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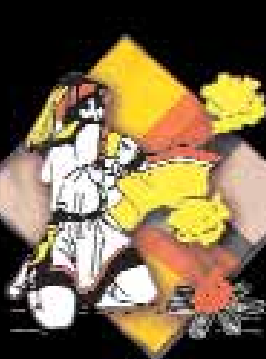
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Board Meeting Discusses Tribal Programs and Enterprises

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — On June 13, the Board of Directors reviewed programs and enterprises by the Seminole Tribe of Florida. This was the first Board meeting held under the direction of President Moses B. Osceola.

Among the many resolutions discussed was the approval of increasing the short-term loan amount for tribal members. Currently, tribal members can apply for a maximum short-term loan of \$3,000.00. As of June 13, tribal members can now apply for up to \$5,000.00.

There was a concern about the Brighton Reservation Trading Post Campgrounds. The occupancy rates are not at or near capacity, Osceola believes adding fuel sales at the campgrounds will help revitalize the business.

The Seminole Tribe approved a resolution to continue negotiating with

Quality Gaming, a company that currently supplies gaming materials to the Seminole casinos.

The citrus and sugarcane programs offered encouraging reports.

Timmy Johns, Head of Sugarcane Enterprises for the Tribe, sold the entire crop this year and is in negotiations with a candy company in Chicago.

After the meeting, I asked Moses what it was like presiding over his first board meeting. "It was different. For years, I've watched these meetings from the audience point of view. As President, it's going to be a learning experience for me. I look forward to it."

The next scheduled board meeting will be held on August 8. For more information on short-term loans, please contact Bob Maza, Director of the Credit / Finance Department at (954) 966-6300 ext. 1315.



President Moses Osceola

Tribune Wins Three NAJA Awards



Reporter Paula Cassels and Alexandra Frank

By Alexandra Frank

GREEN BAY, WI — On June 18-21, the Native American Journalism Association (NAJA) held their 19th Annual convention entitled "Truth in Metaphor" at the Oneida Radisson Hotel & Conference Center.

The NAJA convention is a gathering of Native and non-Native individuals involved in print, radio, and broadcast journalism. Participants are given updated tools of the trade during the event, which included various sessions, banquets, an auction, and a poetry slam.

Eight categories were awarded in print, radio and television. There were 100 winners at this year's convention.

The Seminole Tribune is proud to announce they are the recipients of two 2nd Place awards, one for "General Excellence" and the other for "Best Internet News Site." The third award garnered is for Honorable Mention "Best News Writing - Twice a Month."

These awards acknowledge that the Seminole Tribune is one of the best Native American newspapers in the US and Canada.

NAJA Convention

By Paula Cassels

GREEN BAY, WI — The 19th Annual NAJA (Native American Journalist Association) Convention served as an empowerment to Native American Journalist, with programs and super sessions of student news projects.

The NAJA conference featured fellowship events as well, like the "The Silent Auction", Bay Beach Bar-B-Q, and poetry contests.

NAJA was full of excellent jour-

nalism seminars and a Career Fair, but on Saturday June 21, the native journalists and native broadcast bands had a chance to relax and enjoy some Wisconsin air at the Bay Beach Bar B-Q.

The barbeque picnic lunch was served in a large pavilion site that viewed the surrounding carnival rides.

Hamburgers, chicken, hot dogs and corn on the cob dipped in melted butter, com-

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Applications for Seminole Princess Pageant

Submitted by Wanda Bowers

HOLLYWOOD — The Seminole Princess Committee is preparing for the upcoming Seminole Tribe Princess Pageant, which will be held from Wednesday, August 6, through Saturday, August 9th when we crown the new 2003 - 2004 Miss. Florida Seminole and Jr. Miss. Florida Seminole.

If you wish to be a contestant, please pick up your application from any of the Princess Committee Members, community volunteers, or at your Tribal Office. You may just want to clip this one out!

The deadline to get your application into a committee member is July 25.

Your Princess Committee Members are: Hollywood Reservation: Wanda F. Bowers (1968-69), Priscilla D. Sayen (1964), Connie Gowen (1957), Lawanna Niles (1960), and Community Volunteer Christine Nevaquaya

Big Cypress Reservation: Mary Jean Coppedge (1973&74), Desiree Jumper (2000), Alice Billie (1997), Community Volunteer Jeanette B. Cypress, and Danielle Jumper-Frye. Brighton Reservation: Salina Dorgan (1988) and Suraiya Youngblood (1999).

For more information, please call Wanda Bowers at (954) 966-6300 ext.1468 or cell phone at 954) 444-9827.



Michael Kelly

RIBBON CUTTING: (L-R) Brighton Board Representative Johnny Jones, Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr., Brighton Council Representative Roger Smith, Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Seminole Princess Racheal Billie.

Seminole Hard Rock Casino Opening a Huge Success

By Michael Kelly

TAMPA — On June 17, hundreds of people lined up to witness the grand opening of the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa. To say it was a success would be an understatement. According to Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr., "The Seminole Tribe made over one million dollars and we

had to actually turn people away on opening day." And to think this is only Phase One!

Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr., Brighton Representative Roger Smith, and Brighton Board Representative Johnny Jones, participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony, thus

ushering in a new era of casino gambling for the Seminole Tribe.

Located on the Tampa reservation at 5223 North Orient Road, the new casino will soon be joined by the Hard Rock Hotel, which is slated for completion by spring 2004. Right now, about half of the 90,000 square foot casino is

See HARD ROCK, page 5

Billy Nelson Motor Cross Enthusiast

By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD — Billy Nelson is an aspiring motor cross rider, a sport that is highly competitive, exciting, but occasionally hazardous. Billy is the son of tribal citizen Theodore (Ted) Nelson of the Hollywood Reservation.

Billy, who lives in Ocala, Florida, first got started on an ATV, which he unfortunately crashed. He wanted to learn how to ride an ATV correctly, but eventually got into motor cross racing.

Billy, now 15, was 12 years old when he first got started in motor cross. The average age to enter in motor cross is around 6 years old. Billy is a member of the American Motor Cross Association (AMA), a sanctioned institute. He started racing with AMA in 2000.

Professional motor cross racers are in either the 225 or 250 Class. Billy rides in the 250 Class and has garnered numerous trophies. Billy is currently looking for sponsorship.

There are a few rules Billy must follow. One important rule is to keep up his grades, which shouldn't be a problem; he's an A, B student! Another rule is keeping himself in shape. Billy runs three miles a day, which helps to keep him focused and able to endure the strenuous ride on a motor cross bike.

Due to a lack of competition locally, Billy hits the road, riding at events in Georgia and elsewhere. Billy recently qualified to ride in the Regionals that will be held in New Orleans.

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AIR BORN: Billy Nelson

Mia Sapp — Student Role Model

Submitted by Cindy Corriher, Education Advisor

HOLLYWOOD — Mia Sapp, a delightful, intelligent 11th grader, is a perfect example of what a high school student should be. Mia has excelled at her school, Hollywood Christian, which she has attended for the past ten years and will be graduating in 2004.

Mia's list of accomplishments during her high school years includes being on the Honor Roll every year and serving as class Treasurer from 9-11th grade. Next year, as a senior, she will serve as Secretary for the class of 2004.

Serving as class Treasurer has given her experience in fund-raising and money management. She was instrumental in raising \$9,000 for the Junior/Senior Banquet. She participated in car washes, bake sales, and candy sales, in order to raise money for her class.

Mia enjoys school and her favorite classes are History and English. She has always enjoyed history and learning about the past. Her favorite part of English class is reading Shakespeare, especially "Much Ado about Nothing."

Mia keeps her grades up by attending school on time and having very few absences per year.

Her advice to incoming high school students is, "Start off strong. Get your work done on time and don't leave things to the last minute. If it's not an emergency, don't miss school. It's easier to be in class than trying to do the work at home alone." Good advice for students of all ages. It's worked well for her and it shows.

After graduation next year, Mia plans to attend college immediately. So far, her choices are Johnson and Wales for culinary arts, Lynn University for massage therapy, or Vanderbilt College for sports

therapy.

The junior year of high school is the time to start checking out colleges, taking SAT's, and applying at different schools. Mia is right on track with her education.

Taking advantage of the field trips provided by the Tribe is a good way to enrich your understanding of the world around us. Mia attended the Close-Up trip to Washington D.C. last year and enjoyed it tremendously. She especially enjoyed meeting students from other tribes. It made her appreciate all the services the Seminole Tribe provides for its members.

Mia learned that not all Native American tribes have the advantages that she has being a Seminole. She learned from her experience that staying in school is one of the best things you can do for yourself.

She says that maybe some day there might not be any more dividends and an education is what you will have to fall back on and that it takes an education to be able to do anything in life. Wise words for other students to follow.

Mia does beading in her spare time and likes to visit her grandmother and help her make dolls and necklaces. Her close-knit family is very supportive of her education. Together, they preserve the culture of the Seminoles.



Mia Sapp

One Unresolved Issue

On Jan. 9, 2002, Tribal member Jim Shore was shot while resting on a sofa inside his home at 3800 N. 45th Ave. in Hollywood.

Investigation revealed that someone had shot him from outside the house and directed the shots through a sliding glass door at the rear of the house. Shore had been shot several times and was transported to Regional Memorial Hospital in Hollywood.

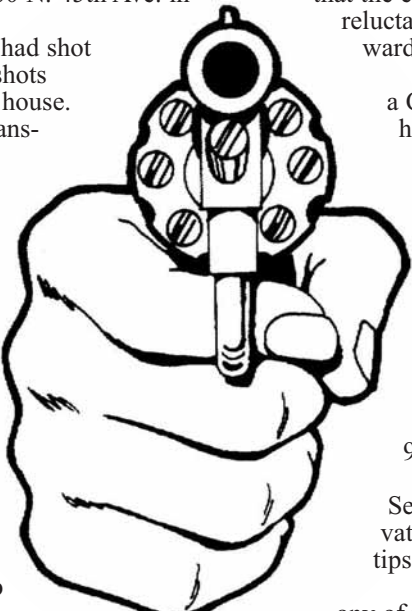
Shore reported that he had not heard anything prior to the shooting but a witness reported seeing a van drive away from the general vicinity immediately after the shooting.

The Seminole Police Department, Hollywood Police Department and the Broward Sheriff's Office currently are all cooperating in the investigation.

Presently, no one has been charged yet, but everyone involved in the investigation has stated the same thing:

This investigation will not go away; it is here for the duration. Whoever was involved will be caught and brought to justice.

Many believe that the incident was sparked



by the political turmoil that was going on at the time. Now that the elections are over, those who may have been reluctant to provide information must now come forward to put this one unresolved issue behind us.

Here's how you can help. The Tribune will run a Crime Stoppers ad every other issue which will have the phone number, (954) 493-TIPS.

There is a \$100,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of the suspect(s).

Crime Stoppers is completely anonymous. Those who call in receive a number. The caller(s) whose information leads to an arrest is given a date, time, and address of a local bank.

The bank will match the number and disburse the reward. No identification is asked for.

You can also contact Detective Julio Gonzalez of the Hollywood Police Department at (954) 967-4412.

If you feel more comfortable talking to the Seminole Police Department Officer on your reservation, please do so, all are willing to accept any tips and leads.

If you have any information, please contact any of the above.

Nobody Thanked Me

***Dr. Dean Chavers**

I had the misfortune of fighting in the wrong war. World War II was a popular war, but Korea was not popular. People volunteered in droves for WW II, but had to be drafted before going to fight in Korea.

The first Gulf War under George Bush I was an unpopular war. Few of those veterans got thanked when they came home. The last Gulf War under George Bush II was a popular war. The media would have you think Private Jessica Lynch was a great hero. I think she just made a wrong turn.

Many of us, who fought in Vietnam, at least in the first five years, were volunteers. We got shot at, and some of us got killed. When we got home, nobody thanked us. In fact, if we got anything, it was some hippie spitting on us, which I saw happen in Oakland and Berkeley in the late 1960s.

