fairways, enduring hot, humid conditions, but thoroughly enjoyed playing on one of Broward County’s best golf courses. The prestigious Emerald Hill Country Club has been used as the host site for the Doral and The Honda Qualifier’s, not to mention the U.S. Amateur Qualifier as well.

The event, which was sponsored by The Seminole Tribe of Florida, was well organized by golf enthusiast Mitchell Osceola. Osceola recently graduated with honors from the Golf Academy of the South in Altamonte Springs, Fla., just north of Orlando.

“I’m very pleased with the big turnout today,” said Osceola. “Emerald Hills is one of the best golf courses here in Broward County.”

Although Osceola enjoys playing on some of the most prestigious golf courses here in Florida, he aspires to head a Seminole-owned golf course.

“My goal is for the tribe to purchase a golf course somewhere in the Hollywood area,” said Osceola. “It would have to be an existing course because there’s little room to build a new one.”

The event was open to all Seminole tribal citizens, their spouses, and employees of the Seminole Tribe. All entry fees were waved, courtesy of Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr.

The four-man blind draw tournament allowed golfers in each foursome to play the “best ball.” Not only does this better the total scores after 18 holes, but also speeds up play.

David Osceola, manager of the new Sho-Naa-Bish House recovery facility in Ft. Lauderdale, was looking forward to playing in the tournament.

“This is a terrific course; I’m glad to be part of the tournament today,” said David.

Max Osceola Jr. was looking forward to playing, especially since he has greatly improved his golf game.

“I’ve lowered my golf handicap from 25 to 18,” Osceola said. “And I’m still improving!”



Tiffany Cheuvront avoids the water hazard on this difficult par 3 hole.

Starting off on the third hole par three, Osceola showed just how much he has improved. He placed his tee shot just a few feet from the pin, and finished up with a par.

It was feast or famine for the golfers on the sixth hole par three, which was surrounded by water. Using an eight iron, Charles Frye hit a beautiful tee shot, landing just a few feet from the hole. Unfortunately, Pete Russo’s shot came up a tad short, hitting the wooden barrier just below the green and landed in the water.

Tiffany Cheuvront, bureau information officer with USET, enjoyed spending some casual time on the links with Seminole leaders.

“Events like this help bring many of the USET participants together,” Cheuvront said.

After everyone finished up on the golf course, there was an awards ceremony. Mitchell Osceola thanked everyone for coming out and hoped they had a great time.

Here are the results of the USET Golf Tournament:

Closest to the pin: Hole 3: men: Jeremy Harrison; senior men: Max Osceola Jr.; women: none; senior women: none. Hole 6: men: Ron Looman; senior men: Lawrence Osceola; women: Dorian Lange; senior women: Cornelia Osceola. Hole 14: men: Marcy Osceola; senior men: Hayward Bell; women: Jackie Thompson; senior women: none. Hole 17: men: Matt Altvater; senior men: Max Osceola Jr.; women: Linda Tommie; senior women: Cornelia Osceola.

Closest to the line: men: Cicero Osceola; senior men: Moses “Bigg Shot” Jumper; women: Dorian Lange; Senior Women: Cornelia Osceola.

Longest Drive: Men: Jeremy Harrison; Senior Men: Bo

Young; Women: Pauletta Bowers; senior women: Cornelia Osceola.

Team Standings: 1. (63 - won tiebreaker): Hayward Bell, Marshall Sampson, Jeremy Harrison, Dale Riley; 1. (63): Ron Looman, Cicero Osceola, Loretta Micco, Randy Noka; 3. (64): Alexander Nicholas, Bo Young, Maxie Tommie, Marcy Osceola; 4. (65): Charlie Frye, Pete Russo, Tiffany Cheuvront, Ernest Riley; 5. (67): John Madrigal, Linda Tommie, Josh Harrison, Bobby Frank; 6. (67): Joe Kippenberger, Harry Kennedy III, Allen Huff, Jeremy Bowers; 7. (67): Charlie Cypress, Larry Haley, Cornelia Osceola, Mitch Osceola; Most Honest (75): Joseph Socobasin, David Osceola, Paulette Bowers, Eric Wilcox.

First Annual Ike ‘Hot Dogg’ Jumper Memorial Basketball Tournament Held

By Felix DoBosz
HOLLYWOOD — The First Annual Ike “Hot Dogg” Jumper All-Indian Memorial Basketball Tournament got off to a roaring start on Friday night, June 11th, at the Hollywood Seminole gym. There was a large crowd of tribal citizens and friends who gathered together to enjoy the sports competition and honor Ike “Hot Dogg” Jumper who passed away tragically last year.

Chairman Mitchell Cypress addressed the friendly crowd and said this about Ike, “He was my nephew and he loved basketball; he was a good boy.”

Rosetta Jumper, Ike’s mother, was very pleased with the first annual basketball tournament named after her son. She said, “When Ike was about three-years-old they wanted to give him a little nickname. One of my nieces yelled down the hallway, why don’t you call him ‘Hot Dogg’? Everyone laughed, but we all liked that name and it stuck.”

Perry Arkeketa, a close family friend who lived with Ike and his mother said, “He was like a son to me. We used to play ball together,” he remembers “we would play three-pointer games. He was the best kid you could ever want and I miss him, we were good friends mostly.”

At the gamekeeper’s table were two framed color eight-by-ten photos of Ike “Hot Dogg” Jumper that his proud mother Rosetta showed to everyone who was there. She said, “I’m glad everybody came out and enjoyed playing ball, Choctaw’s from Mississippi and Ponca’s from Oklahoma are here also participating, and I hope everyone had a good time. Free T-shirts of the event were given out to everyone in attendance. Sonny’s Famous Hoagies catered the tournament and provided their delicious food.

Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress



Tony Heard (right) played stifling defense for the Canes basketball team.

announced before the games started, “I’m glad everyone remembered him, thanks for coming out ...game on!”

He shouted to all the crowd of basketball fans as they applauded the opening festivities. The games finally got underway after the honorary speeches, with the women’s teams playing on the court first. The games consisted of two-20 minute halves.

There were five teams of women competing, and five teams of men in this basketball competition with double elimination. The teams played well into Friday night and continued the competition again on the following day Saturday June 12th, into the early evening. The Lady Seminoles basketball team battled the Miccosukee Outlaw Women for first place in a heated game that kept going back and forth. The Seminole Lady’s came up short at the end of the final buzzer, losing by only two points, 43-41. The Canes won the men’s competition by beating out the NDN Cru.

Tournament results are as follows:

Men’s Division: B.C. Recreation (Big Cypress), White Eagle (Ponca City, OK), Canes, South Central (Miccosukee), NDN Cru (Mississippi) First place: Canes!; Second Place: NDN Cru.

