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Graduating senior Jessica Buster and her mother Meg Buster.

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Seminole Graduates from Sheridan Hills Christian School

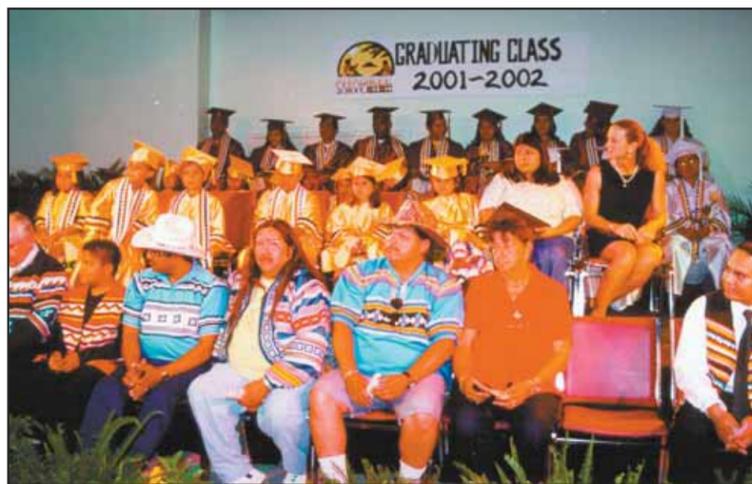
By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD — On June 7, Tribal members Jessica Buster and Mercedes Osceola graduated from the Sheridan Hills Christian School.

The event began with a "Processional," given by Miss Damaris Mora. The "Welcome and Invocation" was delivered by Mr. Chet Steele and Mr. Steve Parten gave the "Graduation Message."

The Senior ChoirGirls sang "The Perfect Fan," Miss Jennifer Talpesh gave the Salutatory Address. Miss Lillia Lovera gave the Valedictory Address. The main theme of the addresses were that the tools the graduates have acquired over the past four years were given to them to prepare for the world outside of high school.

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23 graduates from the kindergarten, eighth grade, twelfth grade classes await their diplomas at the June 4 Ahfachkee Graduation Ceremony.

Ahfachkee School Observes Graduation Ceremony

By Alexandra Frank

BIG CYPRESS — On June 4, the Big Cypress Community Center hosted the Ahfachkee School Graduating Classes of 2002. The three classes honored on this evening included Kindergarten, Eighth Grade and, of course, the seniors.

The theme for the ceremony was "Soaring to Excellence." Dinner started off the evening, catered by Tribal member Cleveland Baker. Theresa Jumper and Virginia Tommie set up the trusty karaoke machine and provided entertainment throughout dinner.

At 6:45 p.m. people began to fill the community center and last minute primping of caps and gowns were finally completed. The master of ceremonies, Keeno King, welcomed everyone in attendance to the long awaited event.

The first to be introduced was the Kindergarten Class, followed by the Eighth Grade Class and the Senior Class. King then introduced the Seminole Color

Guard, which was established in 1995.

Spencer Battiest performed the National Anthem and June Ashley Jumper recited the Pledge of Allegiance. The Reverend Arlen Payne of the Chickee Baptist Church gave the opening Invocation.

King called on the Acting Principal for Ahfachkee Lee Zepeda, who welcomed parents, students, faculty and the graduating classes to the event. Zepeda also congratulated the graduates on the special occasion.

Zepeda said that although the graduates may have heard what he was about to say many times before, he had to repeat the phrase, that they "are the future of the tribe." This title carries a heavy burden and responsibility, but it is true.

He said he knew that some graduates know what they want to be or do when they get out of school, others are still wrestling mentally with what they want to do and others are not even close

See AHFACHKEE, page 6

Tribune Wins Media Awards At 2002 NAJA

SAN DIEGO, CA—Employees from the Seminole Tribe's Communication and Broadcasting Department attended the 18th Annual Native American Journalism Association (NAJA) Conference.

At NAJA's 2002 Native Media Awards Gala, the *Seminole Tribune* received two awards: first place in the Internet news site category (www.seminoletribe.com/tribune), and honorable mention for Layout and Design in the Broadsheet category.

Hosted by the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, the convention offered Native journalists from across the nation with a host of special speakers and challenging training opportunities throughout the week. The convention's purpose is to unify the members and discuss topics such as free press, expression, and freedom of speech, to ensure the high standard of Native media.

The Opening Ceremony, held at the Viejas Casino, celebrated the



Alexandra Frank

See NAJA, page 12 Tribune Staffers: Melissa Sherman, Ernie Tiger and Doreen Billie.

Seminole Compete In State Finals



Paula Gannon

State Finalists Steven Billie, Trina Bowers and Clinton Holt.

By Paula Gannon

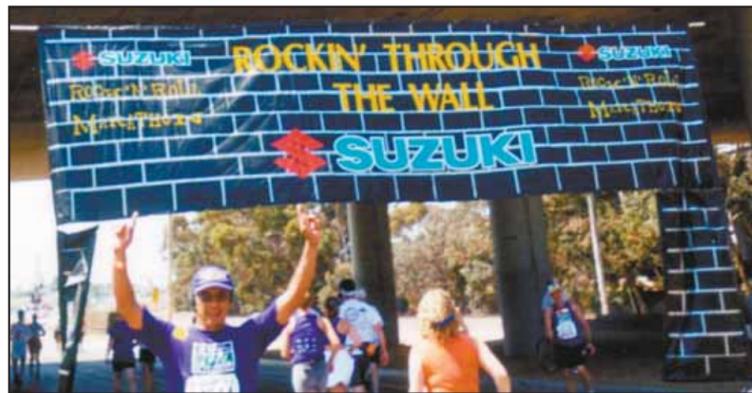
BRIGHTON — The Florida High School Rodeo Association State Finals was held at the Fred Smith Rodeo Arena on June 14-16.

There were three performances of mud, sweat and tears competition as high school students from all over the state of Florida competed for the National Finals. The cowboys and cowgirls, including three Seminole teenagers, earned rodeo points and good grades all year to qualify for the Florida High School Rodeo Association State Finals.

The Tribal members were 15-year old Trina Bowers of Brighton in breakaway calf roping, 16-year old Steven Billie of Hollywood in rough stock bull riding and 17-year old Clinton Holt of Hollywood in rough stock bull riding and bareback riding.

At the awards banquet, they each received a State Finals "2002 Rodeo Buckle Award."

Suzuki Rock 'N' Roll Marathon 2002



Marlin Billie crosses over the finish line after the 26.2 mile trek across San Diego.

By Marlin Billie

SAN DIEGO — The thought of competing in a 26-mile run seemed mind-boggling at first. It was always something that entered my mind, but then left just as quickly. A distance runner for the majority of my life, it was something that I just had to do.

26.2 miles is the exact distance of the 5th Annual Suzuki Rock 'N' Roll Marathon, held on June 2 in San Diego, CA. Whoever thought that last .2 mile up must have wanted to break someone at the end, just in case the 26 miles didn't do it.

My son Travis traveled with me to keep my sanity together, which was badly needed. Especially with the thought of running to total exhaustion crossing my mind every other moment.

June 2 began at 3:00 a.m. (pacific time) for me, with the excitement of the day that lay ahead. The bus to the race starting line departed at 4:00 a.m. The last one departed at 5:00 a.m., but I wasn't going to wait for that one.

While riding the bus over, a lot of the runners were in the same boat as I was, this was "their first marathon," so butterflies were plentiful. I mentioned to this older lady that when I was younger, I only thought world-class runners competed in these kinds of events. Her response was, "consider yourself in that category now!"

That helped ease the thought that I COULD FINISH this race. My goal going into this race was not to place in the top ten or top hundred, although that would be great, I just wanted to finish the race.

It was called a race, but for 18,000 of the 22,000 that entered, it became more of a survival run.

We started at 6:30 a.m., just before daybreak, with plenty of cheers and hollering as we began. The event was called the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon because every mile of the race course was

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Where Will 2003 Tribal Fair Be Held?

By Paula Gannon
HOLLYWOOD — On June 19, in the Hollywood Auditorium lobby, the Tribal Fair committee faced a major question: where will the 2003 Tribal Fair be held?

Because of the impending Hard Rock construction, the removal of the rodeo grounds is near. One of the main points of discussion by the committee: should there even be a rodeo, or just a powwow?

The committee is considering sites like T.Y. Park in Hollywood and the

Bergeron Rodeo Arena in Davie to hold the 2003 Fair. Another option is to just have arts and crafts booths and dance and drum competitions and vendors, but no rodeo.

Members of the committee suggested that large tents be placed at the selected park in case of inclement weather. At the last meeting, the final budget reports for the 2002 Fair showed a \$13,000 loss that could be directly blamed on the weather.

Other options were to set up a portable rodeo arena on the Casino prop-

erty and parking lot, if they were empty during February 2003. There was also a suggestion to see if the Tribal Fair could be held at the Bill Osceola Rodeo Arena one last time.

Advertising suggestions were to print out more posters for display in the local airport, and to contact television and charities.

The next Tribal Fair Meeting will be held on July 17 in the Hollywood Auditorium Lobby at noon.

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In Loving Memory Of Smawley Ollie Snow Holata

We would like to thank the Seminole Tribe, Brighton Community, Relatives, Friends, and everyone who worked at the field office in Brighton. We would also like to thank everyone who helped out at the camp. We'd like to thank everybody who sent beautiful flowers and sympathy cards. Plus, we would like to thank all the friends from the Brighton and Tampa Casinos for coming out and being with us.

Five years ago, Smawley had major surgery and we almost lost her then, but by her going to the doctor and a lot of bed rest she got better. After a few months of recovery, she was talking to me about how God gave her one more chance to live and she said, "When I get well enough I have to do something for my tribe and my community." That's why she liked coordinating the Brighton Youth Conference and helping out with the Wellness Conference. Smawley was a strong person and she

knew if she went back into the hospital for surgery that she wouldn't make it out. The day before her passing along, we had our last supper together



**Smawley Ollie Snow Holata
January 8, 1952-May, 12 2002**

with three of our grandkids (Jennie, Raylon, Amber Craig, Taylor Holata and

Silas). On our way to eat, she sang Indian Hymns to our grandkids from a CD made by the members of the First Indian Baptist Church of Brighton. She stated, "They need to learn the Indian songs from church, that's why I'm singing to them."

Smawley loved helping out any way she could around the office and community, but most of all, she loved being with her family. She would walk miles for us just to help us in any way she could. Smawley was an excellent wife, a terrific mother, and a loving grandmother. She was loved by many people and will be truly missed. Since she has done her duty here on earth we laid her to rest in a better place. Some place where she won't feel no more pain and some place where she can play bingo non-stop.

Even though Smawley is gone as a person, her spirit is still here with us. And until we reunite as a family again, we will love her and miss her dearly as each day goes by.

Thanks again to everyone who was there in our time of need.
— **Eli Holata and Family and Grandkids**



**Fooshé okleshabooleeken oom-men
Grandfather is carving out sofkee spoon (ladle)**

The Lumbee Controversy

***Dr. Dean Chavers**

When Sir Walter Raleigh sent his colony to the "New World," he had no idea what complications he was going to cause me in my life. Sir Walter had his head cut off by the queen a few years later, after pulling time in the Tower of London, despite the fact that he laid his cape over the mud puddle for the queen to cross the street.

Raleigh sent two ships with 121 colonists over to the Outer Banks of North Carolina in 1586. The ships spent the winter, then returned to England in the spring to collect more supplies. Before they left, the first European baby born in the New World, Virginia Dare, had come along.

Unfortunately, the queen had decided to defeat the Spanish Armada and become the ruler of the seas, so she commanded everything that floated to be part of her navy. Sir Walter's boats were part of the commandeered fleet.

The battle with the Spanish Armada took place in the English Channel in 1588, with the Spanish being thoroughly defeated. That left the coast clear for Britain to plant colonies in North America, South America, Asia, Africa, and several assorted islands. The English went on a roll that lasted over 350 years. The sun started never setting on the British empire.

When Sir Walter's ships got back to the Outer Banks in 1592 (if my memory serves me right) they found no colonists. Instead they found the word "Croatoan" carved into the bark of a tree. That was the name of the nearest tribe, located only five miles away from the English settlement. The people on the

ships never found the "Lost Colony." As far as history is concerned, they disappeared.

As far as I am concerned, they married the local Indians and became part of the tribe. That is the theory proposed over a hundred years ago by a medical doctor from Red Springs, NC named Hamilton McMillan. He published a book saying that the Lost Colonists were not really lost, that they had

intermarried with the local Indians. Many people still subscribe to that theory, including me.

Let's fast forward to 1968, when I located to California. I was the fourth Indian student on the campus at Berkeley when I got there. Within two years we had increased the Indian student population to over 75, mainly thanks to the recruiting of 70Allyn Archambault. But many of the Indian students there would not accept me. Their perception of the Lumbees is that we are not Indians.

The perceptions of the occupiers of Alcatraz was much the same, I found a year later. Even though I was officially designated the Mainland Coordinator of the Alcatraz occupation, Indian people from other tribes still looked askance at me at first.

"You guys don't speak your language," they would say, "so you can't be Indians." It is true; we lost our last Native speaker of the Cherokee language in 1896. Since then, every Lumbee has spoken English. But as Gaishkabos, the former chairman at Lac Courte Oreilles, pointed

out a decade and a half ago, the other tribes better tread lightly on this issue. At least a quarter of the tribes in the U. S. will have no speakers of their Native languages in 25 years. Will they still be Indians?