I did not volunteer to fight a war when I went in the Air Force in 1963. I just wanted to fly airplanes. I had wanted fly ever since I read a brochure in the tenth grade in my high school library. Miss Ruby Dial, one of my heroes, was the librarian, and I loved going into her library. That brochure stuck in my head.

Six years later, after I finished high school, worked for a year, and went to college for two years, my luck ran out. I was 1-A for the draft (not your young folk, that means you are going to go), I could not get a job, and I was 22 years old.

My choices were to wait for the draft and be a dogface (or join the Air Force, that means a foot soldier, an infantryman), or join the young folk, or Navy and fly airplanes.

My brother-in-law Jack Sublett, who was in the Navy (bless his misinformed heart), told me the Air Force would be better than the Navy.

He was dead wrong, or course, for which I am eternally grateful. If he had told me to go into the Navy, I would have gotten a much better deal, would probably have loved it and stayed in, and would probably be dead now. I'm still alive, which is why I'm still grateful to Jack.

I went to Vietnam by way of Guam, Okinawa, and Thailand for four tours in 1966-68. I was on my way for a fifth tour when I got out. If I had stayed in the Air Force, there is a distinct possibility that I would be dead.

The reason is that after I got out in 1968, the Air Force started flying my planes into the Hanoi Haiphong corridor, the most heavily defended piece of real estate in the history of the world. Some of my friends got shot down and killed during the period 1968-1975. That is a long period, the same length of time as all of WW II.

I had some scary experiences during my flying days. One of the first happened over the swamps of Louisiana while training. One of my fellow cadets looked out at the right engine of our two-engine C54 trainer and saw oil leaking. He called the pilot on the intercom and told him. The pilot immediately feathered the engine.

He also told all of us cadets to assume the crash position. We strapped ourselves into the seats and rested our heads on our parachutes as we had been taught.

I was next to the left engine. It suddenly started shooting flames four or five feet long. I scrambled as fast as I could to get to my intercom button to inform the pilot that our only engine was shooting out fire. He calmly said "Roger, I'll lean it a

little." The flames stopped, and I started breathing again.

But as I looked out at the huge cypress trees on the flight path to Barksdale AFB, where we were headed, I swear I could see alligators about thirty feet long just waiting for us to crash. Nobody has yet thanked me for not soiling my flight suit.

On my first tour, we flew the first mission of B-52s into North Vietnam on Easter Sunday, 1966. We were bombing Mu Gia Pass on the North Vietnam/Cambodian border for the first time. We hit it many times later, trying to stop the NVN penetration of the South.

We had been told that 105 millimeter guns could shoot us down, and that the North might send some dreaded MIG fighters against us. We dropped our bombs and headed south about three o'clock in the morning, making a left turn of 180 degrees.

Let me tell you, if you have a fighter on your tail over enemy territory, no one will remember you are not supposed to defend yourself. How's that for thanks, being threatened with a court martial for defending yourself? Our two-star general, who initiated the court martial, was a little bit tetchy.

Nobody thanked me for this mission when I got back, either. In fact, no one even asked about it. No one has ever asked me "What did you do in the war, Daddy." Another time we were going to the DMZ for the first time to help the Marines at An Khe. The North Vietnamese were pounding them pretty hard, with everything they could shoot at them. We were trying to get the NVN to back off a little.

As we made our run, shortly after bombs away, the EWO said "What was that?" "What did it look like?" the pilot asked. "It looked like a telephone pole going by our right wing," the EW answered. We learned later that the NVN had shot 12 SAM-2 missiles at us that day.

They had not turned on their guidance radar, because we had electronic detectors on board the aircraft that would let us know when a SAM was headed our way. Those things are about 50 feet long. If you get hit with one, your whole airplane becomes one huge bomb, with 300,000 pounds of jet fuel as the powder. You would die instantly. We were lucky.

None of the 12 SAMs hit us. It was the fact that they did not use their guidance signals, combined with the fact that we were constantly making small turns all the way down the bomb run to get exactly on target that saved us. Some of the SAMs came within a few feet of the planes.

Nobody thanked me for getting shot at by a SAM, either, or for the time we got shot at by ground fire on a low level mission, or the winter time we spent freezing in the Nevada mountains, or the 138 missions I flew in Vietnam, or the many other times we could have been killed.

Somehow the hoopla over this little piss ant war with Iraq seems out of place. Everybody argued about Vietnam. Was it right or wrong? Somebody ought to start arguing about this one.

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Fireworks - Stahpholeecheke'

A Letter of Inspiration

I am writing this article that I hope will be put into the Seminole Tribune for others to read. Let me introduce myself. I am Karen Bishop from Brighton. I am the daughter of Leta Micco from Brighton, and Wayne Bishop from Okeechobee. I have an older sister Lydia Bishop with two boys of her own Josiah and Isaiah, a twin sister, Sharon, and a younger brother Wesley Bishop. Today I would like to tell you a little about myself and my accomplishments and my plans for my future.

Most of the Brighton residents know me as one to be in and out of trouble as well as programs. Well, again I am sitting in a program right now until November when I turn 18. I am currently at the Mel Blount Youth Home located in Vidalia, Georgia. I have been here about 8 months. Before I came here I was at a rehab in Fort Myers where I stayed for 2 months and studied and received my GED.

Once I came to the youth home I thought I was just going to reunite with my twin sister Sharon, who is also in the process of getting her GED. Boy, was I wrong. Ms. Jackson and Mr. Bishop who direct the youth home came at me with college. I had no intentions to go back to school, get a GED, and most defiantly not college. I started college at Southeastern Technical College in Vidalia Georgia with Dustin Osceola from Hollywood, January 7, 2003. We were given the opportunity to graduate for earning our diplomas and walked with the graduates from college on April 3, 2003. I have completed two quarters while being here so far majoring in computers as a Micro-Specialist.

I plan to start at Georgia Southern University for the fall semester in August 2003. I will then change my major from computers to law to become a lawyer by the age of 28 the oldest, and try and double major to business so I can open up a program/facility for the Seminoles. I am 17 years of age and have



gotten half way through one year of college. I am proud of myself for turning around while I was able.

Although I turn 18 in November, I will not be residing back in Florida. I plan to live in Statesboro, Georgia until I am completely threw with college and can go back home and present to you a lawyer. I might consider transferring to different Universities but not for at least a year or two. I understand it's going to be hard to be away from my family and friends to be up here on my own in a completely different state. I will visit on my breaks. It may take several years but I am ready for this!

I read the tribune when someone remembers to send us one. There are 8 tribal members up here and we are all doing very well. I read in last month's tribune a poem that Markell Billie wrote. I know him as Eli, but I was only around him a few days as he stayed in Brighton New Years of 2000. He inspired me in the poem he wrote for his father. I also write poetry and I encourage him to keep doing so. Another person who walked me through my toughest journeys and gave me advice was George Osceola. I lost contact with him and I regret it so much. I ask that someone send him this article and let him know if it weren't for them lectures and inspiring words he would tell me I would not be where I am now with a clean mind and a successful future ahead of me. I can't stress enough to everyone how it feels to know your doing something with your life and going to be good at it when it's over. I know there are still battles coming but I'm ready to take them on. I hope to attend some of the conventions and other meetings to talk with the youth and give advice. It's never too late to change!!!! I would appreciate if someone would like to write. I would love to hear from you.

— Karen Bishop
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Editor,

Can I make a reservation for camping in an RV for Feb 2 and 3, 2004 for two nights? Thank you.

Lois Zebelman
zebelman@rochester.rr.com

Dear Lois:

Thank you for your interest in staying at the Big Cypress Campground early next year. If you would please call Sheila Barry, the Campground Manager, at (1800) 437 - 4102 I sure she would be happy to make the reservation for you.

Have a safe trip - we look forward to your visit!

Lucy Evanicki
Marketing Director

Editor,

Wow you don't know how cool my field trip was my name is Elysse and I'm 11 years old. I'm in fourth grade and I went on the swamp buggy and museum I

saw stuff I would never imagine!!!

I mean like alligators, snakes and even up to panthers! I loved the ride in the charter buses that you sent just for us! and the canoes that were carved out of trees! I even learned about sabal palm I didn't really like the taste of that. Well, thanx for the visit, bye bye! :)

Elysse
SweetAngel19625@netscape.ne

Dear Tom Gallaher,

Thank you for the pins. They were very helpful for my project. My project was an OSCEOLA. He was a great defender for his people (which were the Seminole Indians). Thank you!

Your new friend,
Kaela Chancey

Dear Betty Mae Tiger Jumper,

I just read your book, A Seminole Legend. I do admire and respect your contributions to the Seminoles as

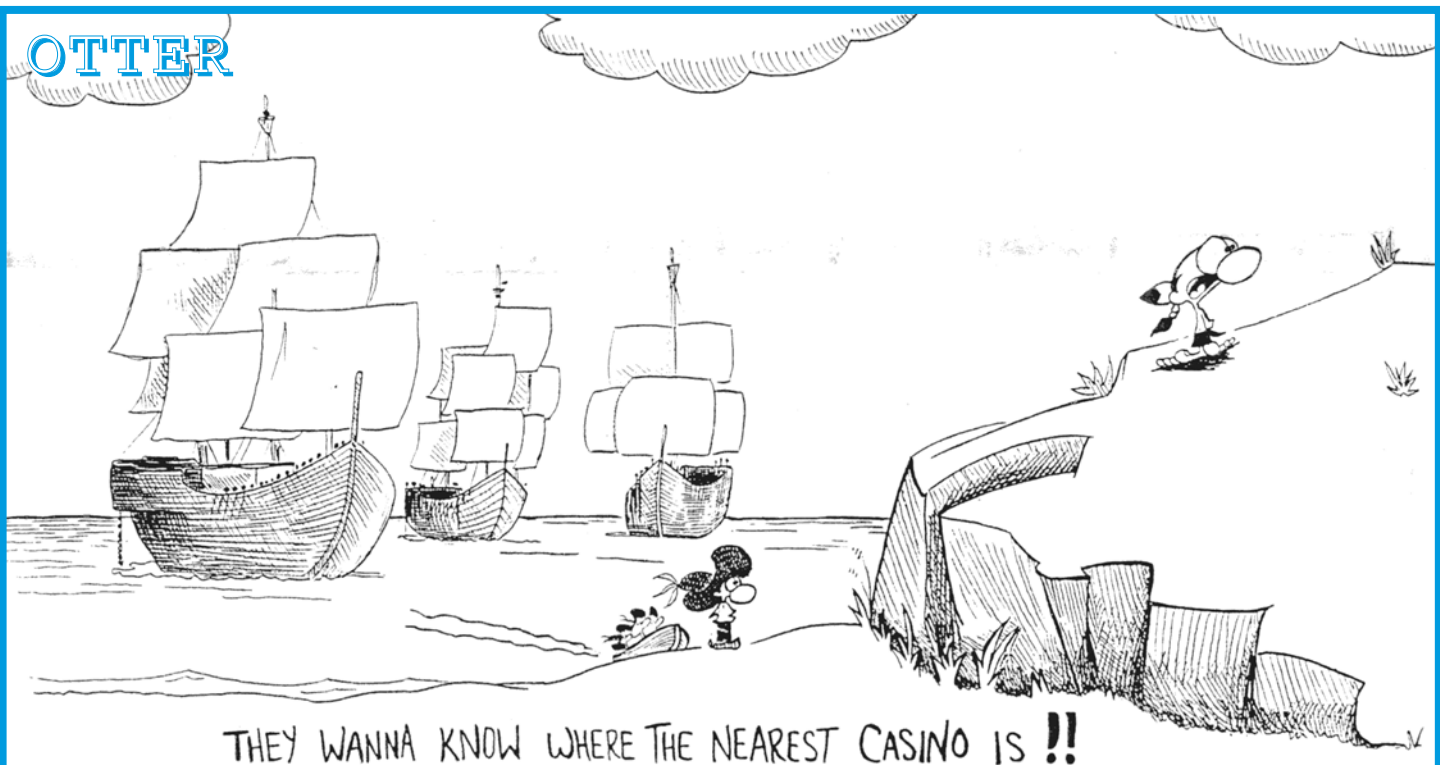
well as our community at large.

