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Phase II Construction Council Approves \$95 Million Bond

By Elrod Bowers

HOLLYWOOD — The Tribal Council held a special April 23 Council meeting and a regular May 5 Council meeting at the Hollywood Headquarters.

During the special April 23 meeting, the Tribal Council approved the \$95 million bond offering that will finance Phase II of the Seminole Hard Rock construction.

The Council also extended the terms of the engagement letter with Merrill Lynch, who was designated as the underwriter of the bond offering.

The second bond offering completes the financing needed for the \$410 million dollar Seminole Hard Rock construction project. The Tribe secured the first \$315 million through a similar bond offering in May 2002.

During the regular May 5 meeting the Tribal Council:

- *Approved the state Highway, Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the Florida

Department of Transportation for traffic light maintenance on the Hollywood reservation.

The agreement pertains to two new traffic signals that will be installed at the two entrances to the new Seminole Hard Rock Casino. The Utilities Department will be in charge of maintaining the signals.

- *Approved an agreement with Man Con Incorporated to install the water and sewer off-site connection from Davie to the Seminole Hard Rock Casino.

- *Approved a Master Distributor Agreement with U.S. Foodservice to perform purchasing, warehousing, and distribution of specified products for the Seminole Indian Casinos at Brighton, Tampa, Immokalee, Hollywood and Coconut Creek.

- *Approved an agreement with Seminole Design-Build for the construction of a fitness trail on the Big Cypress reservation. The trail will be located across the street from the administration building.



Tampa Celebrates Mothers Day

Submitted by Randi M. Simmons

TAMPA — Someone must have special ordered the sunny skies for May 11, Mothers Day!

The entire day was a bright one for all of the Tampa Tribal moms. All were treated to a glorious day, they enjoyed the company of their families and were also catered to by the men.

The early afternoon activities included a horseshoe tournament. Mayra Simmons took first place, and second place went to Barbara Cypress. All the ladies that participated had a fun time, despite the heat as the weather warmed, making it a bit toasty.

A big water play gym was set up for the children. There was splishing and splashing and giggles of delight as they came zooming down the waterslide over and over!

Mothers spent a glorious day not having to be anywhere near the kitchen. A lunch with an assortment comparable to all of the best buffets and dinner was served later on during the bingo intermission for the moms.

There were door prizes, flowers, cards, balloons, even specially-flavored ice cups that Philip Smith and Jerry Henry kept on scooping for everyone.

One Tribal mom made some egg salad. News scoop . . . Linda O. Henry makes the best egg salad I've tasted in Florida! No kidding!

I just want to say how proud she must be of her sons. Tampa Liaison Richard Henry spent his birthday calling bingo for all the moms. Jerry took good charge of the food line.

There was cake and everyone joined in to sing “Happy Birthday”. It was a special time of being together, and perhaps I may be a little sentimental, but it was just plain beautiful!



MEET THE NEW TRIBAL COUNCIL: President Moses B. Osceola, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Hollywood Representative Max Osceola Jr., Brighton Representative Roger Smith, Big Cypress Representative David Cypress.

Seminole Inauguration Day 2003

HOLLYWOOD — On June 2, over 500 Tribal members celebrated “a new beginning” for the Seminole Tribe of Florida. New Board and Council officials were sworn in during the inauguration ceremony.

Master of Ceremonies Moses Jumper, Jr. began with a description of his childhood, essentially a description of the childhood of many of the Tribal officials, who are his peers.

Jumper noted that the Tribe has “went through some turbulent times” and that “this is a new beginning”.

Jumper recited seven Bible verses that extolled the virtues of seeking counsel, wise leadership, and having a vision. “When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice,” said Jumper, reciting Psalms 29:2.

Jumper then introduced Acting BIA

Superintendent Joe Frank to conduct the installation of the officials.

Each of the elected Tribal officials: Paul Bowers, Sr. Big Cypress Board Representative; Johnny Jones, Brighton Board Representative; David DeHass, Hollywood Board Representative; Moses Osceola, Board President; David Cypress,

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Kenny Joe Davis Jr. Immokalee Pre-School Graduate

IMMOKALEE — On May 29, the Immokalee Pre-School held a graduation ceremony for Kenny Joe Davis, Jr.

Kenny Joe is the son of Kenny Joe Davis, Sr. and Jennifer Raemos, who reside on the Immokalee Reservation. His grandmother is Martha Billie, who resides at the Billie camp.

Kenny Joe Jr., along with Makayla Gonzalez and Elijah Billie, marched to the graduation song “Pomp and Circumstance.” They said the “Mantalee” and the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

Kenny Joe, Jr. and Makayla said their name, clan, and parents after being asked in Miccosukee by Herbert Jim.

The next event was the passing out of certificates to the current pre-school students. They were given recognition for best attendance and certificates were given out for student’s originality in respects to attitude.

Parents and teachers were also given certificates of appreciation for their hard work in keeping the children in school and making it a happy place to learn.

After the certificate presentation was the handing out of the Diploma. Kenny Joe, Jr. was called forward to receive his graduation ring, Diploma, and a backpack filled with pencils, papers, erasers, etc.

A dinner was provided following the graduation ceremony, which was prepared by parents of the pre-school students. Congratulations Kenny Joe Davis, Jr. on your recent graduation, keep up the good work.



Kenny Joe Davis, Jr. grandson of Martha Billie, proudly displays his diploma.

Pete Osceola III Named First Team All-Collier County

EVERGLADES CITY — Life is all about choices, and sometimes you have to take a chance to reach your desired destination. Pete Osceola III, a 17-year-old Seminole Tribe member and a 2003 graduate of Everglades High School, made a choice last year to change his life for the better.

The decision resulted in him being named Everglades High’s 2003 varsity boys’ basketball Most Valuable Player. But, the trek to reach that pinnacle was not so simple.

Pete had decided to transfer from American Heritage High School in Plantation to Everglades High in Everglades City just to earn an opportunity to play basketball.

He was frustrated by not getting the playing

time he felt he deserved at American Heritage. After talking over the situation with his family, everyone thought a change would benefit him.

“I transferred for the opportunity to play basketball,” said Osceola. “I felt that I was not given a fair shot, so I decided to take my game somewhere else.”

Last summer, Pete was determined to make the most out of his renewed chance to be a high school hoops star, and he trained six days a week.

A typical day consisted of a two-mile run in the morning, followed by 20 minutes of jumping exercises; then basketball drills and weight training in the afternoon, capped off by a two-mile run in the evening..

See PETE OSCEOLA, page 8



Fellow Police Officer and Soldier

By Ofc. Angie Margotta,
Seminole Police Dept.

Rhett Rowland has been an officer for the Seminole Police Department since September 1995, beginning his career on the Brighton Reservation and later transferring to the Hollywood Reservation.

In January 2003, Rhett, along with many of our friends and loved ones, was shipped out to the Asian Theater (Baghdad, Iraq) with the US Marine 2nd Tank Battalion, Scout Platoon Fox 25.

We have stayed in contact with Rhett as much as we could, and have received word that he will be returning to the United States sometime in June.

On May 15th 2003, the 4 & 5 yr. olds from the Hollywood Preschool took a



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How To Improve An Indian School

***Dr. Dean Chavers**

I recently saw the future of Indian schools and it was amazing. Students in the district have improved from having test scores averaging in the bottom quartile in 1994 to having all test scores in 2002 averaging in the top quartile. I maintain that any Indian school can do the same thing. If it wants to.

The future is being built by a small school district in Alaska that is now unbelievably good. The superintendent, Richard DeLorenzo, has already won the highest award given in the U. S. for the vast improvements the school has made.

Indian students are extremely bright. Chugach is just one of several schools that are proving that. The others, including Mount Edgecumbe High School, Wellpinit School District, Navajo Preparatory School, White Swan High School, Choctaw High School, Rock Point High School, St. Michael High School, Santa Fe Indian School, and Salmon River Central Schools, are destroying the myth of the dumb Indian.

The myth was never true, but unfortunately, most people working in Indian schools believed it is true. There are currently 740 Indian high schools. The ten schools that have upgraded their programs in the past decade and a half are leading the way.

All we need to do is convince the other 730 school principals and superintendent to follow the blueprint of Chugach.

President Bush presented Mr. DeLorenzo with the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award last year in a considerable ceremony in the White House. Afterward, the President graciously consented to meet Mr. DeLorenzo's mother and shake her hand.

DeLorenzo says he bought his first suit for the occasion. In the normal course of running the 22,000 square mile district, he has no reason to wear a suit. He has spent his whole career working in Indian schools, and has made enormous progress.

By winning such a prestigious award, Richard DeLorenzo ranks as one of the most admired educators in the United States.

They have had to restructure the school district, and put a person in charge of the training and other developments that have happened to them post-Baldrige. (The award, by the way, is named after the late Secretary of Commerce in the Reagan administration. This is its eighteenth year.)

For instance, on a recent trip to Albuquerque, he made one speech in Seattle the day before. He then made a keynote speech for Catching the Dream and did a workshop.

The next day he was a keynote speaker for the New Mexico Quality Awards conference. The day after that he keynoteed for the California Council for Excellence in Los Angeles.

In that one trip he made five presentations in four days. He had Richard as a keynote speaker at our Eighth Annual Exemplary Institute just before the Gathering of Nations in April. He drove the people crazy.

We received 53 evaluation forms on his presentation, and 33 of them said he was perfect. They gave him a score of 55 out of 55 possible points.

In other words, they thought he could walk on water. He was very impressive, in fact so impressive he took my breath away. I practically cried when I had to conclude the session at the end of his speech. He is extremely powerful.

One of my bosses, the actress Lindsay Wagner ("The Bionic Woman") had introduced the program that morning. "That's the first time I have ever seen you speechless," she told me when I sat back down with her.

Chugach School District is southeast of Anchorage on the Prince William Sound. Most of the tanker ship oil spill that happened at Valdez when the tanker ruptured. That spill was within the school district.

In addition to having the best fishing in the world, the area is populated by widely dispersed Native villages. Many of them are accessible only by dog sled or airplane during the winter months.

The people are poor. Unemployment is 52.3%. Three-quarters (75.7%) of the population of mostly Aleuts and Anglos are below the poverty level. The population is 50% Alaskan Native. Over 90% of the students could not read at grade level.

At that time, only one Chugach high school graduate had gone to college in the previous 20 years. The teacher attrition rate was 50%.

Despite these "handicaps," they have transformed a dysfunctional into a national model of excellence in education. The other organizations striving to win the Baldrige Award in previous years included FedEx, General Motors, IBM, and numerous

other major corporations.

Chugach won on their first try. Some of the companies have been trying to win the award for 15 years or more.

The people at the school district realized back in 1994 that their methods were not working. Richard was a principal at the time, and was soon promoted to superintendent, so he has been involved with the project from the beginning.

They began by throwing out the old curriculum, which was not working. In its place, they developed a comprehensive curriculum specifying what students need to know learn at each grade level. But it was not just teachers and administrators who started over. Parents and students participated in the development of the new curriculum as well.

This is one of the most valuable lessons Chugach teaches other districts. Once the parents and students participated in the design of their own future, they had ownership of that future, something they had never had before. They wanted to make it work as much as the teachers did.

The most radical thing they threw out was Carnegie units. Instead of letting time be the constant and learning be the variable, they spelled out achievement and learning as the constant and let time be the variable. Students spend as much time as they need to learn the material.

The curriculum they developed has ten components, at least five of which are not found in most Indian schools. The components are reading, writing, math, personal/social development, career development, service learning, science, technology, social sciences, and cultural awareness and expression.

All of them have to be taken together. I know dozens of people, for instance, who insist and demand that their Native language be taught in their local school. But almost none of them also demand that students learn the basics of the basic subjects. We often go at this thing of education in a piecemeal fashion.

Chugach did not have the money to do some of the things they wanted to do. So they went outside to get money for these things. One of the items included now that was not there before was technology.

Each student can now earn a laptop computer by achieving the highest level of learning in every standard.

People often complain that they can not improve their schools because they do not have the money. Chugach has proved them wrong.

Richard reports that much of the support for their new programs comes from reallocation of funds, from grants, and foundation support, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Gates Foundation has put a lot of his money into helping the district achieve its goals. The students moved from the 28th percentile in reading to the 71st.

They went from the 35th percentile in math to the 78th.

And they went from the 26th percentile in language to the 71st. They have proved for anyone who wants to see the results that Native students can team and excel.

There is no magic to the system. People have to learn it. The district puts teachers through 30 days of training each year. That's right, I said 30 days, not one or two. Teacher turnover has decreased at Chugach from 50% a year to under 10%.

The typical new teacher at an Indian school now gets one or two days of orientation and is thrown into classroom to sink or swim. Most of them sink, of course.

Turnover at Indian schools nationwide now runs about 35% per year. We have to stop shooting ourselves in the foot, my friends. There is a better way to do it, which Chugach has shown us magnificently.

Now that the district has proved that its program can work, and work extremely well, Richard has set his sights even higher. He is seeking to add another 1,000 school districts, and one million students, to the world of high achievement brought about at Chugach.

To date he has added 18 districts to his Re Inventing Schools Coalition (RISC). They will be meeting in Anchorage August 1-2, 2003 for their first national meeting. The Quality Schools Institute will follow immediately, August 4-8, 2003. He wants to invite all Indian schools and other schools that are interested in improvement to join them for the Institute. This is a huge, exciting development.

I am just so happy to have met Richard. He is a gem, and the Chugach methods are so wonderful. I hope more Indian parents, school board members, and administrators start to share his dream.



Daddy

This Father's Day won't mean very much without you here.

We won't get to go and tear anyone's restaurant this year.

Like we have done in the past couple of years.

The kids won't get the chance to take their grandpa out this year.

We really do miss you!

We love you very much!

A father, a grandpa

Solomon Cypress Jan. 9, 1953 – May 7, 2003

Candyman

Also known as Grandpa

A man who stood strong 'til the end

He managed to put a smile on each day

No matter how he may have been feeling

For his grandchildren

Which were happy as he was to see him

Everyday he would pull up into the yard

And pull out his big Ol Wal-Mart bag full of candy

And pass a whole handful out to each of the children

Who all ran up to his truck each with a big smile and a big hug for him

He is loved so much still by his grandchildren!

He will be missed this Father's Day!

We miss you Grandpa Solomon!

Colby, Tatiana, Martina, Nena, Uriah, Lil Boss, Isaac, Kane, Myra, Megan, Morgan, Katrina

With Deepest Gratitude

To the people who stopped to help my nephew and his family that late night of the accident.

On behalf of Davon's family we would like to express our deepest gratitude and God Bless You all for helping

and staying with my nephew, Davon.

Thank you for being there for them in their time of need. We will always be grateful.

Sho na be sha, Thank you,
Angela Billie

Thank You

As many of you know, on May 15th the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. hosted a one-day foreign animal diseases and bio-terrorism seminar at the Big Cypress Rodeo / Entertainment Center. I was the conference coordinator and received praises for a job well done. I did work hard and do appreciate the kind comments. However, all my efforts would have been completely useless and meaningless without the help of so many others. So, BIG THANK YOU'S TO:

Richard Bowers, David Knowles, and Bob Mace for meeting with me at my beck and call to review, revise, and significantly improve all phases of the planning. And for calming me and humoring me along the way. Richard Bowers for pulling together the day with his gracious and informative introductions of our guests. He knows his stuff!