"You guys don't go to boarding schools, so you can't be Indians," they said. It's true that Lumbees do not go to federal schools for Indians. Neither can any of the other terminated tribes.

"You guys aren't recognized by the federal government as a tribe, so you can't be Indians," they would say. That is not true. The Lumbee Tribe was recognized by Congress as a tribe in 1956 (78 Stat. 254). However, the last section of the bill states "Nothing in this Act shall make such Indians eligible for any services performed by the United States for Indians because of their status as Indians, and none of the statutes which affect Indians because of their status as Indians shall be applicable to the Lumbee Indians." Thus the U. S. that was both recognized by the Congress and terminated at the same time. Our leaders in 1956 were naive people, people who did not know all the ins and outs of politics in Washington, DC. If there was a really bad time to get a recognition bill passed it was 1956-at the height of the termination movement.

The Lumbee Tribe should have been federally recognized by Congress in 1938, I learned a decade ago. But the bill was dropped. The reason? The leaders of the two sides could not agree on the name. What a silly reason not to be recognized, but there is little doubt it is true.

"You guys are intermarried with Blacks, so you can't be Indians," they would say. That is true. Probably a quarter of the Lumbee people have some African blood in their genes. But almost every tribe in the U. S. is now intermarried with Blacks, Whites, Hispanics, and Asians-even the most traditional tribes.

By the end of the Alcatraz occupation, however, I was accepted a lot better by the Alcatraz people and my fellow Berkeley students.

If being intermarried with non-Indians makes a tribe less Indian, there are dozens of tribes on the campus at Berkeley of termination. I say it is better to leave that racist argument alone. We don't need to give the anti-Indian groups, the racists, and the terminationists any more ammunition.

A lot of Lumbees make their fight to be federally recognized the main part of their existence. While I think it is important, it has never been a main part of my existence. I guess the reason is that I never thought as a young person coming up that the Lumbees would ever be recognized.

But when the late Janie Maynor Locklear organized a group to work toward federal recognition 25 years ago, I was the first person to give money to the organization.

Many Lumbees act as if other tribes are their mortal enemies. I have always felt that Lumbees are not antagonists of other tribes. We are in the same boat, not in different boats. We are either going to make it to the other side of the river and safety, or we are all going to drown because of a leaky boat, or because

some fool punched holes in the bottom of the boat.

We have to make friends with other tribes, not be antagonistic toward them.

The proof is in the pudding, as they say. When the Lumbee leaders first started trying to get help from other tribes, the opposition was overwhelming. A group of Lumbees, with little prior preparation, went naively to the NCAI meeting in San Diego in 1972 to ask for help removing the termination section of the Lumbee bill. The vote was something like 57 against and two for. It was devastating.

The Lumbees should never have gone to the NCAI, with no preparation, and asked for support for that legislation. The next time it came up, in Sioux Falls in 1988, there had been a lot more preparation and a lot more contacts had been made. The Lumbee resolution passed something like 44 tribes in favor and 35 against-a much better percentage.

In the meantime, a large number of Indian leaders from all over the U. S. had made the trek to Robeson County NC to see what the Lumbee people are like. Very few have left Robeson County with anti-Lumbee views. Most have left with highly pro-Lumbee views. After all, who were the shock troops who had to take the brunt of the European invasion? Lumbees, Pequots, Chickahominies, Patuxets, etc. My main interest over the past 30+ years has been in learning all I can about Indian rights, tribal sovereignty, tribal economic development, and the elements that will allow Indian tribes to become once again self-sufficient. In fact, I believe I was the person who coined the term "self-sufficiency" in a hearing in Oklahoma City back in 1979.

We have to work together as Indian people, I believe. We can make fun of each other, as long as the fun is in extremely bad taste (see my earlier columns on Indian humor). But when the fun is over, the work of maintaining tribal sovereignty and Indian rights demands cooperation, not antagonism.

I personally have never fought with tribal leaders from other tribes, even when they were virulently anti-Lumbee. I have admired the leaders of the Eastern Band of Cherokees, even though that tribe has consistently killed the Lumbee bill in Congress that would have removed termination from the Lumbee Tribe.

The main leader in the anti-Lumbee fight was former Cherokee Principal Chief Jonathan Ed Taylor. As Ernie Stevens, Sr. said 25 years ago at an NCAI hearing, when Ed Taylor gets to heaven he's going to find that Saint Peter is a Lumbee.

And I think it is ironic that several Lumbees (Dr. Helen Scheirbeck, Arlinda Locklear, W. J. Strickland, Gene Brayboy, Dr. Bobby Brayboy, Leon Jacobs) have helped other tribes to gain or regain their federal recognition, only to have the leaders of some of these tribes turn on the Lumbees once they have their own recognition in hand.

Despite these setbacks, I think we still have to keep fighting-for the right things.

Seminole Tribe Of Florida Aviation Maintenance Update

By Billy Parker, Director of Maintenance

We thought we'd take the time to update everyone with regards to our Aviation Department Maintenance Program, as of November 2001. It was decided at this time to bring in all the Aircraft Maintenance in-house by adding a few new tools and equipment to make it possible to do almost all of the maintenance ourselves.

The aircraft will also be available more, as we can control the down time and quality of maintenance being accomplished here at the reservation's own hangar, the major benefits being better quality control with a higher safety factor.

When the maintenance is done away from the reservation, you end up with a pilot and mechanic away from home, stuck in some hotel, eating all their meals out.

This can get expensive, not counting the cost of the maintenance visit. We began our new program with the Gulfstream IV, and are currently doing all the normal maintenance at the Big

Cypress hangar.

One of the tribe's two helicopters has already had one annual inspection done here, and we anticipate doing the second helicopter in a few months. We've recently added Mr. Jorge Artigas to our maintenance staff as Director of Operations (FAA Part 135) Operations.

Jorge is highly qualified, with many years of experience, and has approvals to do Heavy Maintained and Field Repairs on several components. We've just completed our first in-house Annual Inspection on the Tribe's Pilatus Aircraft.

We will continue to do as much as possible here at the Big Cypress hangar, to control costs and quality. I was employed at Gulfstream's factory in Savannah, GA for 25 years and have worked in the private sector for the last five years.

As the Tribe's Director of Maintenance, and duties also as a pilot, it is my objective to provide the Seminole Tribe with the highest level of quality maintenance and safety at a reduced cost.



Little Miss Seminole Brooke Osceola with Bobby Bowden at the FSU Banquet, held in Orlando on June 18, 2002.

Tribune Deadlines

The following deadlines apply to all submissions for inclusion into the *Tribune*:

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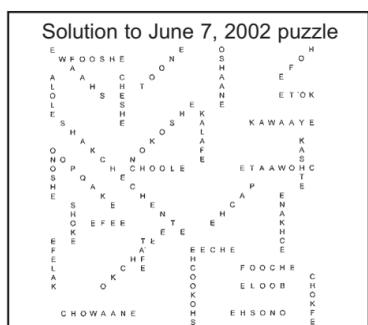
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**Issue: November 8, 2002
Deadline: October 25, 2002**



Letters & E-mail

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Dear Mr. David Cypress,

Thank you very much for your recent patronage of our facility. We hoped you enjoyed the event and were pleased with the outcome. Your group is always a pleasure to serve.

We look forward to next year's tournament. If you have any other entertainment needs, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Again, thank you for your business.

**Howard Berg
Director of Media/Marketing
Hollywood Greyhound Track**

Dear Okalee Village and Museum,

It's official! Cultural, Arts & Recreation Day 2002 has been deemed a big success for the Leadership Broward Foundation. Your role in this event made the difference and on behalf of the Leadership Broward Foundation, we'd like to say THANK YOU!

One of the greatest pleasures of being involved in the community is the opportunity to meet and work with so many talented, charitable and devoted people. Thank you for serving as Tour Guide and doing such an excellent job!

Please know how much your efforts are appreciated, not only by the staff of LBF, but also by those whose lives are changed forever through their participation in Leadership Broward.

**Venica "Nikki" Blakely
Special Events and Programs
Coordinator**

I don't know if you'd be interested in posting this, but know there are some Seminoles who practice martial arts. The Native American Martial Arts Association in Oklahoma will be hosting a tournament on Oct. 18, 19, and 20 at the Shangri-La Resort at Monkey Island in Grove, Oklahoma. It is an All Indian event with 123 officially sanctioned world titles. David Fishing Hawk, 7th degree in Tae Kwon Do, is heading it up. You can get more info from Adrian Roman by contacting him at his web site at: www.adrianroman.com/

**Jerry Davis
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After starting to read "Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee," I decided to search the web for other Native American

history. I found your site and consider it very well put. I spent more time reading at www.seminoletribe.com than at the Smithsonian site.

I've known about the fierce fighting that the Seminoles exhibited in the 1800's for years, but this is the first time I have actually sat down and read about all their heroic times.

As a Floridian for many years, I am very proud of your accomplishments. Keep up the good work.

**Ted Scholl
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We had a fantastic day out at the Billie Swamp Safari. We have been to all the attractions in Orlando and Tampa Bay, including Lowrey Park Zoo, Busch Gardens and the Florida Aquarium, but this was one of the most memorable. In particular, the highlight was the snake man. I have never seen such an interesting talk and demonstration of snake behavior. The whole family was enthralled. I and my two children, 4 and 7, will never forget holding the baby alligator.

**Chris Payne
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Community News



2001-2002 Yearling Athletes



Jordan Jones - Boys Baseball; Brittany Smith, Stephanie Smith and Audrey Snow - Girls Basketball; Erin Willie, Brittany Smith, Audrey Snow

and Josie Snow- Girls Volleyball Conference 2002 Champions. Keep up the good work, your community is proud of all you!

Suzuki

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lined with bands and cheerleaders. At first, it seemed to be the ideal way to run. The first couple miles were interesting, but as we went along, the thought of listening to bands and watching someone doing cheers didn't feel right. I lost interest, focusing solely on running.

I entered the 10-mile marker at about one hour and 53 minutes. The group that I started with was thinning out and other people were replacing them. Either I was doing better or they were speeding up.

After the race, I noticed that the Kenya group finished when I had reached the 11 mile marker!

The course was an up-and-down run, something that I wasn't able to train for here in South Florida.

During the eighteenth mile, my legs began to form cramps on the outside and inside high left thigh. Although it's said that you can run through it, this was something that could not be ignored.

I pulled over to the side and began working to ease the pain. They had medical stations throughout the course, but just when you need them, they're not around. After composing myself, the race was on again. By then, there were plenty of people showing signs of hurt in one fashion or another.

This is the point of the marathon run, right around 20 miles, is known as 'hitting the wall' right around 20 miles. This is where your state of mind is tested, I had to concentrate on continuing onward. To finish the race, finish what you started is all that kept coming in my mind.

The race ended at the U.S. Marine Depot, that was the most beautiful site of the day. The thought of all 26.2 miles is over, history! It was a bit-sweet victory, I was sore all over but I completed the entire 26.2 miles and doing it still running! WOW! My time was over the five hour mark, but the most important thing of the day was that it was a done deal.

You know, some people thought is that to be competitive in a marathon you need to finish for the top prizes. As a first time marathoner, it's not about where you finish, just as long as you have the desire to even try the thing to begin with.

Seniors Father's Day Luncheon

By Paula Gannon
HOLLYWOOD — It was a Happy Seniors Father's day lunch at the Hot Meals on June 12. Attending the happy event was President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, who said he was happy to be invited.

Cypress mentioned that he had just turned 55 years old a few months ago, so now he could attend the senior lunch.

Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola announced to all the fathers that they would get 100 dollars at the Community Fathers Day Dinner, held the next day at the Hollywood Gymnasium.

Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass wish everyone in attendance

a Happy Father's Day. Afterwards, the seniors all enjoyed lunch provided by the Hollywood Representatives.



President Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress and David Jumper.

Hollywood 4-H End of Year Dinner

By Robin Osceola
HOLLYWOOD — On Thursday, May 30, the Hollywood 4-H Club held its end of the year dinner at the Okalee Village.

Program Coordinator Polly Hayes opened the evening event with a prayer and the 4-H members recited the 4-H pledge and motto.

Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass, Organization Leader Steve Young and 4-H Project Leader Samantha Jimmie presented the awards and commended the kids for their hard work.

Officer pins were awarded to Nicole Osceola-President and Krystal Young-volunteer sec-

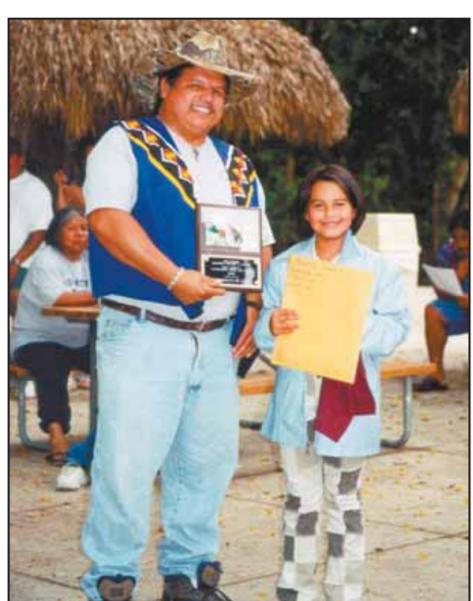
retary.