We were co-workers for several years for I was a visiting teacher from 1961 until retirement in 1992 working out of the Student Welfare and Attendance Department. I remember seeing you going into Mary Smith's (later Mary Tolbert) office, but do not think we were ever introduced.

Before that, I taught social studies at Driftwood Junior High School. There was a student whom I remember well, Clyde Tiger. He was very quiet, but I always felt his presence. Once he gave me a wonderful carved Indian Head. He said his father did it for me. Was his father your brother? It is on a shelf behind glass doors for I treasure it.

When you see Clyde, please give him my regards. I wish him many blessings as I also wish for you.

Sincerely,
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Hollywood Father’s Day Dinner

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — On Thursday June 19, a Father’s Day dinner was held at the Hollywood gym. Over a hundred people braved the rain and enjoyed lots of great food, homemade cakes, and music by Paul Buster and his band. Hollywood Representative Max Osceola Jr. and Hollywood Board Representative spoke about the importance of being a good father and that “We’re role models for our children.”

President Moses B. Osceola, reminiscing on how ‘our’

parents and grandparents raised us decades ago said, “They were good teachers and role models, even though they had to rough it out there in the everglades. We should all be thankful of the sacrifices they made for us.” The dinner had been postponed because of commitments made to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino opening in Tampa. Max noted that the opening went extremely well. “The Tribe made over a million dollars and had to turn people away at the opening. We’re off to a great start!” A Happy Fathers Day to ALL!

Hollywood Career and Health Fair

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — On June 5, the Department of Education and Health Department hosted their first Career and Health Fair at the Hollywood gym. The event, titled “Exploring your Future – A Family Event,” offered students and perspective students an opportunity to chat with educators. Louise Gopher, Assistant Director of Education, welcomed family and guests to the event. The Career Fair brought over 30 representatives from universities, colleges, technical schools, the Seminole Tribe Health Department, Higher Education, the U.S. Military, 4-H, and more. Louise Gopher, Assistant Director of Education, said “The career Fair is aimed at the whole community. No matter who you are, it’s never too late to think about school.” Two guest speakers, Summer Tiger and Corey Billie, spoke about the importance of education and the financial support the Seminole Tribe provides. Corey Billie, a student at Full Sail Real World Education in Orlando, said, “It would be impossible to attend a school like this without the help of the Seminole Tribe. They’re committed to education. Corey spoke with excitement about school and his interest in web design and layout. It’s so important as a student to get “hands on” experience. I really enjoy working with Photo Shop. It let’s me be creative.” Summer Tiger, who will be a senior this fall at the University of Miami, is studying Neuroscience with a minor in Chemistry. After graduating, she wants to venture into Law.

“The Seminole Tribe has been extremely supportive. All the opportunities are here for you to succeed,” said Summer. Suzanne Davis, Allied Health Manager, was encouraged by the interest students had in the Health Department. She said, “The children are asking lots of good questions. I’m glad we’ve invited physicians, dentists, nutritionists, and more. We’re looking to get more tribal members interested in the medical profession.” A fun and educational challenge was given to all students who attended the Career Fair. Each student received a checklist, which was used to ask questions at each display.

Seminole Veterans Visit Women in Military Service for America Memorial

On Memorial Day, the “Women in Military Service for America Memorial” was the site for a Honoring and Blessing Ceremony for Specialist Lori Piestewa. Many Tribal Veteran groups were invited to participate in this ceremony for the family of Specialist Piestewa.



The family of Lori Piestewa gathered as the heroic Hopi veteran was honored.

While many of the Seminole Tribal members were playing golf or playing pool at many of the Tribal Council sponsored

events, Charles Hiers Billie, Clyde Tiger and Stephen Bowers traveled early Memorial Day morning to Washington, D.C. for this historic event. While this writer did not even know that a Memorial for Women in Military Service for America existed, we traveled to help other tribal veteran groups honor this heroic Hopi woman. The event was very solemn, as it should be when honoring a soldier killed in action. It began with a traditional smudging by the Ogichedaw Warrior Society of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe. A very official Honor Guard Procession & Posting of the Colors with Processional & Song followed. Vietnam Era Veterans Association of the Washington area, Northwest Indian Veterans Association, Ogichedaw Warrior Society of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, and the Cedartree Singers all participated in this ceremony. BrigGen Wilma L. Vaught, USAF (ret.) President, Women’s Memorial Foundation provided a welcome. When we arrived at Dulles Airport, I noticed it had just got through raining, the tarmac was still wet. As we drove into the D.C. area heading for the Arlington Cemetery the rain wasn’t just at the airport it had rained at the cemetery also. The Women’s Memorial is adjacent to the cemetery as I spoke with some of the other Veteran groups I found out that Hopi people have a belief that when one is deceased they come back home; they visit the family, their community, through the moisture. Although Washington was not her community it was an honor to have been a part, a small part, but a part of this solemn and historic ceremony.

Jimbo’s Café 441- A Hip and Cool Alternative to Chain Restaurants

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — Jimmy “Jimbo” Osceola is the Owner / Head Chef of Café 441, located at the corner of State Road 7 and Stirling Road in Hollywood. Jimmy brings an eclectic feel to both his new restaurant and menu. If you’ve had it with mundane chain restaurant food, overly perky “servers”, generic nostalgia items hanging from faux wood walls, you’ll dig Café 441. Chef Jimmy Osceola creates a menu of distinctive yet unpretentious dishes. Once a gas station, you’ll fill up on generous portions like the monstrous grilled chicken Caesar salad. You’ll find soups, salads, hot and cold sandwiches, and a variety of chef specials. As a connoisseur of fine cheeseburgers, I highly recommend Jimmy’s ½ pound highly cheeseburger. And unlike some restaurants that believe their food needs to be “peppered” to death, Jimmy gently “kicks it up a notch” with savory spices and flavors. Café 441 can also prepare dishes to fit a patron’s dietary needs. Jimmy currently attends Johnson & Wales University in North Miami, studying at the College of Culinary Arts. His plans this summer include traveling to Croatia and studying with professional chefs. Experienced Johnson & Wales culinary students will run the kitchen in his absence. “I’m going to study in Croatia for three months. I’ve been there before and absolutely loved it. I actually had to interview for the job and will earn school credit. It won’t be a vacation, but it will be a fun working environment.” The main goal for Jimmy is to learn the art of preparing seafood. “The way food is prepared there is very

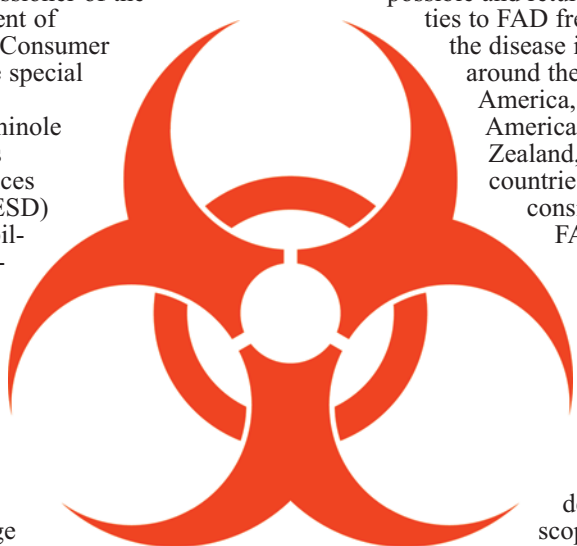


healthy. When I visited there before, I ate extremely well, but lost weight. Preparing good food the right way will do that.” With the assistance from Seminole Broadcasting, Jimmy videotaped instructional cooking classes at his restaurant. “Our first show was a breakfast nutrition program. Later, the children and I made a Creole sauce topped with crayfish. The kids have been totally enthusiastic. They really want to learn not just the cooking aspect, but also the preparation of the food.” Jimmy is no stranger to teaching the art of cooking before an audience. “Part of the reason I taught healthy eating classes in the past is my son is diabetic. I want to help him and other tribal members. Giving something back to the community means a lot to me.” So why did Jimmy want to open a restaurant? “When I was a kid, I would go hunting with my dad in Big Cypress. We would come back home and prep the food from start to finish and I would help my grandma cook. I’ve always associated food with family gatherings. People were always smiling and enjoying themselves. I love to cook and want to bring that atmosphere to my restaurant. There is an art to creating good food. Café 441 starts with a blank canvas, making fresh, homemade dishes. Those chain restaurants simply cook by numbers. Café 441 is located at 5980 State Road 7, between 441 and Stirling Road. For restaurant hours and specials, please call (954) 583-7040. For information on Jimmy’s cooking program, please contact Seminole Broadcasting at (954) 967-3417.

Foreign Animal Disease & Bio-terrorism Seminar

By Marlin J. Billie
On May 12, The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. served host to many area ranchers, growers and the emergency response teams that surround the Big Cypress area. Richard Bowers, Big Cypress Cattle Foremen and overseer of the event, welcomed everyone who attended the Junior Cypress Entertainment and Rodeo Center. The Honorable Charles H. Bronson, Commissioner of the Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services, was the special guest speaker. The Seminole Tribe of Florida’s Emergency Services (STESD) has the responsibility for the protection of the Tribal agricultural resources. In the event of a widespread FAD outbreak on Tribal property, the STESD will totally engage in strategic animal health response functions (detection, control, and eradication) and will need support from other Tribal departments and their resources in carrying out traditional emergency management/logistical response functions. This plan sets forth how the interdependent animal health and emergency management response functions will be coordinated to ensure an orderly, immediate, and unified response to all aspects of the FAD outbreak. The Seminole Tribe’s highest priority is to prevent the introduction of FAD onto Tribal properties through a number of proactive measures. FAD is a severe, highly communicable viral disease of cat-

tle and swine. It also affects sheep, goats, deer, and other cloven-hoofed animals. Should there be an outbreak, STESD will launch a significant effort to eradicate the disease as quickly as possible, through a variety of means such as: quarantine, depopulation, movement control, strategic vaccination, preemptive slaughter, etc. The overall goal is to detect, control, and remove FAD as quickly as possible and return Tribal properties to FAD free status. While the disease is widespread around the world, North America, Central America, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, and some countries in Europe are considered free of FAD. In responding to a widespread outbreak of FAD, or similarly significant disease, STESD will request support, depending on the scope of the situation. The Florida State Emergency Management Agency coordinates logistic response functions with other county agencies and counties where FAD exists. The Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. coordinated this important seminar and should receive praise for bringing everyone together that could be affected by this type of disease, or any type of animal endangerment. On hand for the Seminole Tribe were Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Moses Osceola, President of the Board of Directors, and Paul Bowers, Sr., Big Cypress Board of Directors Representative.