Bob Mace and his brother, Tim Mace, for doing an incredible job at organizing the visuals... somehow they figured out how to have the multiple power-point presentations shown simultaneously on two screens. I don't know how they did it but I do know it involved a heck of a lot of figuring, maneuvering, coordinating, and brain power.

A special thanks for Bob ... he said the words every woman wants to hear... "I'll take care of it"... and, he did!! Robert Frank, Charlie Osceola, Janice Osceola, Jay Holata from Broadcasting for taking care of the sound system. They checked and rechecked to make sure that the sound system worked perfectly – and it did!

Janice Osceola for helping me find string, helping with the set-up, and a calm spirit in the midst of it all.

Beverly Alumbaugh & Dennis Osceola for assisting with the chair and table set up and break down.

Cleve Baker for preparing a really great feast. Not only was the food great but also the presentation was professional all the way. Nice job, Cleve!

Esther Buster, Tara Robinson, Gina Pritchett, and Mary Bear for coordinating the welcome/ registration table. Their friendly, helpful presence was a perfect first impression for our visitors.

Seminole Rodeo Princess, Trina Bowers, for a very nice Seminole Welcome to our guests. Joe Osceola for starting our

meeting the right way – with an opening prayer.

Jeanette Cypress for delivering some delicious fry bread, compliments of the Pre-school fund raiser.

Lonnie Billie for building the chickee for the pre-school fund raiser. Elrod Bowers, Libby Blake and Lucy Evanicki for help with the marketing.

Stanlio Johnson for welcoming hospitality to Commissioner Bronson. Denise Decarolis and Penny Fontana – two angels in the purchasing department - did good work at getting supplies ordered and amazing work at getting the brochure formatted and printed. They have the patience and kindness of saints. Thanks!

Benny Hernandez for all the work needed to get the rodeo/entertainment center ready for company.

All the Seminole Firefighters and Emergency Medical Tech's for carrying boxes, setting up tables, and all other forms of behind the scenes work... and doing it all with a smile.

Seminole Police Department for directing and slowing traffic. All done in the HOT sun while the rest of us enjoyed the A/C, and never complaining.

Nationwide for donating eight (8) truckloads of plants which really helped transformed the barn into a beautiful conference center.

Carter Confection for coordinating and directing the air-conditioning installation, clean-up, and repairs of the barn. For those who were there, you know he did a great job because the place was cold!

The Safari Staff for their welcoming hospitality for our guests.

Tom with Orangeman Construction for a great job with the cleanup.

Sheldon with T-Volt for a great job with the A/C installation.

Mario Hernandez for painting a beautiful "pre-school fundraiser" banner.

Jessie for painting our parking and registration signs.

And, of course, none of it would have been possible without the support and commitment of Mitchell Cypress, David Cypress and Paul Bowers. Big Thanks to you !

This is team work at its best! My sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you. Crissie

BE THE FIRST TO EXPERIENCE THE ALL NEW SEMINOLE CASINO IN TAMPA.

PHASE 1

Grand Opening

JUNE 17 2003

A special invitation for Seminole Tribal Members to share in our vision for the future.

Private Luncheon • 11:00 a.m.

Personal Tours • New Casino, Floyd's Restaurant and Big Joe's Sports Bar

Live Entertainment

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony • 1:00 p.m.

RSVP: Call 800.683.7800, extension 1476

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PHASE 2

Hard Rock

HOTEL & CASINO

TAMPA

Creating unforgettable experiences worldwide.

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Preschool Summer Schedules

Hollywood

June 9 – Summer school starts
June 10 – Summer Bash
June 11 –
June 12 – Swimming lessons
June 13 –
June 16 –
June 17 – Culture Trip
June 18 –
June 19 – Swimming lessons
June 20 –

Day
July 31 –
July 2 – Movie day at Sawgrass, leaving at 8:45 a.m.
July 3 – No field trip
July 4 – Movie day at Youth Center
July 7 – Language & Culture Day
July 8 –
July 9 – Seminole Gulf Railway, leaving 8:15 a.m.
July 10 – Airboat & buggy ride

July 4 through August 8 – Prepare for school Open House

Immokalee

June 2-6 – All centers closed – Summer Break
June 9 – Summer Program Begins – Library/Ball field/Gym Day
June 10 –King Richards Rides, leave at 10 a.m.
June 11 – Movies at Center
June 12 – Culture Day at Culture Chickee, 9-11 a.m.
June 13 – Immokalee Pool, leave at 9:30 a.m.
June 16 – Library/Ball field/Gym Day
June 17 – Movies at Center
June 18 – Dora The Explorer Live at BB Mann Hall, Ft. Myers, leave 9 a.m.
June 19 – Culture Day at Culture Chickee, 9-11 a.m.
June 20 – Water Day at Center
June 23 – Library/Ball field/Gym Day
June 24 – No Trip
June 25 – Movies at Hollywood 20 in Naples, leave 8:30 a.m.
June 26 – Culture Day at Culture Chickee, 9-11 a.m.
June 27 – Immokalee Pool, leave at 9:30. am.
June 30 – Library/Ball field/Gym Day
July 1 – Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre “The Velveteen Rabbit”, leave 10:30 a.m.
July 2 – Movies at Center
July 3 – Culture & Crafts Day at Culture Chickee, 9-11 a.m.
July 4 – Closed – Independence Day – Holiday
July 7 – Library/Ball field/Gym Day
July 8 – Caribbean Gardens in Naples, leave at 9 a.m.
July 9 – Movies at Center
July 10 – Culture & Crafts Day at Culture Chickee, 9-11 a.m.
July 11 – Lakes Park, leave at 9 a.m.
July 14 – 2003-2004 Registration Begins – Library/Ball field/Gym Day
July 15 – Children’s Science Center, Cape Coral, leave 9 a.m.
July 16 – Movies at Center
July 17 – Culture & Crafts Day at Center
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July 25 – Registration Ends – Water Day at Center
July 28 – Library/Ball field/Gym Day
July 29 – Culture & Crafts Day at Culture Chickee
July 30 – Movies at Center
July 31 – Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre “The Jungle Book”, leave 10:30 a.m.
Aug. 1 – Last day of Summer Program – King Richard Water Moat, leave 9:30 a.m.
Aug. 4-8 – All Center’s Closed – Pre-service Training for Staff
Aug. 11 – 2003-2004 School Year Begins

Summer Fun



June 23 –
June 24 – Metro Zoo
June 25 –
June 26 – Swimming lessons
June 27 –
June 30 –
July 1 – Movie Co.
July 2 –
July 3 – Swimming lessons
July 4 –
July 7 –
July 8 – Imax Theater
July 9 –
July 10 – Swimming lessons
July 11 –
July 14 –
July 15 – Plaster Palace
July 16 –
July 17 – Swimming lessons
July 18 –
July 21 –
July 22 – Sea Aquarium
July 23 –
July 24 – T.Y. Park
July 25 –
July 28 –
July 29 – Surprise trip
July 30 –
July 31 – T.Y. Park, end of summer bash

July 11 – No field trip
July 14 –
July 15 –
July 16 – Movie day
July 17 – No field trip
July 18 – Lakes Park, Ft. Myers
July 28 – Airboat & buggy ride
July 29 –
July 30 –
July 31 – Broadway Palm Theater – The Jungle Book
August 1 – No field trip, last day of summer school

Brighton

June 9 –
June 10 – Movies
June 11 – Swimming lessons
June 12 – Train ride
June 13 –
June 16 –
June 17 – Movies
June 18 – Swimming lessons
June 19 – Bowling
June 20 –
June 23 –
June 24 – Movies
June 25 – Swimming lessons
June 26 – Trip to Zoo
June 27 –
June 30 –
July 1 – Movies
July 2 – Swimming lessons
July 3 –
July 4 – Closed
July 7 –
July 8 – Movies
July 9 – Swimming lessons
July 10 – Imaginarium
July 11 –
July 14 –
July 15 – Movies
July 16 – Swimming lessons
July 17 – Bowling
July 18 –
July 21 –
July 22 – Movies
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July 24 –
July 25 –
July 28 –
July 29 – Movies
July 30 – Swimming lessons
July 31 – Bowling
August 1 – End of the summer party

Big Cypress

June 9 – First day of summer
June 10 –
June 11 – Movie day at Sawgrass, leaving 8:45 a.m., eating out
June 12 – Imaginarium hands on museum, leaving 8:15 a.m.
June 13 – No field trip
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July 28 – Library/Ball field/Gym Day
July 29 – Culture & Crafts Day at Culture Chickee
July 30 – Movies at Center
July 31 – Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre “The Jungle Book”, leave 10:30 a.m.
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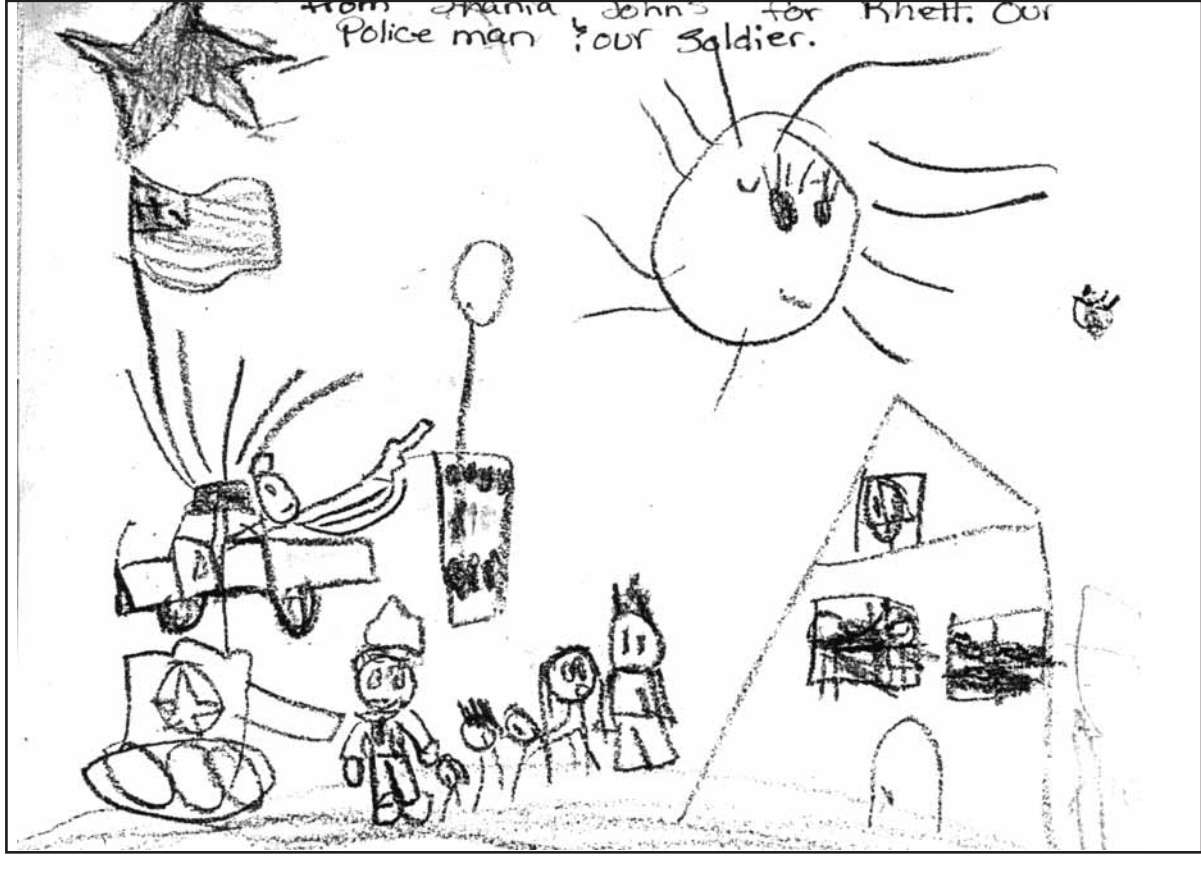
S.P.D. Report

BRIGHTON — A search warrant was served on the Brighton Seminole Reservation on May 30, 2003. The search warrant was issued because of an investigation into drug activity conducted by the Seminole Police Drug Enforcement Unit.

A Suspect Unit was arrested with possession of Marijuana with intent for sale and distribution; Cultivation of Marijuana; possession of drug paraphernalia; possession of firearms by a convicted felon.

Confiscated were 470 grams of Marijuana; drug paraphernalia; and 6 firearms. Other drug investigations on all Reservations are continuing.