First year pins were awarded to Michael Eagle Billie, Ariah Osceola, Justin Osceola and Robert Tartsah.

Second year pins were awarded to Shelby Osceola, Sheyanna Osceola, Nicole Osceola and Ravenne Osceola.

Third year pins were awarded to Tina Shadoe Billie, Nelson Osceola and Michael Octor.

After all of the awards and certificates were handed out, dinner was served. The Hollywood 4-H Club would like to thank Board Representative David DeHass, and Buster Baxley and his staff.



Ravenne Osceola



Nicole Osceola

Area Churches To Hold Vacation Bible School

By K.B. Schaller
HOLLYWOOD — As summer vacation draws near, students on area reservations will have the option of choosing a different kind of school, one designed to stimulate their spiritual growth: Vacation Bible School.

Hosted by area churches, the seminars feature lessons that demonstrate and reinforce the truths of the Bible.

Vacation Bible School classes are structured to suit the learning styles of different age groups, from pre-school through twelfth grade. To make classes interesting, specially-trained instructors infuse learning with games, puppetry, skits, and lots of food.

The First Seminole Baptist Church annual VBS kicked off on June 23, at 6:00 p.m. at the Seminole Gymnasium.

The Bible school continued at the church from Monday, June 24 through Thursday, June 27, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Presenters from

Kentucky, as well as local teachers, provided instruction. Across the way, Chickee Baptist Church's 11th annual VBS is scheduled for July 8-12 at the church.



Area pastors encourage families to attend vacation Bible schools together.

Like other vacation Bible schools, youth of all ages will receive instruction from the Bible, made more interesting with the addition of skits, puppetry, snacks and testimonies.

"This year, we have expanded our ministry, and will travel to other reservations after Chickee Church's VBS," states Arlen Payne, pastor. The itinerary will include Chickee Church-sponsored Bible classes at Big Cypress, Brighton and Immokalee reservations.

For further information, call: Rev. Paul Buster, First Seminole Indian Baptist Church, (954) 791-6464; and Rev. Arlen Payne, Chickee Independent Baptist Church, (954) 894-5651.

Brighton Pre-School Cultural/Field Trip

Pre-school Language Outings were held during the Elder month (February). The outings were held at the culture grounds once a week, for four weeks. There, the children did various activities, such as playing the Cow Knee Bone game, To lane sha sha - Stickball Game.

Story Telling of the legends was held, as well as making various types of bread such as fry bread, dry bread, and pumpkin bread.

Lunch was prepared by the Language and Pre-School staff over an open fire, the lunch was served at the culture grounds.

Students also had their weight and blood pressure checked. They learned about the importance of weight and blood pressure control, and received a little medical bag after their experience.

An EMS vehicle came to the center while the children were outside during a break with its siren and flashing lights on. The children really liked this, the EMS Technicians also talked to the children about the job they do.

Last, but not least, we had the driver of the

BIG Bus from the Brighton Public School, Kim Youngblood, and Monitor Emma Urbina, talk to the children. Especially the seniors, so that they will know the do's and don'ts of riding the Big Bus next year.

The children loaded up on the bus, and off we went on a little tour of the reservation. We stopped for a picnic at the Education grounds, which topped off the day.

The Language staff would like to thank all the departments for their time and for making this a successful day.



Pre-schoolers enjoyed all of the visitors

Seminole Law Enforcement Records Division

By Paula Gannon
HOLLYWOOD—The Hollywood Reservation Police Department is the central location for all police records from all reservations, its main responsibilities are to store, retrieve and distribute police records.

Working in the Records Division are Rhonda Rotton and Carol Kelly, whose purpose is to provide excellent service to the community and department personnel. The Records Division is responsible for maintaining a database of all police records. All reports are assigned a case number and filed numerically.

The Records Division handles approximately 7,500 reports a year, this represents incidents that occur on all of the Seminole reservations.

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Rhonda Rotton and Carol Kelly.

report by the parties involved, date, location and type of incident.

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Health and Education ❖



Developmental Flatfoot

By Robert H. Sheinberg, D.P.M.
 Most children's feet are flat, don't hurt and are not deformed; they are, therefore, assumed to be "normal." Nothing could be further from the truth.

Developmental flatfoot is one of the most common conditions affecting the musculoskeletal system of children and teenagers. There is a tendency for the child's flatfoot to be ignored or treated with benign neglect. The facts are that it is NOT normal, the majority of children do NOT outgrow it and there IS cause for some concern.

Symptoms

- Children may not be able to communicate adequately as to their pain or fatigue in the legs or the feet.
- They may constantly prefer to be carried by a parent during normal walking.
- Leg or calf pain and spasms may be present especially at night.
- Premature fatigue in the legs or feet while walking or during sports participation.
- Leg, ankle and arch pain most often located toward the inside of the lower leg. The muscles are attempting to stabilize the foot. After a short period of time they fail and pain develops.
- Pain just below the knee on the inside of the leg. This is often seen together with children who are knock-kneed.

Signs

- The arch may appear normal off weight bearing but when standing, the arch may be significantly lowered or totally collapsed.
- The arch may be of normal height; the front half of the foot, however, is turned out relative to the rear half of the foot.
- When viewing the child from behind, the heel appears to be turned out and the arch bulges on the inside just below the ankle.
- Knock-Knees: When standing in normal position the knees almost touch each other.
- Bad Stance: The feet, ankles, and legs just don't appear right on gross examination when the child stands.
- While watching the child walk, there may be clumsiness or looseness to their gait. The feet point outward excessively and

general balance appears poor.

•Inactivity. Children with poor functioning or flatfeet do not keep up with other children during sports. This doesn't encourage them to continue with sports that require running. They will often choose more sedentary activities that will often lead to gaining weight.



Causes

- Ligaments connect bones together. They may be strong or loose. When excessively loose the bones tend to move away from each other allowing the arch to drop. Excessive flexibility or ligamentous laxity ("double jointed") is the primary reason that flatfeet are very common in children. It may be normal until age 6.
- Bone abnormalities are an uncommon cause of developmental flatfeet but needs to be ruled out.
- Trauma to tendons and ligamentous structures is an uncommon cause. A thorough medical history gathered by the foot and ankle specialist will rule this out.
- Tightness in the muscles and calf.

Treatment

Before instituting treatment, a thorough history of the chief complaint, pre and postnatal history, developmental and family history is taken. A complete physical examination of the lower extremities is of utmost importance. Observation of the child's gait (walking pattern), worn shoes and occasionally radiographs (x-rays) are taken. This gives us all the information necessary to make an accurate diagnosis and formulate a treatment plan.

Treatment of lower extremity mal-alignment and the developmental flatfoot will relieve "growing pains" in 90% of the cases. This is especially true if the foot is flexible. More rigid types of feet do not respond as well. We believe mechanical instability of the foot during weight bearing activities is a substantial cause of growing pain in children.

Many children have minimal symptoms and little deformity. A athletic shoe, not necessarily a

high top, is often recommended. The heel counter of the shoe should be rigid and the sole firm. Worn out sneakers need to be quickly replaced.

Treatment of painful or fatigued developmental flatfeet with orthoses (custom-molded supports for the feet) has consistently benefited children. They will often relieve pains of the foot, leg, knee, hip, and lower back.

Orthotics help to realign the lower extremity. This limits abnormal or excessive movements that put the foot and leg in a poor position. If the position of the extremity is straightened, muscles are put in a better position, thus allowing them to function normally and not excessively which causes pain and fatigue.

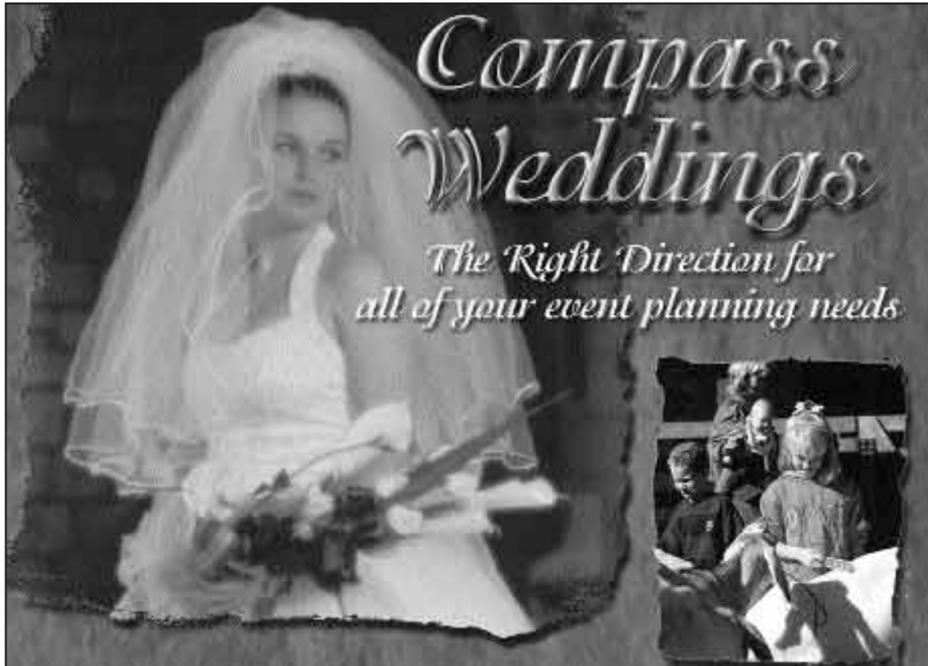
Orthotics will NOT change the structure of the foot; they will not help your child "develop an arch." They will provide significant support to the foot as glasses do for the eyes. Many types of orthoses are available. Custom molded orthotics are the best. Over the counter supports may be of some, but usually limited, benefit as well. We make an impression of the foot with plaster while holding the foot in the optimum position of function. The type of orthotics chosen is tailored to the child by taking into account a multitude of factors including gait, flexibility of arch, muscular tightness, activity and shoe gear.

If muscle tightness is playing a role in the problem, exercises to stimulate flexibility are critical for long-term wellness. Make sure your child does not go barefoot.

The decision to perform foot surgery is a very difficult one. If various foot orthoses and shoes have been tried, as well as therapy and casting the extremity have also proven unsuccessful, the doctor and parents may decide that surgery is in the best interest of the child. Failure to consider a surgical alternative may condemn a child with severe deformity to an adulthood of pain and suffering.

Remember, if your child has foot, leg or back pain, fatigues easily during activity or runs poorly, get their feet examined by a specialist.

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New Diabetes Treatment Under Review

Submitted by the Seminole Health Department
 A new therapeutic approach, when used in combination with conventional diabetic therapy, has shown promising results in the management of patients with uncontrolled, insulin requiring Diabetes.

Metabolic Activation Therapy, a process involving pulsatic intravenous insulin therapy, was devised by Dr. Thomas Aoki, a professor of medicine at the University of California at Davis. This process has been shown to aid in the stabilization of diabetic complications, such as kidney damage, progressive damage to the retina of the eye, low blood pressure, foot ulcers and other conditions, when used in conjunction with traditional diabetic therapies.

This treatment, geared for those patients already on insulin therapy, would involve arriving at the medical office, fasting, at which time a small IV would be started. After glucose is ingested, tiny pulses of insulin is delivered to the patient through the IV.

Three one-hour treatments are given on the same day, separated by a rest period of one to two hours. Treatment is done on a weekly basis.

Dr. James VanGelder has conferred with Dr. Paul Jellinger, a colleague and Hollywood Endocrinologist. We are fortunate to have Dr. Jellinger in our community, as he is nationally renowned and the immediate past president of the American Society of Clinical Endocrinology.

At the present time, Dr. Jellinger and his associates are reviewing the most recent data regarding this procedure and the development of a Hollywood-based local center. There have been 35,000 treatments to date, with no serious negative reactions.

The Seminole Health Department highlights the most current appropriate medical therapies in the effort to effect the best diabetic treatment available. One must also remember though, that in addition to tight control of blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol (lipids) must also be kept within normal limits to achieve the optimal health outcome.

We will keep you posted on further developments and anticipate more information within the next three months.

Upcoming Educational Events

July 15 – All report cards, academic awards and certification are turned in to the Hollywood Education Counselor's office to be counted and calculated for the upcoming Incentive Awards Banquet. The date, place and time for the Incentive Awards Banquet will be in mid-August. More information will be available to you when the final plans are made. Contact Mark Purcell, Hollywood Education Counselor, at (954) 989-6840, ext. 1222 for more information.

July 15 – Deadline for submitting applications for private school scholarships for grades kindergarten to 12th. All children attending private schools MUST have a current application, which has been approved by the Director or Acting Director of Education BEFORE any private school bills can be paid. A new application must be submitted each year to continue the private school scholarship.

July 9-12 – First Annual Seminole Youth Conference will be held at Hollywood Orlando's Hard Rock Hotel. The application deadline was June 24 to attend the Youth Conference, which will include Seminole youth from 6-18 years old, and their parent(s). Contact Josephine Motlow North for more information at (954) 989-6840, ext. 1308.

July 13-27 – Florida Indian Youth Program at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. The deadline for application was July 1, but late applications may be considered. Contact Bob Kellam at (800) 322-9186.

August 26 – First day of school for Broward County Public Schools. The first day for private schools will be close to this same date, but will vary by school. Check with your child's school for starting dates.