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Seminole Police Department Crime Statistics

The Following information is provided by The Seminole Department of Law Inforcement.
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May 2003

Classification of Offenses	Total Offenses	Total Arrests	Juveniles		Adults		Race			
			Male	Female	Male	Female	White	Black	American Indian	Oriental
Criminal Mischief	1									
Fraud	1									
DUI		2			1	1	1		1	
Stolen Property										
Weapons Violation										
Liquor Law Violation										
Miscellaneous		3			3		2	1		
Drugs (Poss./Sale)		17	2	2	8	5	5	5	7	

Narcotics Confiscated During Arrests		
Drug Type	Amount	Value
Marijuana grams	29.15	\$136
Cocaine	0.5	\$10
Crack Cocaine grams	6.39	\$240
Alprazolam (Xanax)	55.5pills	\$760
Oxycodone		
Oxycontin		
Amphetamines		
Other Narcotics	140	\$50

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			Fraud	0							
			DUI								
			Stolen Property								
			Weapons Violation								
			Liquor Law Violation								
			Miscellaneous Drugs (Poss./Sale)		2		2			1	1

Narcotics Confiscated During Arrests		
Drug Type	Amount	Value
Marijuana	0	\$0
Cocaine	0	\$0
Crack Cocaine	0	\$0
Alprazolam (Xanax)	0	\$0
Oxycodone	0	\$0
Oxycontin	0	\$0
Amphetamines	0	\$0
Other Narcotics	0	\$0

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Fraud	0									
DUI										
Stolen Property										
Weapons Violation										
Liquor Law Violation										
Miscellaneous	2			1	1		1	1		
Drugs (Poss./Sale)	1			1				1		

Narcotics Confiscated During Arrests		
Drug Type	Amount	Value
Marijuana grams	470.1	\$1035
Cocaine	0	\$0
Crack Cocaine	0	\$0
Alprazolam (Xanax)	0	\$0
Oxycodone	0	\$0
Oxycontin	0	\$0
Amphetamines	0	\$0
Other Narcotics	0	\$0

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Fraud	0										Cocaine	0	\$0
DUI											Crack Cocaine	0	\$0
Stolen Property											Alprazolam (Xanax)	0	\$0
Weapons Violation											Oxycodone	0	\$0
Liquor Law Violation											Oxycontin	0	\$0
Miscellaneous											Amphetamines	0	\$0
Drugs (Poss./Sale)											Other Narcotics	0	\$0

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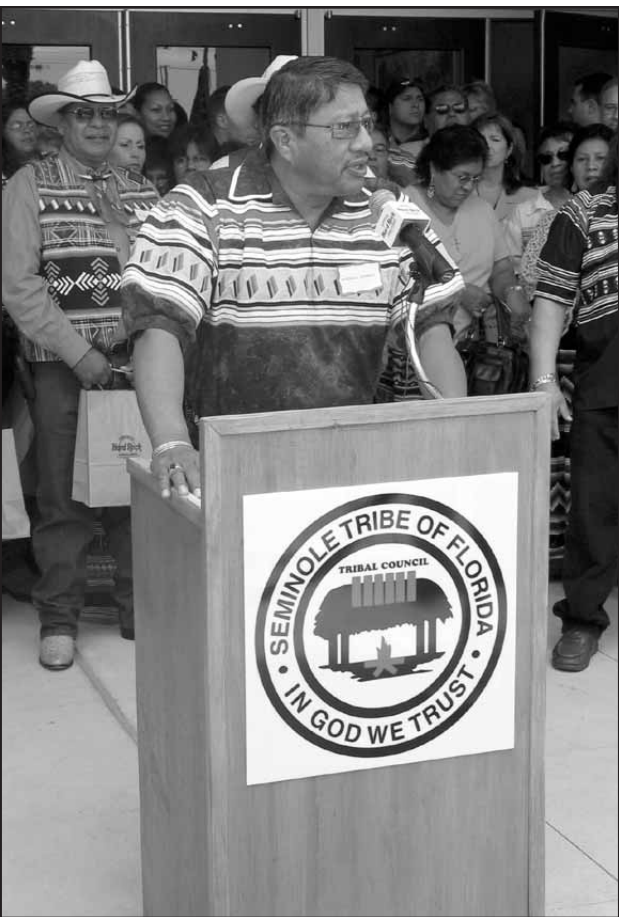
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Michael Kelly
Chairman Mitchell Cypress addresses the audience.

Hard Rock

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complete. When finished, the whole entertainment complex will include a 12-story 250 room Hard Rock hotel, numerous restaurants, and shops.

The state-of-the-art casino will include 1,500 of the latest electronic gaming machines, as well as 55 poker tables, and a bingo gallery for nearly 800 people. James Allen, CEO of Seminole gambling operations said, "Native American casinos here in the United States generated more revenue than both Las Vegas and Atlantic City combined."

Former Seminole Tribe of Florida Chairman Howard E. Tommie foresaw the benefits of casino gaming a quarter century ago. Tommie was instrumental in bringing high stakes bingo and more to the Tribe – a blue print that many other Native American tribes have followed.

Said Tommie, "We were the first Tribe to institute gaming. We've done extremely well. I feel good that I had something to do with it."

The new Hard Rock Casino in Tampa may dwarf the first bingo hall the tribe opened in Hollywood, Florida 20-plus years ago, but it was that simple bingo hall that has lead to the Seminole Tribe's huge success in gaming and beyond.

Hard Rock Casino and Hotel information supplied by Bitner-Goodman P.R. Marketing, currently hired by The Seminole Tribe of Florida.



Alexandra Frank

Third place winner of the "Spirit in the Words" poetry contest.

NAJA

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bined with a relaxing cool breeze off Lake Michigan, did wonders for the overworked fellow journalist.

On Thursday evening, the Silent Auction provided high stakes and real deals. Journalists bet on magnificence Native American beaded art work, Indian antiques, and Green Bay Packers collector items.

Nelson

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Ted mentioned that Billy has outclassed most racers in his area and wants to get him into more competitive races. Billy has expressed his desire to turn pro, but that may be a couple of years down the road.

Ted spoke of how his heart starts pounding and gets nervous whenever he sees his son participating in a race. Billy has gotten a concussion or two and did hurt his chest one time. He has always shown resilience, bouncing back up to finished a race.

Racing is a positive outlet for Billy. The family supports Billy on his quest to become the best motor cross racer, but want him to remain focused on school and family. Ted feels motor cross racing can be a positive outlet for other tribal citizens. They must however be able to handle the bike and be in good physical condition to race.

The NAJA conference ended with a "Spirit in the Words" poetry contest on Saturday night. Hosted by Valerie Redhorse, the event was held at the "The Glory Years" hotel in downtown Green Bay.

There were heart felt poems that cut to the bone, stories of lost loved ones, storytelling, spirit poems about the legendary Sky Woman's journey to earth, and children poems that carried our souls to the next generation.

They all honor our "Spirit in the Words".

Racing demands high concentration on the part of the racer, along with the proper nurturing from an adult.

Keep up the good work Billy. We hope to hear and see more of you in your quest to be the top Motor Cross racer.

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9th Annual Brighton Youth Conference

By: Emma Johns Brown
DUCK KEY — This year's 9th Annual Youth Conference for the Brighton Reservation was held from June 1- 5 at the beautiful Hawk's Cay Resort in Duck Key, Florida.
After the opening presentation, students were grouped according to grade (K-3, 4-6, 7-12, and adults). For those dedicated early risers, each day began with a morning fitness hour. After breakfast, each group attended classes from 9:00 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.
Alice Snow spoke about Indian medicine, while the Culture Department taught the children how to do bead work. For the younger children, the

Health Department employees Barbara Boling and Beth Skinner informed the children about healthy eating and the different food groups. The Seminole Police Department talked about the threat of strangers and how to escape difficult situations.
This year's guest speaker was a Native American from Oklahoma who shared his testimony about being diagnosed and living with HIV. He spoke with the 7-12th graders and adults about his disease, answered questions, and related the sacrifices he now lives with due to his HIV. His powerful message targeted the audience from start to finish.
Harold Baxley, counselor from Brighton Family Services, spoke about issues such as substance abuse, dysfunctional families. The SPD department spoke about the Internet and its dangers.
The Parents Advisory Committee (PAC) encouraged and shared ways for parents to be involved in their children's education. A favorite for adults was the "True Colors" class presented by Mrs. Fertitta. This class allowed adults to become more aware of whom they truly are.
On the closing night, awards were given for different activities throughout the week. The yearly talent show was held for family and individuals who exhibited talents ranging from singing to karate demonstrations. The conference ended with a time for devotion with Delton Collins.

This year's Brighton Youth Conference was a fun-filled week for the entire family, and was made possible by the Youth Conference Working Committee: Lonnie Gore, Dallas Nunez, Alice Sweet, Diane Smith, Salina Dorgan, Dawn Snow, Jenny Shore, Jenny Johns, Yu Kudo, Polly Hayes, Harold Baxley, Emma Brown, Jo Jumper, Debbie Johns, Denise Girtman, Gator Sapp, Stan Frishman, Barbara Boling and Beth Skinner.
Special thanks to Skin Wayne Huff for all of his help making this year's conference possible and so successful. The abundance of knowledge and sharing coming from all the different departments will no doubt last a long time with the Brighton community.



Brighton Recreation Director Stan Frishman hosts fun and games.

library staff read storybooks and did arts and crafts. The Recreation Department offered plenty of fun games for the children.
Family Services held a poster contest for children in which they illustrated their own ideas of what the youth conference meant to them. Courtney Marker and Jenna McDuffie designed the winning poster, which will be the design for next year's youth conference t-shirts.
Yu Kudo, Program Extension Agent, brought 4-H members from Dade County to enlighten the youth about the various types of programs other 4-Hers are involved in. They shared a puppet show on littering, explained the life of a sea turtle, demonstrated scuba diving, and much more.


Seminole Language and Culture Preservation Program: Semifinalist for Honoring Contributions in the Governance of American Indian Nations for 2003

By Maria Del Rio Rumbaitis Director, Education Department
HOLLYWOOD — In February of this year, the Seminole Tribe Education Department was informed by the Harvard Project On American Indian Economic Development that our Department has been nominated for an Honoring Nations award for the year 2003.
Honoring Contributions in the Governance of American Indian Nations (Honoring Nations) is an awards program administered by the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development.
Created in 1998 and now in it's third year of awards, Honoring Nations identifies, celebrates, and shares outstanding examples of tribal governance across a broad range of subjects and topical areas, including education, health care, intergovernmental relations, policy development, economic development, and resource management.
The Education Department submitted our entry: Seminole Language and Culture Preservation Program, a program that has been in operation and administered by Lorene Gopher, Culture Director and Louise Gopher, Assistant Education Director. Dr. Susan Stans, anthropologist from Florida Gulf Coast University is the Program's consultant.
We submitted all the materials on time after the challenging job of putting everything together. It was judged an outstanding program by the Harvard Project On American Indian Economic Development and was entered as a semifinalist for the award for 2003!
The final round of evaluation will be in November 2003 when we will have the opportunity to make a presentation to the Honoring Nations Advisory Board and the general public. The Seminole Tribe of Florida Education Department is excited and hopes to win this prestigious award.

Brighton Summer School for 2003 E-ma-ha-kv V-pe-lo-fv (Teaching hammock)

By Emma Johns Brown
BRIGHTON — The Brighton Education and Culture Department announces open registration for this year's summer enrichment school for those students in grades K-5.
The summer session begins July 14 and ends July 25. Classes will be Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and held at the Education and Library buildings on the Brighton Reservation.
Education students from Florida Gulf Coast University will co-teach with Seminole tribal members to enhance the learning process and create a more fun-filled learning environment for the students.
All classes will be based on Seminole culture, as told by elders in the tribe.
The children will earn points for attendance, prompt-

ness, good behavior, and accomplishments during the day. They will then use earned points to shop at the school store on Thursday afternoon. Parents should encourage their children to attend the full two weeks so that they will get the full benefit of the program and activities.
There will be student field trips and a celebration on the final day. Parents and the community will share their child's work and progress.
There will be presentations given and door prizes following the meal on the celebration day.
Please contact Holly Johns at the Brighton Education Department for an application or for more information, call (863) 763-3572 or Dr. Susan Stans at (239) 590-7174.