Women’s Division: Hollywood (Hollywood), Outlaw Women (Miccosukee), The CUZ (Hollywood), Miccosukee (Miccosukee), Lady Seminoles (Hollywood). First place: Outlaw Women; Second place: Lady Seminoles.

Contest Winners:
Free-Throw: Senior Men’s Division, Clifton Huggins; Senior Women’s Division, Starr Ferguson; Adult Men’s Division, Harry Kennedy; Adult Women’s Division, Chantel.

Three-Point: Senior Men’s Division, Clifton Huggins, five baskets; Senior Women’s Division, Cassandra Osceola, three baskets; Adult Men’s Division, Amos Huggins, six baskets; Adult Women’s Division, Mercedes Osceola, six baskets.

All the first place winners received big cash prizes and beautiful warm-up jackets. Congratulations to the all the winners of the First Annual Ike “Hot Dogg” Jumper Memorial Basketball Tournament.



Ike “Hott Dog” Jumper’s mother, Rosetta Jumper (left, bottom row), with Outlaw Women, the women’s first place champions trying on new championship jackets.

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Archers lined up at the precision target shooting competition.

♦ Archery

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really enjoy this sports event together.”

Tribal citizen Joel Frank Sr. scored a perfect 12 points on target number six, a 3-D form three foot alligator, now, that was a bulls-eye.

Frank said happily, “I really enjoy shooting outdoors and meeting new and interesting people; everyone here has a good time with the camaraderie... for a fun day of competition.”

These archers were competing along with about two-dozen other competitors in shooting 15 different 3-D form target animals. The targets are made of tough rubberized foam to resemble many animals such as deer, bears, leopards, and alligators. Coach Waterhouse has been teaching the fine skills of archery to the tribe for the past three years, along with his assistant coach, Steve Young.

“It takes an awful lot of practice, sometimes as much as 10 hours per week,” said Waterhouse. “Mimicking the hunting experience; it’s more of a challenge when using a bow and arrow.”

According to Waterhouse, there are different kinds of bows used in this competition, some ranging in price from \$300 to more than \$800, and that’s not counting all the accessories, such as sight scopes and weight stabilizers that attach to the customized bows. This can easily escalate costs to several hundred dollars or more depending on design and construction materials.

Of course you need to have specialized

arrows, some made of light synthetic carbon compounds or milled aluminum with target tips. These arrows range in prices from \$15 each to more than \$50. Depending on quality, arrows can be re-used many times over a period of time before having to be replaced.

From 19 yards away each archer takes a turn to shoot, and figures out their score by how close to the inner ring the arrow hits. A points award system consists of 12 points for a bulls-eye, the outer rings are 10, 8, 5 and 0 points for a miss. Each archer got 15 targets and two rounds to shoot, so a perfect score for the 3-D form course competition would be 360 points.

It was getting really hot, muggy and buggy on the 3-D course as the warm morning sun gave way to the afternoon heat wave. Archers were sometimes lucky to find those graceful oak trees with draping Spanish moss offering a little shade from those powerful Florida sunshine rays as our archers continued to focus in on the road to gold.

The scores were finally tallied up at the conclusion of the tournament. Each one of the competitors representing the Seminole Tribe of Florida won a gold medal in their respective category. Congratulations to all the winners that participated in this year’s Florida Sunshine games in archery.

There will be another archery competition in Orlando later in October. See you next year in 2005, when the games will be held in Broward County. A special thanks to Coach Steve Young for his assistance in with this story.



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Casey McCall (left) and fellow archers check their aim on.



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Wanda Bowers (left) and Don Osceola tally their scores on the 3-D course.



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OUCH! Casey McCall hit this bear target below the belt during the archery tournament.

Basketball Highlights from the 25th Sunshine State Games

By Felix DoBosz

TALLAHASSEE, FL — For the first time in a decade, the 2004 Sunshine State Games were held this year in the Tallahassee area with more than 5,000 amateur athletes competing in 23 sports. Florida’s only Olympic-style sports festival, the Sunshine State Games is a part of the National Congress of State Games that boasts competition in more than 40 sports.

Governor Jeb Bush R-FL said in a press release, “The Sunshine State Games provide Florida’s amateur athletes with the ideal opportunity to participate in a wide array of events while promoting sportsmanship, fitness, and the spirit of competition.”

Young Seminole citizens competed in the state basketball games held from June 18–20 at Tallahassee Community College Sports Complex and nearby Amos P. Godby High School. The three Seminole basketball teams consisted of a 10 and younger team from Big Cypress, a boy’s and girl’s team, both from Hollywood, and both in the 14 and younger age division.

The girl’s team played their first game against Small Town Hoops. These Lake City, Fla. girls seemed taller and older than most of the girls on the Hollywood Seminole team, but it didn’t seem to hinder the team’s ability to come together and physically dominate their opponents.

Thanks to inspired coaching from Tony Heard and Lila Osceola, the team managed to push themselves to the limit. Some girls on this team were as young as 10-years-old. At halftime, the score was 24-12, with the Seminoles in the lead.

Seminole Krystle Young, was fouled and

shaken up at the beginning of the third period, but later went back onto the court after a short rest on the bench. The girls continued to romp on their Small Town Hoops opponents, and by the end of the third period, the score was a lopsided 31-15, in favor of the Seminoles.

The other team fouled the smaller players unmercifully, but the young girls showed they had the skills and spirit needed to win this exciting basketball game. The Seminole team kept up a relentless defense marked by brilliant and consistent steals to the continued delight and shouts from their fans watching in the stands.

Player Amy Osceola was fouled, jammed and slammed to the court floor, in the fourth period and suffered a bruised knee. The game concluded with the Seminoles winning the game 50-20. Unfortunately, their luck did not carry over the following day as they were defeated by more competitive teams.

The boy’s 14 and younger team also met a similar fate. They valiantly tried to win a medal, but continued to struggle in their games against highly skilled players that seemed to out perform them at every turn.

On the brighter side, the Big Cypress team won the gold medal in their respective age group by smashing their opponent easily in a lopsided victory, Seminole 46, Orlando Nuggets 10. They were coached by Eddie Redd and assistant Jeremiah Hall, who gave the youngsters a great deal of time to practice and perform to the highest level.

Congratulations to all our winners and participants in this year’s Florida Sunshine Games.



Kenny Bayon

Coach Eddie Redd (back row, center) and Assistant Coach Jeremiah Hall (right, back row) with the Big Cypress 10 and younger team. The team won gold medals during the 25th Sunshine State Games.