Youth Activities - July 2002

Brighton Education Department
 July 8- EM AHAKV VPELOFV Summer Program Starts
 July 19- EM AHAKV VPELOFV Summer Program Ends
 July 8- Trip to NYC for Middle School Students
 July 13- Governor's Council Starts
 July 27- Governor's Council Ends
 July 26- Banquet for FGCIA

Hollywood Family Services Program
 July 1- Patriotic Theme (lunch included) Activities for July 4th Holiday, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Family Services Conference Room
 July 17- Trip to Movie Theatre w/ Recreation, van leaves at 12:00 p.m. from Gym
 July 22- Planting Activity, 1:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m., Family Services Conference Room

Buying Automobile Tires

By Ken Goosens

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

Nearly everyone eventually purchases automobile tires. Most often, the tread on tires wears down to the point where traction on the road becomes poor enough to be dangerous. Sometimes, tires have to be replaced because they are damaged from punctures, potholes, or curbs. A full set of tires can easily cost over \$400.

If you need to replace some tires, how can you get your money's worth from the new purchases? In a nutshell, you want tires that have 1) a high mileage rating on treadwear, 2) a good warranty, 3) good traction under all driving conditions (dry pavement, wet roads, and snow and ice), 4) a smooth and quiet ride, and 5) a good price.

The treadwear rating indicates how slowly the tread on a tire wears down with normal driving. Clearly, if one tire lasts 40,000 miles but another lasts 80,000 miles, the longer lasting tire gives you more service.

Most manufacturers warrant that their tires are free from defects and guarantee the tread will last a minimum number of miles. The mileage warranty, however, is usually pro-rated.

This means you do not get a free tire if the tread doesn't last as long as guaranteed, but only a partial credit, which is reduced according to how many miles you did get. For example, you might only get a few dollars back if the tread lasted 55,000 miles on a 60,000 guarantee. Use mileage warranties to compare tires.

Tires do not just need to last, however. They need to grip the road, not slip when driving, and not lose grip when cornering or breaking. The performance of tires does differ.

Some have better traction when the road is wet. Some travel much better on ice or snow. Some hold better on curves. When breaking, some allow the car to come to a halt sooner.

Don't think that just because you live in Florida, you can ignore traction on ice and snow. Do you want to be safe when driving on business or vacation in the North or in the mountains?

Tires also differ by how much irritating noise they make when rattling on roads, and how smooth the ride is.

How can you know in

advance how well a tire performs? You may ask dealers, but do not simply take the word of the person selling the tire. Read reports of independent tests based on actually driving with the tires.

One of the best is Consumer Reports, which systematically tests tires for braking as well as grip on curves and different road conditions, and notes any problems with noise and how smooth the ride is.

Here's how to proceed. Start with a report on tire performance, such as Consumer Reports. This will give approximate price and group tires by mileage rating. Decide how many miles you want.

Note what tires have the highest ratings and what tires are the best buys.

Now shop by price for the tires that look best. Check advertised prices, but also call dealers for availability of your size and to get price quotes.

Discount dealers, like Sam's and BJ's, often have the best overall deal, but not always. Other retailers, like Sears and Tire Kingdom, may have special sales.

When comparing price, don't just figure in the price of the tires, but the total cost of installation. Include lifetime balancing, as opposed to one-time balancing, because tires really should be re-balanced after being driven several thousand miles. Often, unbalanced tires are the reason a vibration develops at certain speeds. Also include road hazard insurance, which will replace a tire for free if it is damaged from hazards like nails, potholes, and curbs. Get a quote for the tires, lifetime balancing, road hazard insurance, plus installation.

One tip on price, sometimes the same tire sells under different labels. For example, one of Michelin's finest tires is the X-1 Radial, which has an 80,000 mile warranty, a quiet smooth ride, and excellent performance on all road conditions.

Michelin does not want competitors undercutting retailers, so it sells the same tire as the X Radial Plus to them. These are just different names for the same tire.

After you buy your tires, do regular maintenance to do to get the maximum mileage and to preserve your warranty.

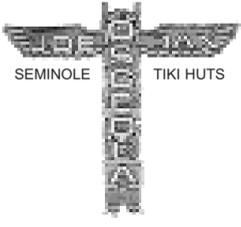
First, keep the tires properly inflated, which keeps the tread wearing evenly.

Second, rotate the tires regularly.

Third, keep the axles aligned. Instead of paying every time for an alignment, buy a lifetime alignment, which covers checking alignment and doing any needed realignment at no additional cost. Otherwise, your tires will fail to last and you may void your mileage warranty.



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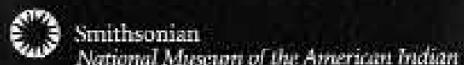
Robert Tree Cody (Thunder Bear), age 50, Musician, Composer, Pima/Maricopa, knows the importance of keeping the story alive. He is one of the many people the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian can call friend and supporter. He knows that he is helping to preserve the rich culture of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

The stories are about me and they are about you.

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



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Graduation

Ahfachkee

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to deciding on their future.

No matter what or who they want to be, Zepeda wanted them to remember to make their tribe, family, but most importantly themselves, proud.

Zepeda thanked the Ahfachkee staff for helping to make the school year a little easier. He described them as the hardest working group of people in any school system anywhere.

He also thanked Jack Gorton, George Grasshopper and the recreation staff for all the work they have put into the lighting and sound systems, the decorating of the community center, and in creating a festive atmosphere.

Zepeda also thanked his family for support, and the tribal representatives for their support of the Ahfachkee graduates. Zepeda then introduced the next speaker, Lester Brown, whom he has known for the past 18 years.

Brown had motivated and inspired Zepeda with his life story, which is a rags to riches saga. Brown came from very humble beginnings and has never forgotten it.

Today, Brown's life is a success story; he helps acquaintances and associates to discover their true potential and he helps them to reclaim their lives.

For the past year, Brown has held motivational seminars with the Seminole Tribe's employees, and most recently, its tribal citizens.

Although he had a speech prepared, Brown decided to say what he felt once he saw everyone entering the community center. He felt that what he wrote was not good enough, so he was going to speak from the heart.

Brown congratulated the Kindergarten Class, because even though they are just starting their education, they will rotate up those steps in their education. He continued with the Eighth Grade Class, stating that they will be Seniors and face the same challenges the current Seniors have faced in regards to education and work.

To the Senior Class, he extended congratulations. The end of their primary education may be over, but it is not end by any means. The end of their secondary schooling is the step towards a new beginning.

Brown also congratulated the parents and said that they should applaud themselves, because no one will ever know what they went through during the years of their child's education.

Brown shared a thought that weighed heavily on his mind about what the next step for the senior class would be. It is very important that they give serious thought as to what they want to do with their future.

Whatever it is they choose, it will be all right, whatever steps they take will be very important steps. They are not just the future of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, they are also the future of all the Indian Nations.

Brown said that when one does something wrong, no one will say it was a Seminole, people will say, "oh, it was an Indian." People not only represent themselves; they are representing a whole nation of people.

The choices a person makes today will be their reality tomorrow. Brown said that the seniors may not have had a choice about their future when they were younger, but they have it now.

The students didn't choose what their nationality would be when they were born, but they have a choice as to what they will become. No one has a choice about the color of their skin, but they have a choice in how they will be respected.

No one chooses their parents, but their children will have a choice in who their parents will be. These choices must be made very carefully, because they affect everyone's future.

Brown commented on the theme, "Soaring to Excellence." He had given the theme some thought, and Brown said that he wanted the graduates to excel in every aspect of their lives.

The word soaring made him think of an eagle, and Brown wanted the graduates to see themselves soar with affection in what they do, such as being the best representative of the tribe that

they can be.

He wants them to understand that they are standing on the shoulders, so to speak, of many people. In fact, about a 1,000 years worth of people who have brought them to this point, on this night.

The graduates are standing on the shoulders of their parents, grandparents, great-parents and great great-parents. This means they are standing on a lot of truth and power. Brown encouraged the graduates to use the power towards excellence that they will create within themselves and their community.

Brown wanted the graduates to remember these ideas he had come out to Big Cypress to share, and said this evening was an honor for everyone present, because they could see the best and the brightest at that very moment.

Brown pointed out that there is more than a hundred years of history behind them that has brought them to this point. He wanted the graduates to walk with pride, stand tall, and hold their heads up high.

Brown encouraged them to remember that they are the best the world has to offer, and never forget it. He asked the parents to love their children, no matter how old and if they stay on track or not. Sometimes, Brown pointed out, we get off track and that is the time we need love and caring the most.

When a parent gives unconditional love to their child, they are creating a better future not only for their child, they are also creating a better future for the community and the tribe as a whole.

Brown said that while he had been involved for some twenty years, this was the first time he has been to the Ahfachkee graduation ceremony, and was proud to finally share in the experience.

Brown finished with this thought, "God said to build a better world and I asked how. This world is so vast and complicated now and I am so small and useless what can I do?"

"And God in all his wisdom said, 'build a better you.' And as you build a better you, and you build a better you, and I build a better self. We won't have such a hard time trying to change the world."

"May God bless you and keep you, and to the best and the brightest always." Brown received a rousing round of applause for words that truly inspired.

King thanked Brown for offering words of motivation, and he and Zepeda gave Brown a patchwork jacket. Brown confessed that he had always wanted one of the jackets, and now his dream had come true.

King then introduced President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, who joked around with Brown about the jacket he just received and thanked him for all the work he has done with the tribe over the past twenty years.

Cypress said he was proud to be in attendance with the graduating classes and spoke about how teamwork has played an important part in the running of the Ahfachkee School.

He said that everyone involved with school has done a great job in getting the students prepared and having everyone out on this night was a great blessing. Cypress thanked the parents for supporting the graduates and he congratulated the graduates for completing a phase in their lives, which will serve as a stepping stone towards bigger and better things.

After Mitchell wished all the graduates well, King introduced the Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress. Cypress welcomed everyone to the event and congratulated the graduates.

Cypress asked for the lights be turned on, so that everyone present get a look at the teachers and staff of Ahfachkee. While Cypress joked that they were the victims of the senior class, he was serious when he thanked them from the bottom of his heart.

King then introduced Hollywood Board Representative David Dehass. Dehass said that he received an invitation and attending events like the graduation are a great part of his job.

Dehass said that attending graduations and seeing the children receive diplomas and continue on makes a person proud. Dehass encouraged the graduates to make the right choices about their future.

While he hoped it would not dampen the happy event, Dehass said that tragic events had taken place within the

community over the last few months and encouraged them think about their choices carefully, because the outcome would greatly affect their lives.

After Dehass, King called up Elaine Aguilar, Council Representative for the Immokalee Reservation.

Aguilar congratulated the seniors for graduating, and gave a nod of approval to the parents, who made sure their child went to school and got good grades so that they could pass from one grade to another.

Aguilar said she pushed her own children to go to school, but thought that, if it were her going to school, she may have just wanted to drop out.

She said that she went back to school and earned her GED so she could prove to her children that their mother has an education, and a diploma to back it up. Aguilar said that she has one child left to push to get an education. She encourages parents to do the same with their child, no matter how the child is.

Aguilar said the tribe needs educated people to understand the many changes coming up in the future. They need people who will understand the big words that will be used when these changes come about.

Aguilar pointed to the forefathers of the Seminole Tribe, many of whom did not have a formal education. She used Frank Billie as an example of person who had little schooling, but knew what was important.

Frank Billie said that a leader had to take care of the people first. This is what Aguilar has tried to accomplish. She puts herself last and the people first. They have to find something better for the tribal citizens.

Aguilar encouraged the senior graduates to go out into the world, get an education, and bring it back to share with the tribe. She wants them to do this in preparation for when her and other leaders bow out, because they are not getting any younger.

Aguilar encouraged them to learn what they can, be a good person, and lead the way into the future. With educated leaders, the tribe can strive for the best for its citizens and future citizens.

After Aguilar, Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers, Sr., shared a few words with everyone in attendance.

Bowers congratulated the 2002 graduates on their commencement, and shared a story about one of the graduates, his son, Wilson. Bowers said he had asked Wilson what he was going to do after graduating. Wilson asked his father, "Why, are you trying to push me out?"

Bowers said no and replied, "if anyone is going to go first, you all go first, that way I can have the house for myself." This generated a lot of laughter, and Bowers said that it was great to see so many students graduating and taking a new step in life.

There are quite a few things, like education, in which they can get support from the tribe. Bowers encouraged the students to get the education that is available to them; they just have to take the initiative.

After the speeches, King announced the long awaited event, the handing out of the diplomas. The first to receive their diplomas were the Kindergarten Class, followed by the Eighth Grade Class and the Senior Class.

Here is a list of graduates. Congratulations to you all, this is the first step towards a life that can be filled with all that you have dreamed about.

Whether you want to be a teacher, astronaut, or lounge singer you now have the education to accomplish anything you have set your minds to and the support of parents, family, friends, and your tribe.

Kindergarten Class Graduates: Malari Baker, Levi Billie, Aiden Bowers, Anthony Cypress, Susie Jim, Katina Jumper, Symphony Osceola, Sarah Osceola, Destiny Robbins, Savannah Tiger, Cheyenne Warner, Donte Osceola Tiger, and Derrick Tiger.

Eighth Grade Class Graduates: Jessalyn Balentine, Katherine Billie, Talisha Leach, and Jodi Simone.

Senior Class Graduates: Amos Moses Billie Junior, Winter Dawn Billie, Wilson Bowers, Daniel Lee Bullard, Charley Whitney Cypress, June Ashley Jumper, and Obadiah Ian Osceola.