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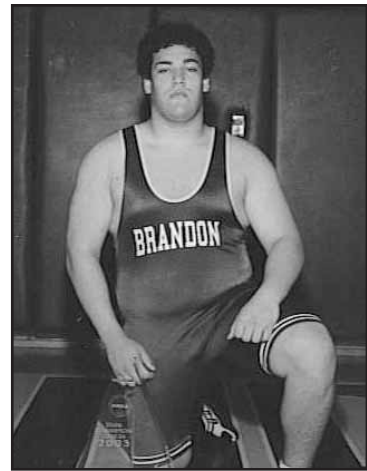
Creek Language Course Elective at Okeechobee High School

By Yvonne Calhoun
BRIGHTON — The Culture Education Department at the Brighton Reservation will offer Creek language classes beginning August 28. Classes will meet weekly for 15 weeks, with high school elective credit given.
For students to be eligible, they must ask a fluent Creek speaker to work in conversation with them at least 2 hours a week outside of class.
Students will be required to learn the Creek alphabet and to develop writing skills in Creek. Grades will be issued according to completing specific assignments and meeting specific proficiencies each semester.
Assignments will be outlined in a syllabus at the beginning of each semester. Please call Susan

Stans at (239) 590-7174 if you have any questions.
Two sections will be offered for the fall term:
1. Foreign Language Humanities for International Studies I. One credit for semester or .5 credits for each term. The course number to register is 07143000.
2. Foreign Language Humanities for International Studies III. One credit for semester or .5 credits for each term. The course number to register is 0714320C.
Classes begin Thursday, Aug. 28, at 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Call Yvonne Calhoun at (863) 763-7501 to confirm your participation.

Student-Athlete Keith Mitchell Simmons Excels

By Carol Foret
TAMPA — Without question, Keith Mitchell Simmons was one of our most successful student-athletes this year. To be a top high school football player is a tough job alone, but to also be a top wrestler is a tremendous feat.
Keith is a 6'2", 275 lb athlete, dedicated to training every day. He recently won a gold medal at the 2002 Indigenous games in Canada. Mitchell dominated the wrestling field, blanking and pinning every opponent in his weight class.
During the 2002-03 wrestling season, Keith remained undefeated, both in his district and in the regionals. He made it all the way to the State finals, where he narrowly lost the first place title by



Keith Mitchell Simmons

one point. A second place finish, although disappointing to Keith, is still a remarkable accomplishment.
Keith is a very proud Seminole and a member of the Panther clan. He wishes and encourages other Seminoles to participate in sports and to represent their tribe. As a senior in high school, numerous colleges are already contacting him about playing football. Remember his name; look for Simmons on a jersey on television.
He is a determined, confident young man. Don't be surprised in the future if you see Keith's name on a future voting ballot. He appreciates the love and support from his family, tribal members, and especially the Seminole Tribe itself.

Conversations on Higher Education

By Dora Bell
HOLLYWOOD — A successful college experience can depend on the student's capacity to be proactive and take charge. There is a big contrast between the routinely structured high school schedule and the openness of a college program. As a result, a frequent problem faced by freshmen students is the difficulty to manage their time wisely. There are several points that will ensure student success:
Investigate and use support services. All colleges and universities have a professional support staff that will assist students in many ways. It is imperative for students to locate these services.
Seek the services of the multicultural director. Most colleges and universities have a multicultural specialist who works with different cultural groups among the student body. They find solutions to their particular needs and assist new students in their task of getting acquainted with the college cul-

ture, all new to college freshmen.
Work closely with the academic advisor. It is a must to choose courses wisely. Sometimes it is recommended to register in an extra course to insure a spot, **always keeping in mind the add/drop deadline**, which will permit the student to withdraw without a penalty. Always include courses that lead towards the declared degree.
Get involved. Pick a club or activity that suits your preference and participate with enthusiasm in extra-curricular activities. Great friendships and opportunities to grow will develop easily in this type of setting. Interacting with others is key to a richer life.
Keep close contact with the Education Department. It is strongly recommended that you call or visit the Education Department (954) 989-6840, so that we can hear your concerns and solve problems as soon as they present themselves and enjoy your ongoing success!
Happy summer vacations!

Report Cards Due

By Cindy Corriher
HOLLYWOOD — It's that time of year again! School's over, grades are done and summer is here. The Incentive Awards are coming up soon as well as the new Private School applications.
Parents on **all reservations**, please remember to turn in your child's end-of-year report card to the Education Advisor on your reservation. The **deadline** for Incentive Awards is June 30. Award ceremony dates will be announced.

Summer Vacation Bible School

BRIGHTON — Summer Vacation Bible School begins July 6-11 at the Seminole Baptist Church on the Brighton Reservation. The bible school is for people of all ages and will include activities such as bible study, crafts, recreation, and more.
The summer schedule is as follows: 6:30 am - Devotion, 7:00 am - Exercise, 9:00 am - Bible school, 12:00 pm - Lunch. The afternoon will offer various recreational programs. At 6:00 pm, learn traditional Creek hymns.

2003 Sunshine State Games



Alexandra Frank

Fab-five basketball team thrives in tournament.



Alexandra Frank

By Alexandra Frank
TAMPA — From June 9-15, Seminole citizens participated in the 2003 Sunshine State Games held around the city of Tampa. Archery, wrestling, and basketball were events entered by the Seminole citizens.
Basketball proved to be the most entered event. There were seven teams entered from Brighton boys & girls, Big Cypress boys, and Hollywood Boys & girls.
The basketball event lasted three days with Seminole teams averaging two games a day except on Sunday, the third day.
One notable was the boys 10 and under team, representing Big Cypress. As of Saturday, June 14, they stood to win a silver medal for their age group.
Coaches Eddie Redd and Jeremiah Hall proved to be excellent coaches as they kept the team of five boys stoked throughout the Saturday game.
Look for more coverage on the Big Cypress Boys extraordinary win against the odds in a later issue of the *Seminole Tribune*.

Employment Assistance and Training Program

By David H. Brown

HOLLYWOOD — My name is David H. Brown and I am the Administrator for the Employment Assistance and Training Program. My job as an Administrator is to implement and enforce all policies of the Department, Tribal Council and Federal funding agencies along with the day-to-day operations of the Program.

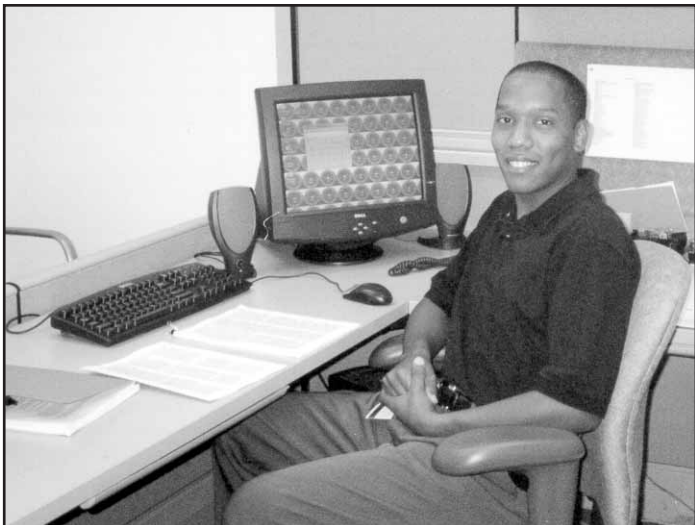
The Employment Assistance and Training Program is a great program! The Program has four components, G.E.D., Vocational/Job Training, Work Experience and Youth Program. It allows tribal members to gain employment through work experience, get their G.E.D., certification or license through the Vocational and Technical Training, and give young adults employment for the summer in the Youth Program.

Having participated in similar programs through various organizations, I think the Employment Assistance and Training Program makes it easier to obtain information about the different programs we offer in one centralized location. Every tribal member should take advantage of this program because it is an excellent way to gain experience or knowledge.

I am currently a senior at Florida Memorial College, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a member of the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. I

am originally from Pompano Beach, Florida, but currently residing in Miami while I attend school.

My goal for this program is to make sure that all the tribal members know what programs are available and to be a part of these programs. We are conveniently located at the Dorothy S. Osceola Building on the second floor. If you have any questions, please call (954) 989-6840 ext. 1223.



The Employment Assistance and Training Program is designed to assist the Seminole Tribe community.

Pre-College Checklist for Parents and Students

During your high school years, maintain contact with the Education Department. Your freshman and sophomore years are extremely important. Become familiar with college entrance requirements. Which courses in your high school curriculum will satisfy college requirements?

Work with parents, teachers, and counselors to create a four-year high school curriculum plan.

From September through March of your junior year, think about the reasons for going to college. What are your goals? Take the PSAT, SAT, or ACT test.

Talk with your parents, teachers, and counselors to create a four-year high school curriculum plan.

From January to March, identify important factors in choosing a college. Should I attend a two-year or four-year college? Will I feel comfortable going to school out of state? Take the SAT or ACT test. Focus

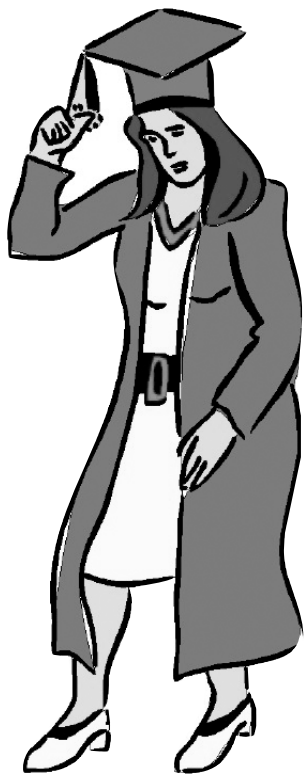
on your goals and career interests.

From March to August, make a list of colleges you are considering and collect information. What information do you need? How can you get it? Take SAT or ACT Test. Read, discuss, listen, and visit colleges. Attend college fairs and college night programs in our area.

From August to December of your senior year, compare the colleges on your list. Have you weighed pros and cons carefully? Continue visiting colleges. From November to February, secure forms and note deadlines!

From November to April, make some final decisions. What additional preparation might be helpful? Do you feel comfortable with your final choice? Make dorm room arrangements if you are going away.

Confer with parents, counselors and the Seminole Tribe Education Department. Seek support from college staff. Show initiative, and good luck!



Department of Education: A Year in Review

Submitted by Louise Gopher - Assistant Director of Education

The year in review for the Education Department shows many positive accomplishments. First and foremost, the Education Department began strong, stressing quality in education. That was done by insisting that our private school students attend only accredited schools.

In the past, we've had so many private schools that we were using, it was almost impossible to monitor students attendance and grades. And almost weekly, a new school would open up nearby and would immediately start educating our business. This issue not only affected the Education staff, but it also affected the tribal representatives.

With their guidance and instructions, guidelines were established to bring this whole private school issue under control. We have now put limitations on number of absences, set a grade point average requirement, and have listed schools that we can sponsor scholarship for.

There are other issues stated in the Private School Policies and Procedures, which will be presented in future Tribal Council meetings.

Unfortunately, some students had to change schools to follow our guidelines, but that was done in a timely fashion so they were not adversely affected. Tutoring and testing services were made available to those students.

We continued to put a strong focus on the retention of languages and culture. This was accomplished on a daily basis at the language classes in the Pre School Program and at the Ahfachkee School. Once a week on Fridays, the Brighton community had a "cultural school" on their reservation, which was referred to as the "Pull Out Program".

Elementary students attending the Okeechobee public schools were allowed to stay on the reservation to attend these classes. These classes were taught by their own community members. They had classes in history, math, science, arts and crafts, and two classes in reading and writing the Creek language.

The staff had a long hard year with this project but in the end, they are satisfied with their efforts. Their representatives will be getting them a trailer to provide additional classroom space and a director will be hired specifically for this project.

The Chairman acknowledged his appreciation for their work by giving them a trip of their choice. The Pull Out Project was featured in several local newspapers as well as The Seminole Tribune.

Teachers in the language programs were offered a curriculum through the Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers. At the end of the two-year teacher certification program, they will receive a State of Florida Teachers Certificate, which will enable them to be able to teach their native language in any school system in the same way that other languages are offered to students.

There are seven staff members from the Brighton and Big Cypress Reservations who have completed one year of this program. Two high school students were allowed to take this class offered at the Brighton Reservation for one elective high school credit. These two unique language programs will also be shared with the many tribes that will be attending the National Johnson O'Malley Conference in October. Over four hundred people are expected to attend this conference.