Felix DoBosz

Coaches Tony Heard and Lila Osceola (both pictured in the back row with red shirts) and the girls 14 and younger team from Hollywood.



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Seminole star player Courtney Osceola brings the ball up the court.

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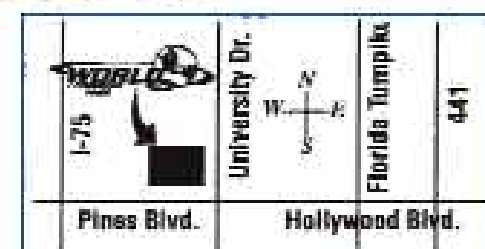
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Location: Big Cypress
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Position: Fire Inspector/Public Education Specialist
Location: Big Cypress and other reservations
Salary: \$38,000 (negotiable), with benefits

Responsibilities include: Fire safety inspections of fire suppression and notification systems, new construction, existing occupancies and hazardous material sites. Manage Hazardous Material Program. Provide presentations on fire safety to educate the public and employees of the tribe. Accept other duties as required. Essential for satisfactory performance are: good communication skills (verbal and written), the ability to work with the public in a courteous manner, the ability to work in a "self-directed" environment, a working knowledge of the National Fire Protection Agency's Life Safety Code, State Building Codes including the rules and regulations of the State Fire Marshal's Office and the ability to research and comprehend technical material. Ability to travel between all reservations (statewide) is mandatory.

Minimum Qualifications: Current State of Florida Fire Inspector Certification, experience conducting Fire Inspections and working with the public. Preference will be given to candidates possessing State of Florida Firefighter Certification, relevant college degrees and certifications plus extensive Fire inspection/public education experience. Other Requirements: high school diploma, valid Florida Driver's License, Ability to pass an extensive background investigation and drug screen.

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Position: Assistant Store Manager Department: Corp. Board, Gas Position Opens: 10-21-03 Position Closes: 11-3-03 Salary: Negotiable with experience, with benefits	Position: Tribal Outreach Worker II Department: Family Services, Health Position: Still available Salary: Negotiable with benefits
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Love,
**Mom (Denise Vander Molen),
Dad (Craig Gopher) and Shyla**



We would like to wish **Maya Smith** a **happy 2nd birthday** on June 26. We love you so much and best wishes.

From,
**Dad, Mom, Victoria, Corrina,
and John**

Poems

Poems Can Sing

Your poems can sing lovely,
Lovely words of feeling,
And experience,
That may give voice
To lyrical heaven,
Bringing us back joyous life.
A bird in an open window
On a glorious morning,
Composing most beautifully,
Bringing sunshine,
Bringing sunshine.

—*Elgin Jumper*
May 2004

Get at the Meaning

Earthward, no joy
Biter words only
Sore and scarred,
No gold in yourself
Too tragic to
Love the night
Seems an end of life
Seemed pleasant once
Wasn't though
As night merely
Rode lies, dark
Catastrophe!
Imperfect wing,
Where is light and sky?
Broken without breaking
Only a night more, listen,
To never touch dismay,
Like madness
Just a shamed wing
In ungentle life,
Uttering, rustling faint
Uttering no flowers
Throw down, plummet,
An abyss in distance,
Shattering like glass,
There is now, yet
Get at the meaning

—*Elgin Jumper*
May 2004

Thank You

Big Cypress and Immokalee 4-H members,

I appreciate all the thank you cards and letters that I received from you all. It's good to see so many children participate in the 4-H program. I hope to see you again at the next 4-H Show & Sale.

Thank you,
Richard Bowers, B.C. rock mining program director



Happy 18th birthday, and congratulations on graduating high school. Grasshopper (Trina Marie Bowers), you have done well and made me proud. I wish you the best of everything and all the success that life presents. I truly admire the beautiful, smart young woman that you have become. Remember it's the smart choices you make that will make all the difference on your life's course.

I love you very much, baby girl,
Aunt "Glo"

We would like to wish **Savannah Alyzabeth RedBone-Osceola** a **happy 5th birthday** on July 16.

From,
Lyle Zakkary RedBone-Osceola, and Phalyn and JoJo Osceola,
and all her family in Florida and Oklahoma



Congratulations

Congratulations **Jasmine Melendez** for graduating from the fifth grade, scoring high on the FCAT test and placing in the gifted program. Keep up the good work in middle school!

Love you lots!!!
**Mom, Grandma Gladys,
your sister Nina and Cousin Jeffrey.**

Graduates



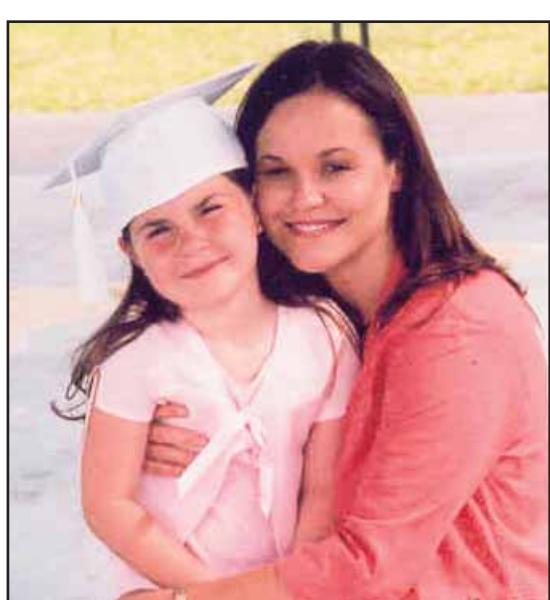
Jessica Billie graduated May 8, 2004 from Indian River College with an A.A. degree. Jessica belongs to the Deer Clan, is the daughter of Jessie and Lillie Billie, and Howard and Virginia.

Love you from all of us,
The Billie family

To our daughter, granddaughter, and niece, **Kailin Brown:** You have completed your first year of a great journey with top honors as an accelerated reader, and as a recipient of the President's Academic Excellence Award. It isn't just kindergarten; it is a great and successful beginning to the rest of your life.

Stay proud of who you are, where you come from, and remember those stars that you admire so much on clear nights are worth reaching for. Your family will always be here to support you. You are our joy and we love you.

**Mama (Emma Brown),
Daddy, Papa Timmy, Nanny,
Uncle Aggie, Aunt Leelee,
Granny and Pawpaw.**



Anniversary



We would like to wish our mom and dad, **Joe and Claudia Olivarez,** a **happy 10th anniversary.** We love you!

Love,
"Boy" and Catie "Bug"

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For more information on AIDTAC, contact John Giefer at (866) 424-3822, e-mail jgiefer@ruralinstitute.umn.edu, or visit <http://aidtac.ruralinstitute.umn.edu>.