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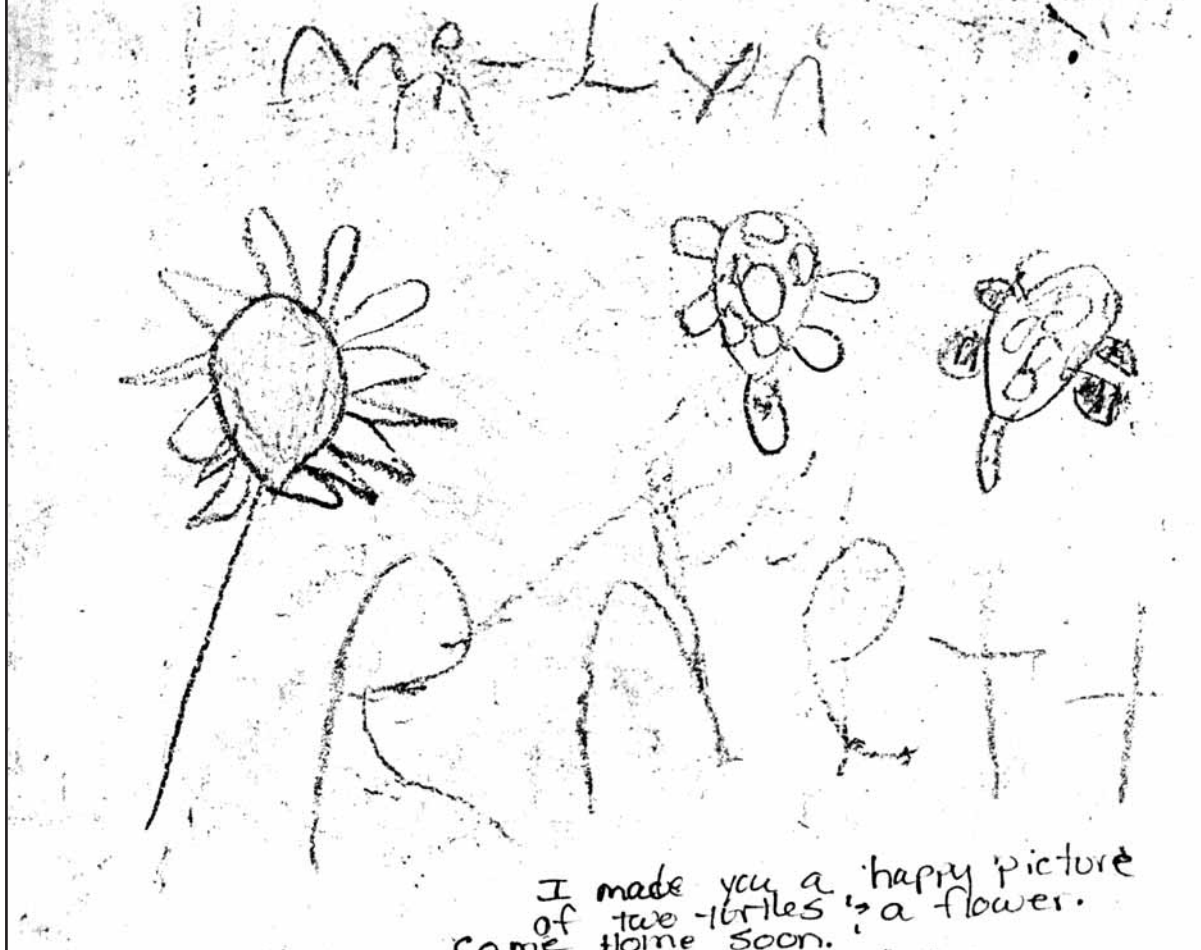
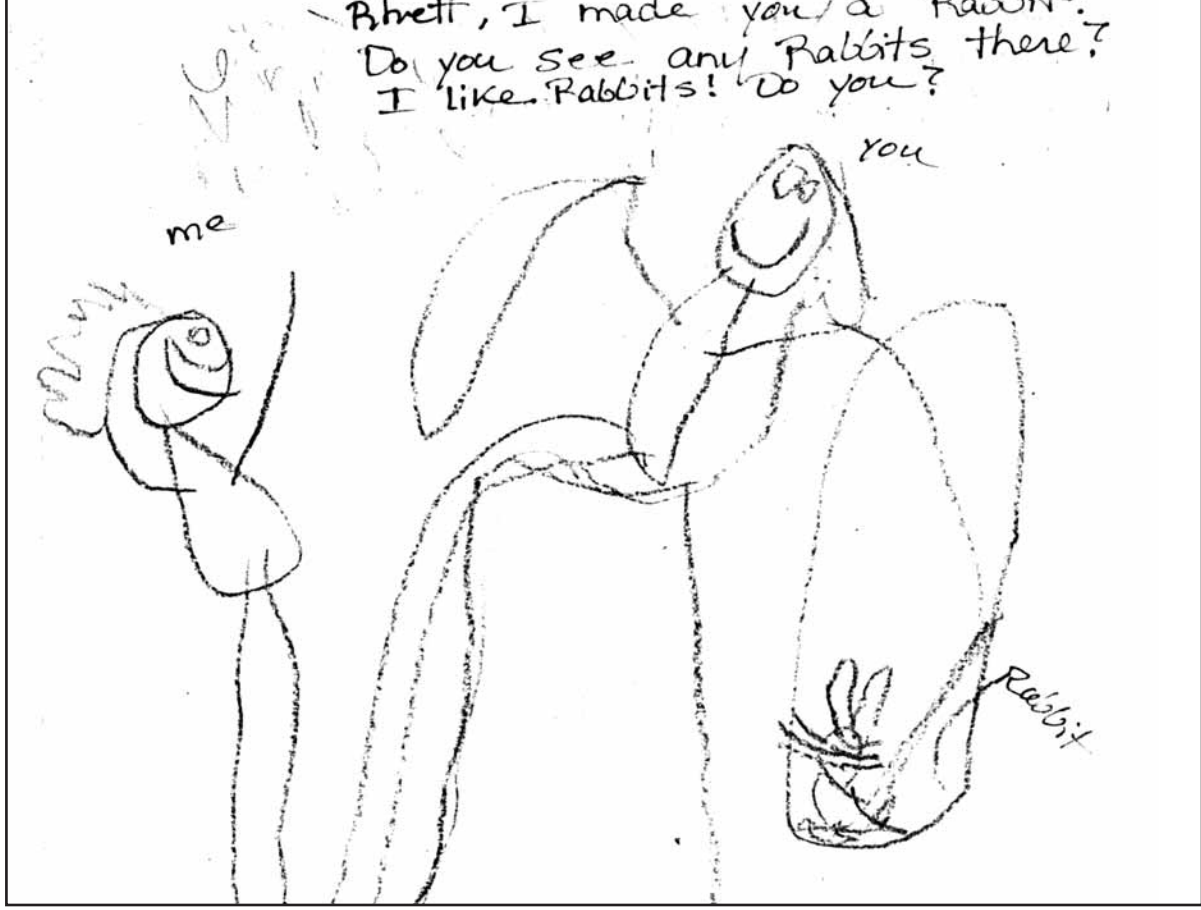
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tour of the police department here on the Hollywood Reservation for a lesson on Community Helpers Month. I explained to the children that police officers have many roles. We do our best to help the people we can to protect property and help them stay safe.

I was truly touched a few days later when I received several drawings and letters from the class showing their support for Ofc Rhett, the police department and myself.

I wanted to take the time to say Thank You, Sho-naa-bish-sha, (as I have recently learned) to the preschool staff and children.

Also, from all of us at SPD, Rhett are very proud of you and all you have accomplished this year, be safe and come home soon. You are truly missed.



Your Money - Research Mortgage Loans

By Ken Goosens
[Editor's note: Ken Goosens is an employee for the Seminole Tribe of Florida Housing Finance Department, counseling Tribal members on loans and their credit. The opinions expressed in this column are his own.]

HOLLYWOOD — Most people want to own their own home, but very few have the cash necessary to pay for one. The solution is put up the house being acquired as collateral on a loan. This kind of loan is called a mortgage.

Right now, interest rates are near historic lows, which makes this a great time to shop for a mortgage loan. But how do you know when you are getting a good deal on a mortgage loan?

First, look for a low interest rate. On a 30-year mortgage, the interest you pay can be several times larger than the amount you borrow. The higher the interest rates, the more money you have to pay back over the life of the loan.

Don't make the mistake of considering interest rates alone. We often read or hear advertisements touting low interest rates, currently in the 4-6% range. These advertisements are usually misleading.

First, you have to qualify for this interest rate. Persons with weak credit, for example, may be charged a much higher interest rate.

Second, you may have to pay extra cash up front to get this interest rate by paying what are called points. A point is 1% of the loan amount. One point on a \$100,000 loan would be \$1,000.

Third, the interest rate may be lower because the term is shorter, say 15 years rather than 30, which will increase the monthly payments required.

Fourth, the interest rate may be lower because it is adjustable rather than fixed, which means the interest rate could easily go up later. Or, the interest rate may be only a temporary reduced rate, which will definitely go up later.

Finally, the loan could charge you extra high fees. Mortgage loans have different levels of approval, where interest rates vary. If you don't already have good credit, **first improve your credit** rather than accept a costly loan in spite of your credit.

The most important things you can do is to make all your accounts current by paying any overdue bills, including collection accounts or other bad debts, such as money still owed on repossessed cars.

The second best thing you can do is having sizable cash savings.

Get a fixed-rate loan so that what you pay for the loan will never increase. History tells us that the current low interest rates will go up. Now is the time to lock in those low interest rates.

Get a loan with no points and no introductory teaser rate that will automatically go up.

Get a good faith estimate of all the costs of the loan. These so called "closing costs" should generally not be more than 4% of the loan amount. Beware of loans with high closing costs.

Factor in the cost of mortgage insurance on your loan. Mortgage insurance is insurance that protects lenders if they ever foreclose on a loan. The cost of this insurance will be added to your monthly payments, and therefore is an added expense. I have seen monthly payments range from \$40 to almost \$300.

People with weak credit often make exceedingly high payments. If you pay at least 20% down, no mortgage insurance is required.

Finally, **take into account the "down payment"**, which is the part of the cost of the house not included in the loan. We often hear about "nothing down" loans, but these are often poor deals with higher interest rates, higher fees, and more costly mortgage insurance. Generally, the lower your credit score, the more you have to put down to be approved for a mortgage.

Let's apply these points to a mortgage program available on the reservation. *Is the Tribe's mortgage loan program with the First Bank of Indiantown for loans on the reservation a good deal?*

This loan program has a fixed rate, up to 30 years, with no points. The interest rate is generally between 0.6% and 1% higher than the best interest rates with no points available off the reservation. Does this mean that reservations loans are being charged more than they should be? Not necessarily.

First of all, only the few tribal members with excellent credit could get a better interest rate off the reservation.

Second, many lenders charge higher interest for mobile homes, whereas the Bank does not.

Last and most importantly, the Bank gives the same interest rate to everyone approved and does not raise the interest rate for people who have weaker applications.

The down payment on the loans with the First Bank of Indiantown is 10%. People with good credit may pay as little as 3-5% off the reservation, whereas people with weaker credit usually have to pay 10-20% down to qualify.

First Bank does not require weaker applicants to make higher down payments. Another major advantage with the First Bank is that it accepts any Tribal source for down payment with no further questions asked.

Other loan programs generally do not allow money for down payment to be borrowed or else require written proof that the money does not have to be paid back.

The First Bank of Indiantown also has lower closing costs. Other loan programs require the borrower to get title insurance, which often costs over \$1,000. First Bank requires title insurance for loans off the reservation but not for loans on the reservation.

Finally, First Bank accepts some applicants with weaker credit histories that other mortgage programs would turn down.

For mortgage loans with the First Bank of Indiantown for reservation homes, applicants with excellent credit currently get charged a somewhat higher interest rate and higher down payment than they could get off the reservation. In return, more applicants qualify for loans.

All tribal assistance is accepted for down payment; closing costs are lower and applicants with less than excellent credit do not get penalized with a higher interest rate or higher down payment. Most tribal applicants qualify at an interest rate better than they could get off the reservation with other lenders.

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds

This publication covers two separate procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, responsible entity (the "RE") as follow:

RE proposes to construct seven (7) single family homes on scattered homesites to be located in the Hollywood Seminole Indian Reservation within the confines of Broward County in the State of Florida and one (1) single family home on a homesite in the portion of the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation located within the confines of Hendry County in the State of Florida, (the "Project"). Funding for construction is provided by Indian Housing Block Grants (IHBG) for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2000 and 2002, grant numbers 00IT1228220 and 021T1228220, as provided for by the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA), which is administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

RE has assumed responsibility for environmental review, including but not limited to an Environmental Assessment, as required by HUD regulations 24 C.F.R. Part 58. RE has determined that the Project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Accordingly, as required by 24 C.F.R. Part 58, RE hereby provides this Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Project information including the Environmental Review Record is available for examination and review at the RE address below. The public or a public agency should address any written comments or objections to this determination within fifteen (15) days from the date of this Notice to RE address. All such comments will be considered by the RE prior to completion of its environmental certification and submission of its Request for Release of Funds.

Address: Seminole Tribe of Florida, Housing Department,
6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024
Telephone: (954) 966-6300, Extension 1725

RE hereby provides Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds (NOI/RROF); address comments to RE, same comment period as hereinabove. On or about the first day after the expiration of the comment period provided hereinabove, the RE will submit a Request for Release of Funds (RROF) to HUD for the release of IHBG funds under NAHASDA, grant numbers 00IT1228220 and 021T1228220, awarded in FFY 2000 and 2002, to undertake the subject Project. Mitchell Cypress, Chairman of the Tribal Council of RE will certify to HUD that it has fulfilled its responsibilities relevant to environmental review as provided by 24 C.F.R. Part 58, and that he is an authorized official of RE and consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal court if action is brought by HUD to enforce RE's responsibilities. HUD will accept objections to the release of funds and the RE's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the Request for Release of Funds, whichever is later, but only if the objections are relevant to any one of four bases. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with 24 C.F.R. Part 58 and should be addressed to:

Office of Native American Programs, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604-3507 Attention: Grants Management Specialist and Elton Jones

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BARRELS OF FUN: EIRA held the all Indian rodeo at Bergeron Rodeo Arena in Davie.

E.I.R.A. Rodeo and Birthday Celebration

By Paula Cassels

DAVIE — Hello rodeo fans! On May 23, the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association held their All-Indian rodeo at the Bergeron Rodeo Arena in Davie, the first of many rodeos to be held at the facility.

The Bergeron Rodeo Arena is being used as a substitute for the Seminole Hollywood rodeo events, or until the Hollywood rodeo arena establishes a new location.

During the rodeo, Adam Turtle, a regular Saddle Bronc Rider for the E.I.R.A. circuit, suffered an abrasion on his face, a bruised lung and heart, after

being bucked off and stepped on by a horse. Turtle was taken to a near by hospital for overnight observation. Later it was announced he would be fine. Hats off to a tough cowboy!

After the rodeo, everyone sang Happy Birthday to the youngest member of the E.I.R.A., Madisyn Raye Osceola, who turned two years old. Everyone enjoyed the huge birthday cake, especially Madisyn.

Happy Birthday to Madisyn Osceola, and Congratulations to all the cowboys and cowgirls who participated.



Elrod Bowers

Troy Frank, along with the other visiting professional pool players, took on all comers in challenge matches.

Sports Festival Pool Tournament

HOLLYWOOD — The 4th Annual Seminole Sports Festival kicked off with an opening reception on May 22 at the Hollywood Greyhound Track.

Tribal members and visitors from Oklahoma were joined by former two-time heavyweight champion Michael Moorer and professional pool players Vivian Villareal, Corey Deuel and Troy Frank.

The pool tournament began the next day and continued through the weekend with 8-Ball, 9-Ball and Scotch Doubles tournaments.

During breaks in the action, the competitors were treated to exhibitions and challenge matches with top female players Allison “Duchess of Doom” Fisher and Vivian “Texas Tornado” Villareal and top men’s players Corey Deuel and Troy Frank.

There were more players entered in the tournaments this year, and many of the tournaments weren’t completed until the small hours. The following are the results:

Men’s Team- 1) Seminoles- David Cypress, Randy Clay, Jimmy Clay, Tony Billie, Elrod Bowers 2) Boogie Men- David Nunez, Boogie Nunez, Dusty Nunez, Shane Buck 3) Firesticks- O.B. Osceola, George Grasshopper, Tony Bert, Woody Wilson 4) 51 Bar- Les Gourd, Rock Locust, Lee Springwater, Chester Whitetree 5) Oklahoma Tornadoes- Eugene Tiger, Sonny Tiger, Bunky, Daniel Littlebear

Women’s Team- 1) Lady Predators - Janel Billie, Linda Billie, Virginia Billie, Connie Williams 2) 3) Brighton Ladies- Alice Sweat, Debbie Carter, Emma Jane Urbina, Linda Tommie 4) Seminole Girlz- Arica Buck, Dale Grasshopper, Miranda, Theresa 5) Sharp Shooters- Crystal Smith, Laura



Elrod Bowers

Chairman Mitchell Cypress and top womens player Vivian “Texas Tornado” Villareal.



The Lady Predators took first in the womens team category.