The Education Department decided to put their many years of efforts in language and cultural survival on paper and submitted it for evaluation in the Harvard Project Honoring Contributions in the Governance of American Indian Nations. We were notified that we had advanced into the second round of evaluation as one of thirty-four semi-finalists. This is quite an accomplishment considering 114

on your goals and career interests.

From March to August, make a list of colleges you are considering and collect information. What information do you need? How can you get it? Take SAT or ACT Test. Read, discuss, listen, and visit colleges. Attend college fairs and college night programs in our area.

From August to December of your senior year, compare the colleges on your list. Have you weighed pros and cons carefully? Continue visiting colleges. From November to February, secure forms and note deadlines!

From November to April, make some final decisions. What additional preparation might be helpful? Do you feel comfortable with your final choice? Make dorm room arrangements if you are going away.

Confer with parents, counselors and the Seminole Tribe Education Department. Seek support from college staff. Show initiative, and good luck!

Seminole Summer Kindergarten Program

By Maria del Rio-Rumbaitis Director, Education Department

HOLLYWOOD — The Preschool and the Management Unit of the Department of Education are happy to announce the beginning of a first joint effort, "The Seminole Summer Kindergarten Program in Hollywood".

Eight graduates from the 2003 preschool program registered for this first joint initiative. The Seminole Summer Kindergarten Program (SSKP) happily started at 7:30 am on Monday, June 16.

Two excellent certified kindergarten teachers, Ms. Fila Vaz and Maggie Hoque, were hired to teach the children during the eight week-summer sessions being held at the Hollywood DSO Building.

We believe that with this new initiative, our children will be better prepared to start regular kindergarten in the fall because they will be exposed to a real kindergarten program.

This will contribute to strengthen each child's sense of confidence and self-image that is so necessary to favor the child's motivation to learn, to like school, and to remain in school.

We now have good scientific evidence that a good educational beginning during a child's early years is critical to the development of the brain, to

physical and mental health, and to learning and behavior patterns throughout a child's life.

Also, this first kindergarten initiative will allow both the Preschool and the Management Unit of Education to assess the educational needs of the young population, to target the children most at risk in their future developmental stage, and to better advise the parents on what type of education and parental support their children will need.

The operation

of the Seminole Summer Kindergarten Program will be analyzed every week by a research team composed of Leona Tommie Williams, Tommy Doud and Alma Johns from Preschool, Louise Gopher, Cindy Corriher and Maria Del Rio-Rumbaitis from the Management Unit of Education.

Every Friday

at 12 noon, Ms. Maggie

Hoque and Ms. Fila Vaz, the two kindergarten teachers, will present their developments, achievements, findings, problems, and solutions, which will all be discussed by the members of the research team.

We are totally confident that these eight children will be highly successful and will develop to be the new young leaders of the Tribe. The Education Department and the Pre-school have also been requested to offer the same program in Brighton for this summer as well. More news on this effort later!



Holly Tiger assists students in the Seminole Summer Kindergarten Program.

Seminole Summer Kindergarten Teachers

Submitted by the Department of Education

HOLLYWOOD — We, Mrs. Fila Vaz and Mrs. Maggie Hoque are certified Kindergarten teachers, working in the Broward County public schools for a combination of 22 years. We are currently team teaching a preparatory summer Kindergarten class at the Seminole Hollywood Reservation.

Our goal is to get the Seminole children ready to enter Kindergarten in the fall. The Seminole Summer Kindergarten Program is a whole language approach to reading, with well-known children literature and storybooks.

In addition, we will also be teaching other skills such as social/emotional skills, cognitive, communication, self-help skills, gross motor and fine motor skills, and subject areas such as Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

By the end of the eight-week summer program, the students will develop more readiness skills



Summer Kindergarten students listen to story time.

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Wellness Program Takes Off

By Michael Kelly
HOLLYWOOD — On June 5, a luncheon was held for those who participated in the Health Department Wellness Program. The 10-week, three-part program was available for all tribal members and employees of the Seminole Tribe.

The Wellness Program, sponsored by Allied Health Department and Connie Whidden, offered helpful and healthy information. Shannon McKeown, Health Educator and Jeanne Hatfield, Nutritionist, facilitated the program.

The first part offered weekly educational classes on nutrition and healthy eating, incorporating exercise programs such as walking.

The second part offered individuals a Fitness Assessment Test. Participants completed a series of tests, such as measuring flexibility, heart rate, and body fat. The information was then calculated and given to each person.

The third aspect of the Wellness Program was the Pedometer Contest. Each participant was given a pedometer, a small clip-on devise used to measure a person's stride. Each person then "walked" a virtual 450-mile round-trip from Hollywood to Tampa.

Although this may sound demanding, the average person can literally walk a few miles a day. A good workout would be 12,000 steps, which equals seven miles. Eighty-two people began the journey, and although only seven people finished, 41 others were still "walking"

when the contest completed. Amber Gientbrock was the first to reach Tampa, followed by Michael Kelly and Paula Cassels. On the return trip to Hollywood, Amber once again claimed first place, followed by Paula Cassels and Jennifer Kolakowski. Prizes were awarded to the top three winners and everyone who completed the trip received certificates.

One change Health Educator Shannon McKeown would like to implement is shortening the pedometer contest from 10 to five weeks. "The 10-week trip was a bit too much for some people, who got discouraged, especially when their pedometer conked out." Many of us can relate to that!

For more information on health education or nutrition, please call Shannon McKeown at (954) 962-2009 ext. 113, or Jeanne Hatfield at ext. 111.



Paula Cassels

Participants in the wellness program attended educational classes on nutrition, healthy eating, and exercise.

Brighton Weight Loss Contest A Success

By Barbara Boling, Health Educator and Beth Skinner, Nutritionist
BRIGHTON — Brighton community members, along with Seminole Tribe employees, lost a total of 212 pounds in the Spring Weight Loss Contest. The 12 week contest, which began on January 31, was a great success.

After contestants weighed in, a body fat analysis was given, which shows how much lean muscle mass and fat weight each participant has.

Through consistent exercise and a sensible diet, many participants were able to see the percentage of body fat decrease and their lean muscle mass increase.

The Spring Weight Loss Contest Winners were: Adult/Community Male-Billie Micco, Adult/Community Female-Paulette Lawrence, Youth/Community Male James Girtman,

Youth/Community Female-No Winner, Employee/Male- Dr. Christopher Mavroides, Employee/Female-Brenda Walker. Congratulations to all of the participants for their ongoing effort to become physically fit and lose weight.

The weight loss contest committee would like to thank Chairman Mitchell Cypress and former Brighton Councilman John Wayne Huff for their support. The Brighton Community has now lost a grand total of 557 pounds since the first weight loss contest began on October 4, 2002.

An awards ceremony was held at the Field Office on May 6th to recognize contest participants. Everyone enjoyed the festivities and healthy meal.

If you need more information on healthy eating or dieting, please contact Nutritionist Beth Skinner or Health Educator Barbara Boling at 863-763-0271.

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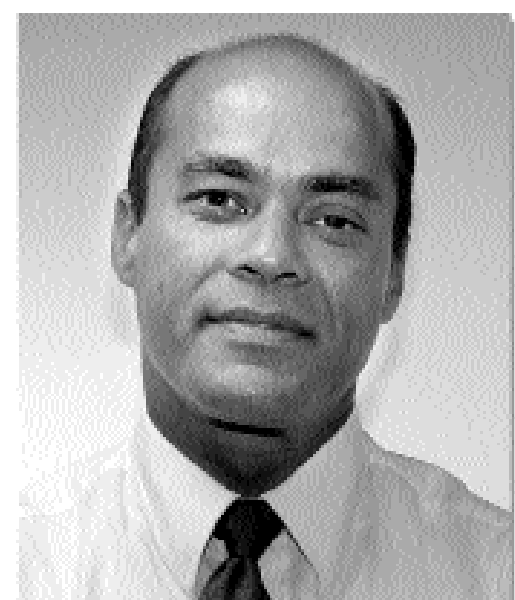
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Second from left on bottom row: Trina Bowers and the FHSRA Team.

High School Rodeo Held In Brighton

By Paula Cassels
BRIGHTON — On June 12-15, the Florida High School Rodeo Association held their state finals in the Fred Smith Arena. This four-day event featured a Rodeo Queen contest, Student Officers election, Silent Auction, Rodeo Dance, a steak dinner banquet,



Paula Cassels

Steven Osceola and son Steven Billie.

plus lots of awards.
Brighton Representative Roger Smith joined the grand opening precessions in support of the high school tribal members participating in the FHSR.
Smith said on behalf of the Seminole Tribe and the Brighton community, “We welcome everyone to the FHSR”.
Two outstanding Seminole teenagers, Trina Bowers and Steven Billie, who rode in the rodeo circuit all year long for points, qualified for the state finals. Bowers and Billie received buckles for qualifying in the state final rodeo.

On Thursday evening, June 12, Steven Billie set the pace with the first qualified ride of 67 points in the bull riding performance; later Billie was push back to 4th place as other bull-riders caught on.
Trina Bowers participated and qualified in the Breakaway and the Team Roping events. Thursday evening also saw Trina rope her way into first place with 3.59 in the Breakaway Calf roping competition, and again in Saturday's performance with a 2.62.
Trina teamed up with Ashley Rice in the team roping competition on Thursday night with 10.138, but made no qualifying time on Friday night.
Trina bounced back into action with Saturday's performance, picking up one hoof as the healer in the team-roping event.
Trina gave recognition to her cousin's horse (Tiger) for her winning speed.
As you may know, Trina is the Rodeo Queen for the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association's (EIRA) and has participated in the EIRA rodeo since she was 5 years old.
Trina has participated in the Florida High School Rodeo Association (FHSRA) for three years now; this year she decided to run for student vice president of the FHSRA.
If you are interested in participating in the Florida High School Rodeo, and are a high school student enrolled in an accredited school, ages 19 and under, you may enter one Florida High School Rodeo.
You must have a signed report card by a principal with four passing grades, or a 2.0 GPA, plus pay insurance fees, etc. and you're ready to ride.
Congratulations to Trina Bowers and Steven Billie on their rodeo achievements.
Special thanks to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for hosting the Florida High School Rodeo State Finals.



L-R: Joel Arorro, Troy Yescas, Darryl Billie, Andre Landin, Candi Landin and Eden Jumper.

Youth Completes Baseball Training

By Marlin J. Billie
BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Youth baseball program joined the Moore Haven Recreation program as they hosted their spring baseball season. The youngsters completed nearly three months of baseball. Practice began back in March, with the season concluding in May.
Coach Amos Billie worked with the 5-6 year old age group in T-Ball, the 7-9 year olds with the pitching machine, and 10-12 year olds in Baseball. The games were played at Moore Haven on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
The T-Ballers were: Darryl Billie, Christain Alexander, Christopher Alexander, Marco Jeol Arorro, Dorian Jumper, Eden Jumper, Troy Yescas, Tryus Billie, Candilario Landan, Nathaniel Jim, Chief Billie,
Pitching machine and Little League Baseball: Nelson Billie, Tacuoma Robbins, Jonathan Robbins, Catlin Tommie, Andrea Landin, Joey

Simone, Deforrest Carter, Issac Betteloun Jr., Kane Betteloun, Jalen Cypress, Anthony Cypress, Stevie Billie, Dillon Cypress, Levi Billie, Rubi-Anne Alexander,
Many of the parents deserve thanks for helping out in so many ways. They brought drinks for the players during the hot practices and kept up with the games throughout the season.
Parent participation in their children's lives, whether it is spectator or coach, really sends a good message to the young people. Coach Amos Billie and his family really put a lot of their time and effort during baseball season, not only this season, but also he has been at this for quite some time.
The community of Big Cypress really appreciates the hard work and dedication that Coach Amos has demonstrated to the young people of the Seminole Tribe.
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Big Brothers Fishing Tournament

By Marlin J. Billie
BIG CYPRESS — The Seminole Tribe's Recreation Department held their annual Big Cypress tournament for the Big Brothers fishing chapter in Big Cypress on Saturday June 21. Steve Young, from Hollywood Recreation, welcomed all youth and adults to the event and looked forward to taking the young people fishing.
Mike Rogen of Begly Lures, demonstrated the importance of different lures, knot tying, and how garbage harm the environment. Mike also spent the day fishing with the group.
The 18 young fishermen set out among the dozen plus boats. Most had some fishing and boating experience, but there were a few newcomers.
Just as the tournament started, the rains began and didn't let up the entire day. Fishermen, from veteran to rookie, understand that unpredictable weather is all part of the experience. Some noticed a little too late that they had forgotten to bring their rain gear. No tackle box is complete without protec-

tion from the elements!
The fishermen were judged by the weight and number of fish caught. Here are the winners in order of fish caught: 1st place - Chebon Gooden, 2nd place - Jordan Ulrici, 3rd place - Candi Landin, 4th place - Brandon Osceola, 5th place - Lee Stewart, 6th place - Madison Bonawitz, 7th place - Marlon Foster, 8th place - Jessica Osceola - 9th place - Deion Sanders.
The young people were very excited about fishing and were eager to learn the different styles of boats and equipment that go with fishing. They showed respect for the environment and fellow competitors.
The biggest bass contest winners were: 1st place - Josh Jumper, 2nd place - Allen, and 3rd place, Happy Jumper. They all showed that they can have a very good day, rain or shine.
A special thanks to all the people who volunteered their time to help our young people, you are to be saluted. Way to go, guys!