Answers to Questions About Social Security

By Ginny Jordan, Public Affairs Specialist-Social Security Administration

The earliest age at which you can get Social Security retirement benefits is still 62, even for people who must be older than 65 to qualify for full retirement benefits.

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Call (800) 772-1213 to make an appointment to file for divorced wife's benefits. Doing so will not affect the benefit your ex-husband receives from Social Security. You can also call Ginny Jordan at (954) 630-3231, Ext. 7035 with further questions.

BC National Preserve Announces Seasonal Off-Road Vehicle Closure

Submitted by National Park Service BIG CYPRESS — Acting Superintendent Carol A. Clark announced today that Big Cypress National Preserve will close to all off-road vehicle (ORV) use for a sixty-day period beginning Monday June 14. The Recreational Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan calls for a sixty-day seasonal closure to allow a period free from resource pressures related to ORV use.

The ORV closure within Big

Cypress National Preserve was first instituted in 2002. This year, the closure is scheduled for Monday June 14–Thursday August 12, with trails re-opening on Friday August 13. This closure does not apply to landowners that hold special use permits to access their private properties through the preserve.

Clark said, "Motorized travel in the Preserve is minimal at this time of year, therefore the closure will inconvenience very few people and will benefit the resources."

Recruitment of Native American Students for Graduate School

The University of Arizona is pleased to invite prospective Native American graduate students to apply for admission and financial support to earn a master's and/or doctoral degrees in one of 62 graduate programs offered by the University of Arizona in science, engineering, mathematics and agricultural fields.

The University of Arizona-Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Partnership is designed to address the national need for academically prepared Native Americans who can help spur economic

development in their communities and reservations and occupy leadership positions in colleges and universities, government and the corporate world. The website explaining the program can be found at http://grad.arizona.edu/multi/sloanna/sloan_index.php.

For more information, please contact Donna Treloar, Senior Program Coordinator Sloan Native American Fellowship Program, University of Arizona, (520) 621-7808 or dtreloar@grad.arizona.edu.

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Extreme Makeover: Home Edition Seeks Native American Participants

Do you know anyone deserving a completely remodeled home? ABC television is looking to remodel the home of a Native American family for its popular show, Extreme Makeover: Home Edition.

If you or someone you know has a home on a reservation that is between 1,200 to 2,000 square feet, with a decent-sized yard, contact the casting department by July 14, 2004.

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) has held discussions with the casting crew of ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition and urges tribal citizens to apply. They're looking for a compelling and unique story about your family and your housing situation. Please include a

picture of your family and your home to go along with the narrative. The show would like to do an episode-either this season or in the future-about a Native American family and their home, preferably in the Southern California, New Mexico, Nevada or Arizona area, although you may submit applications from outside of that region, as they plan to expand their locations later.

You can find an application at www.abc.go.com. You may also contact Lock & Key Productions, c/o Casting, P.O. Box 38670, Los Angeles, CA 90038.

The deadline to apply for the show is July 14, 2004. Contact NAIHC's communications department for more information at, (202) 789-1754.

◆ USET

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the board of directors.

The first day of the meeting started with briefings. At lunch, the USET board and committees attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the new youth facility for the Boys & Girls Club of The Seminole Tribe of Florida.

The conference then continued with several updates including an update on Leonard Peltier's legal case. Peltier's attorney, Barry Bachrach of Bowditch & Dewey, spoke for Peltier. Bachrach presented the board with a drum that Peltier had made especially for USET.

Peltier wrote a seven page statement which was handed out to the board. The statement details his legal struggle. In it, he confronts the rumors that his artwork is being sold for thousands of dollars and asks for help, not just from USET, but from anyone who can help.

To learn more about Leonard Peltier's case, or to donate money, please visit www.freepeltier.org. To see a copy of the full statement, please stop by the communications department in the Hollywood headquarters, or call (954) 967-3416.

Another interesting presentation

Billy Cypress to create this program.

The program itself is a virtual tour of artifacts and also offers commentary from Native Americans about the artifact and its meaning. The Ahfachkee students were taught about how a virtual tour is created and they participated in the process.

This program will be used in Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian as an interactive exhibit.

The morning session of day two began with a presentation by Navajo race car driver Cory Witherill and Team Diabetes. The Seminole Tribe hosted a visit from Witherill and Team Diabetes in December 2003.

Witherill explained the program to the USET board and shared details of upcoming events. He also brought his actual race car which was parked at the Seminole Hard Rock entrance for the day.

Another interesting item on the agenda was the Federal Communications Commission Tower Construction Notification System. In February 2004, USET and the FCC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in regards to the construction of cell towers on tribal land. The MOU was created to protect sacred sites and to create an understanding between tower companies

reach/notification/.

A presentation by Preserve America started the afternoon session. Preserve America is a government created program that recognizes and offers financial assistance to communities who maintain their cultural and natural heritage. As part of the program, Preserve America works with the History Channel's Save Our History to create an educational brochure specifically for teachers and volunteers to motivate the youth to become involved.

This program has been utilized in 26 states. The White Mountain Apache Tribe is the most recent recipient of Preserve America.

The meeting for the day ended with a tour of the Seminole Hollywood reservation. That evening, The Seminole Tribe hosted a reception for USET at the hotel.

Day three started on a somewhat confrontational note. During the update from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), an issue was brought to their attention. It seems that when HHS issued bio-terrorism preparedness grants to each state, they did not allocate funds for Native American tribes.

These grants assist in preparing for a biological threat. A biological attack is the deliberate release of germs or other biological substances that can make someone sick. Some Biological agents, such as anthrax, do not cause contagious diseases. Others, like the smallpox virus, can result in diseases you can catch from other people. For more information, please visit www.ready.gov. Though the issue was not resolved, it was established that the tribes should contact the state to receive funding against bio-terrorism.

After the HHS briefing, Indian Health Service gave update from the regional and national perspective. The morning session ended with a presentation by Suzanne Davis about the Seminole Diabetes Program. Davis described the various events the tribe sponsors, such as the Rez Rally, bikes for seniors and the Mitchell Cypress Trail of Fitness. She then introduced Chairman Cypress, who spoke candidly about his battle to control diabetes and weight control.

The presentation concluded with a five minute film titled Health Heroes, which was a mixture of diabetes and health information and had photographs of several tribal citizens.

"I'd like to thank communications for all the work they do for the program," said Davis. "I'd also like to thank information systems and broadcasting."

Starting the afternoon session was a briefing from the National Indian Child Welfare Association. Following the

briefing was a presentation of the Four Winds program at the Jackson Academy.