Clay, Jamie Onco, Linda Jones
Men’s 8-Ball Singles- 1) Elrod Bowers 2) George Grasshopper 3) Les Gourd 4) Ralph Gray 5) O.B. Osceola
Women’s 8-Ball Singles- 1) Emma Jane Urbina 2) Louise Jim 3) Christi Woodward 4) Laura Clay 5) Phalyn Oseola
Men’s 9-Ball Singles- 1) Jimmy Clay 2) Woody Wilson 3) Eugene Tiger 4) Ralph Gray 5) Elrod Bowers
Women’s 9-Ball Singles- 1) 2) 3) Rosie Billie 4) Janel Billie 5) Connie Williams
Scotch Doubles- 1) Les Gourd/Kay Gourd 2) Connie Williams/Daniel Gopher 3) Emma Urbina/Jack Billie 4) Tony Billie/Janel Billie 5) Prima Primeaux/Lester

Sports Festival Golf Tournament

By Paula Cassels

MIAMI LAKES — On May 26, the best indigenous golfers in the U.S. competed at the Don Shula Golf Club.

The all-Indian golf tournament featured a four-man team blind draw and a 12 place pay-off.

Dewayne Whaler, a competitive golfer from Oklahoma, comes down every year to participate in the Sports Festival Golf Tournament.

Incredibly, Whaler has been on the first place team in all four of the Sports Festival golf tournaments.

Whaler said that before he started playing golf 12-13 years ago, he would watch golf competitions on television. He thought the game looked boring, until he was invited by his brother-in-law to play a round of golf.

Whaler found he enjoyed hitting long drives and today holds an average in the low 70’s.

Congratulation Dewayne, on your excellent wins.

Four-man Scramble-

1) Dewayne Whaler, Mitch Osceola, Marl Osceola, Jeremy Harrison 2) Melissa Demayo, Phillip Bluebird, Jason Grasshopper, Humpy Bark 3) Charlie Cypress, Brett Green, Charlie Frye, Ernest Riley 4) Loretta Micco, Jerry Ordis, Lawrence Osceola, Gina Allardyce 5) Josh Jumper, Bobby



Paula Cassels

Mitch Osceola, Jeremy Harrison, Dewayne Whaler, Marl Osceola took first place in the four man scramble.

Watchman, Spud MC, Sonny Waite 6) Alan Jumper, Keeno King, Sandy Pembleton, Maxie Tommie 7) Rock Locust, Frank Kaseca, Max Osceola, Jr., “Blind Draw” 8) Salaw Hummingbird, Ralph Pembleton, Rock Locust, “Blind Draw” 9) Mondo Tiger, Steve Osceola, Bo Young, Terry Tartsah 10) Bobby Frank, Sunny Frank, Ricky Doctor, Lee Springwater 11) Linda Tommie, Marcy Osceola, Cornelia Osceola 12) Vincent Micco, Marly Fourkiller, Kendall Whaler, Don Osceola

Closest to the Pin (May 25)

Hole #3 Ron Whaler, Jackie Thompson **Hole #5-** Rock Locust, Jackie Thompson, Melissa DeMayo

Hole #13- George Grasshopper **Hole #17** Jackie Thompson

Closest to the Pin (May 26)

Hole #3- Bobby Watchman, Melissa Demayo **Hole #5-** Maxie Tommie, Melissa DeMayo **Hole #13-** Rock Locust, Melissa Demayo **Hole #17-** Jerry

Ordis, Gina Allardyce

Long Drive (May 25): Jerry Ordis, Jackie Thompson

Long Drive (May 26)- Charlie Cypress, Lawrence Osceola, Melissa Demayo



Paula Cassels

Josh Jumper’s team placed fifth in the four man scramble.

Big Brother Fishing Tournament

HOLLYWOOD—The Hollywood Youth Department is looking for adults with boats to assist in the Big Brother Fishing Tournament on June 21, 2003. There will be a cash prize for largest bass and additional prizes for all participants. The other tournament is slated for July 19, 2003

If you are interested, please contact Steve Young at the Hollywood Reservation Gym at (954) 989-9457. Thank you.

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Healthful Cooking Tips

By Kenny Baynon - Certified Professional Trainer HOLLYWOOD — What are the keys to achieving a healthy life style? Eat less fat, sugar, salt and artificial ingredients. Indulge in a wide variety of nutrient-rich foods such as vegetables, fruits, grains, beans, fish and low-fat dairy products. Consume 5-6 small meals daily. Unless you’ve been in hibernation for the past 15 years, these basic eating guidelines and their benefits equal a leaner, stronger physique and improved vitality and performance.

Healthy eating should be as ingrained in your brain as the layout of your favorite golf course. But with fast food and nutritional supplements perpetually at our fingertips, some of us have a better chance of qualifying for the PGA Tour than enacting a healthy eating plan based on “real food.”

We’re talking about food that satisfies the stomach and the soul, food that fills the body with vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and all kinds of other goodies — NOT a burger ‘n’ fries or the latest laboratory-enhanced protein bar.

Yes, it’s time to take charge of your nutritional destiny. And that, my friends, means spending a little time (but not much) in the kitchen. The kitchen, after all, is the perfect place for establishing a healthful foundation; only you decide what’s prepared and how.

Don’t worry if you have the culinary skills of a prison chef. Follow our guidelines regarding quick ‘n’ convenient ingredients, tools, techniques and meals, and you’ll soon be a fit ‘n’ lean personal catering machine.

Ingredients
*Choose fresh ingredients that are low in fat, sodium and cholesterol, but also keep frozen or canned food for convenience.

*Load up on the basics: (fish, lean meats, veggies, fruits, grains and legumes (beans, peas).

*Forget about cooking in butter, oil, cream, cheese or any other fatty, calorie-laden sauce. Opt for water, broiled wine, light soups and broths.

*Flavor and marinate foods with spices, herbs, fruit juices (lemon, lime orange), mustard, salsa and olive dressings.

*There are dozens of foods that can be used as fat substitutes in recipes, including apple sauce, bananas, pureed prunes, egg whites, and dairy products (skim milk, fat-free cottage cheese and yogurt).

*For a detailed food list, read February’s “The Grocery Guide.”

Tools
*Blender. Enjoy delicious fruit smoothies and protein shakes without the hassle of waiting in line at the health store.

*No-stick cookware. Quality skillets are quick-heating, easy to clean, and require little or no added fat during cooking. Use a wooden or plastic stirring spoon to avoid scratching the surface.

*Microwave oven. The ultimate in convenience.

*Wok. Incredibly quick and versatile.

*Steamer. There’s nothing healthier than fish and veggies cooked with just moist heat.

*Broiling rack and pan. Allows fat to drip away from meat during roasting or broiling.

*Boiling pots. How else are you gonna cook that brown rice and chicken noodle soup? They’re also great for boiling large batches of veggies.

*Storage containers. Tupperware’s essential for saving leftovers. (You want to cook as little as possible, we assume.)

Techniques
*Trim fat off meat and take skin off poultry. Don’t worry about fish fat, it’s rich in heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

*Bake, broil, steam, poach, roast or microwave. Don’t fry, which adds globs of fat and robs food of its nutrients.

*If a pan glaze is needed, give a quick squirt of non-stick spray or use a paper towel to spread a thin coat of vegetable oil.

*Eat foods in their natural state or as close to it as possible. Avoid overcooking and lathering

in sauces.
*Experiment by eating different combinations of healthy foods. It’ll make your kitchen experience more exciting and — when you discover new concoctions — more rewarding.

*For maximum kitchen efficiency, simultaneously prepare multiple large portions. For instance, grill chicken, steam veggies and boil rice — that last up to a week. If you’re making a cheat snack, keep it small (or donate any extras to the neighbors).

Easy Meals
Preparing food at home doesn’t have to be a complicated process. These complete meals (all contain at least some protein and fibrous carbohydrate) take 15 minutes or less to prepare — many less than five — and include only a handful of necessary ingredients.

*Bran cereal with skim milk. Top with fruit.

*Oatmeal. Cook with skim milk or add protein powder, and top with fruit.

*Egg Whites with veggies. Scramble or make an omelet.

*Smoothies. Blend yogurt, ice and other ingredients (protein powder, yogurt, ginger, cinnamon). Be creative.

*Salads. Use as wide a variety of veggies — preferably of the dark, colorful variety. Add nuts or seeds for crunch. Make tuna or egg salad with low-fat mayo or dressing.

*Sandwiches. Use Whole-grain bread, lean meats and loads of veggies (use romaine lettuce instead of iceberg lettuce, which is virtually void of nutrients). For condiments, try mustard, vinegar, pepper and Italian spices.

*Tuna Melt: Stuff whole-wheat pita with low-fat tuna salad, tomato and a thin slice of low-fat cheese (optional). Bake for 8-10 minutes.

*Pita Pizza: Top whole-wheat pita with light pasta sauce, sliced grilled chicken, veggies, herbs and low-fat cheese (optional).

*Broiled Fish: Place fish on aluminum foil, coat with light Italian dressing, surround with onions and peppers, and broil under high heat until flaky and tender.

*Baked potato with tuna or chicken. Microwave plain potato or yam for 5-7 minutes. Stuff with low-fat tuna or chicken salad and veggies.

*Stir-Fry. Use wok or skillet to cook chicken or seafood (or any lean meat), then vegetables, with low-sodium teriyaki sauce, herbs and spices. Meanwhile, cook boil-in-bag brown rice for 10 minutes. Top with protein, veggies and juices. Brag to golf buddies about new kitchen skills (optional). *This article was written with the help of Darren Liebman.*



Alexandra Frank

Participants taking steps to prevent child abuse by participating in the Cherish the Child Walk.

Cherish the Child Walk

By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD — On May 19, Hollywood Recreation and Family Services sponsored the Cherish the Child Walk.

Brochures with tips on how to nurture and give positive reinforcement to the child at the event.

Also in the brochures was information on what to do about suspected child abuse, what happens on the reservation about suspected child abuse, and the procedure for the Broward Sheriff’s Office to conduct investigations.

It also explained the role of Family Services. Family Services comes in to support the family and has planned a seminar on the Indian Child Welfare Act to discuss protecting the family, keeping the families together and not go outside the tribe.

This is one of the situations where Family Services comes in, they also come in and administer services when a family needs that, rather than have a child removed.

BSO can work with Family Services, which wants to preserve the family unit as much as possible.

The walk helps to support the family unit by showing some fun things to do with your family and spend time with them.

This event is a healthy positive outlet for families and is held every April. Other ideas will be looked into to promote family preservation.

Here is some information and tips to help ensure a healthy and safe home for children.

Tips for Being a Nurturing Parent

One of the most important things you can do to prevent child abuse is to build a positive relationship with your own children.

Help your children feel loved and secure.
We can all take steps to improve our relationship with our children:

*Make sure your children know you love them, even when they do something wrong.

*Encourage your children. Praise their achievements and talents.

*Spend time with your children. Do things together that you all enjoy.

Seek help if you need it.
Problems such as unemployment, martial

tension, or a child with special needs can add to family tension. And parenting is a challenging job on its own. No one expects you to know how to do it all.

If you think stress may be affecting the way you treat your child, or if you just want the extra support that all parents need at some point, try the following:

***Talk to someone.** Tell a friend, health care provider, or a leader in your faith community about your concerns.

Or join a self-help group for parents. (Try to locate Circle of Parents and Parents Anonymous Inc. group near you).

***Get counseling.** Individuals or family counseling can help you learn healthy ways to communicate with each other.

***Take a parenting class.** Nobody was born knowing how to be a good parent. Parenting classes can give you the skills you need to raise a happy, healthy child.

***Accept help.** You don’t have to do it all. Accept offers of help from friends, family, or neighbors. And don’t be afraid to ask for help if you need it.

Procedures for reporting child abuse/neglect.

*Call 1-800-96-ABUSE.

*Broward Sheriff’s Office (BSO) will conduct the investigation within 24 hours of call. When BSO arrives on the reservation, they must be accompanied to the home by SPD.

*Family Services Program (FSP) will be present if requested by the family. **Note: FSP does NOT conduct investigations.**

*If BSO determines that the child should be removed from his or her home, they will contact Family Services for placement.

*The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) established placement preferences for Indian children that reflect the unique value of Indian Culture.

FSP finds placement by asking the parents for names of whom they want the child to be placed (includes family and clan members).

*A home study and background check will be completed on the prospective family.

Tribe Donates to Black Hawk Cancer Fund

By Paula Cassels

BIG CYPRESS — On April 26, Black Hawk band members Henry Paul and Dave Robbins were invited to Big Cypress to talk about their friend and band member Van Stephenson, who lost his fight with cancer.

After Stephenson’s death, the band members established a memorial fund in his honor, in association with the T.J. Martell Cancer Foundation.

Paul said Black Hawk was promoting their new CD titled “Spirit Dancer” in South Florida and would perform at the Annual Clewiston Sugar Festival.

“Spirit Dancer” contains rhythmic songs such as “One love” and “Spirit Dancer”. The songs are laced with Native American flutes and chanting, providing the listeners with a “wind of healing.”

Dennis Roger, a Navajo Indian, opened the show with an Intertribal Northern Traditional style dance and performed on stage with Black Hawk as an interpretive dancer to the song “Spirit Dancer”.

Henry Paul said this was their first trip to Big Cypress. “It was an honor to meet the commu-

nity and experience the Seminole culture.”

Immokalee resident Ronnie Jimmy, who lost his uncle to cancer, attended a previous Black Hawk concert and spoke with people who’s family members and friends had succumbed to cancer. He vowed to get involved.

Jimmy said he was honored to present a check of \$5,000.00 dollars to the Van Stephenson Memorial Cancer Research Fund.

Just one dollar to the Cancer Research Foundation, “We could raise thousands of dollars for a good cause and together, we can help continue the research for the cure for cancer.”

Special thanks to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for sponsoring the donation. If you are interested in donating here is a list of address:

E-mail to: Foundation@tjmartellfoundation.org

Write to: T.J. Martell Foundation, Nashville Division, 1400 18th Avenue South, Nashville, TN. 37212 .



Paula Cassels

Casino’s Human Resource Team Gary Kast, Sunshine Frank and Hope Goldberg.

Coconut Creek Casino Health Fair

By Paula Cassels

COCONUT CREEK — On May 20, the Seminole Casino in Coconut Creek presented the Today’s Jackpot Your Health Fair for tribal members, employees, and customers.

The Health Fair provided health-care information about fitness and nutrition, free cholesterol testing, blood pressure & blood sugar testing, a mini chiropractic exam, and dental tips for diabetics.

The Casino’s Human Resource team, Manager Hope Goldberg, Employee Relations Specialist Gary Kast and Human Resource Trainee Manager Sunshine Frank, worked together to coordinated the employee Health Fair.

The trio handed out free T-shirts, tote bags, key chains, and sport bottles for the occasion.

Sunshine Frank, a tribal member who works full time at the Coconut Creek Casino, started a month ago under a management trainee program. She is learning the operations of the different departments.

As part of the management training program, Frank is attending BCC for the next two years to earn her business degree.

The Coconut Creek Casino Human Resource department is cur-

rently planning the employee’s family picnic.

Special thanks to Human Resource Department: Hope Goldberg, Gary Kast and Sunshine Frank, and sponsors of the Employee Health Fair, the Seminole Tribe of Florida.



Paula Cassels

Sunshine Frank handed out free T-shirts, key chains and tote bags.