L-R: Jessica Osceola, Krystle Young, Deion Sanders, Roy Stewart, Lee Stewart, Marlon Foster, Huston Osceola, Randy Osceola, Rebecca Osceola, Jack Turtle.

Brothers Capture Sparring and Forms Medals At Tae Kwon Do Championship

KESSIMMEE — Brothers Aaron, Kevin, and Nick Frank claimed multiple awards at The AAU Championship Tournament for Tae Kwon Do, held May 3 in Kissimmee, Florida.
Indigenous Tae Kwon Do coach King Jones, along with Trainer Ron Greene, and parents Sammy and Nancy Frank, offered support and encouragement.
Aaron, 18, and Nick, 12, competed in forms and sparring, won bronze medals in sparring. Kevin, 15, competed in both forms and sparring, won a silver medal in sparring. Way to go fella's!
Lakeland, Florida was the next stop for the Indigenous Tae Kwon Do team. This particular tournament provided the competition the three brothers always enjoy. All were determined to capture the gold medal.
In the competition, Aaron received a 3rd place bronze medal for forms and sparring. Kevin received a bronze medal in forms and received a second silver medal in sparring. Nick placed 2nd, receiving a silver medal in forms and a bronze for 3rd place in sparring.
Aaron, Kevin, and Nick are the sons of



Nick, Kevin and Aaron Frank get a kick out of Tae Kwon Do.

Sammy and Nancy Frank. They reside in Lakeland Florida and are from the Panther Clan. All three brothers are black belts and attend school at Lake Gibson Middle / High School.
Coach Mingo was very impressed with the three young men, and is looking forward to the Jr. Olympics, which will be held in Detroit, Michigan.



Aaron Frank received a 3rd place bronze metal for sparring.


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Seminole Caddies for a PGA Event

By Mitchell Osceola
FORT WORTH, TEXAS — I had the great privilege of being a caddy in a P.G.A. tour event on the 19th and 20th of May 2003. The venue was the Bank of America Colonial tournament; the pro who I caddied for was Rod Curl, A little history on Rod, he is a Native American from the Wintu Tribe out of California. He is a past champion of the tournament and he is able to compete in the tournament every year. His victory came in 1974, so needless to say he is a senior player now, but he still is a very capable professional golfer. In 1974 he beat the great Jack Nicklaus by one stroke to become the champion of the very prestigious and very historic Colonial. I was able to see his name on the wall of champions next to the first tee. His name is beside many of the great players that have also won the tournament, such as

pros in our group.
My bother Steve, his long time girlfriend Jackie Thompson and my cousin Joe Rippenberger also accompanied me on the trip. They said that had a great time following Rod and me. Also following us were some of Rod's family and friends. Steve said that there were fans of Rod's every where they went and people would say, "here comes Rod". The golf course is very tough and by the time we got to the 13's hole he was 2 over par. The 136 are a 176-yard par three over water with a lot of seating area around the green. Rod hit a crisp 7 iron to about 15 feet from the cup. The crowd let out a big roar when the ball landed on the green. This gave me a chill down my spine. These people love Rod! When he and his other playing competitors walked up to the green the crowd gave them a very warm welcome by clapping there hands After surveying his putt he made a good stroke on the ball. The ball rolled toward the cup and as it became closer and closer to the hole the crowd again became louder and louder, anticipating a birdie. The ball just missed going into the cup and the crowd let out a big sigh. Although he didn't finish the round well, the crowd let him know that they appreciated his play.



Mitchell Osceola caddies for Native American P.G.A. golfer Rod Curl.

Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson and other greats.
THURSDAY- Day one of the tournament was a fun but tough day for me because I have never carried such a big pro touring bag for 18 holes. I never even carry my own bag when I play golf we're used to driving golf carts all the time. The bag was white with the Seminole Tribe of Florida Council emblem on it; it looked great with our flag colors behind the emblem. People were checking out the bag every where we went. As for me, I was enjoying the atmosphere of being inside the ropes of a big time golf tournament. Caddying for me came naturally because I have been around golf for so many years. I knew pretty much what to do and what not to do. The two other caddies in the group knew that I was a "rookie" so they told a few tips about things like where to stand when the pros are about to take their shot or putt. Rod also taught me a lot about what to do, he said he was impressed with the way I handled myself around the greens. He meant that I didn't walls in anyone's lines of putt or distract the other

ment is also a historic event because of the fact that Annika Sorenstam, a member of the L.P.G.A. played with the men in a P. G.A. tournament. So I can honestly say that I was there and saw her play in this event, She didn't make the cut either, too bad.
Right now I am attending the San Diego Golf Academy in Orlando. At the academy I am learning every aspect of the golf industry and upon graduation in late December I will receive an associate degree in golf management. This experience will definitely be one of the best in my golfing career and will be a great addition to my resume. In the future I would like to have Rod come to work for the "Tribe to give lessons to all the young future golfers as well as us experienced golfers. So I want to say thank you to Rod Curl for giving me the chance to do this and also want to say thank you to the Hollywood Council for sponsoring my trip.



Seminole children display their winning medals in Gymnastics.

Seminole Youths Achieve Gymnastic Goals

By Paula Cassels
DAVIE — On June 7, at the International Training Gym, Flairs Gymnastics hosted a competition at their Davie facility.
Seminole students from ages 4-10 competed in their skill levels on Saturday, Levels-2 to 5, which feature vaulting, uneven bars and a floor exercise.
Some kids participate in the gymnastics program for fun and some are born athletes.
10 year old Cindi Adair is a level-2 advance athlete. She has attended the Flairs gymnastics program four years and loves to compete in gymnastics.
Cindi is a state qualifier and will be competing on July 20 in the National competition at North Fork, Virginia.
Another incredible athlete is 5 year old Raevin Frank, just 7 months into the gymnastics program, is showing outstanding abilities in gymnastics skills.
Saturday, little Raevin won her first gold Medal in gymnastics level-2 and won a trophy for the longest handstand, defeating 10 other girls.
Raevin Frank is a tribal member that lives on the Hollywood Reservation with her parents Shannan and Sonny Frank.
Newly appointed Brighton Respersentive Roger Smith was there through out the competition supporting the Seminole gymnastics students.
Sibylle Reimann former German National Gymnastics champion founder, and owner of the Flairs Gymnastic has coached thousands of students in Broward.
Sibylle oversees the entire program and personally coaches the Flairs teams.
Assisting Sibylle is gymnastics coach Jessica Bitson who works close with the kids to encougous good balance and safety.
Congratulations to the Gymnastics Medallist:
Raevin Frank-Gold Medal and Trophy,



Gold medal and trophy winner Raevin Frank.

Cindi Adair- Silver Medal, Anissa Osceola-Silver Medal, Leisset Baker-Silver Medal, Rylee Osceola-Bronze Medal, Brook Osceola-Bronze Medal, Marsha Osceola-Bronze Medal.

Title Fight Opportunities for Amateur Boxers



(L-R) Rockey Pinckney, Laura Olaya, Jimmy Osceola, Mike Villano.

HOLLYWOOD — "Devastation on the Reservation" will take boxing fans through 12 bouts and a title fight. Heavy weight fighters Bahamian Boxer and Jerry Butler will compete for the Gold Coast Champion Amateur fight.
Pinckey/Villano Promotions are coordinating the next amateur match, which will take place at the Hollywood Seminole Recreational Facilities July 18.
The Hollywood based promotional group, headed up by Jimmy Osceola, Rockey Pinckney, Mike Villano, and Special Advisor Max Osceola III said "We want to provide more opportunities for all amateur boxers and give them a chance to compete for title belts. We want to provide opportunities for amateur boxers to compete for title matches.
In addition, Jimmy Osceola, who is a trainer for amateur boxers at the Seminole Recreational Facilities in Hollywood, said that he has two boxers that will be ready to compete in the July 18 matches. Osceola looks forward to seeing the promotional group put together more matches in the future for amateur boxers.
Devastation on the Reservation July 18, 2003 Doors open 7:00 first bout 7:00 \$10.00 cover/ Tribal members are exempt from charge.
For more information Seminole Recreation (954) 989-9457

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and miss you so much.
But we will see you in Heaven one day.
John 3:16.
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Grandpa and Grandma, and Family.*

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L-R: Graduate Aaron Frank with mother Nancy Frank, Graduate Brian C. Osceola with mother Connie Osceola.

On May 20, Aaron Osceola Frank graduated from Lake Gibson High School in Lakeland, Florida. After summer break, Aaron plans on attending Polk Community College this fall, studying Computer Science and then transfer to the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida for his B.S. degree.

While attending college he will continue his Tae Kwon Do training and compete in national competitions. I'm happy to have a son like Aaron. He's dedicated to school and Tae Kwon Do.

From Proud Dad Sammy Frank.

Here is a poem written by Nancy Sims that I shared with Brian on his graduation day and would like to share with you. Don't ever forget that you are special and very much loved. I am so proud of you Brian. Love mom.

At Graduation, and in the years to come,
Remember These Words...
Don't let go of hope.
Hope gives you the strength to keep going
when you feel like giving up. Don't ever quit believ-
ing in yourself. As long as you believe you can, you
will have a reason for trying.
Don't let anyone hold your happiness in
their hands; let it in your heart, so it will always be
within your reach.
Don't measure success or failure by material
wealth, but by how you feel. Our feelings determine
the richness of our lives. Don't let bad moments over-
come you, be patient, and they will pass.
Don't hesitate to reach out for help; we all
need it from time to time. Don't run away from love,
but towards love, because it is our deepest joy.
Don't wait for what you want to come to
you. Go after it with all that you are,
knowing that life will meet you halfway.
Don't feel like you've lost when plans and
dreams fall short of your hopes. Anytime you learn
something new about yourself, or about life, you
have progressed.
Don't do anything that takes away from your
self-respect. Feeling good about yourself
is essential to feeling good about life.
Don't ever forget how to laugh or be too
proud to cry. It is by doing both that we live life to
its fullest.