The Four Winds program is an "inter-tribal treatment program" for Native American males between the ages

began with the committees briefing the board on the outcome of the conference.

During the Health Committee report, Porch Creek Chairman Eddie Tullis complimented the Seminole Health



Photo courtesy of Wanda Bowers

Former Miami Dolphin Kim Bokamper (center) with Jo North (left) and Wanda Bowers (right) at the USET conference.



Wanda Bowers

USET President Keller George (center) presented a \$10,000 check to Roger Paul (left) and Chief Brenda Commander (right).

was The Virtual Interpretive Classroom, created by Conrod Associates Communications, L.L.C. Conrod worked with the Ahfachkee students and the late

and Native American tribes. The Notification System is a website where tribes can register to be notified of proposed tower constructions. The website address is <http://wireless.fcc.gov/out->

Native American Women in Agriculture Hold Advisory Board Meeting

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By Janie Simms Hipp, J.D., LL.M., Assistant Professor of Agricultural Law, University of Arkansas

TULSA, OK — The first meeting of the Native American Women in Agriculture Advisory Board was held in Tulsa, Okla. on April 6-7.

This new project was covered in a story in the most recent edition of *Indian AgLink*. The project is funded by United States Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, and is a three year effort to create strong and vital links among women involved in agricultural enterprises and small businesses in rural communities throughout Indian Country.

The Intertribal Agricultural Council is an early member of the board as are representatives from the Seminole Nation of Florida, the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, the Navajo Nation. Additional advisory board members will be added to the group as the project progresses.

The group made early efforts to identify the diverse yet similar needs of Native American women in agriculture and small business. The group discussed goals for the project; how to identify the needs of Native American women in agriculture and small business and discussed creation of a detailed risk management guide that will provide more in-depth information on the risks faced by women in agriculture and small business. Creation of a website for those who can access the internet will provide an additional outlet for information as will working with individual tribal governments, tribal councils and intertribal groups.

Advisory board members considered the following early needs:

- accessing sources of credit for farming and small business enterprises,
- financial planning and training,
- legal issue identification and training,
- identifying ways to improve land ownership problems,
- estate planning and land transfer challenges,
- improving training for new farmers and creating new ways to involve youth in agriculture, and

•addressing and offering resources for improving women's skills in juggling work, farming and home life. Among the early projects for the group is sponsorship of a youth writing competition. The subject of the writing competition is: Native American Women in Agriculture: Our Past, Our Present, and Our Future.

There will be five prize award winners who will receive an expense-paid trip to the November IAC Annual Symposium hosted by The Seminole Tribe of Florida. Details of the competition were approved and broadly disseminated in May, and entries will be accepted by mid-September.

The advisory body for this project will continue to expand over time. If you have an interest in participating as a planning group or advisory board member, please contact Vicki Bends at Vicki@i-a-c-online.com, or e-mail Janie Hipp at the University of Arkansas at jhipp@uark.edu. Look for future stories in *Indian AgLink* on the work of this important group.



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Native American Women in Agriculture advisory board meeting attendees. (L-R, back row) Angie Drewes (Cherokee Nation), Vicki Bends (IAC), Janie Hipp (University of Arkansas), Sue Phillips (Choctaw Nation), Stacy Riley (NRCS & Women's Program Manager—Oklahoma), Marion Simon (Kentucky State University—Regional Risk Management), Steve Swogger (Cherokee Nation Ag Liaison), Billy Bailey (Choctaw Nation Ag Liaison), (L-R, front row) Polly Hayes (The Seminole Tribe of Florida), Jennie Popp (University of Arkansas), Jeannie Banally (Navajo Nation & Extension Indian Reservation Program).

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Rafting

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youth a taste of what it was like for their native ancestors.

The young warriors in training included Robert C. North Jr., Catlin Jim, Damon "Leon" Pewo, Neko Osceola, Catherine Jumper, and Nick Jumper. The whole group learned about cooking with a Dutch oven, fly fishing, rafting on the rapids, hiking, setting up camp, writing skills and coping without technology.

The youth were exposed to the ancestral Nez Perce sacred lands where they learned the importance of respecting the old Indian camps and places of worship. Each of the youth participants was asked to contribute skills for the benefit of the overall group. Herbert Jim, out of respect for the ancestral Nez Perce people, conducted several ceremonies. Jim spoke in the Miccosukee language while teaching the youth about Seminole history, legends, basic medicines and stories.

All of the youth responded well to all of the daily challenges presented to them. They caught several fish on each day of the journey down the Snake River. Although most of them were thrown back in the river, many of the bigger fish were saved to augment the evening's dinner.

Each morning the entire camp would wake up with the sun and spend time in prayer, thanking

God for the beautiful day, and further asking for protection for the day's journey.

A few of the older youth were able to master the art of kayaking, captain the "oar boat" and learn basic river navigational skills. On the fourth day, one of the crewmembers caught a seven-foot long sturgeon. The sturgeon's existence dates back to prehistoric time and is a real privilege to look at. The sturgeon was also released back in the water; the guides guessed that this particular sturgeon was approximately 30-years-old and had not gained its full length.

Several hiking trips were made along the course of the river trip to sites where ancient people painted or etched petroglyphs and pictographs. The youth learned basic ecology, geology, and geography, and were encouraged to write in their journals daily.

The total course of the river trip was 79 miles, and took five days to complete. Because of the remoteness of this trip in Western-Central Idaho, the Seminole youth could concentrate on all of the teachings and experience remote camping while respecting the forces and gifts of nature that God has created.

In a relatively short period of time, the participating Seminole youth learned basic survival skills physically, mentally and spiritually. The youth learned to respect the necessity of following the rules of the river for basic survival. The adult participants on the trip shared countless stories and knowledge to encourage the youth to follow their dreams and aspirations.

On the second to the last day a special ceremony was conducted by Jim to honor the great Nez Perce Chief Joseph. The youth learned how Chief Joseph was forced to flee from his homelands while the U.S. Army perused him to try to make him stay on a reservation. Chief Joseph lost many of his people and livestock in the process of fleeing from the U.S. Army.

Many thanks go out to all the sponsors for this trip; Max B. Osceola Jr., Hollywood Council Representative and Chairman of the Boys & Girls Club of The Seminole Tribe of Florida, David DeHass, Hollywood Board Representative, Joel M. Frank and staff for the proposal writing and funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Eagle Security Group, Inc., South Florida Institute of Sports Medicine and CloudNorth, Inc.

From the hearts of many, good job, and well done to the youth, staff, outfitter and our council and board representatives.