Diabetics and Obesity, Fit or Fat

By Paula Cassels

HOLLYWOOD — On May 14, Health Educator Shannon McKeown and Nutritionist Jeanne Hatfield presented the statistics of “Health Risk for Diabetes”.

Obesity is a major risk factor for the development of type 2 diabetes and insulin resistance.

What do we know about healthy weight and diabetes? To find the answer, Shannon McKeown and Jeanne Hatfield held a clinic for Seminole women who wanted to know their Ratio and (BMI) body mass index level of disease risk.

The health team measured the waist and hips of individuals to determine a diabetic’s risk for heart disease associated with obesity. Tip: your waist shouldn’t be larger than your hips.

The measurements evaluated heart disease risk from fat stored around the waist. Fat stored

around the waist is in proximity to the heart, thus placing stress on the heart and arteries.

Being overweight can lead to health problems with blood pressure, blood sugar, stroke and pre-mature death.

BMI determines risk for disease, from levels of the lowest to moderate, and to how high a diabetic’s risk is associated with obesity. Using measurements as a predictor of disease risk is associated with weight for height.

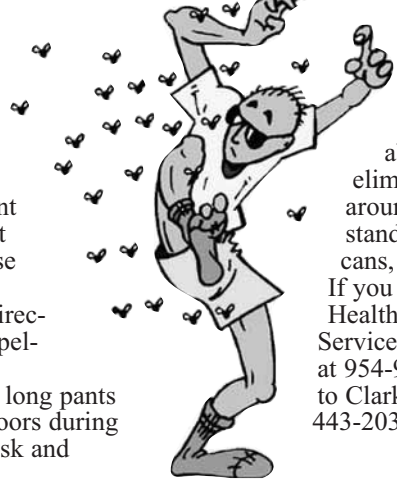
Remembering weight status cannot be used alone to predict the risk of diseases.

To find out more about your level of health risk, contact Health Educator Shannon McKeown. If you believe you’re at a high health risk, contact Nutritionist Jeanne Hatfield for a personalized food plan (954)-962-2009 x-113 or x-111.

Protect Yourself and Family From Mosquitos

To avoid mosquito bites:

- Apply insect repellent containing DEET when you’re outdoors.
- Avoid applying repellent to children less than 2 years old. Use care in applying repellent to small children. Don’t put repellent on their hands because it may get into their mouth or eyes and cause irritation.
- Read and follow the product directions whenever you use insect repellent.
- Wear long-sleeved clothes and long pants treated with repellent or stay indoors during peak mosquito feeding hours (dusk and



dawn) to further reduce your risk.

- If you do not have screens on your windows and doors, keep them closed at night.
- Limit the number of places available for mosquitoes to lay their eggs by eliminating standing water sources from around your home. For example, remove standing water locations from old tires, cans, buckets, trashcans or garbage.

If you have any questions call the Seminole Health Department Environmental Health Services at 954-962-2009. Report mosquito complaints to Clark Mosquito Control Hotline at 1-800-443-2034



Alexandra Frank

Family Services staff participates in a Basic Skills exercise.

National Indian Child Welfare Association Training Seminar

HOLLYWOOD — On May 21, Lorraine Brave of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) held a two-day training seminar for the Family Services Department.

The seminar, “Basic Skills in Indian Child Welfare,” used a publication entitled “Heritage & Helping: A Model Curriculum for Indian Child Welfare Practice.”

The agenda went as follows: Opening introduction of trainer and participants; Overview, The Cultural Continuum, Indian Child Welfare Philosophy, an Energizing exercise, Principles of Practice, Honoring Cultural Teachings, All Together, and Two Ways of Helping.

Lorraine, who has over 20 years experience in NICWA, answered questions on child welfare

within the Seminole Tribe.

The objectives were to be clear up any confusion about NICWA laws and how the information can be applied to the Seminole Tribe.

An idea for a “foster group home” was brought up, and the Family Services program is looking into creating such a venue. Questions were asked about how to write a proposal for such a venue.

Brave was asked about the foster group home, questions regarding how to best set up a home and what rules will have to be followed.

The foster group home was one of many ideas and concerns brought up during the training seminar. The seminar was a great platform to educate Family Services staff about NICWA laws and how to apply them.

Hollywood Recreation Summer Activities

June 13 – Sunshine State Games, Tampa – After school Pool Open 2:30 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 – Youth Golf Clinic 6:00

June 14 – Sunshine State Games, Tampa – Pool Open 12:00 – 4:00

June 16 – ATV Trail Boys Ride, leave 9:30 a.m. - Pool Open 2:30 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 – Youth Golf Clinic 6:00

June 17 – Ice Skating, leave 12:30 p.m. -Pool Open 2:30- 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 – Archery 4:30

June 18 – Bowling, leave 12:30 p.m. – Fishing/Hunting in Big Cypress, leave 10:00 a.m. - Pool Open 2:30 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 – Youth Golf Clinic 6:00

June 19 – ATV Trail Girls Ride, leave 9:30 a.m. - Pool Open 2:30 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 – Archery 4:00 – Volleyball League

June 20 – Skating, leave 1:00 p.m. – Marlins Games, leave 6:30 p.m. - Pool Open 2:30 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 – Youth Golf Clinic 6:00

June 21 – Pool Open 12:00 – 4:00

June 23 –Fishing in the Keys & Theater of the Sea – Native Zoo, leave 1:00 p.m. - Summer activities begin – Fishing in the Keys – Movies, leave 12:30 p.m. - Pool Open 2:30 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 Youth Golf Clinic 6:00

June 24 – Summer activities – Pool Open 1:00 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 – Archery 4:30

June 25 – Giggling, leave 9:30 a.m. - Summer activities – Pool Open 1:00 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 Youth Golf Clinic 6:00

June 26 – Skating, leave 1:00 p.m. – Fishing/Hunting in Big Cypress, leave 10:00 a.m. Summer activities – Pool Open 1:00 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 – Archery 4:30 – Volleyball League

June 27 –Laser Quest, leave 12:00 p.m. - Summer activities – Pool Open 1:00 – 5:45 – Basketball Practice 4:00 – Youth Golf Clinic 6:00

June 28 – Pool Open 12 – 4:00

June 30 – Ice-skating, leave 12:30 p.m. – Marlins Games, leave 6:15 p.m.

July 1 – Movies, leave 12:30 p.m. – Fishing/Hunting

in Big Cypress, leave 10:00 a.m.

July 2 – Skating, leave 1:00 p.m.

July 3 – Airboat & Buggy Ride, leave 9:30 a.m.

July 4 – No Trips through July 11th

July 14 – ATV Trail Ride Boys, leave 9:30 a.m.

July 15 – Ice Skating, leave 12:30 a.m. – Fishing/Hunting in Big Cypress, leave 10:00 a.m.

July 16 – ATV Trail Ride Girls, leave 9:30 a.m.

July 17 – Skating, leave 1:00 p.m.

July 18 – Movies, leave 12:30 p.m. – Marlins Games, leave 6:30 p.m.

July 21 – Laser Quest, leave 12:00 p.m.

July 22 – Giggling in Trail, leave 9:30 a.m.

July 23 – Bowling, leave 12:30 p.m. – Fishing/Hunting in Big Cypress, leave 10:00 a.m.

July 24 – Skating, leave 1:00 p.m.

July 25 – Ice-Skating, leave 12:30 p.m.

July 28 – Swimming at 11:00 a.m. - Randy and Rebecca Birthday

July 29 – Archery at 11:00 a.m.

July 30 – Basketball at 11:00 a.m.

July 31 – Golf @ 11:00 a.m. – Fishing/Hunting in Big Cypress, leave 10:00 a.m.

August 1 – Trace & Field, 11:00 a.m.

August 4 – Bowling, leave 12:30 p.m.

August 5 – ATV Trail Ride Girls, leave 9:30 a.m.

August 6 – ATV Trail Ride Boys, leave 9:30 a.m.

August 7 – Movies, leave 12:30 p.m. – Fishing/Hunting in Big Cypress, leave 10:00 a.m.

August 8 – Ice-Skating, leave 12:30 p.m.

August 11 – Bowling, leave 12:30 p.m. – Marlins Games, leave 6:15 p.m.

August 12 – Skating, leave 1:00 p.m., Fishing/Hunting in Big Cypress; leave at 10:00 a.m

August 13 – Laser Quest, leave 12:00 p.m.

August 14 – Giggling, leave 9:30 a.m.

August 15 – Ice-skating, leave 12:30 a.m.

August 18 – Boomers, leave 1:00 p.m.

August 19 – Movies, leave 12:30 p.m.

August 20 – Bowling, leave 12:30 p.m.

August 21 – End of summer trip to Islands of Adventure

August 22 – Islands of Adventure

Pete Osceola

Continued from page 1

Pete’s decision to transfer with his hard work, paid off in the fall when he was immediately named a starter at Everglades High.

Pete, a 6’1 point guard, took full advantage of the opportunity by averaging 16.7 points, 7 rebounds, 5 assists and 2.5 steals a game, and was named First Team All-Collier County.

Pete also carried a 3.2 GPA as a senior and he plans to attend Florida International University in Miami this fall and try out for the basketball team as a walk-on.

Pete stressed that determination and sacrifices are crucial to success. “If you feel you’re not given the chance to play at first, it doesn’t mean you have to quit the game,” said Osceola.

“Just keep your head up and keep trying to make yourself better. You have to look to make the most out of your opportunities.”

Are You Interested In Hosting a High School Exchange Student?

Pacific Intercultural Exchange is looking for good homes for students from many different countries. Students will be arriving this summer to spend six to ten months living with families in our community.

There is no such thing as a typical host family! Single-parent families, retired couples, families with young children, as well as those with teenagers, or who are empty nesters have all had successful hosting experiences. The most important criteria for a PIE host family is a genuine interest in the well-being of the student.

Each student is screened and prepared for the exchange by experienced international staff representatives. Participants are chosen based on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, adaptability and responsibility. All students have completed several years of English instruction prior to their acceptance into the PIE program.

The students have their own personal spending money to cover such expenses as clothing, school

supplies, and entertainment. They have their own medical insurance and can share a room. Host families are asked to provide meals and a loving home environment. Every host family is assigned a local program representative to assist them during the exchange experience. While no compensation is paid directly by PIE to volunteer families, the IRS has authorized families who host for government-designated, non-profit educational exchange programs – such as PIE – to claim \$50.00 per month charitable contribution deduction.

It is only through the kindness and generosity of families in the communities like ours that these young ambassadors will be able to fulfill their dreams! Please open up your heart and home to one of these teens by having them become a member of your family.

Bring the world to your doorstep. Please call Regional Coordinator Patricia Littrell at 1-877-534-3144 or PIE International Headquarters at 1-888-PIE-USA-1.

Flairs Gymnastics Tumbles Into Fun

DAVIE — At Flairs Gymnastics of Davie, there is a large contingent of students enrolled from the Seminole Tribe of Florida. These children are actively involved in developing their gymnastic skills. What started a few years ago as a single child enrolled, has mushroomed into a large group of students. Seminole children are involved in pre-school, recreational, pre-team and competitive gymnastics. Some attend a day or two per week. Many

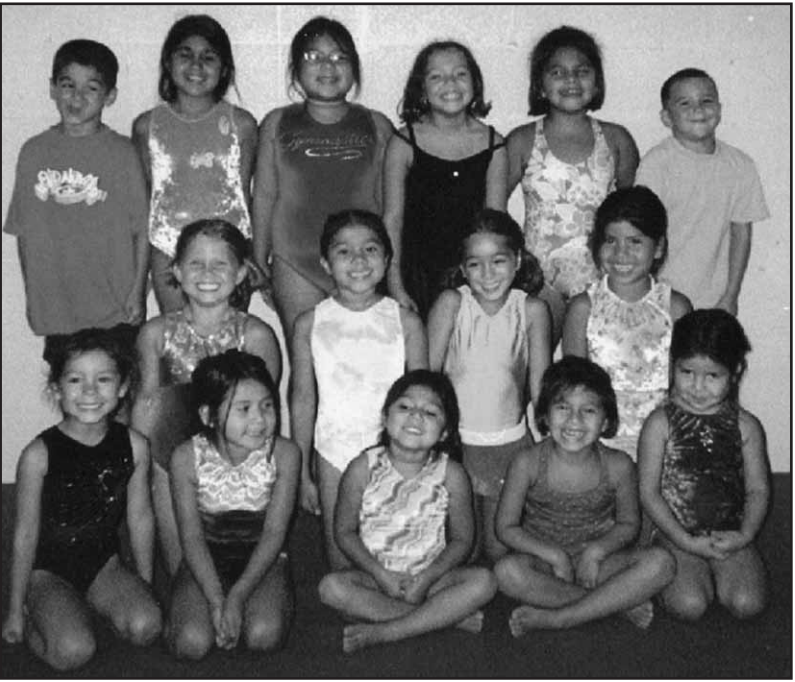
others attend Flairs Monday through Friday in the after-care program. Cindi Adair recently competed in the Florida Gold Coast League 4th qualifier and attained a 1st place grouping with advanced level status.

“These are I have a doubt the most delightful children I have ever taught,” says Sibylle Reimann, Owner and a former German National Gymnastics Champion. “Of the thousands of children I have taught in Broward since my arrival in 1984, this group of children reinforces my great desire to come to work every day. It gives me no end of pleasure to watch these children grow in their skill development as well as self confidence and satisfaction with who they are any what they are accomplishing.”

Reimann continues to say that the talent and dedication displayed by these children will no doubt result in many of them continuing into next season and to join the competition team. “I may be the only gym owner in America to be able to field an entire Native American gymnastics competition team in the near future, say Reimann.” After a life long career in gymnastics, it’s so rewarding to see this group accomplish what they are.”

Flairs offers classes 6 days per week as well as after-school pick-up, day camps, and school break camps. You can contact Flairs Gymnastics at (954) 476-3154.

Special thanks to the Seminole Tribe for providing this opportunity for the kids.



Front row: (L-R) Marsha Osceola, Tarina Young, Ashley Osceola, Janay Cypress, Reily Osceola. Middle Row: Raevin Frank, Anissa Osceola, Leisset Baker, Brook Osceola. Back Row: Manni Baker, Cindi Adair, Kayla Osceola, Leah Cox, Joelyn Cypress, Tim Cox.

Conversations on Higher Education

Submitted by Dora Bell

HOLLYWOOD — Recently I had a conversation with Emily Osceola-Branch who will receive her bachelor degree from Florida State University this summer. This is a great accomplishment for Emily who told us about how she adapted to living away from home. We at the Department of Education, congratulate her. In a recent interview at the DSO Building, Emily told me about how she was able to adapt and succeed.

D: “How did the Seminole Higher Education Grant influence your education?”

E: “Without it, I might not have been able to go to F.S.U. They paid for my tuition and my books. I had a nice, safe place to live. When I called the Education Department with a problem, they always helped me solve it. With the grant, the university choice came easy.”

D: “How was the transition from high school to college?”

E: “The Florida Indian Youth Program helped a lot. We went to class at F.S.U. and lived on campus. This way I was introduced to the university atmosphere.”

D: “Tell me about an experience that had a special impact in your education.”