Brighton Pre-School Holds Graduation

By Alexandra Frank
BRIGHTON - On May 28, seven young Seminoles graduated from the Brighton Pre-School. Royce Osceola, Layton Thomas, Deveon Jones, Dezman Shore, Deliah Carrillo, Rayven Smith, and Jennifer Tommie made up the 2002 Pre-School Graduating Class.

The evening event began with a flag salute to the American and Seminole flag performed by the 3, 4 and 5 year olds. An introduction of the Seminole flag, and the Seminole flag salute, were performed by the 4 and 5 year olds in English and Creek.

Parents and other guests were treated to singing and skits, performed by the 3 and 4 year olds. Both were performed in the Creek language, and the students' command of the language was very impressive.

We have many talented young boys and girls within our tribe, the children performed the songs and skits with such pride and professionalism one could not help but wonder what these young Seminoles will accomplish in the future.

Some of the songs performed were, "Oh You Will be Going to Kindergarten," and "Three Little Bears."



Front L-R Deliah Carrillo, Rayvan Smith, and Jennifer Tommie. Royce Osceola, Layton Thomas, Deveon Jones, and Dezman Shore.

A line dance to the "Macarena" finished off the performance by the 4-year-old class.

"Tiny Tim the Turtle" and 5 skits such as "Rub a Dub Dub, Little Miss Muffet, etc., was performed by the 3 year old class in English and Creek.

The "3 Little Pigs" was performed in the Creek Language and delivered by the graduates, who added a little laughter to the performance. We have some future comedians in our midst,

thanks goes out to the moms and dads of these wonderful children.

After the performances, guest speaker Leona Tommie-Williams along with tribal representatives President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Council Representative John Wayne Huff, and Board Representative Alexander Johns, congratulated the graduates. They also gave the parents a congratulatory pat on the back for seeing that their child got a head start on their education.

Finally, it was time for the 5 year olds to complete their school tenure, receiving their diploma from Mrs. Williams and a hand shake from the tribal representatives. In addition, the parents of the graduates received a small bouquet of flowers for being actively involved in their child's education.

The evening event was topped off with a dinner, served at the old preschool classroom at the Field Office. Congratulations to both students and parents. Although this is just the beginning on the road to education, it is great to know that these Seminole Citizens are starting off on the right foot to making the tribe proud.

Immokalee Pre-School Graduation

By Alexandra Frank
IMMOKALEE - On May 29, at the Immokalee Community Center, a graduation ceremony was held for one Seminole Citizen, Miss Jade Lizett Tapia. Center Manager Michelle Ford served as master of ceremonies for the event.

After the invocation, given by Alma Johns, Michelle thanked everyone for coming out to the event. During the graduation, Jade, along with three of her former schoolmates, stood at the front of the room.

All four children performed the Pledge of Allegiance and said the Mantele. Afterwards, the children said their name, clan and who their parents are in the Miccosukee language. In the next performance, the four children sang nursery school rhymes in Miccosukee.

While there was only one graduate, and it has been this way the past couple of years, tribal citizens and friends came out in full force, which gave Jade a sense of pride in graduating from preschool and heading on to Pre-K.

President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Immokalee Council Representative Elaine Aguilar expressed their best wishes and congratulations to Jade and her parents for accomplishing the first step of her education in a positive manner.



Jade Lazzett Tapia Immokalee Pre-Schools only graduate.

Jade, who received her certificates along the other students and teachers, finally received her hard earned diploma. She also received a backpack, filled with goodies she could use when she begins Pre-K.

The graduation ceremony was followed by dinner and cake, which everyone enjoyed. Congratulations Jade, I hope this first step in your education is only the beginning of bigger and better events for you and your education endeavors.



Hollywood PreSchool Graduation

By Paula Gannon
HOLLYWOOD — On June 3, Ethan Rage Cypress, Kanavis Charles Evanelor Cypress, Ellyse Marlya Frank, Esyra Marlyse Frank, Deila Maria Elena Harjo, Elden Frank, Ben Osceola, Gerret

Hyde, William Osceola, Terrell Primeaux and Tous Jumper Young, Jr., became the newest graduates of the Hollywood PreSchool.

The graduation was held at the Seminole Headquarters Auditorium, and featured a play called "Osceola Goes to Florida". The Preschoolers acted out the parts and the action was translated by the Hollywood Preschool Language Department.

The children came on stage in bright colorful traditional clothing and spoke in the traditional language, reenacting the major points in the life of Osceola. Herbert Jim was the narrator of the program.

Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass and Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress congratulated the students and wished the language program continued success.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Seminole and Micosukee flags, there was a procession of the graduates and presentation of diplomas. Afterwards, a family fun day, complete with bounce houses and a lunch at the Hollywood Gymnasium, was held.

Congratulations to the Hollywood Preschool graduates.



Paula Gannon
Carol Crenshaw unloads the pre-schoolers out of the Limousine before the graduation ceremony.



Paula Gannon
Graduating class of 2002, pre-schoolers 4-5 years old.



Elrod Bowers
High schools seniors were awarded for graduation and flown to Paradise Island, Bahamas.

Seminole Graduates Celebrate At Paradise Island

By Elrod Bowers
PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS — Nine young Seminole high school graduates celebrated their accomplishments with a vacation at the famed Atlantis Resort on the week of June 23-28.

The week began with an opening reception, after which the graduates enjoyed themselves with the many activities that Atlantis and nearby Nassau had to offer.

On June 26, graduates Toni Martinez, William Osceola, Jr., Mercedes Osceola, June Jumper, Tamiya, La'Shara Stockton, Michael Nelson, Antonio Timothy, and Elliott Alvarado gathered for a special dinner, attended by their parents and Tribal officials.

The dinner, emceed by Sally R. Tommie, featured President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress; Seminole Ambassador Joe Dan Osceola; Hollywood Education Counselor Mark Purcell; Employment and Training Yolanda Ponce De Leon; and keynote speaker, Seminole Nation Councilperson Wahilla Doonkeen.

Tommie, who organized the trip, welcomed everyone to the dinner. "You have to go forward," said Tommie. "You've had some time for rest and relaxation to think about what the next step will be. The Seminole Tribe needs you to be our future leaders."

"As Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola said, 'If you're not at the plate, you're not in the game.' Now, you've entered the game by graduating."

Tommie then asked the graduates to introduce themselves, and tell everyone what they have planned for the future.

The graduates:
Toni Martinez: Otter Clan, from Immokalee. Expecting a baby, Martinez said she has started preparing for "being the perfect mother for my baby." Eventually, Martinez would like to attend college to study the arts.

William Osceola, Jr.: Bird Clan, from Hollywood. Osceola plans to first attend Broward Community College, then Florida International University to study Business. Osceola's plans were "to have my own business."

Mercedes Osceola: Bird Clan, from Hollywood. Osceola has received a scholarship to attend Stetson University. She is planning for a career in Criminal Law.

June Jumper: Wind Clan, from Big Cypress. The reigning Junior Miss Seminole plans to go to Stetson to prepare for law school.

Jamenia Thomas: Bird Clan, from Hollywood. Thomas plans to go to college to study Business Management.

La'Shara Stockton: Bird Clan, from Fort Pierce. Stockton was Class President in high school, while battling Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. She plans to major in Pre-Med and become a Pediatrician.

Michael Nelson: Bird Clan, from Hollywood. Nelson plans to attend Nova Southeastern University, studying Computer Information Systems.

Antonio Timothy: Bird Clan, from Fort Pierce. Timothy plans to go to college, and "hopefully, go to the NBA."

Elliott Alvarado: Panther Clan, from Immokalee. Alvarado has not yet decided whether he will attend college for Computer/Business or enter the Marine Corps.

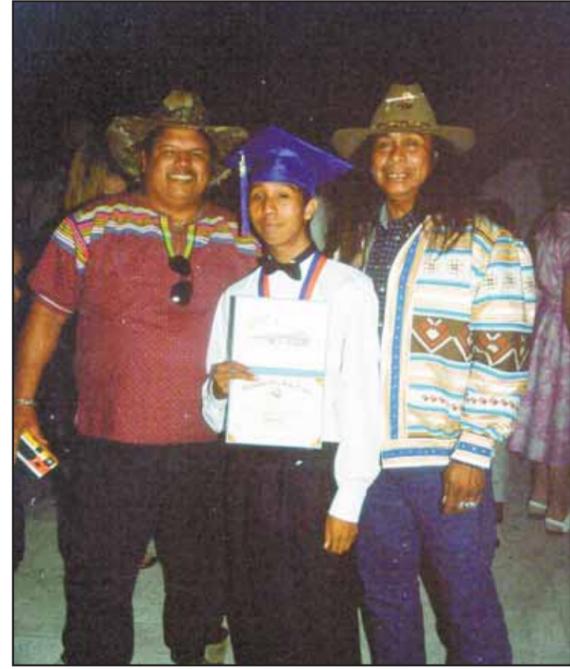
President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress congratulated everyone on their accomplishment. "Everyone of you made it," said Cypress, "Going to school is not easy."

"Don't quit, because the Seminole Tribe be a quitter. The Tribe will support you, because you are the one that's going to take that step. I congratulate you, as well as your parents."

Seminole Ambassador, Joe Dan Osceola, said, "The next step is going to be little bit harder, but I know you can make it."

Keynote speaker Wahilla Doonkeen congratulated each of the students and their parents and emphasized the importance of going to school. "I've got an education already, but I'm ready to go back. Sign me up!" said Doonkeen.

Once you get your degree, no one can take it away from you."



David DeHass, William Osceola Jr. and William Osceola Sr.

Stephanie Hiers Philpott Awarded Degree With Honors

Submitted By Mark Purcell
TAHLEQUAH, OK — A big congratulations to Seminole tribal member Stephanie Hiers Philpott, who graduated cum laude from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK in May 2002.

As a cum laude graduate, Philpott completed her Bachelor of Arts degree earning an impressive 3.57 cumulative grade point average during her college career. Even more impressive, she maintained a perfect 4.0 GPA in her chosen major, social work.

Stephanie is the daughter of Seminole tribal member Billie Hiers, Sr. of the Hollywood Reservation and Julia and Harold Foreman of Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Stephanie is married to Raymond Philpott, and both are the parents of five children, ranging in age from 2 to 14.

College success is nothing new to Stephanie. Previously, she has earned Associates of Science and Associates of Applied Science degrees from Connors State College in Warner, OK.

Stephanie has been a member of the Phi Alpha Honor Society, the Rho Theta Sigma Honor Society, and the National Association of Social Workers. She was also awarded the Honor Society Award, the Dean's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll.

Stephanie recently visited with the Education Department on the Hollywood Reservation sharing with us her admirable accomplishments and future plans. She said that her family had "suffered so much loss during the beginning of the semester that I almost with-

draw for the semester."

She expressed her gratitude for a "great support system", and that without an "understanding family and caring instructors to provide encouragement", she might not have reached this goal in her life. After all of the hard work to complete her degree, she is looking forward to spending the summer with the family.

Stephanie plans to seek a job that will utilize both her social work training and nursing skills, since she is already a Registered Nurse.

She performed her practicum hours at Jack Brown Regional Treatment Center in Tahlequah, where she enjoyed working with the Native American adolescents during their treatment for substance abuse. She hopes to continue working with other Native Americans in the future.

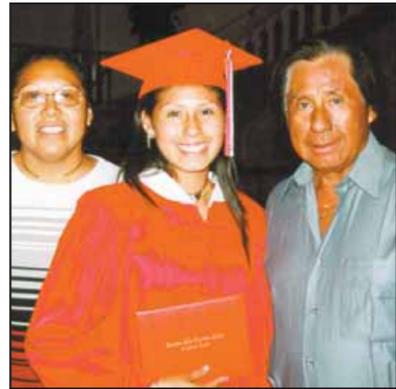
Additionally, after a year or so of employment, she plans to return to college to obtain a master's degree in social work at the University of Oklahoma. She will be able to attain her master's degree in only one year with the advanced standing available to her.

Stephanie offers this advice to her fellow Seminole tribal members who are now, or will be, in college: "Don't give up. Keep going. Set a goal and strive for it."

That simple, but powerful philosophy has worked for Stephanie and we congratulate her on her college accomplishments as a shining success story and a fine role model for other Seminole higher education students!

BCC and enroll in the required courses, she has yet to decide on an area of interest.

Congratulations to both young ladies, all of their hard work for the past four years has finally paid off and I know whatever plans they have for the future will be accomplished wholeheartedly.



Alexandra Frank
Graduate Mercedes Osceola and her proud parents Virginia Osceola and Joe Dan Osceola.

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The tools would come in handy when the graduates continue on in higher education or obtaining a job. The teachings of God, and his son, Jesus Christ, would help them as they grew into adulthood and carry them through any hard times they may encounter in the future.

With education and spiritual guidance, a positive well-balanced individual is what they have been groomed to become, once they have left the safety of home and school.

After the speeches, the awards were presented by the Secondary Faculty to the graduates who worked hard all year round.

Jessica received awards for Citizenship and a scholarship, she is also a member of the National Honor Society.

Mercedes received an award for Vice President of the National Honor Society and for Citizenship.

Mercedes is planning to attend Stetson University this fall and will study pre-law. Jessica will attend

Big Cypress Pre-School Graduation

By Alexandra Frank
BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Community Center served as the site for the Pre-School Graduation, which was attended by parents, siblings, friends

realize that it is their involvement in the child's schooling that will ultimately set them on the right track.