Herbert Jim

Nick Jumper reflects on his trip down the meandering Snake River.



Herbert Jim

Ultimate Warrior Challenge participants enjoy the scenery on their trip to Snake River, Idaho.



Herbert Jim

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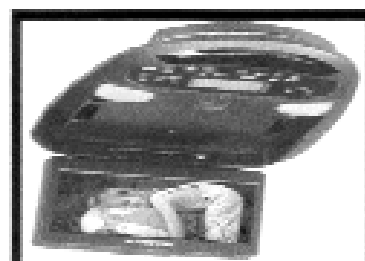
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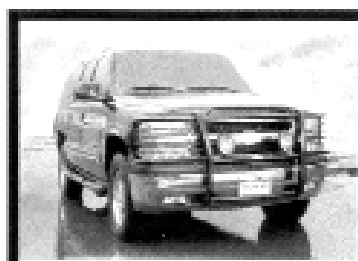
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Florida Folk Festival on the Suwannee River

Seminole Participants Offer Visitors Cultural Demonstrations

By Rhonda Roff and Peggy Osceola

WHITE SPRINGS, FL — The lovely wooded banks of the Suwannee River at Stephen Foster State Park set the backdrop for the Florida Folk Festival on Memorial Day weekend again this year. Even the relentless heat could not dampen the melodic tunes of banjos, fiddles, guitars, voice and good old foot-stomping one would hear while strolling the gently rolling park lawns.

Dance was the theme for this, the 52 annual festival, which included local, national and international representation. Jon Kay, the festival director, felt that “the dance theme has a world connection,” and added that music encourages a greater diversity of festival goers. Folk dancers from as far away as Kenya enthralled audiences, and then mingled with crowds for the remaining hours.

Commenting on another feature of the festival, one of which he seemed very proud, Kay said, “The Sacred Steel Convention brought church goers nationwide.”

Sadly, this will be Kay’s last year as director. He has accepted the director of traditional arts position at Indiana University.

Musical performances by such well known artists as Arlo Guthrie, John McCutcheon and Vassar Clements drew large, even more mainstream, audi-



(L-R) Stetson Kennedy, folklorist, author and investigative historian with folk music legend Arlo Guthrie.

ences to the outdoor amphitheatre on Saturday and Sunday evening. Earlier one afternoon Guthrie provided, as he termed it, moral support, for a story telling and question and answer hour with Stetson Kennedy, the legendary human rights activist and political writer who ran for Florida state senator in the 1950s.

The two gave new meaning to the word humble as they invited children younger than 12 to sit down in the front of the crowded tent, then answered questions from adults and children with equal respect and dignity.

During what has now become a beloved festival tradition, children and adults danced as they

paraded through the grounds, dressed in their home-made wild species costumes to the acoustic rhythm of Dale Crider’s strumming. Crider is a retired wildlife biologist and educator who continues to affect those around him with a passion for nature. The procession ends each day down by the riverside where the birds, insects and mammals anoint themselves ceremoniously, some still dancing, with the tannin-steeped water of the peaceful Suwannee River.

Traditional crafters gave workshops and sold their wares. The food was not only fresh and wholesome, but represented local and international cultures as well.

Some of Florida’s oldest culinary tradition could be sampled at the Seminole Camp.

The floating aroma of fresh bread kept heads turning and searching in the direction of the cooking chickee demonstrations. Jennifer Chadwick, Cherelee Hall and Patsy Billie gave out free samples of fry bread and sofkee; a beautiful and colorful beading demonstration was provided by Martha Jones, and an exquisite basket demonstration by Agnes Cypress.

Uniquely dressed in Seminole fashion, Jenny Shore offered visitors a doll demonstration, while Addie Osceola showed off intricately designed Seminole patchwork. Victor Billie skillfully presented a wood carving demonstration followed by a dug out canoe carving by Charles Hires Billie as a reminder of days gone by.

The CowBone Band, composed of Paul Buster Sr., Paul “Chunky” Buster, Ira Buster and Paul Hoolihan sang country and Western tunes as musicians and storytellers gathered at the Chickee-chobee Performance Stage. Connie Gowen provided Seminole arts and crafts for visitors to purchase as a souvenir at the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. Jean Amritt and Peggy Osceola gave out brochures and information about Seminole tourism enterprises on the Big Cypress reservation.

Two new cultural demonstrations were added to go with this year’s dance theme. One, Cherelee Hall, the reigning Seminole Princess, demonstrated how to make Seminole stomp dance can shakers in the folk arts tents. She was among the various White Springs, Fla. crafters who learned their skills from their families or communities and continue the tradition as a way of honoring their heritage.

Second, new this year was the Seminole Stomp dancers: Linda Beletso, Lorraine Posada, Eugene Roberts, Ira Buster and Daisy Buster, lead by



Victor Billie showed off his wood carving skills at the Florida Folk festival.

Victor Billie. What a colorful sight they were dancing and winding their way in and out and all around the chickees with singing and whoops echoing among the trees!

In the quiet, tree-shaded Ee-toh-lit-kee Seminole Indian Family camp, visitors often commented on how this area was the coolest place in the whole park as breezes blew through the thatched roofs of the chickees.

On Saturday night, at the featured dance performances in the Amphitheatre, in memory of the late Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Executive Director, Billy Cypress, the Seminole camp presented Jon Kay a Seminole jacket as a gift of their enjoyable working relationship through the years.

The chickees for the Ee-to-lit-kee Seminole Indian Family camp were built in 1985. Each year the Seminole people come to the Festival to share their traditions and demonstrate their crafts. The Seminole Family Camp was created to serve as a base for the interpretation of Seminole traditional crafts, arts, and foods. The camp was developed through a generous gift from The Seminole Tribe of Florida. Members of the tribe built the chickees and arranged them like a traditional family camp.



Representatives from the Seminole Tribe demonstrated traditional dances, among other things, at the festival.



The Masai tribe African dancers came all the way from Kenya.

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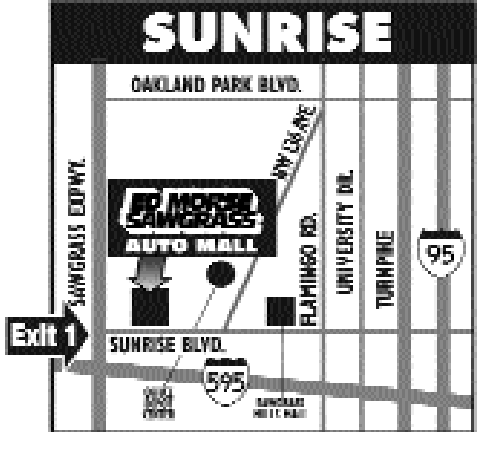
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Trishana Storm Bravely Creates a New Path

By Iretta Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — Meet Trishana Storm. She is the daughter of Thomas Storm Sr. and the late Linda Gail Dean. Storm is the first Seminole to formally study funeral services and embalming.