E: “To study in London. It made a huge difference in the way I perceived things. We are rooted in

British politics. They shape what our country is now. I learned about English pride. I learned about history, about our past in a place where the past is celebrated.”

D: “What is your Major?”

E: “It is Interdisciplinary Social Sciences. A way to get to know a variety of disciplines like economics, history, sociology, political science, a major that deals with life. My minor is in Film Studies; you view films and analyze them for form and technical aspects. You study the way they reflect society.”

D: “Tell us about time management as a college student.”

E: “Time management. I work well under pressure. One of the hardest things to learn was that if you do something wrong, you do not have anybody to blame but yourself.”

D: “Describe a specific problem that you solved while at F.S.U.”

E: “One problem that I faced came in my junior year. My G.P.A. was low. I had to do well the following semester. I worked really hard going to class, to the library. It was easy to lower the GRA; it was much harder to bring it back up.”

D: “Do you have any advice to students?”

E: “Be willing to learn something new each day, even if it is about yourself. And never schedule classes before 9.am.

Hurricane Season Is Blowing In

Big Cypress Reservation — The Department of Emergency Services would like to remind everyone that the Hurricane season is upon us. The season will last until October, and now is the time to ensure everything is in order.

Know the difference between a Hurricane Watch and Warning

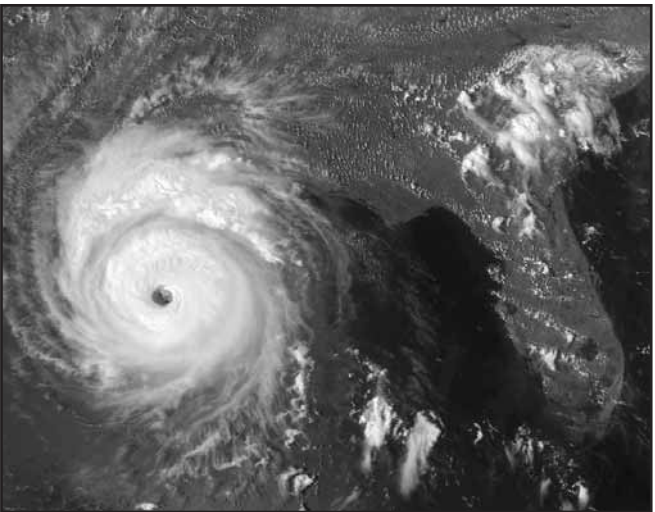
Watch: Conditions are possible in the specified area of the watch, usually within 36 hours.

Warning: Conditions are expected in the specified area of the warning, usually within 24 hours.

Prepare a Personal Evacuation Plan

Identify ahead of time where you could go should an evacuation be needed. Choose at least two different locations in case one would be unreachable.

Listen to the National Weather Service or local radio or TV stations for evacuation instructions. Evacuate immediately if told to do so. Take these items with you when evacuating:



*Prescription medications and medical supplies.

*Bedding and clothing, including sleeping bags and pillows.

*Bottled water, battery-operated radio and extra batteries, first aid kit, flashlight.

*Documents, including driver’s license, Social Security card, insurance policies, wills, deeds, birth certificates, tax records etc....

Hurricane Andrew taught us several things. Probably the most important thing you can do to protect your home is to protect the openings where the wind can get in.

Many yard items, sheds, fences, chairs and tables end up smashing into your home causing unnecessary damage. Make it a household project to secure your yard prior to the storm.

Be prepared and be safe. Keep watching for more Hurricane tips and information throughout the season from the Department of Emergency Services..

American Indian College Fund Receives Grant from The UPS Foundation

DENVER — On May 13, the American Indian College Fund received a \$60,000 grant from The UPS Foundation, the charitable arm of the United Parcel Service. The grant will be used for scholarships for American Indian students attending tribal colleges across the United States.

The American Indian College Fund, established in 1989, has spent more than a decade helping to increase educational opportunities for Native students.

With its credo “educating the mind and spirit,” the Denver-based nonprofit distributes scholarships and support to tribal colleges across the country. This aid directly supports more than 6,000 scholarships nationwide.

The Fund also supports endowments, developmental needs and public awareness, as well as college programs in Native cultural preservation and teacher training.

“The commitment that UPS has shown to Indian education is deeply appreciated,” said Richard Williams, president and CEO of the American Indian College Fund.

“This funding will enable tribal college students to achieve their dreams and will have an immeasurable impact on Native communities for decades to come.”

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, Ga., The UPS Foundation identifies specific areas

where its support will clearly impact social issues.

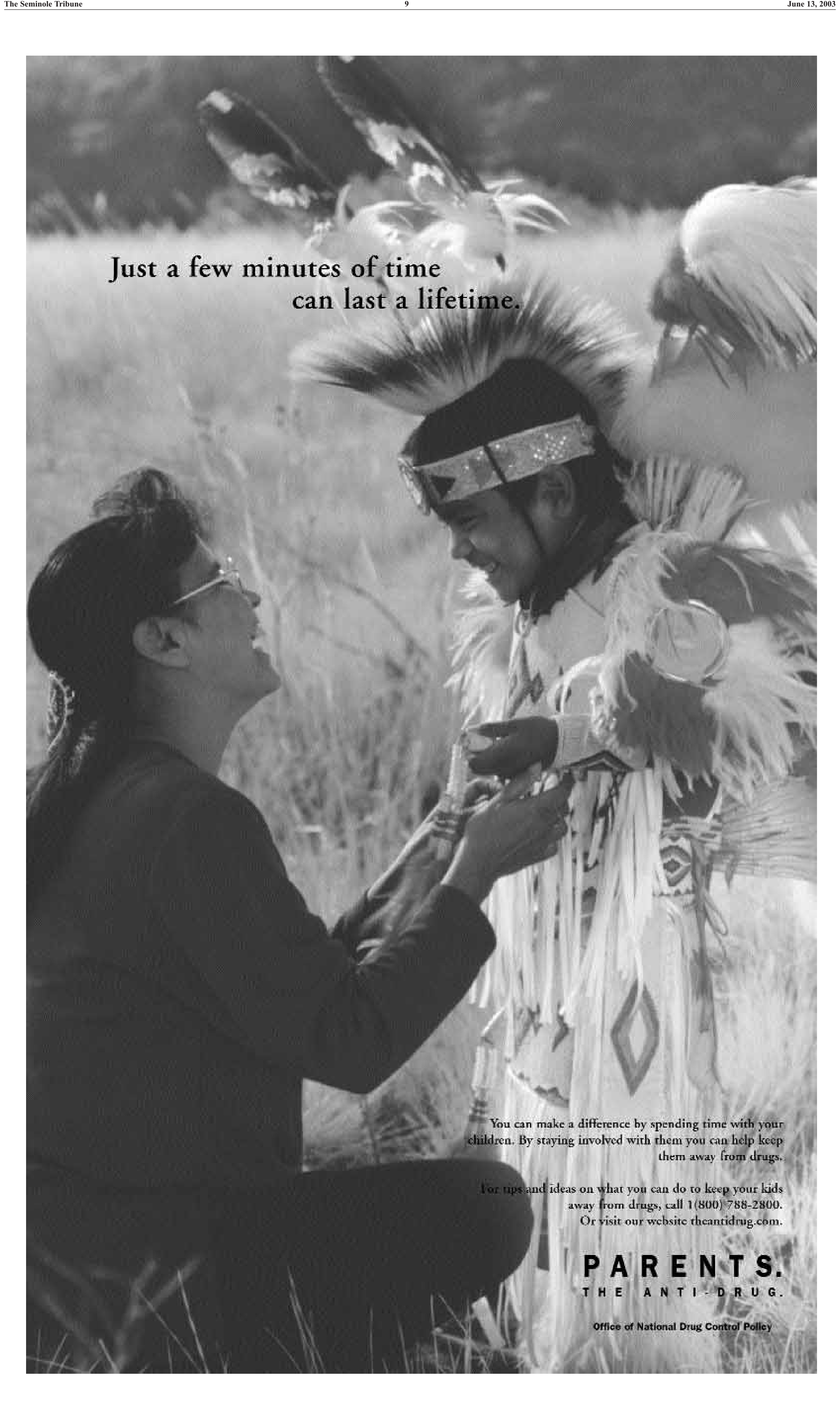
The Foundation’s major initiatives currently include programs that support family and workplace literacy, prepared and perishable food distribution, and increased nationwide volunteerism.

In 2002, The UPS Foundation distributed more than \$38.4 million worldwide. Of that, more than \$19.3 million was awarded through the Corporate Grant Program, \$3 million was distributed through the Region/District Grant Program, \$2.5 million was awarded through the Community Investment Grant Program, and \$9.3 million was donated to United Way.

Corporate grants benefiting organizations or programs such as the American Indian College Fund positively impact communities.

“UPS and its employees have always been committed to serving the communities where we live and work. In fact, community service is a key part of our company charter,” said Even Cooper, president of The UPS Foundation and vice president of UPS corporate relations.

“We apply both financial and human resources in our support of groups that address the educational and human welfare needs around the world. UPS’s support of the American Indian College Fund signifies our shared focus and commitment to improve our communities.”



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Jarriid Smith celebrated his Graduation/Birthday with his friends and family.

Smith Celebrates Graduation/Birthday

By Emma Johns Brown
BRIGHTON — On May 18, friends and family celebrated the graduation of Jarriid Smith from Okeechobee High School.
Jarriid is the son of Camellia Smith Osceola and Curtis Osceola. Jarriid also celebrated his 18th birthday at the Brighton gymnasium.
Many in attendance offered touching and encouraging words to Jarriid.
John Wayne Huff, Brighton Council Representative, congratulated Jarriid and reminded him that the Seminole Tribe supports him 100%.
Louise Gopher, Assistant Education Director, shared some philosophy with Jarriid. “Education is like a gold mine, once you learn something, it can never be taken away from you; it’s the key to your success,” said Gopher.
Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor, also offered Jarriid support and congratulations from the Tribe’s Education Department. Jarriid will be attending Florida Atlantic University on a well-deserved

scholarship.
Andrew Bowers, Tribal member and practicing attorney, reminded Jarriid to “Never forget who you are, where you came from, and always keep your roots.”
Jarriid’s football coach told the audience that Jarriid has a great work ethic, and that it was not just his grades and ability to play football that earned him a scholarship, but also his personality and obvious determination to succeed, not to mention the love and support from his mother, Camellia.
Both of Jarriid’s parents shared their pride for their son, and thanked God for him. for he truly is a blessing. Different family members shared their love and support for Jarriid, and wished him nothing but luck for his future.
Our hats go off to those responsible for raising such a fine athlete, student, and Native American man. Happy Birthday Jarriid, you are definitely a positive example for our youth.



Congratulations to Darryl Jay Billie and the Kindergarten class of 2003 at the Ahfachkee Elementary School on the Big Cypress Reservation. Son, you made our year end on a good note, ready to head to first grade. We’re very proud of you. Travis, Natalie, Nelson, Marlin & Norma T.

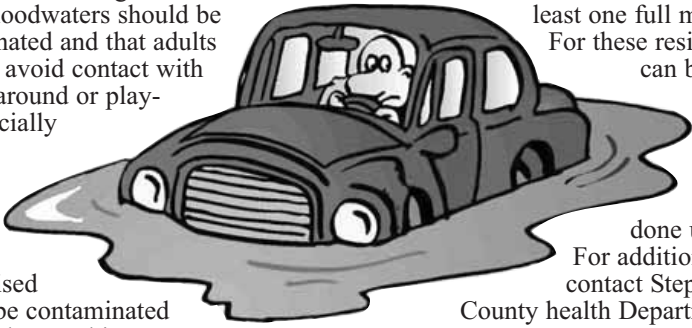


To my daughter **Tatiana Callie Herrera**. I am so proud of you, you’ve come to learn so much this past year. Good luck in the 1st grade. I love you! Have a great summer!

Your mommy,
Jolene Cypress

Floodwaters a Hazard to Residents

Health officials at the Broward County Health Department are advising residents in flooded areas that floodwaters should be considered contaminated and that adults and children should avoid contact with the water (walking around or playing in). This is especially important in areas served by septic tank systems.
Residents relying on private water wells are advised that the water may be contaminated if their property has been subject to



flooding. These people should obtain bottled water or boil the well water vigorously for at least one full minute before drinking.
For these residents, water samples can be requested from the Environmental Health Section of the Broward County Health Department. Sampling should not be done until flooding subsides.
For additional information please contact Stephen Dennison, Broward County health Department at 954-467-4831.

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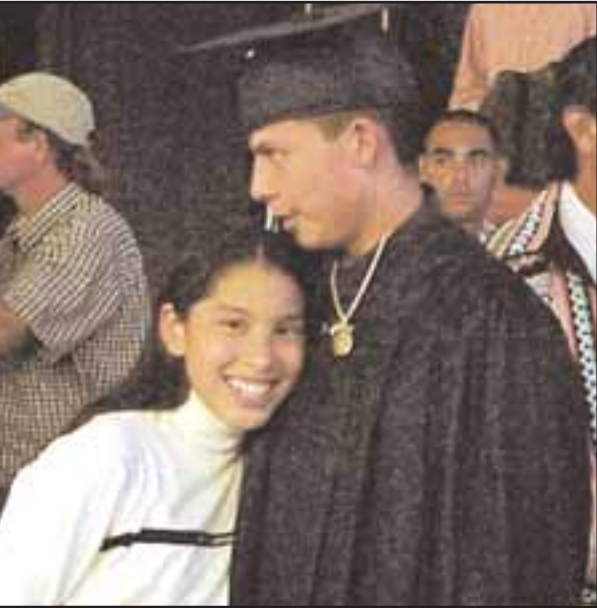
By Michael Kelly
EVERGLADES CITY — On Friday, May 23, Seminole family and friends attended the high school graduation of Seminole Princess Rachael Billie and Pete Osceola III from Everglades City School.
With over 40 family members in attendance, the Everglades City School ceremony could have been located on a Seminole Reservation. The “home” crowd cheered as both students made their way through the audience and onto the stage.
“It’s so important to have family here. It gives my daughter so much support,” said Morningstar Osceola, Rachael’s mother. Her father is Ronnie Billie.
Pete Osceola Jr. said, “It was a special evening for our son Pete, who did well in school, but



Michael Kelly

Rachael’s future is blooming.

has done even better as a son. It really was a special moment for all of us.”
Pete Osceola III is the son of Pete Osceola Jr. and Arnie Osceola.
Both graduates will continue their education by attending college in the fall. Pete Osceola III wants to attend Florida International University in Miami. He plans on studying Psychology or Business.
Rachael, who has a keen interest in computer science, favors Broward Community College in Davie. She plans to transfer to the University of Miami.
The high school graduates are ready to tackle their next educational goal. College! With the full support of their respective families, they’ll both succeed easily.



Michael Kelly

Pete receives a hug from sister Kei-ya-le.