He asked the parents who are involved with their child's education at this early stage to stay with it. They must attend parent teachers conference meetings and should go to PTA meetings as well.

David also encouraged parents to be aware of the activities their child shows an interest in and available for them when special events take place during their child's schooling, like plays or sport events.

Shirley Clay, Big Cypress Pre-School General Manager, started off the program with the kids reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and Seminole flags. The children sang songs in Micosukee, with the help of Mrs. Judy Jim.

The 4-year olds performed nursery rhyme skits such as Humpty Dumpty, Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, and Little Boy Blue. The 1 and 2 year olds sang Bingo and If your Happy and You Know It. It seems we have a few future actors in our midst, the children's performances were terrific.

Leona Tommie-Williams then asked Shirley to help her give out the diplomas to the new graduates.

It was great to see so many people at such an important event. Many of these



Alexandra Frank
All the the king's horsemen Ethan Hummingbird, Eden Jumper, Arnold Billie.

and the Pre-School staff. Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress, who served as master of ceremonies, asked for an invocation by Brenda Hummingbird and then opened the event by welcoming everyone in attendance to the special event.

The graduation is seen as a stepping stone to primary school, secondary school and beyond. Mr. Cypress called on President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress to share a few words of encouragement.

Cypress congratulated the students and parents, because the student can only go as far as parent or other family member pushes them to go. He encouraged parents set a good example for their child and to be involved in their child's education.

David Cypress also congratulated the graduates, and asked the parents to



Alexandra Frank
Makayla Cypress holds the Tribal flag.

Seminole education will do without the education ladder. With so much support behind them, it will be easy for them to succeed. Congratulations to all the little graduates, and I hope to one day be present at your college, technical, or university graduation.



Alexandra Frank
2001-2002 Seminole Preschool graduating class.

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Big Cypress Hosts EIRA Kids "Buckle Series"



Paula Gannon

Outside! Young cowboy hangs on.

By Paula Gannon
BIG CYPRESS—The first in a series of kid's rodeos was held at the Big Cypress rodeo arena on Sunday, June 9. The event is one of three rodeos that make up the Kid's Rodeo Buckle Series.

The age categories are Pee Wee (3 - 6 years), Junior (7-10 years) and Senior (11-15 years). A small sun shower interrupted the first part of the rodeo, but the rest of the day turned out to be bright and beautiful.

All of the participants had a terrific time and gift certificates were given to the division winners. The next Kid's Rodeo series will be held at the Brighton Rodeo Arena on July 13, at 10:00 a.m.

For more information, call (863) 763-5520 on July 9-10 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Buckles will be awarded at the end of Kid's Rodeo Series, on Aug. 17, 2002 at the Immokalee Rodeo Arena.

We'll see you there, good luck and congratulations to all the cowboys and cowgirls.

- Dummy Calf Roping-**
 1) Candi Jumper, 5/5 catches
 2/3) Kalgary Johns, 2/5 catches
 2/3) Andre Jumper, 2/5 catches
 4/5) Donovan Tiger, 1/5 catches
 4/5) Baylie Pohle, 1/5 catches
- Junior Breakaway Roping-**
 1) Jonathan Torres, 3.25
 2) Ethan Gopher, 10.96
- Senior Breakaway Roping-**
 1) George Williams, 1.95
 2) Joshua Torres, 2.30
 3) Joe Hipp, 5.40
 4) Benny Hernandez, 15.22

- Junior Barrels-**
 1) Rayvenne Osceola, 21.51
 2) Chebon Gooden, 29.11
- Senior Barrels-**
 1) Paige Poble, 17.65
 2) Jennifer Deveugh, 18.10
 3) Leanna Billie, 18.83
 4) Rosa Pearse, 19.33
 5) Serena Hipp, 24.16
 6) Justina Billie, 24.85
 7) Sarah Anderson, 26.04
- Pee Wee Mutton Busting-**
 1) Andre Jumper, 30.
 2) Kalgary Johns, 2.81
 3) Baylie Poble, 1.65

- Junior Bull Riding-**
 1) Jonathan Kaufman, 62
- Pony Riding-**
 1) Seth Randolph, 60
 2/3) William Bearden, 55
 2/3) Ronnie Anderson, 55
 2/3) Justina Billie, 55
- Junior Steer Undecorating-**
 No Time
- Senior Steer Undecorating-**
 1) Joe Hipp, 2.00
 2) Jennifer Deverough, 2.61
 3) Benny Hernandez, 2.92

- Senior Team Roping-**
 1) George/Bucky William, 11.0
 2) Benny Hernandez/Joe Hipp, 24.78
 3) Joshua/Jonathan Torres, 39.19
- Pee Wee Barrels-**
 1) Baylie Poble, 25.96
 2) Kalgary Johns, 37.22
 3) Sierra Coward, 40.18

- Calf Riding-**
 1) Ethan Gopher, 2.42
 2) Andrew Holmes, 2.41
 3) Jaime Gonzalas, 2.38
- Steer Riding-**
 1) Seth Randolph, 2.78
 2) Justin Aldridge, 2.35



Memorial Weekend Bowling Tournament Results

HALLANDALE—Holiday Lanes served as the tournament site for the four-day Memorial Weekend Bowling Tournament. Seminole citizens, representing four reservations, participated in an event-filled weekend that also featured a billiards and golf tournament.

Here are the results of the bowling tournament, and the cash prizes won. The bowling tournament was hosted by the Big Cypress Recreation under the guidance of Jack Gorton and Cicero Osceola. Hope everyone had fun and enjoyed the weekend. See you at the next bowling tournament.

Men's Singles - 1) Marcy Watchman, 681, \$300 **2)** Roger Smith, 677, \$250 **3)** Ryan Kirkland, 645, \$200 **4)** Sammie Gopher, 644, \$175 **5)** Alvin Buster, 623, \$150 **6)** Amos Billie, 624, \$100 **7)** Hyde Gopher, 622, \$50 **8)** Rufus Tiger, 611 **9)** Mitch Osceola, 610 **10)** Bobby Frank, 604 **11)** Pernell Bert, 588 **12)** Don Osceola, 583 **13)** Joe Kippenberger, 576 **14)** Philmon Bowers, 574 **15)** Parker Jones, 569 **16)** Elton Shore, 565 **17)** Jimmy Osceola, 560 **18)** Weems Buck, 556 **19)** Ollie Wareham, 551 **20)** Miguel Cantu, 546 **21)** Michael Micco, 542 **22)** Eugene Bowers, 532 **23)** Moses Osceola, 529 **24)** Marcy Osceola, 511 **25)** Cicero Osceola, 494 **26)** Jamie Smith, 448 **27)** Matthew Tiger, 438 **28)** Mike Gantry, 420 **29)** Pittman Sampson, 417.

Women's Singles - 1) Erin Buster, 700, \$300 **2)** Salina Dorgan, 626, \$250 **3)** Farrah Jones, 620, \$200 **4)** Patricia Wilcox, 617, \$175 **5)** Monica Cypress, 609, \$150 **6)** Ruby Osceola, 604, \$100 **7)** Dora Tiger, 603, \$50 **8)** Lawanna Niles, 588 **9)** Betty Osceola, 585 **10)** Mary Bowers, 580 **11)** Jackie Thompson, 580 **12)** Terri Frank, 580 **13)** Celesta Osceola, 573 **14)** Nadine Tommie, 573 **15)** Sarah Kirkland, 568 **16)** Leslie Osceola, 563 **17)** Laura Clay, 555 **18)** Rose Jones, 540 **19)** Mary Jane Cantu, 539 **20)** Wanda Juarez, 538 **21)** Denise Morin, 536 **22)** Mary Osceola, 528 **23)** Crystal Smith, 524 **24)** Diane Smith, 522 **25)** Ruscilla Tiger, 512 **26)** Mary Alice Huff, 510 **27)** Cornelia Smith, 507 **28)** Alfreda Muskett, 506 **29)** Rosie Billie, 504 **30)** Mary Wilcox, 493 **31)** Alma Johns, 477 **32)** Mary Jo Micco, 472 **33)** Janet Billie, 394 **34)** Justine Deal, 387.

Men's Doubles - 1) Marcy Osceola (722) and Mitch Osceola (558), HCP-81, total 1361, \$500 **2)** Hyde Gopher (605) and Weems Buck (616), HCP-87, total 1308, \$450 **3)** Parker Jones (451) and Elton Shore (621), HCP-96, total 1168, \$400 **4)** Jimmie Osceola (487) and Joe Kippenberger (498), HCP-180, total 1165, \$350 **5)** Amos Billie (531) and Eugene Bowers (565), HCP-60, total 1156, \$300 **6)** Weems Buck (585) and Elton Shore (521), HCP-27, total 1133 **7)** Philmon Bowers (553) and Eugene Bowers (526), HCP-36, total 1115 **8)** Alvin Buster (371) and Amos Billie (527), HCP-216, total 1114 **9)** Eugene Bowers (553) and Rufus Tiger (527), HCP-18, total 1098 **10)** Roger Smith (436) and Pernell Bert (455), HCP-204, total 1095 **11)** Ollie Wareham (477) and Bobby Frank (564), HCP-48, total 1083 **12)** Weems Buck (531) and Michael Micco (434), HCP-42, total 1007 **13)** Weems Buck (423) and Amos Billie (461), HCP-72, total 956 **14)** Matthew Tiger (433) and Miguel Cantu (362), HCP-126, total 921.

Women's Doubles - 1) Terri Frank (576) and Patricia Wilcox (574), HCP-105, total 1255, \$500 **2)** Betty Osceola (376) and Laura Clay (480), HCP-330, total 1186, \$450 **3)** Erin Buster (387) and Alfreda Muskett (461), HCP-336, total 1179, \$400 **4)** Diane Smith (488) and Nadine Tommie (484), HCP-198, total 1170, \$350 **5)** Rose Jones (449) and Farrah Jones (464), HCP-249, total 1162, \$300 **6)** Lawanna Niles (378) and Cornelia Osceola (470), HCP-288, total 1136 **7)** Dora Tiger (444) and Mary Jane Cantu (421), HCP-267, total 1132 **8)** Wanda Juarez (416) and Salina Dorgan (482), HCP-228, total 1126 **9)** Nadine Tommie (441) and Denise Morin (469), HCP-204, total 1114 **10)** Ruscilla Tiger (360) and Monica Cypress (512), HCP-237, total 1109 **11)** Mary Wilcox (374) and Lawanna Niles (467), HCP-261, total 1102 **12)** Denise Morin (393) and Mary Wilcox (488), HCP-204, total 1085 **13)** Ruby Osceola (441) and Dora Tiger (354), HCP-255, total 1050 **14)** Jackie Thompson (401) and Denise Morin (374), HCP-243, total 1018 **15)** Denise Morin (339) and Terri Frank (447), HCP-186, total 972 **16)** Mary Osceola (281) and Leslie Osceola (383), HCP-300, total 964.

Mixed Doubles - 1) Erin Buster (470) and Alvin Buster (415), HCP-402, total 1287, \$500 **2)** Don Osceola (419) and Betty Osceola (446), HCP-351, total 1216, \$450 **3)** Ruby Osceola (423) and Sammie Gopher (503), HCP-276, total 1202, \$400 **4)** Elton Shore (591) and Farrah Jones (492), HCP-117, total 1200, \$350 **5)** Diane Smith (506) and Roger Smith (458), HCP-234, total 1198, \$300 **6)** Rose Jones (486) and Parker Jones (484), HCP-228, total 1198, \$250 **7)** Jackie Thompson (442) and Eugene Bowers (620), HCP-135, total 1197, \$200 **8)** Jackie Thompson (475) and Joe Kippenberger (503), HCP-207, total 1185 **9)** Bobby Frank (559) and Terri Frank (497), HCP-114, total 1170 **10)** Farrah Jones (447) and Parker Jones (514), HCP-207, total 1168 **11)** Alfreda Muskett (448) and Amos Billie (568), HCP-150, total 1166 **12)** Sarah Kirkland (395) and Rylan Kirkland (474), HCP-291, total 1160 **13)** Terri Frank (512) and Pernell Bert (453), HCP-130, total 1145 **14)** Ruby Osceola (477) and Weems Buck (495), HCP-171, total 1143 **15)** Cicero Osceola (413) and Celesta Osceola (483), HCP-222, total 1118 **16)** Nadine Tommie (395) and Pernell Bert (547), HCP-168, total 1110 **17)** Mary Jo Micco (474) and Pittman Sampson (396), HCP-225, total 1095 **18)** Mary Jo Micco (412) and Mike Micco (542), HCP-138, total 1092 **19)** Alma Johns (427) and Moses Osceola (476), HCP-186, total 1089 **20)** Moses Osceola (501) and Patricia Wilcox (460), HCP-126, total 1087 **21)** Crystal Smith (441) and Jamie Smith (471), HCP-174, total 1086 **22)** Don Osceola (367) and Mary Osceola (415), HCP-303, total 1085 **23)** Mary Alice Huff (357) and Hyde Gopher (578), HCP-147, total 1082 **24)** Mary Bowers (436) and Weems Buck (504), HCP-132, total 1072 **25)** Justine Deal (368) and Bobby Watchman (578), HCP-120, total 1066 **26)** Ruscilla Tiger (334) and Joe Jr. Billie (419), HCP-273, total 1026 **27)** Denise Morin (387) and Ollie Wareham (516), HCP-120, total 1023 **28)** Rosie Billie (322) and Sammie Gopher (328), HCP-309, total 959 **29)** Mary Bowers (335) and Pittman Sampson (273), HCP-213, total 821 **30)** Janel Billie (315) and Mike Gantry (310), HCP-132, total 757.