After the initial shock of this information, realize that it is not a reckless or rebellious decision, but a calling that blossomed in high school.

"I had a human anatomy and physiology class in high school. It got me real interested because I did some studies on the human body," she said. "Instead of animals, I decided I wanted to work with dead people. It was just interesting."

Storm won first place in the school's science fair project and went on to the regional competition, but a biology class dissection really drew her towards the deceased. From there, Storm asked her teachers about colleges and only two names came up, Lynn University and Miami-Dade College's North Campus. She chose the W.L. Philbrick School of Funeral Sciences at Miami-Dade College.

Storm enjoys all the classes the course has offered and looks forward to the more hands on classes next semester, like restorative arts and embalming. She said going to school is a form of sanctuary.

Even though she has very supportive family, friends and co-workers, Storm said some people do have a problem with her choice to study funeral services and embalming.

"I have a lot of friends who I sit down and talk to and most of them don't want to hear about things that are dead or dead people," she said. "So when I go to school it's just like so relieving because everybody's talking about the same thing and you get to understand it. I don't know what it is, but it's just a force that just keeps driving me towards it. No matter what negative anybody has to say."

Seminole avoid anything to do with death



Iretta Tiger

Trishana Storm takes a break between classes at Miami-Dade College.

in general, but many Native American cultures teach that death is not to be feared if you are a good person. Storm realizes the seriousness of her chosen profession and takes every precaution to protect herself, including spiritually.

"What she's doing is a very important part of our culture and very dangerous," said language department instructor Herbert Jim, who studies Seminole medicine.

Storm will graduate in June 2005 and will receive an associate of science degree. After graduating, she would like to start in the field as an embalmer, but her goal is to one day own her own funeral home and cemetery.

There are few words that can describe the admiration for this courageous woman. We wish her love and support. Storm herself would like to send a message to anyone with a dream.

"If you dream something and people try to deter you from your dream, if it's not what you want and if it's not what you feel then change it, but don't let someone else's influence change your mind," she said. "Change your mind on your own and stick to your goals. If that's what you want to do, go for it."



Barbara Boling

On June 10, Brighton seniors celebrated their own National Senior Health and Fitness Day, a day celebrated across the U.S. on May 26.

National Senior Health and Fitness Day

By Barbara Boling, Brighton Health Educator

BRIGHTON — The Brighton seniors joined the health department staff to celebrate National Senior Health and Fitness Day on June 10. This event coincided with the Eleventh Annual National Senior Health and Fitness Day event, celebrated nationwide on May 26.

The goal for this event is to help keep older adults healthy and fit. It is estimated that 150,000-plus seniors in the U.S. participated in this year's activities. Due to events in the Brighton community, the fitness day activities were rescheduled for June 10.

The day started with a brisk five mile bicycle ride. The bicycle route started at the Senior Center traveling west to the Harney Pond Road Bridge and returned to Hot Meals. Biking participants received T-shirts and water bottles.

Following the ride, the seniors enjoyed a morning filled with horse shoes and shuffleboard. A healthy meal was served by the Hot Meals staff.

Winners for the events are as follows.

Shuffleboard Teams

1. Jack Smith Jr. and Onnie Osceola, 2. Oliver Billie and Juanita Billie, 3. Howard Micco and Happy Jones, 4. Jack Micco and Bessie Tommie.

Men's Horse Shoes

1. Howard Micco, 2. Jack Smith Jr., 3. Oliver Billie, 4. Jack Micco.

Women's Horse Shoes

1. Onnie Osceola, 2. Bessie Tommie, 3. (tie) Happy Jones, 3. Juanita Billie.

The Seminole health department sponsored this event, with assistance from the recreation staff and the Senior Center staff. Thank you all for making this event possible for the seniors.



AIFI TRIBUTE TO WILL SAMPSON

AMERICAN INDIAN FILM INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES NEW WILL SAMPSON DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM

San Francisco — One of Native America's greatest contemporary legends is the focus of a new documentary, formally announced Sat., Nov. 8, 2003 at the 28th annual American Indian Film Festival. A documentary feature film project about the late Will Sampson — a forerunner of Native Americans in cinema — is being launched by the generation of Native filmmakers inspired by the Oklahoma actor, whose tragic death at 53 in 1987 has only magnified his enduring legacy, onscreen and off.

American Indian Film Institute founder-president and AIFI director Michael Smith made the announcement during the festival's American Indian Motion Picture Awards at San Francisco's Palace of Fine Arts. The project will feature an all-Indian production crew, and fund-raising events are planned for Summer 2004.

Will Sampson, whose poignant portrayal of the powerful, persecuted Chief Broniden opposite Jack Nicholson in the timeless American feature film *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, was truly the first warrior in a contemporary role to bring reality, humanity and dignity to the embattled image of Indians in cinema. With that one pivotal role, Sampson struck a timeless chord in Hollywood — and throughout Native America, forever impacting the world's stereotypical, Hollywood-induced perceptions of Natives. Recognized around the world, Sampson was a founding board member of the American Indian Film Institute, incorporated in 1979. It was his breakthrough role as Chief Broniden, of course, that Sampson is best remembered for; a hard-won, critically-acclaimed performance as the Juicy Fruit-chewing, catatonic who really could hear and speak.

The documentary feature film will move beyond Sampson's iconic image forged from his Cuckoo's Nest performance, and chronicle the behind-the-scenes odyssey of the 6-foot, 7-inch Muscogee Creek actor and artist, who died following a heart and lung transplant in Texas. Members of the Sampson family attended the American Indian Motion Picture Awards ceremony, and gave their blessing for the making of this vital film.

"I'm all for it, this documentary," said Norma Jean Sampson Bible, Will's only surviving sibling and creative consultant on the film. "It's long overdue, that's the way I feel. Anything that keeps his memory alive for us, I'm happy that it's going to come about finally. I read the book after I saw the film. It's his story, really. I think this documentary will really settle things once and for all. [People] only knew my brother after he became big-time. They never knew him like we did. Only we knew the real Sonny. He was just an ordinary, mischievous little Indian boy. When I saw him up on the big screen, I couldn't believe it." Tim Sampson, Will's eldest son who also serves as a creative consultant, reflected on the long-term alliance between his father and the American Indian Film Institute. "I think it's about time," Tim said of Smith's announcement. "It's great, and way overdue. We need this. A lot of people still ask who he was — either they didn't know him or they forgot him. [This film] is a good thing. I know my dad goes way back with Michael Smith and the American Indian Film Institute, so it seems fitting that they're making this film." Fulfilling his father's prediction that his son would follow in his footsteps, Tim Sampson resurrected the Chief Broniden role opposite Gary Sinise in Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre's stage production of *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, which won the 2001 Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play.