2003 Okeechobee High School Graduates

By Marlin J. Billie
OKEECHOBEE — On Monday, June 2, three Seminole students accomplished their goal in earning their high school diplomas from Okeechobee High School. The early summer evening was just as one would wish for on a day of recognition, no clouds, a breeze, and plenty of family and guests.
Family members in attendance included Hosea Girtman, Jr., son of Hosea Girtman, Jarriid Smith, son of Camellia Smith, and Zena Simmons, daughter of Leoma Simmons.
The Principal remarked that the graduating class of 2003 was part of many “firsts” at Okeechobee High.
Among them was FCAT testing, which became mandatory for the students in the ninth grade. Although challenging, the students adapted well and succeeded.
The class of 2003 was also the “first” to, something about a tractor in the stairways?
The principal stated that a plaque will hang in the front office bearing their accomplishments and the



(L-R) Zina Smith, Jarriid Smith and Hosea Girtman Jr.

words “First Class”, which is what the 2003 graduates showed throughout their years at Okeechobee High School.
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Immokalee 4-H Awards

By **Alexandra Frank**

IMMOKALEE — On May 31, the Immokalee 4-H held an Awards ceremony on the shores of Immokalee Reservation Lake.

President Ray Yzaguirre and Extension Agent Yu Kudo emceed the ceremony. There were 28 Swine Club Members and four Steer Club Members for the 2002-2003 year.

Certificates and Completion Pins were given out to:

1st Year participants: Chad Motlow, Justin Garza, and Clarissa Garza.

2nd Year participants: Taylor Boone, Demi Garza, Jordan Rodriguez, Justin Villarreal, and Esmeralda Billie.

3rd Year participants: Ray Yzaguirre, Anthony Hernandez, Jessica Lopez, Cheyanne McInturff, Tommy Benson, Lorena Puente, and Josh Garza.

4th Year participants: John Ross Alvarez, Bonnie Davis, Nikki Davis, and Michael Shaffer.

5th Year participants: Deidra Hall, Erica Mata, Josie Davis, Allison Garza, Krystal Garza, and Janet Mata.

6th Year participants: Cassandra Jimmie, Frankie Marrero, Lazara Marrero, Miguel Mata, and Mark Arriaga.

Certificates and special awards were given to Immokalee Club Officers:

President - Ray Yzaguirre, Vice-President - Mark Arriaga, Secretary - Josie Davis, Treasurer - Nikkie Davis, Reporter - Lazara Marrero, and Sergeant at Arms - Homer Villareal.

This year's Graduating Senior is Ray Yzaguirre. Record Book Recognition was given to 3rd Place winner - Lazara Marrero. Steer Projects Merit Award went to Miguel Mata for Grand Champion Steer.

The awards event also featured a Horseshoe Toss, Canoe Racing, Balloon Toss, and a Three Legged Race.

Horseshoe Toss: 7 and under: 1) Kenny Joe Davis Junior 2) Julie Arrequin.

8-12: 1) Nikki Davis & Demi Garza.

13-17: 1) Homer Villareal & Justin Villarreal 2) Mark Arriaga & Lazara Marrero.

Adults: 1) Delores Hernandez & Allison Garza 2) Clarissa Garza & Angela Avilez.

Canoe Racing: 1) Kenny Joe Davis, Sr. & Nikki Davis 2) Justin Villareal & Homer Villareal.

Congratulations to all 4-H participants and a pat on the back to Chris Marrero - Organization Leader Advisory Committee, Norita Yzaguirre - Advisory Committee, and Elsa Samora - 2002-2003 Leader for all of their hard work.



Nikki Davis and Kenny Joe Davis Sr.



4-H Leaders: Robin Osceola and Steve Young. 4-H participants: (Top) Michael Doctor, (L-R) Sheyanne Osceola, Shelby Osceola, Krystle Young, Huston Osceola, Nicole Osceola.

4-H Members Earn Respect and Responsibility

By **Michael Kelly**

HOLLYWOOD — Braving the monsoon-like conditions, the Hollywood Reservation 4-H Club held their 2002-2003 Awards Banquet on May 27.

This year's participants included Huston Osceola, Michael Doctor, Nicole Osceola (Vice President), Sheyanne Osceola, Shelby Osceola (Secretary/Treasurer), Lee Stewart, and Krystle Young (President).

Everyone received ribbons and pins for their dedicated work. 4-H Leaders Steve Young (steer leader) and Robin Osceola (swine leader) were also recognized for all their tireless efforts.

Robin Osceola, who's been involved with 4-H four years running said, "As a parent, I would love to see more children get involved in all the things 4-H has to offer. It's a very positive experience."

Nicole Osceola, a four-year member and

2002-2003 Outstanding 4-Her of the Year, enjoys participating with 4-H.

"I learn responsibility by taking care the animals and earn respect from my friends. That's important to me," said Osceola.

Yu Kudo, Program Extension Agent, believes the 4-H can play an important part in the lives of the children. "There are so many helpful programs with 4-H," said Kudo.

Although most programs with the Seminole Tribe consist of animal care, the different types of clubs can range from Photography, Arts and Crafts, Computers, Sewing, and Sports.

The Hollywood Reservation 4-H offers both after-school and community clubs for children ages 5-18.

For further information about the 4-H, please contact Yu Kudo at (863) 763-5020, ext. 115, or cell number at (863) 634-4439.



Immokalee 4-Hers race to the finish line in the sack race.

Alexandra Frank

B.C. & Brighton 4-H Awards Banquet



(L-R) Wilson Bowers, Paul Bowers, Victoria Hernandez, Polly Hayes and Adam Osceola.

By **Paula Cassels**

CLEWISTON — On May 22, the B.C. & Brighton 4-H Awards Banquet took place at Sonny's BBQ.

Presenting the 4-H Awards Thursday night were Board Representative/ Master of Ceremonies Paul Bowers, 4-H Coordinator Polly Hayes, Program Assistant Candi Mancini and Extension Agent Yu Kudo.

Completion Pins were given to young Tribal

The 4-H Club recognized the youth members for their outstanding efforts and achievements with Merit Awards and T-shirts.

4-H Club Coordinator Polly Hayes was presented with a plaque of appreciation for her endless efforts on behalf of the 4-H Club.

Congratulations 4-H Club Members!

Recognition for Club Officers:
Big Cypress Club Officers
Victoria Hernandez - President

Sonny Billie - Vice-President
Klaressa Osceola - Secretary
Wilson Bowers - Treasurer
Brighton Swine Club Officers
Kerwin Miller - President
Hilliard Gopher - Vice-President
Jewel Buck - Secretary
C.J. Smith - Treasurer
Brighton Steer Club Officers
Adam Osceola - President
Clarissa Randolph - Vice-President
Kari Kroepelin - Secretary
Trina Bowers - Treasurer
Reporters - Justin Aldridge, Reba Osceola
Record Book Recognition
1) Frankie Marrero
2) Place Jaryaca Baker
3) Place Lazara Marrero



Polly Hayes was presented with a plaque of appreciation.

members from B.C. and Brighton for their dedication to the 4-H Club.

Each year, 4-H club members are assigned swine or steer projects; they raise the livestock for six months or more. The kids keep a record book on their pig or calf and track the progress with pictures, dates of when the livestock are fed, washed, walked and trained.

The youngsters then bring their livestock to the 4-H Livestock Show and Sale Auction. The livestock are weighed, washed and groomed for the show.

Steer Projects Merit Awards
Reserve Grand Champion Steer - Maranda Osceola
Swine Projects Merit Awards
Grand Champion Swine - Jaryaca Baker
Showmanship - Destiny Nunez
Special Recognition to Cattle Owners
Grand Champion Steer - Harjo Estate
Reserve Grand Champion Steer - Joe Benji Osceola
Incentive Awards
Tina Osceola
Victoria Hernandez
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Happy Birthday



Happy B-day to our lil papi **Maximus** hope you had the best b-day ever and many more to come we love you very much xoxo from **mom (Dorian) & Dad (Elliot)**.



Happy Birthday to **Darian Casteel Paxton**. We hope you had the best day ever and we all want you to know that we love you very much. From your whole family! xoxoxo.



Happy 2nd Birthday to **Lil Boss**! We really love you and glad that you are in our lives!
Love,**Colby, Tatiana, Martina, and Aunt Jolene**.



Happy 6th Birthday **Uriah Quinn Waggerby**! You ole crazy “white” boy! We love you! Have fun!
Love Ya, **Colby, Tatiana, Martina, Aunt Jolene**.



Madisyn Raye Osceola
Turned two years old at the EIRA Rodeo in Davie. **Parents: Lisa and Rodney Osceola**.

Madisyn, I just want to tell you that, I have enjoyed you for the two years that you have been with us. We love you so much, words just can’t explain.

Love **Mom, Dad, Kari, Dayne and Randel**.

Madisyn, **Happy Birthday**, You’ve made us what we are today, **Happy**. I love you and that says it all. **One happy Dad, Rod**.



Leauna Billie (right), 6 years old, May 24, 2003. Wishing you a **Happy 6th Birthday**. From: **Connie Oakes and Nicodemus Billie**.



Happy 2nd Birthday **Robbi**, on July 3, wishing you a very special day for our angel boy. Love and kisses Mommy, Daddy and Mckenzie.

To my daughter **Tatiana Callie Herrera**. I am so proud of you, you’ve come to learn so much this past year. Good luck in the 1st grade. I love you! Have a great summer!
Your mommy,
Jolene Cypress



Happy 5th Birthday to my baby girl **Martina LeeAnn Herrera**! You make me proud to be your mommy. You bring so much joy to my life. I love you!
Your mommy,
Jolene Cypress

Happy 5th Birthday to our baby sister! We love you! Have fun **Martina LeeAnn Herrera**!
Your sisters, **Colby & Tatiana Herrera** .

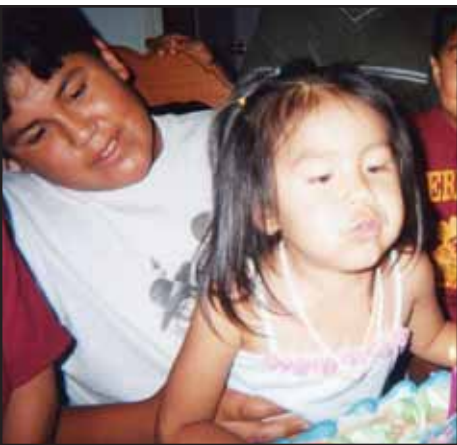
Happy 23rd Birthday to my beautiful **Jayme**. I hope have a wonderful day and all of your birthday wishes come true. Love always, **Linda**.



Happy 9th Birthday **Trianna**, we love you. **Mom, Dad, Katy, Rhett and Trinity**.



Have a very **Happy Birthday** **Virginia Mitchell** on June 11. From the Communications Staff.



Happy Belated B-day to **Bobby Frank III** and **Miss Elizabeth Frank**. We all love and hope you had fun on your special day! With love from your family the **Frank’s** and a **Josh**.

Have a happy & safe 4th of July!

Births



Caleb Osceola Billie, Born: Feb.12, 2003
Weight 6 lbs., 11 oz. 19 1/2 inches long. Parents: **Clarissa A. Bowers and Osceola M. Billie**. Grandparents: **Paul Bowers Sr. and Linda Tommie, Jane and Thomas Billie**, all of the Big Cypress Res.



Ramona Abegale Jimmie, Born: March 30, 2003, 6 lbs., 2 ozs., Parents: **Wendy Jimmie and Abel Hinojosa**.

Poems

What Is Prison?

A place where you write letters and can't think of anything to say.

A place where you wait for letters that come less and less often.

A place where you stop writing altogether. A place you lose respect for the Law because you see it raw, naked, twisted, bent, ignored and blown out of proportion to suit the people who enforce it.

A place it is proven that absolute power corrupts absolutely.

A place where you wait for a visit that doesn't happen, and although you know the real reason, you accept the lies.

A place where you learn nobody needs you. You are the forgotten man and the world goes on without you.

A place where you discover that all the talents and abilities you have are worthless, for you are a Man in Blue.

A place where you receive your divorce papers and you learn the meaning of the words "Til Death Do Us Part." For to the outside world, you are a dead man.

A place that doesn't exist in the minds of Friends, for they cannot put it in An envelope, nor can they find it in a car.

A place that exists only in a time warp, for you are only remembered in past tense, and that's probably appropriate, for you can see no future.

A place where days blend in to weeks, months merge into years, and eons

pass without feeling the touch of a human hand unless it is raised in Anger.

A place where a kind word and an affectionate touch are only dim memories.

A place where basic humanity is ignored, discarded and eventually forgotten.

A place where men are stripped of their clothes as well as their dignity and herded like beast Society believes them to be.

A place where you go to bed even though you're not tired, you walk in circles because you have no where to go, and you pull the covers over your head even though you're not cold.

A place where escape is possible, but only through reading, dreaming or just plain going mad.

Can a man survive prison and resume useful life?

If he can overcome the degradation that is heaped upon Him.

Society will continue to remind him that he is tainted.

Does he deserve what he got? Of Course! A Smug Society can be assured it has done the right and proper thing.

Until circumstances, errors, accidents or mistakes in the Judicial system flips the table and they find themselves in the shoes of the man in the cell next door!

By Quannah Bowers

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Education Advisory Community Meeting

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Happy Birthday In Memory



Dear Wesley Frank (Rest in Peace),

I just want to let you know I haven't forgot about you. I do miss you so much. I am so glad I got to know you. You were very funny and out going. I miss all those times we shared our sadness and laughter. I knew in my heart that you were a true friend to me because any time we were mad at each other and we weren't talking you always gave me hug when I was upset. I love you and I miss you Wesley! You're always in my heart and on my mind. When I heard about your death I couldn't believe it. It was very hard on me because when the incident happened, we weren't talking. I'm very sorry I was mad at you for a stupid reason. Now, I have to live with that regret along with sadness. I believe we will see each other again in the next lifetime. Until then, I will be missing someone special.

REST IN PEACE
Love Always,
Edna Cartaya Cypress-Jim



To my brother **wes** and an uncle to **maximus** who turned 22 on the 5th of June not a day goes by that I don't think of you I still can't believe your gone and I'm sorry you never got to see my baby boy but I know your watching over him and killy now I'll never understand why you left but I hope you knew how much you were loved by us all we had our good times and our bad ones but they were the best I just always thought you would always be here we love and miss you very much-happy birthday-love you tee-gee & **maximus**.