Nancy Sims



Brian C. Osceola Receives Tech Diploma

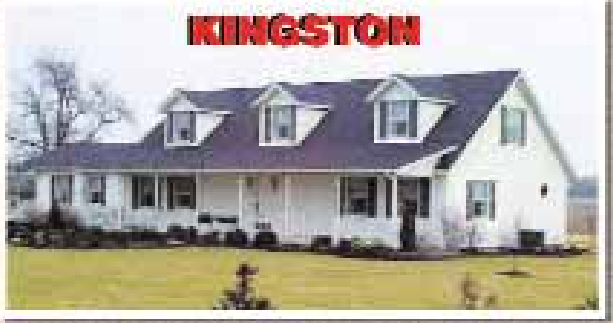
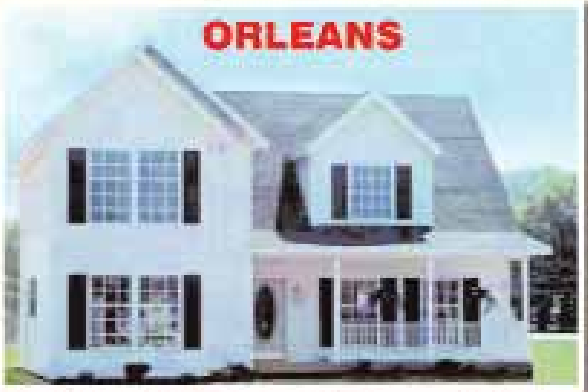
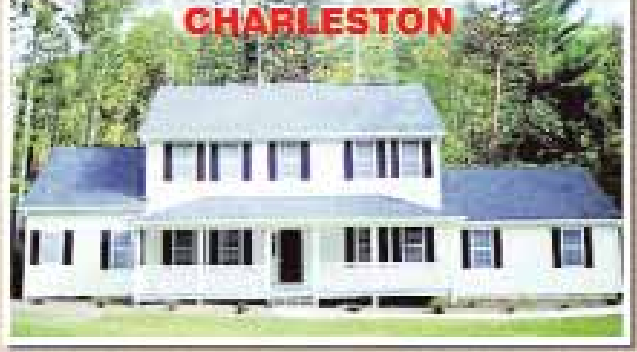
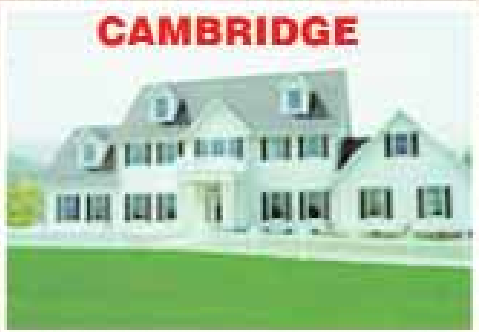
VIDALIA, GA — On April 3, Brian C. Osceola received his diploma from Southeastern Technical College, in Vidalia, Georgia. Brian is now attending South Georgia College, majoring in business administration.

After graduating from South Georgia College, Brian will continue his education at either the University of Miami or Florida State.

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Megan J. Otero Graduates with Honors

GAINESVILLE, GA — On Saturday, May 24, 2003, Megan Jean Otero graduated Salutatorian from Breanu Academy in Gainesville, Georgia.

Megan graduated in the 32 year tradition of Breanu Academy with her 32 fellow graduates. The young women dressed in white gowns and carried a bouquet of a dozen red roses, each representing a year of school.

Megan, in her role as Salutatorian, began the ceremonies with the opening greeting. As Senior Class President, Otero was the Salutator. She won the Scholar/Athlete Award, the President's Award for Educational Excellence and received membership into the Beta Club. Otero was awarded The Beta Club Award and received a certificate for attaining Dean's List throughout the entire year.

She is the daughter of Matthew Otero, her father. Margaret John Cypress, of Immokalee, was her late grandmother.

Founded in 1928 on the campus of Brenau College by Dr. H. J. Pearce, Brenau Academy was established to provide high-quality secondary education for young women. Brenau Academy's program is designed to foster the growth of an open and inquiring mind and to prepare graduates for admission to college. Megan, from Clewiston, Florida, is set to attend Emory at Oxford in the fall.

Said Megan, "If you would have told me four years ago when I first came

branch of the Otero family tree.

After all that, you could also imagine that my becoming salutatorian is an amazing blessing and honor. If it were not for the faculty and staff here at Brenau Academy, I would not have been able to succeed in my studies.

I would also like to thank the

you go, sometimes you lead, and sometimes you follow."

I hope that each of you dance many different dances in life, and learn something from each of them. I hope each of you will lead when you have to opportunity and never regret it. I hope each of you will follow when necessary and never let your pride get in the way of it. I hope you never take things for granted. I hope that you always remember where you came from. I hope you never lose faith in yourselves. I hope you never settle for second best. I hope you smile more than once a day. I hope you can forgive others and yourself. I hope you take the time to enjoy life. And I hope that you have the courage, faith, and wisdom to be the best you can be.

High school is just one of many dances in life and in the words of Garth Brooks, "We could have missed the pain, but we would have missed the dance" I hope that none of you regret this dance.

The night before graduation, an awards dinner and ceremony was held for the graduates and underclassmen.

Graduation and the awards ceremony was attended by Megan's Seminole family and other friends including brother Heath Otero and cousins Vanessa and Pete Aguilar, Lynn Himebauch, Education Advisor, Big Cypress and her husband Ed, Mondo Tiger, (Jessalyn's guardian and Uncle) Jessalyn Balentine and Kellie Tigertail (both freshman at Brenau) Stephanie Hall (Ahhfachkee) and Kellie's grandmother Mary Foster-Tigertail.

At the awards ceremony, Megan was honored with several awards, including special recognition as senior class president providing leadership to Brenau's largest graduating class ever. This award included a certificate and a sterling silver engraved charm bracelet.

The President's Education Award, which honors graduating seniors who have shown outstanding academic improvement and achievement. Megan received a signed certificate by the current president of the United States, the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Headmaster of their school.

As a member of Key Club, Megan received recognition for achieving the necessary points for volunteer work, as well as a commemorative pin from the city of Gainesville for the Adopt a Stream project.

"For her high achievement in Athletics she received the Scholar/Athlete plaque. As defined in the Golden Book, "this award is earned by the graduating senior with the highest cumulative grade point average among those who lettered in a varsity sport during the senior year."

Our winner this year was her short, but she stood tall on the Volleyball Court and in our classrooms. She has been on the Dean's List all year long and everyone recognize her desire to excel." C. Burel, Teacher Brenau Academy

Megan is a member of the Beta Club and received the Deans award which means that she was on the deans list 6 or more times with a 93% average or above. She has been on the deans list consecutively since her freshman year at Brenau. Megan also received a sterling silver bowl shaped candle holder for being in attendance for four years at Brenau.

During the awards ceremony both Jessalyn Balentine and Kelly Tigertail received honorable mention as most improved students from Dr. Lucy Bartlett. Kelly also received recognition as being part of the "Adopt a Stream" project and honorable mention for the citizenship award. Jessalyn served as an usher for the evening's festivities.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies Megan's friends and family attended a lunch at the Texas Steak House where Megan and friends shared tears, stories and song. After lunch a small road trip was planned.

We drove to the Cabbage Patch



Megan J. Otero, Graduate

Meagan Jean Otero you are a role model for young people everywhere.

Megan has asked to publicly thank those who have helped her achieve this success.

"I would like to thank the Seminole Tribe of Florida for paying for my education, Mitchell Cypress for paying for my educational trips with the Academy to Paris, Switzerland, Ireland and England. Special thanks to Patrick McElroy, former education counselor, for supporting me through everything, to



Diploma from Brenan Academy.



Megan and her fellow students celebrate their graduation.

to this school that I would be the Salutator of my graduating class, I probably would have laughed in your face.

You see, I come from a broken home with a father who is addicted to drugs, a mother I never knew, an older sister who did graduate after starting a family at the age of 17, and an older brother who dropped out in the 11th grade, so graduating is something very rare, it has only happened once in my

you to your graduation, I am welcoming you to your new life. This life is different from the past 12 years of school. There will no longer be anyone around to tell you when to eat, study, and sleep. In this new life, you will have to take on more responsibilities, like budgeting your own money and trying really hard to resist the temptation of things in this world that can keep you from reaching your dreams.

In the words of John Michael Montgomery, "Life's a dance, you learn as

to eat is McDonald's cheeseburgers, french fries and chicken nuggets. Kaylen wants to be a robber when he grows up.

Ruben Burgess Jr. Ruben is the 5-year-old son of Charlotte Burgess. Ruben's favorite color is blue, and his favorite foods are chicken nuggets, French fries and hotdogs. Ruben wants to be a man when he grows up.

Michael Jeffery Garcia. Michael is the 5-year-old son of Wesley Garcia and Rosa Gopher. Michael's favorite foods are eggs with ketchup on the side, pizza and chicken. Michael wants to be a basketball player when he grows up.

Brydgett Thailia Koontz. Brydgett is the 5-year-old daughter of Darin and Grace Koontz. Brydgett's favorite color is purple and her favorite foods to eat are ham and cheese omelets, and rice krispies. Brydgett wants to be a singer when she grows up.

Joshua Jon Madrigal. Joshua is the 5-year-old son of John and Mahala Madrigal. Joshua's favorite color is silver, and his favorite foods are colorful cereals, doughnuts and steak. Joshua wants to be a basketball player when he grows up.

Imillakiyo RD Osceola. Imillakiyo is the 5-year-old son of Richard and Dana Osceola. Imillakiyo's favorite color is blue and his favorite foods to eat are bacon, crab legs and shrimp. Imillakiyo wants to be a fireman when he grows up.

Samuel Lee Osceola. Samuel is the 5-year-old son of Tony and Vanessa Osceola. Samuel's favorite colors are blue pink and all of the colors in a crayon box, and his favorite food is pizza. Samuel wants to be a puppy doctor when he grows up.

Trista Dawn Osceola. Trista is the 5-year-old daughter of Larry and Joanne Osceola. Trista's favorite color is red and her favorite food is corn beef hash. Trista wants to be an animal doc-

tor when she grows up.

Yopalakiyo RJ Osceola. Yopalakiyo is the 5-year-old son of Richard and Dana Osceola. Yopalakiyo's favorite color is red, and his favorite foods are mashed potatoes and cereal. Yopalakiyo wants to be a basketball player when he grows up.

Jayce Tulane Smith. Jayce is the 5-year-old son of Jamie and Crystal Smith. Jayce's favorite colors are blue, green and red, and his favorite foods are chicken and yellow rice and corn beef has. Jayce want to be a policeman when he grows up.

Courtney Elizabeth Gore. Courtney is the daughter of Donnie and Lonnie Gore. Courtney's favorite color is blue and her favorite foods are oranges, peaches and corn. Courtney wants to be a cheerleader when she grows up.

Donavine Howard Tiger. Donavan is the 5-year-old son of Lila Osceola. Donavan's favorite colors are blue and black.



Emma Johns

Student's future in full bloom.



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Brighton pre-school class of 2003.

Brighton Pre-School Graduation

By Emma Johns Brown

BRIGHTON — The Brighton Preschool Graduating Class of 2003 celebrated a milestone in their lives on May 29 at the Brighton Gymnasium. This year's graduates shared their joy with family and friends, enjoying entertainment from students, and a lovely dinner.

Each graduate had a smile from ear to ear as they walked down the aisle to receive their diploma. Parents eagerly waited to greet their son or daughter as they crossed over the threshold to kindergarten. It's a new beginning for all the graduates!

Special thanks to the preschool parent committee, preschool staff, parents, and tribal officials for making this graduation a success.

The Brighton Pre-school class of 2003 is:

Drayton Kayne Billie. Drayton is the 5-year-old son of Emerson and Jeanne Billie. Drayton's favorite color is blue and his favorite foods to eat are corn, cereal and macaroni and cheese.

When Drayton grows up he wants to be a daredevil.

Kailin Aliandra Brown. Kailin is the 5-year-old daughter of Avant and Emma Brown. Kailin's favorite color is red and her favorite foods are oranges, toast, and rice and tomato gravy. When Kailin grows up she wants to be a police officer.

Kaylen James Buster. Kaylen is the 5-year-old son of Roderick and Jessica Buster. Kaylen's favorite color is blue and his favorite thing



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Student receives diploma from Louise Gopher, Assistant Director of Education.



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Pre-school graduates bask in the moment.