AIFI's creative team is being assembled, and will include Michael Smith (Sioux) as executive producer, veteran Choctaw director Phil Lucas, whose documentary film *The Honour of All* was narrated by Will Sampson; National Film Board of Canada, Abenaki Nation director/writer Alanis Obomsawin; Mohican composer Brent Michael David; and Anishinaabe writer Wishelle Banks.

The American Indian Film Institute is planning two fund-raising events in 2004: a July 17 golf tournament at the Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort in Las Vegas; and an August 7 dinner auction at the Autry Museum of Western Heritage in Los Angeles. The Institute will further alliances with North American tribal, foundation and film industry entities to finance the documentary film. Information on both fund-raising events is available by phone: 415.554.0525 or web: www.aifil.com.

"Will's legacy is the path he cleared for non-stereotypical roles for Native peoples," Smith stated. "His photograph hangs prominently in my office. Each day he reminds me that there remains much work ahead to clear the world of misconceptions and misrepresentations in film. Will's life challenged the status quo. We are proud to begin the process of making this documentary film."

The American Indian Film Institute is a non-profit media arts center created to foster understanding of the culture, traditions and issues of contemporary Native Americans. Founded in 1979 with late actor Will Sampson (*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*) among its founding members, AIFI employs film as a tool to preserve and record our heritage; a vehicle for Indians and non-Indians alike to "unlearn" damaging stereotypes and replace them with multi-dimensional images that reflect the complexity of Native peoples. Today, AIFI is the major Native American media and cultural arts presenter in California, and its festival is the world's oldest and most recognized international film exposition dedicated to American Indians in cinema.

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The American Indian Film Institute invites golfers from the United States and Canada to the Will Sampson Memorial Golf Classic, starting at noon (PDT), July 17, in the Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort, 10325 Nu Way Kary Blvd., Las Vegas, Nevada. Tribal leaders, producers, writers, directors, and actors from the Native American and Hollywood film communities will compete in the tournament to benefit the Tribute to Will Sampson Documentary Film Fund.

Registration Forms are available on the AIFI's website at www.aifil.com. Entry fees are \$350 per individual, or \$1360 for golf foursomes. Airfare, lodging, and transportation are not included in the Entry Fee. Rental clubs are available from the Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort, a soft-spike facility, by calling 1-800-711-2833, or check out their website at www.lvpaiutegolf.com. Reserve now.

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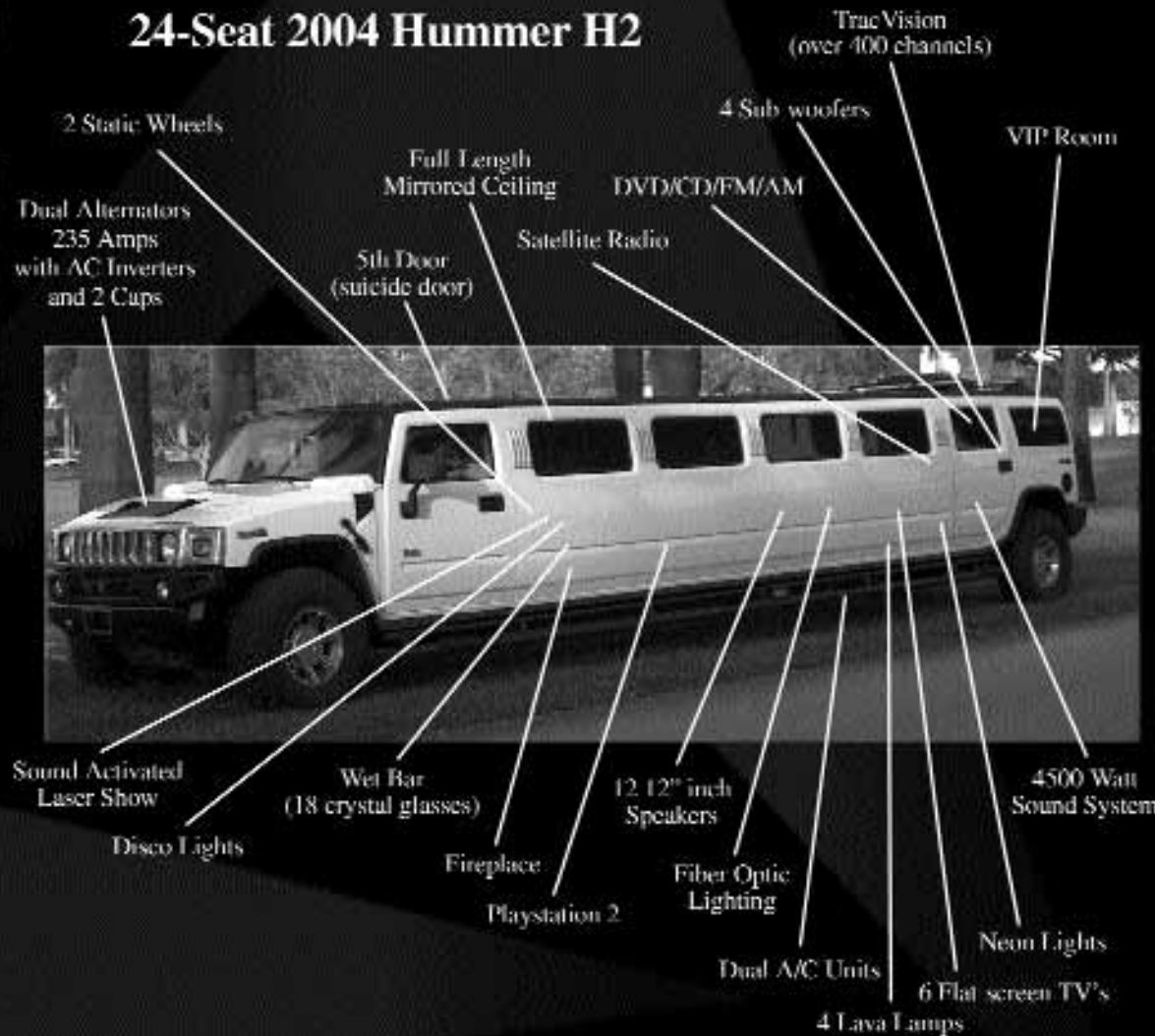
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