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Salary: \$45,000 - \$55,000 annually w/benefits

Position: Programmer/Analyst
Department: Information Systems
Position Opens: 3-31-03
Position Closes: 4-14-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Safety Officer
Department: Human Resources
Position Opens: 5-19-03
Position Closes: 5-12-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Voice Telecommunications Mgr.
Department: Information Systems
Position Opens: 3-24-03
Position Closes: 4-7-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Electrician's Helper
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 2-18-03
Position Closes: 3-3-03
Salary: \$24,960 -\$33,280 (commensurate w/exp)

Position: Background Investigator
Department: Gaming & Compliance
Position Opens:4-28-03
Position Closes: 5-12-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Commission Officer
Department: Gaming
Position Opens: 3-3-03
Position Closes: 3-17-03
Salary: \$28,000 with benefits

Position: Remediation Coordinator
Department: Water Resources
Position Opens:4-28-03
Position Closes:5-12-03
Salary: \$30,000.00 annually with benefits

Position: Cultural/Lang. Instructor
Department: Culture Education
Position Opens: 2-24-03
Position Closes: 3-10-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Finish Carpenter (3)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 4-7-03
Position Closes: 4-21-03
Salary: \$29,120.00 annually with benefits

Position: Building Inspector (P/T)
Department: Building Official
Position Opens: 4-14-03
Position Closes: 4-28-03
Salary: \$20.00/hr, no benefits

Position: Receiving A/P Assistant
Department: Purchasing
Position Opens: 4-28-03
Position Closes: 5-12-03
Salary: \$27,040 annually with benefits

Position: Surveillance Operator
Department: Gaming Compliance
Position Opens:3-31-03
Position Closes: 4-14-03
Salary: \$19,760 annually with benefits

Position: Maintenance Sup. Coordinator
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 4-7-03
Position Closes: 4-21-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Surveillance Operator
Department: Gaming Compliance
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Position Closes: 4-14-03
Salary: \$19,760 annually with benefits

Position: Travel Assistant
Department: Travel
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Position Closes: 5-12-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits.

Position: Transcriptionist
Department: Secretary Treasurer
Position Opens: 4-14-03
Position Closes: 4-28-03
Salary: \$24,960.00 annually with benefits

Position: Water Resources Mgt. Coord.
Department: Water Resources Dept.
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Position Closes: 5-12-03
Salary: \$30,000 annually w/ benefits.

Position: Receptionist/Clerk
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Position Closes: 6-2-03
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Position: Plumber's Helper
Department: Housing
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Position Closes: 5-26-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Accountant
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Position: Library Assistant
Department: Education
Position Opens: 5-12-03
Position Closes: 5-26-03
Salary: \$22,000 annually with benefits

Position: Remediation Coordinator
Department: Water Resources
Position Opens: 4-28-03
Position Closes: 5-12-03
Salary: \$30,000 annually with benefits

Position: Plumber
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 5-12-03
Position Closes: 5-26-03
Salary negotiable with benefits

Position: Videographer, F/T
Department: Broadcasting
Position Opens: 5-12-03
Position Closes: 5-26-03
Salary: \$8.00/hr with benefits

Position: Branch Librarian
Department: Education
Position Opens: 5-12-03
Position Closes:5-26-03
Salary: \$35,000 annually with benefits

Position: Gaming Clerk
Department: Gaming
Position Opens: 5-27-03
Position Closes: 6-9-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

BRIGHTON

Position: Water Resource Mgt Coord
Department: Water Resources
Position Opens: 4-28-03
Position Closes: 5-12-03
Salary: \$30,000 w/ benefits

Position: P/T Firefighter/EMT
Department: Emergency Services
Position Opens: 3-10-03
Position Closes: 3-24-03
Salary: negotiable w/experience w/ benefits

Position: Licensed Practical Nurse
Department: Health
Position Opens: 3-3-03
Position Closes: 3-17-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Operator Maintenance Trainee
Department: Utilities
Position Opens: 4-28-03
Position Closes: 5-12-03
Salary: \$ 18,700 annually with benefits.

Position: Carpenter's Helper (Apprentice)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 2-17-03
Position Closes: 3-3-03
Salary: \$20,880 - \$24,960 with benefits

Position: Counselor II
Department: Family Services, Health
Position Opens: 12-9-02
Position Closes: 12-23-02
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Camp Counselor
Department: Recreation
Position Opens: 4-7-03
Position Closes: 4-21-03
Salary: \$7:00 - \$8:50 hourly

Position: Video Programmer, P/T
Department: Broadcasting
Position Opens: 4-28-03
Position Closes: 5-12-03
Salary: \$8.00/hr.

Position: Mechanic Supervisor
Department: Emergency Services
Position Opens: 5-27-03
Position Closes: 6-9-03
Salary Negotioable with benefits

Position: Skilled Carpenter

Department: Housing
Position Opens: 2-17-03
Position closes: 3-3-03
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Position Closes: 3-24-03
Salary: negotiable w/exp. W/benefits

Position: Patient Services Coordinator
Department: Health
Position Opens: 5-19-03
Position Closes: 6-2-03
Salary: \$21,840-25,601 annually with benifits

Position: Firefighter/EMT (P/T)
Department: Emergency Services
Position Opens: 3-10-03
Position Closes: 3-24-03
Salary: negotiable w/experience w/ benefits

Position: Mechanic Supervisor
Department: Emergency Services
Position Opens: 5-27-03
Position Closes: 6-9-03
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Instructional Aide
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 3-10-03
Position Closes: 3-24-03
Salary: negotiable w/exp. with benefits.

Position: Middle School/Secondary Education Teacher
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 3-10-03
Position Closes: 3-24-03
Salary: negotiable w/exp. with benefits.

Position: Finish Carpenter
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 4-7-03
Position Closes: 4-21-03
Salary: \$29,120.00 annually with benefits

Position: Cultural/Lang. Instructor
Department: Culture Education
Position Opens: 2-24-03
Position Closes: 3-10-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Elem. Music Teacher
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 4-7-03
Position Closes: 4-21-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Maintenance Worker
Department: Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki
Position Opens: 3-10-03
Position Closes: 3-24-03
Salary: \$16,640 annually with benefits

FORT PIERCE

Position: Sr. Counselor, P/T
Department: Family Services, Health
Position Opens: 12-9-02
Position Closes: 12-23-02
Salary: Negotiable with benefits,

IMMOKALEE

Position: Counselor I
Department: Family Services, Health
Position Opens: 12-9-02
Position Closes: 12-23-02
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Position: Cultural/Lang. Instructor
Department: Culture Education
Position Opens: 2-24-03
Position Closes: 3-10-03
Salary: negotiable with benefits

Position: Maintenance Worker
Department: Recreation
Position Opens: 12-19-01
Position still available
Salary: \$ 14,500 with benefits.

Position: Operator Maint. Trainee
Department: Utilities
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position still available
Salary: \$ 18,700 annually with benefits.

Position: Receptionist
Department: Health
Position Opens: 1-06-03
Position Closes: 1-20-03
Salary: \$20,800 - \$22,880 annually w/benefits

Position: Nutritionist /Health Educator
Department: Health
Position Opens: 1-6-03
Position Closes: 1-20-03
Salary: \$Negotiable w/benefits

TAMPA

Position: Video Programmer
Department: Broadcasting
Position Opens:3-31-03
Position Closes: 4-14-03
Salary: \$8:00 - \$8:50 annually with benefits.

Position: Transporter
Department: Health
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Position Closes:4-6-03
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The 2003 Kindergarten graduating class line up for one last photo opportunity during the June 3 graduation ceremony at the Herman Osceola Gymnasium.

Alexandra Frank

Kindergarten, Eighth Grade and Seniors Graduate From Ahfachkee

By Alexandra Frank

BIG CYPRESS — On June 3, at the Herman Osceola gymnasium, the Ahfachkee School held its Graduation Ceremony for the kindergarten class, the eighth grade class, and the high school senior class.

A presentation of colors by the Seminole Tribe Honor Guard signaled the beginning of the ceremony. The entrance procession followed. All three grades looked handsome in their caps and gowns.

The National Anthem was sung by Geri Johnson of Hollywood, while Stephanie Hall, an Ahfachkee student, delivered the Invocation, and Keeno King, Attendance Coordinator/Discipline Coordinator, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Ashley Cornelius and Nina Frias delivered the Pledge of Allegiance. Reverend John Shomo of Idabel, Oklahoma gave the Invocation, and Keeno King, Attendance Coordinator/Discipline Coordinator, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Principal Lee Zepeda gave the Welcome Address; Lee welcomed families and friends to the graduation and thanked several organizations and individuals for all their hard work they put into making the event special. Lee also thanked Nationwide Landscaping,

today, they are graduates, tomorrow what they want to be is up to them. It should be realized though that our sense of security is threatened everyday. But the one thing they cannot take away is the self. Zepeda wanted

pare them for life. As the students grow older, the tribe will rely on them because they are the future of the tribe, and someday they will be leaders of the tribe.

The pride of the students was evident on this special day. Max thanked the parents and the families because the children were there because of the pride of those families. Osceola thanked the parents that work with the children by getting them up in the morning. Feeding them and clothing them comes from the love of the heart. The love of the heart will turn those children into leaders of the tribe. Max said that they are the future, they are today and they are tomorrow. Max bid the crowd Sho-na-bish, Mado, Thank You, and good luck to the graduates future.

The next speakers were: Elaine Aguilar, Immokosee Councilperson; Paul Bowers, Big Cypress Board Representative; David Cypress, Big Cypress Councilman; and Mitchell Cypress, Chairman.

Each expressed their joy in seeing Seminole youth moving upward in their education and thanked the families who have made education a priority in their child's life.

It was now time to hand out the Diplomas to the three graduating classes. The following are the names of the Kindergarten Graduates in alphabetical order.

Christian Alexander, Katherine Bert, Chief Billie, Darryl Billie, Leauna Billie, Sabre Billie, Gloria Brooks. Catlin Cypress, Tatiana Herrera, Nathaniel Jim, Michelle Jimmie, Anthony Joe, Dorian Jumper, Candelario Landin, John Bell McInturff, and Kaitlin Osceola.

The Eighth Grade Graduates are as follows: April Billie and Matthew Cornelius.

The High School Graduates are: Issiah Billie, Ashley Cornelius, and Nina Frias.

There was an awards segment for "Student of the Year" presented by Keeno King. The following students to receive this special award are: Pre-K - Callie Joe, Kindergarten - Kaitlin Osceola, 1st Grade - Terri Baker, 2nd grade - Christopher Joe, 3rd Grade - Tucomah Robbins, 4th Grade - Kahna Jumper, 5/6th Grade - Herschel Frank, 7/8th Grade - Dawna Cypress, and High School - Ashley Cornelius.



Alexandra Frank
April Billie and Mathew Cornelius

the students to ask themselves "Who am I?" Sometimes, time is spent more on what to get for dinner or what movie to see than who it is they want to be.

This decision is a tough one to make, and if it is not done early on, the plans for the future can easily be lost.

The future is very simple: nothing can prevent a person from having an exceptional life except that person. Success is about who a person becomes.

When a person wants more they must become more. If a person wants changes in their life, they have to make those changes.

Zepeda then introduced Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola, who delivered the Commencement Address. Max mentioned how great it was to come out to Big Cypress and related all the good times he had there as a youngster.

Max spoke about the graduation ceremony and how it embodies Ahfachkee pride. Pride which did not start at the school, but with the elders of the tribe.

The elders faced down the U.S. military during the Seminole Wars, the first war the United States ever lost. The pride reflects in the citizens, it reflects in the students.

Max asked, "Why is education a top priority for the tribe?" He answered that the tribe wants to prepare the students for life. The things they learn today, and in the future, will pre-



Alexandra Frank
Issiah Billie, Ashley Cornelius and Nina Frias

Cleveland Baker, Jessica Williams and the Recreation staff

Zepeda said teaching is a chosen profession that takes time and patience, but it is what the staff and students become successful.

Without students, there would be no teaching profession. It is also important to realize that the freedom to teach and learn are offered in this country and that freedom did not come about easily.

Yesterday, they were students,



Paula Cassels
Dasani Cian Cypress, Raini Shayne Cypress and Ahnie Ida Cypress Jumper.

Big Cypress Preschool Graduation

By Paula Cassels

BIG CYPRESS — On May 28, the Big Cypress Preschool Program handed out diplomas to six Seminole preschoolers, who completed the first step on their educational journey.

Held at the Big Cypress Community Center, the program began with invocation by Rev. Salaw Hummingbird, who gave blessing over the food and wished continued success for the preschoolers. The students then recited the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and Seminole flag.

The precious One and Two-Year-old preschoolers entertained the elders and parents with renditions of Three Little Monkeys, ABC's, and Itsy Bitsy Spider.

Later the adorable Four-Year-olds stood up one by one to resight their favorite nursery rhymes, songs, and read numbers in Miccosukee and Creek.

After a delightful performance, the children made their way back on stage dressed in red robes and graduation caps, to receive their graduation certificates from Judy Jim and Leona Tommie-Williams.

The Preschool Four-Year old graduating class of 2003 are: Dasani Cian Cypress, Raini Shayne Cypress, Cameron Anthony Osceola, Julian Damon Yescas, Ahnie Ida Jumper, Troy Nathan Yescas.

Special thanks to Preschool teachers



Paula Cassels
Cameron Anthony Osceola

Ms. Judy Jim, Ms. Ofelia, Ms. Roslyn and Preschool Director, Leona Tommie-Williams. Congratulations Preschoolers!



Photos By Michael Kelly
Luke Baxley Jr. and Royce Duane Osceola

Hollywood Preschool Graduation and Show

By Michael Kelly

HOLLYWOOD — On May 30, the proud tradition of student graduation continued for the Hollywood Preschool Program.

18 graduates wore beautifully made traditional Seminole clothes, sang songs in Miccosukee, and later enjoyed lunch with family and friends.

The ceremony opened with a video titled "Special to be Seminole". Each graduating student then participated in the Time Line Fashion Show. Students modeled traditional Seminole clothing from the 1700's to the present.

Language Department instructor and graduation narrator Herbert Jim said, "It's so important to emphasize Seminole tradition and history into the graduation. We'll continue to do this with future Hollywood Preschool students."

After changing back into their caps and gowns, the Three-Year old preschoolers took the stage; each holding up a large letter that spelled out the word GO GRADUATES. Next year, it will be their turn to graduate!

Hollywood Councilman Moses Osceola Jr. and newly elected President Moses Osceola stressed the importance to all tribal members, specifically parents, to be good teachers for their children. Max Osceola Jr. acknowledged that, "In 13 years, these children will be graduating high school and moving on to college. They are the future of the Seminole Tribe of Florida."

Leona Tommie-Williams, Head of the Preschool Program, said that she's happy to see the children graduating, but has mixed emotions. "I feel like the children are leaving the flock.

We feel good that the children will be prepared for the next level of schooling."

Said Carol Crenshaw, a 25-year preschool teacher with the Seminole Tribe, "Half of the children graduating this year are from parents that I taught."

And what professions will the graduating class of 2003 hold in the future? Isaiah Osceola Pichardo wants to drive a big truck and shop at Home Depot, Denise Emanuell Osceola would like to become a teacher, Luke Baxley Jr. a basketball player, and Jackie Levy Willie wants to wrestle alligators or work in an office.

So what's the next stop on the educa-

tion journey for the graduating class of 2003? Kindergarten! Good luck to all of you!

2003 Hollywood Preschool Graduating Class: Luke Baxley Jr., Kiana Lynn Bell, Janay D'Lyn Cypress, Joelli Von Frank, Sharna Anthalette Frank, Taylor Elizabeth Holata, Shania Running Fox Victoria Johns, Mingo Lorenzo Dawson Jones, Kathryn Jo Kippenberger, Knananochet Agullbul Osceola, Denise Emanuell Osceola, Rande Patricia Osceola, Royce Duane Osceola, Isaiah Osceola Pichardo, Arianna Marlys Primeaux, Mi-Lyn Keisha Jones-Williams, Jackie Levy Willie, Tarina Jaylene Young.