Team Bowling - 1) Ruscilla Tiger (384), Monica Cypress (594), Joe Jr. Billie (531) and Ricky Doctor (469), HCP-492, total 2470, \$1,000 **2)** Erin Buster (324), Alvin Buster (436), Alfreda Muskett (557) and Amos Billie (569), HCP-552, total 2438, \$800 **3)** Mary Jo Micco (398), Hyde Gopher (539), Patricia Wilcox (550), and Weems Buck (616), HCP-246, total 2349, \$600 **4)** Lawanna Niles (388), Cornelia Osceola (392), Jimmie Osceola (532), and Joe Kippenberger (551), HCP-468, total 2331, \$400 **5)** Monica Johns (365), Diane Smith (447), Emery Fish (401), and Roger Smith (532), HCP-549, total 2294, \$200 **6)** Diane Smith (528), Roger Smith (404), Nadine Tommie (433), and Pernell Bert (505), HCP-402, total 2272 **7)** Maydell Osceola (424), Charles Osceola (572), Prima Primeaux (443), and Eric Osceola (502), HCP-393, total 2264 **8)** Mary Bowers (411), Ruby Osceola (411), Eugene Bowers (653), and Pittman Sampson (412), HCP-372, total 2259 **9)** Monica Johns (424), Emery Fish (400), Mary Wilcox (526), and Pittman Sampson (412), HCP-504, total 2220 **10)** Rosie Billie (327), Dora Tiger (481), Sammie Gopher (419), and Weems Buck (514), HCP-432, total 2169 **11)** Mary Bowers (438), Lawanna Niles score 413, Gary Sampson score 360, and Sammie Gopher score 430, HCP-519 total 2160 **12)** Diane Smith (439), Roger Smith (437), Mary Wilcox (444), and Weems Buck (496), HCP-342, total 2158. **13)** Alfreda Muskett (387), Mary Alice Huff (408), Hyde Gopher (533), and Amos Billie (518), HCP-297, total 2143 **14)** Mary Alice Huff (382), Moses Osceola (467), Patricia Wilcox (554), and Hyde Gopher (465), HCP-273, total 2141 **15)** Alfreda Muskett (383), Mary Bowers (429), Amos Billie (476), and Eugene Bowers (548), HCP-270, total 2106 **16)** Denise Morin (382), Terri Frank (430), Ollie Wareham (488), and Bobby Frank (559), HCP-231, total 2090 **17)** Dora Tiger (411), Justine Deal (276), Rufus Tiger (567), and Bobby Watchman (575), HCP-234, total 2063 **18)** Mary Wilcox (349), Patricia Wilcox (536), Weems Buck (461), and Rufus Tiger (553), HCP-153, total 2052 **19)** Dora Tiger (410), Rosie Billie (357), Pittman Sampson (361), Rufus Tiger (468), HCP-399, total 1995.

Memorial Weekend Golf Tournament

By Paula Gannon
HOLLYWOOD—On May 27, HOLLYWOOD was in the air at the Orangebrook Country Club as Seminole Tribe members had their golf bags ready and waiting for their team assignments and golf carts.

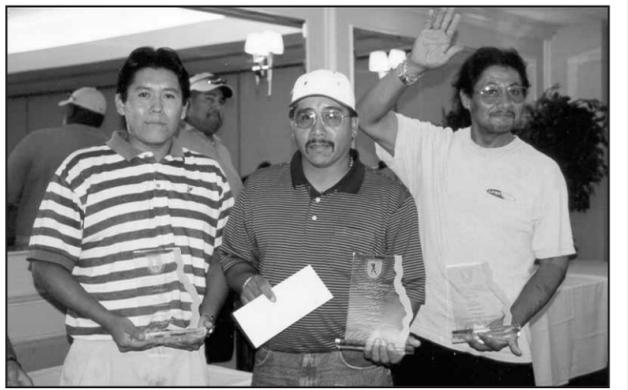
At 8:30 a.m., golf fields were flying and the teams were in full swing on the East Course. Watching the golfers throughout the tournament were small raccoons in the trees and, every once in a while, they would cross the fairway to let everyone know they were there.

About 10:00 a.m., dark clouds moved in from the east. The rain came and the golfers, with irons in hand, ran under the trees with the raccoons. Thirty minutes later, the sun came out and participants were back on the fairway.

When all of the teams were in the clubhouse, the golfers came in for a buffet lunch at the Orangebrook Country Club banquet room. After lunch, Cicero Osceola presented the money awards and trophies to the winners.

Orangebrook, currently owned by the city of Hollywood, is open to the public. The East Course was built in 1934, starting with 18 holes, an additional 18 holes were later added.

Presently, the West Course is under renovation, including three new ponds, 10 fairways, grass replacement, addition of new tees, tree replacement and golf cart paths. The project is expected to be completed this year.



Paula Gannon

First Place Team: Jeremy Harrison, DeWayne Whaler, and Ricky Doctor

- Results-Four-Man Scramble-** 1) (59) Ricky Doctor, Jeremy Harrison, DeWayne Whaler 2) (64) Marj Osceola, Tony Sanchez, Paula Sanchez, Salaw Hummingbird 3) (65) Marcy Osceola, Joe Kippenberger, Lee Springwater, Bradley Whaler 4) (66) Mitch Osceola, Charley Cypress, Vincent Micco, Mindy Fish 5) (66) Joe Frank, Rich Kilgoor, H. Bark, Vernon Jacobs
- Longest Drive-** Men: DeWayne Whaler, Linda Tommie
 Women: Linda Tommie
- Closest to Pin-** #5- Tony Sanchez, Juanita Carter #8- Vernon Jacobs, Sue Wilson #12- Marj Osceola, Sue Wilson #16- Josh Jumper, Linda Tommie
- Most Honest Score-** (72) Bobby Watchman, Les Jewell, Terry Tartsall, Sue Ellen Wilson

Heavy Action At The Dogtrack

By Elrod Bowers
HOLLYWOOD—Pool players from Oklahoma, Brighton, Big Cypress, Immokalee and Hollywood took over the Lucky Bucks poolroom for three days over the Memorial Day weekend for the Sports Festival pool tournament.

The festivities started with an opening reception on the third floor of the Hollywood Dog Track on Thursday, May 24. The room was filled with many out-of-state participants and locals who feasted on the buffet (which featured a mighty slab of spam) and entertainment provided by the country and western band, Wild Side.

After the reception, there were appearances by legendary trainer Angelo Dundee, #1 ranked professional pool player Corey Deuel, and a special billiards exhibition by legendary Danny DiLiberto.

The next day, the action started in the poolroom, the fourth floor of the Hollywood Dog Track Clubhouse. For three days, play lasted from 10:00 in the morning to almost 2:00 in the morning.

The results are:
Men's Team- 1) Seminoles- David



Elrod Bowers

Angelo Dundee, President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Danny Diliberto, David Cypress, and Corey Deuel.

Cypress, Tony Billie, Randy Clay, Jimmy Clay, Elrod Bowers 2) Boogie Men- David Nunez, Boogie Nunez, George Grasshopper, O.B. Osceola, Jr., Jason Grasshopper, Dale Cable 4) Motown Boyz- Ralph Sanchez, Raymond Garza, Roy Garza, Johnny Boone 5) 51 Bar- Les Gourd, Rocka Locust, Lee Springwater, James Soap

Women's Team- 1) Slick Shooters- Theresa Boromei, Arica Buck, Dale Grasshopper, Oneva Jones 2) Miss-Fits- Virginia Billie, Janel Billie, Laurie Williams, Linda Anita Mitchell's Girls- Laura Clay, Louise Jim, Juanita Osceola, Verna Billie, Carlene Osceola 4) 51 Bar- Kay Henson, Mindy Fish, Sissy Fisher, Shirley Mitchell 5) Seminole Women- Linda Jones, Crystal Smith, Emma Jane Urbina, Alvira Muskett

Men's 8-Ball Singles- 1) Ernod Bowers 2) Les Gourd 3) Jimmy Clay 4) Dale Cable 5) Charles Osceola

Women's 8-Ball Singles- 1) Theresa Boromei 2) Oneva Jones 3) Janel Billie 4) Shirley Mitchell 5) Annie Jumper

Men's 9-Ball Singles- 1) Les Gourd 2) Dale Cable 3) Elrod Bowers 4) Tony Billie 5) Jimmy Clay

Scotch Doubles- 1) 4) Lee Springwater/Jenny Jones 5) Elrod Bowers/Louise Jim 6) Raymond Garza/Virginia Billie



Elrod Bowers

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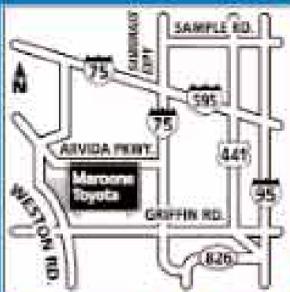
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Announcements ❖ Ahnahhegeh ❖ Nakorkerkecety

Happy Birthday



My-Ha-Ge (Lance Howard), Happy 1st Birthday. We can't believe it went by this fast. You are an inspiration in our life. Love you, Mommy, Daddy, Kayla, Keyana, Dyami, Hunter



Marley Herrera Happy 1st Birthday! From parents, Clea Billie & Jose Herrera



Tianna Justine Young. Happy Belated 8th Birthday! Love you always, Mom, Dad, Rhett, Katy & Trinity

Births



Born March 22, 2002 at 7 lbs, 6 oz. **Tyee Shomari Thorpe.** Parents: Cheyenne Billie & Tati Thorpe



Julia Christine Smith Born May 23, Julia weighed in at 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Daughter of Mike and Rachael Smith. Little sister to Robert Carr, and our little princess.

Computer Announcement

For Tribal members on the Immokalee, Big Cypress and Brighton reservations, Corrina Frank can assist you in setting up your computer and peripherals. Call Mon.-Fri, at (941) 657-6785 to schedule an appointment.



FLORIDA INDIAN YOUTH PROGRAM POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The Florida Indian Youth Program (FIYP) is a program of the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, Inc., Employment and Training Program. The FIYP is held on the campus of Florida State University in Tallahassee, July 13th through July 27th, 2002. The positions of Counselor and Counselor-Nurse described below are full time positions with the FIYP where the people hired live in the dorm with the students (single rooms with private bath) and are with the group 24 hours a day for the entire two weeks. Transportation, room, board and everything related to the program is provided for the Counselors and students at no cost. Salaries are competitive with other summer camp programs.

Counselor-Nurse – Applicants need to be at least 25 years of age, have either an RN, LPN, or EMT certification and 2 years medical experience. Must be interested in assisting Native American young people in their educational and social development.

Counselor – Applicants need to be at least 25 years of age and must be interested in assisting Native American young people in their educational and social development.

Transportation Chaperones – We are looking for at least 4 adults to accompany students on the FIYP bus to Tallahassee on Saturday, July 13th. All meals will be provided as well as a room in Tallahassee and transportation back home on either Sunday or Monday, July 14th or 15th.

Call 1-800-322-9186 for applications

Poems

Wellness or hellness

I have been exhorted and encouraged to live one way or the other whether the person is a stranger, my friend or a brother I must stop and listen to the wind as the spirit blows my way melancholiness may come and go but, Your sweetness is here to stay

I am grateful for your time and your untiring efforts let me be the first to say thanks before my mind aborts I have been known to say my thoughts— Not all had been about wellness But, my eyes and my perception Has no desire for hellness

Cowbone

Hopeless Child

I was born and raised without parental discipline I was a hopeless child I never knew my father I didn't know I had one My mother was young and wild

There were choices I made Choices to survive by any means Society did not see my way I took life for no reason Seemed like a thing to do Now I seldom see the light of day

Tears, feelings, hurtings, remorsefulness, Don't mean anything in here Judge said, "No parole for awhile" Sometimes I wonder 'bout my father If he has any feelings at all Doin' '99 I am a hopeless child

Had I had my father's discipline I may have been different But now I'm paying for my last trial I have dreams of the old home How it seems so real I am here for 99 I am a hopeless child

For those that say other-wise About this ineffable way of life Say goodbye to your smile This is picnic whatsoever This is a man-made hell No one cares for a hopeless child

Cowbone

Seminole way

Sit down beside me on this old cypress log slap a mosquito or two

or sit still like an old bull-frog

one must be very disciplined if he is to survive eyes focused and ears opened or you'll never walk out alive

slowly look to the left and slowly look to the right if you feel that cold chill quickly move towards the light

here in this dark corridors of the swamp modern science and technology does not apply on this cypress stomp

tree-frogs are singing rain song ev'rywhere winds are rattlin' palm-fronds here and there

if your skin is of red and so is your blood nature coincides with you if your skin is if red

It's the Seminole way One has to understand It is the seminole nature Almost impossible for mestizo-clan

Cowbone

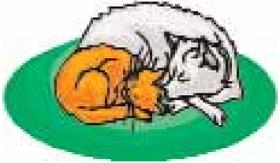
Notices

Community Resources – Be advised that an animal control ordinance has been enacted for the Hollywood reservation. The new ordinance went into effect on January 1, 1999.

To be in compliance, you must first obtain a Broward County license, a Broward County rabies vaccination certificate, and a Broward County license tag for each cat or dog's collar. You can obtain these at any Broward County veterinarian's office.

Then, you must show proof of the Broward County license to the Seminole Health Department and obtain a Seminole Tribe of Florida license. You can do this at the Hollywood Medical center.

If you have any questions about the new Animal Control Ordinance, please call Environmental Health Services at (954) 962-2009.



July Birthdays

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| Billie Frank
Mary Frances Cypress
Happy Jones
Dorothy Frank Tucker
Howard Micco
Stanlo Johns
Archie Hanks Johns, Sr.
Sally Agnae Tommie
Sally Buster
Geneva Shore
Polly Ann Osceola
Willie Gopher, Jr.
Ruby Ann Osceola
Gloria Lois Osceola
Nancy Motlow
Dolores Jumper
Douglas Mckinley Osceola
Theodore Scott Nelson, Sr.
Janice Lee Cypress
Victoria Christine Osceola
Patsy Jane Cypress
Benjamin Billie
Samuel Tommie
Virgil Billie
Tony Sanchez Jr.
Ricky Ray Tucker
Clifford Sanchez
Manuel (Mondo) Tiger
Ginger Ann Tiger
Leon John Doctor
Naomi Ruth Wilson
Miguel Cantu Jr.
Johnny Tucker, Jr. | Russell Osceola Jr.
Jay Charles Stewart
Kiel Evans Jumper
Jennijo Wendi Billie
Jessica Jo Billie
Mercedes Osceola
Rachael Justine Billie
Gregory Jamael Thomas
Aaron Osceola Frank
Kristy Leeann Motlow
Keith Mitchell Simons
Shamy T Tommie, Jr.
Issiah Colt Billie
Demetrio Koowathe Pulido
Trina Marie Bowers
Ashley Leann Wilcox
Meredith Brooke Billard
Adam Brantley Osceola
Kevin Ryan Frank
Morgan Victor Frank
Missy Chae Huff
Phelicia Ann Hughes
Kimberly Louise Arledge
Kristicia Monique Tommie
Thomas Michael Benson
Jamie Lee Henry
Karen Rose Cypress
Allison Marie Garza
Serena Michele Green
Jeanie Austin Osceola
Ashley Nicole Spencer
Nicholas Charles Dicarlo
Kholth Thomas Gopher
Dylan Mckallister Osceola
Marlon James Foster
Mary Edith Huff
Ryan Wayne Osceola
Herschel Sampson Frank
Pedro Rojo Fuentes, Jr.
Joseph Randall Santiago
Christian Denise Benson
Elliot Martin Frank
Shelby Lanae Huff
Cody Hayes Billie
Kei-Ya-Le Osceola
Jodi Michelle Huffman
Shelby Rae DeHass
Rhianna Dianne Tiger
Jessica Rae Turtle
Billy Cypress, III
Mary Dona Osceola
Terinna Eileen Cypress
Cindi Nicole Adair
Waylon Hank Micco
Thunder T. Baker
Rowdey Lee Osceola
Kyle Jailen Baker
Jessica Elgina Jumper
Catherine Lesley Osceola
Duelle Thomas Gore
Marissa Victoria Osceola
Trent- Daryl Eugene McInturff
Isaac Phillip Bettelyoun Jr.
Kane Josie Bettelyoun
Eagle Justin Michael Ke Billie
Tiyonda Nicole Farroir
Braudie Gabriella Billie
Osceola Desmond Cypress
Ryan Zane Shore
Christopher Travis Tro Garcia
Cameron James Doctor
Monique Ashley Jimmie
Alison Lee Herrera
Cooper Marie Rivers
William Korliss Jumper, III
Le'andra Marie Mora
Robert Henry Nelson
Dylan Jacob Sampson
Isabel Marie Tucker
Korvette Mamie Billie
Cale Audin Randall
Brooke Ashley Osceola
Gianna Gabriella Wargolet
Anissa Christine Osceola
Spawn Jo'El Loudermilk
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Tarra Christine Boone
Raymond Carol Philpott, Jr.
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Cool Sites

Websites For Kids

By Melissa Sherman

If the kids are home from school for the summer and complaining that they are "bored," here is a list of websites that are sure to keep them busy and out of trouble. They could even learn a thing or two and sharpen their academic skills.

Brainpop.com

BrainPOP produces educational and entertaining animated movies that appeal to kids and adults. Some of the topics they cover are Science, Health, Math and Technology. They answer questions that kids may have like, "How do fireworks work?"

www.christiananswers.net/kids/sounds.html

Kid Explorers is a site that is hosted by christiananswers.net, it mainly focuses on answers to kids questions, but it also has a great list of sounds that are fun to hear. There are 86 Rainforest Sounds, music, birds, amphibians, reptiles, mammals and insects, sounds from space and "Listen to God's Story from Creation to Eternity."

www.nwf.org/kids/

Ranger Rick's Kid's Zone, hosted by the National Wildlife organization, teaches kids a variety of things like; out door stuff, games, cool tours, and reading.

www.funbrain.com

Funbrain.com is a website that has age-appropriate games for kids. Some of the games available are Math Baseball, Stay Afloat, Tic Tac Toe Squares, Grammar Gorillas, Fun Match, Dare to be Square, MathCar Racing, Where Is That? Connect the Dots, and One False Move,

www.kidscom.com

KidsCom is a safe kid site, focusing on fun and Internet safety. It also has games, message boards, kids chat, video game cheats, contests and prizes.

www.scoreone.com/kids_kitchen/

Kids King of the Kitchen is a site where kids control the kitchen. Around the world kids submit their favorite recipes for the yummiest, messiest food. The recipes are put into three categories: Major Mess, Sweet and Sticky and Munchies. You can also submit your favorite recipe and win the creation of the month.

http://hotwired.lycos.com/webmonkey/kids/

Webmonkey for kids is a fun way for kids to learn how to build a website. You can take the lessons, do a project, go to the playground, or use the tools.

NAJA

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Kumeyaay ceremony and culture. The next day, it was time to get down to business, there were many panel discussions to attend and projects that required the participation of the convention attendees.

One project, which merged aspects of print, broadcast and new media, was called the "Convergence News Project." Iretta and Troy Tiger, of the Seminole Broadcasting Department, got a chance to take part in this unique project offered by NAJA.

The project's news title, "Native Voices, Converging News In Native America," brought together Native Americans from all over Indian Country under the supervision of future 2003 NAJA President, Patty Talahongva (Hopi)

"Working with four interns and mentors on the trip was quite an experience. Especially when we had limited time to work on the material that we recorded," said Assistant Broadcasting Editor Iretta Tiger.

"Troy Tiger and I did a lot of editing, shooting and even wrote new story lines on the project which contributed to the finished project, which I can say I was very pleased with, and I think that everyone else felt the same."

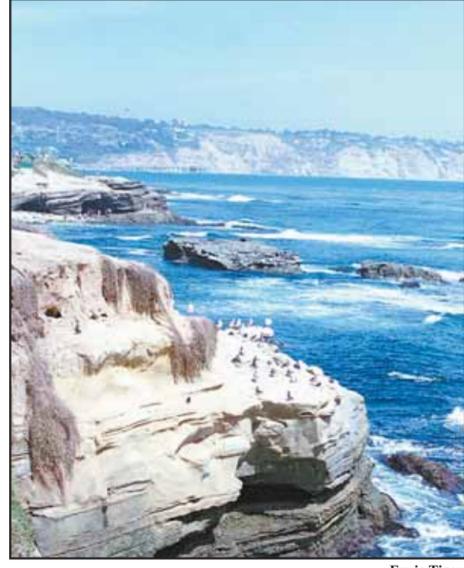
The 30-minute segment, which aired at the Native Media Awards Gala, covered the use of racist Native Mascots, the recent release of the movie Wind Talkers, the Haunted Whaley house and how the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians preserve their culture.

The 2002 NAJA Convention was held in downtown San Diego at the picturesque Holiday Inn on the Bay. In addition to the many speakers and activities scheduled for the convention attendees, there were also tours of the area attractions and the annual NAJA Photo Shootout.

The 2003 NAJA Convention will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin.



Broadcasting crew Troy Tiger, Janice Osceola, and Iretta Tiger. Alexandra Frank

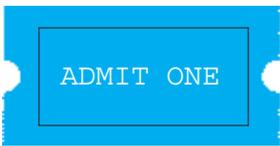


La Jolla Beach just North of San Diego. Ernie Tiger

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"SKINS": Coming To A Theatre Near You

During the 2002 NAJA convention, Tribune reporter Alexandra Frank attended a pre-screening and press conference of the new movie "Skins".

"Skins," directed by Chris Eyre (Smoke Signals) and written by Jennifer D. Lyne (based on a novel by Adrian C. Louis), is a contemporary film that takes a look at the lives of two Oglala Sioux brothers.

The film stars Eric Schweig (Rudy Yellow Lodge), Graham Greene (Mogie Yellow Lodge), and Gary Farmer (Verdell Weasel Tail). The film's focus is life on the Pine Ridge Reservation, which is located on one of America's poorest counties.

Rudy Yellow Lodge is a Tribal Police Officer, torn between upholding the law and performing acts of vigilantism at a system he sees only working against his fellow tribal citizens.

Mogie Yellow Lodge is the eldest brother. A Vietnam Veteran and alcoholic, he faces problems stemming from his drinking such as war flashbacks, cravings for liquor and trying to be a father to his 18 year old son Sonny Yellow Lodge, played by Gil Birmingham.

The two brothers walk a fine line between being friends and outright enemies. The result is a mix of funny touching scenes, along with scenes that are violent and sad.

Rudy begins to suffer from stress resulting in a bump on the head he suffered while investigating the murder of local Indian youth.

Rudy's tolerance for Mogie's antics begins to wear thin and the two begin to bicker, causing a rift that neither feels they are to blame for.

Neither makes an attempt to reconcile at first. Meanwhile, flashbacks show that, during childhood, they looked out for each other and their mother.

Throughout the movie, Rudy tries to balance what is right and wrong because he wants to be a positive role model for his nephew. An affair with a married woman shows his moral weakness and a reminder that he is only human.

Rudy's stress level is finally broken when he encounters the two young men responsible for the death of the Black Lodge Boy. He is angry because of the total disregard the local FBI Agent has for Rudy's finding. Rudy then decides to take matters into his own hands.

The feelings of hopelessness, the poor conditions around him and the constant bickering between Mogie and himself, pushes Rudy over the edge. The result is a vigilante spree against the young murderers and other troubles in Rudy's life.

The film does a great job in portraying the struggle that a Native American Indian, living with today's society ills, must deal with on a daily basis. There are humorous moments in the film, but it is a far cry from Smoke Signals, the film about contemporary Native Peoples lives that was released some four years ago.

Chris Eyre's purpose when creating a film about Native Peoples was to show the general

American public and, for that matter, the world, the struggle a Native Person must go through today: paying bills, living in an economically disadvantaged area and dealing with substance abuse.

He wanted to give a Native Person's view of reservation life to people who may not know anything about life on the Rez, or the people that inhabit the Rez. He wants to deliver a socially conscious film to people who do not know anything about the first peoples of this continent.

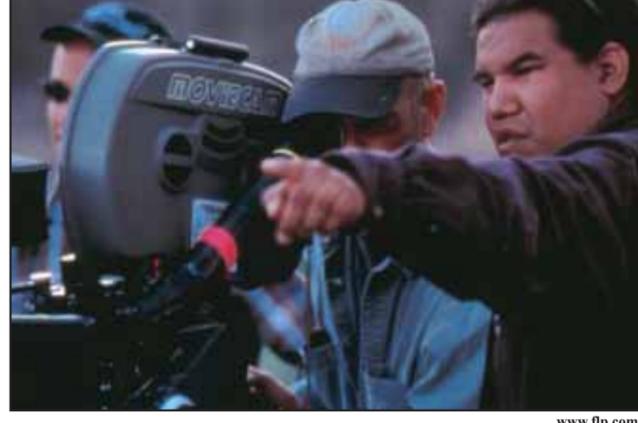
Eyre also wanted to show how Native People try to balance native beliefs, such as taking care of the family against insurmountable odds, and believing in and practicing traditional medicines for the healing of soul, heart and head.

Filmed against an unforgettable backdrop, with characters raw with emotion, anyone who sees this film will relate to the anguish, hurt, sorrow and embarrassment felt by the characters.

Chris Eyre has done a great job of educating the audience about life on the reservation, whether we live in its borders or beyond. His insight into the people he has brought to life on the silver screen is both superb and riveting to watch.

If you are a Native Person, take a non-Native friend with you to see this movie. If you are a non-Native, take a Native friend with you, in case you have any questions about something you do not understand. I'm sure your friend will be glad to give you some insight into any questions that you may have.

The film will premiere in New York and



"Skins," directed by Chris Eyre, will be released nationally on Sept. 27, 2002. www.flp.com

Los Angeles on August 9, 2002. Following will be a 400-theatre release throughout the U.S., Eyre will also promote the movie overseas in Europe and head back to Canada.

Congratulations to Eyre, who has once again created a story that is universally accepted. Eyre's message of Native People will, without a doubt, reach a wide audience.

I suggest you take the time to see this movie, it is one of the best films yet that accurately depicts life on the rez and life as a Native Person of the Americas. Believe me, you will not be disappointed in the message and images you will see and experience. Enjoy.