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Jerome, Mia and Leoma Williams are all smiles at 2002 Homecoming game.

HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 1, the Hollywood Christian School held its 2002 Homecoming football game.

During the game, the Homecoming Queens for the 2003, 2004 and 2005 classes were honored. The 2002 Homecoming Queen and King were crowned on this night also.

Mia Williams, the daughter of Leoma Tommie-Williams and Jerome Williams, was chosen to be the Junior Class Homecoming Queen.

To be nominated for such a prestigious position, a student must be nominated along with two other individuals, have good Christian character, a 3.0 GPA and must be approved by the principal.

Mia, who has attended Hollywood Christian since the fourth grade, loves the school and contributes her growth as a positive individual to the school.

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Commander Jake Singer (2nd from left) visited Tribal Veterans Charles Hiers, President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Steven Bowers, and Henry Gopher.

Warrior's Walk Organizer Visits Tribe

By Elrod Bowers

HOLLYWOOD — On Nov. 19, President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress and a group of Tribal veterans met with Commander Jake Singer of Walk With the Warriors, Inc.

A week earlier, Singer had just finished the "Walk for the Wall," a 2,800 mile cross-country trip from San Pedro, CA to Washington, DC for the 20th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Singer and Walk with the Warriors were asked by the Vietnam

Veterans Association to organize the walk after participating in the 10th Anniversary of the Memorial in 1993.

"We showed good representation in 1993," said Singer, "and that was the first time a Native American organization had been involved."

After being asked to return, Singer and Warriors began to plan a more ambitious event.

Not only in distance, but also in representation of issues. At first, the event had been solely for Native American veterans, but as the plans

grew so did the amount of issues.

When the walk began with a sweat and pipe ceremony on July 1 from Fort McArthur near San Pedro, CA, the Walk highlighted issues such as education benefits, general services benefits, medical facilities for all veterans of foreign wars.

President Cypress joined the veterans for six miles of the walk through Seminole, OK.

Throughout, the walk, there were events and media interviews given

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Terriers Honors 1962-72 Players

MOORE HAVEN — On Nov. 1, four Seminole men joined their former Terrier teammates, who played from 1962-1972, on the field one more time.

The group was recognized for their athletic ability during halftime on the Moore Haven High School football field.

The Seminole Tribal members who attended were Sammy Gopher, Billie Joe Johns, Jack Smith, Willie Johns.

The coach during that time period was Carl Engels, who said Paul Bowers, Sr., John Wayne Huff, Sr. and Lester Gopher also played Varsity Football from 1962-1972.

Engels recalled one game in which Paul Bowers played, during the season when the Terriers won the Caloosa Conference Championship. The Terriers played against the Lake Placid Green Dragons.

Normally, Bowers would run downfield on a kick-off wide open, as fast as he could go. "He was just a skinny kid back then," said Engels.

During that game, every time one of the Lake Placid players would tackle a Terrier, the player would say, "I'm so and so, and I'm a Green Dragon."

Coach Engels said Paul Bowers ran up the middle and jumped over one Green Dragon, spun off another, and tackled the Green Dragon.

Afterwards, he got up and said, "I'm Paul Bowers, from Moore Haven." Coach Engels said he just laughed.

Moore Haven High School had a Varsity Football program in the late 50's, but because of lack of funds, the football program was cancelled.

Sammy Gopher, whose team

number was 62, said that when he played Varsity Football in 1964, it was the year Moore Haven first started the football program again. Gopher said that the schools, at that time, made everyone stay in their own county, so he and other Seminole students were transferred to Moore Haven from Okeechobee.

Gopher, who played linebacker, said that although most of the community didn't yet understand the game of football, the Seminole players still had a lot of support back then.

Gopher recalled when the Terriers played Boca Raton. The game



L-R: Jack Smith, Sammy Gopher, Coach Carl Engels, Billy Joe Johns, Willie Johns.

was down to the final minutes of the 4th quarter and, with Paul Bowers holding the football for him, Gopher said he kicked a 23-yard field goal that put the Terriers in the lead, and eventually won the game, 3-0.

According to Gopher, the 1964-65 team never lost a regular season game, but when they went to the state finals at the Citrus Bowl, the Terriers lost the game by 6 points.

Jack Smith said he played Varsity Football from 1964-67, his team number was 25, and he played defensive

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Board: Shareholders' Meeting On Jan. 18

By Elrod Bowers

HOLLYWOOD — The Board of Directors at a special Nov. 12 meeting announced that the Shareholders' meeting is scheduled for Jan. 18, 2003 at the Hollywood Auditorium.

The meeting time and agenda will be announced at a later date.

The Board also:

- *Announced that Board dividends will again be distributed this year in mid-December.
- *Approved Christmas bonuses for the employees of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc.
- *Approved a resolution for the 2002 Cattle Raisers' Agreement and Cattle and Pasture Regulations.

Council Meeting: Preparing For Hard Rock

By Elrod Bowers

HOLLYWOOD — Preparing for the Hollywood and Tampa Seminole Hard Rock projects were on the agenda when the Tribal Council held its regular meeting on Nov. 13 at the Tribal Auditorium.

The Council approved the employment contract of Kathy Rybar, who will handle the human resources function of the Hollywood and Tampa Seminole Hard Rock projects.

According to Jim Allen, Director of Gaming Operations, Rybar has 30 years of experience in the gaming industry. Rybar will begin preparing for the hiring process of the estimated 4,000 employees that will staff the Tampa and Hollywood Seminole Hard Rock Casinos.

Allen noted two of Rybar's planned assignments: to standardize the Human Resources policy for all five of

the Tribe's casinos and to prepare, by January, a book listing the descriptions and salaries of the jobs available at the Seminole Hard Rock Casinos.

The Council also approved a Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to reimburse the Seminole Utilities Department for the design and construction of widening and improvements of State Road 7.

The half-mile of construction will begin just south of the car dealership at the intersection of State Road 7 and Stirling Road.

The Council also:

- *Approved resolutions related to the upcoming 2002 Winterfest Boat Parade.
- Last year, the Tribe's entry, "River of Grass," won the Showboat division of the Best Use of Theme category.

- *Approved the Tribal Volunteer Firefighter Recruitment Program for the Brighton and Big Cypress reservations.
- Tribal members and employees are eligible to volunteer, and will be paid a stipend and an "x amount of dollars" per call, based on their level of training.
- Training will be provided and if the volunteers have to answer a call during working hours, they will not be required to make up the lost time.
- Approved a resolution to set aside 1.722 acres for the Seminole Health Department and the Hot Meals on the Immokalee reservation.
- *Were introduced to Fred Hopkins, who was recently hired as Director of the Seminole Real Estate Department. Hopkins, who has 18 years of experience in real estate, formerly worked for the city of Hollywood.

Stepping Across Our Loved Ones

By Virginia Mitchell

I was totally shocked when a Hollywood resident told me that our tribal cemetery had been desecrated, or I should say, is being desecrated, because this activity is ongoing.

To dishonor those who are resting in peace for no just cause shows what some of us have become. It's pretty obvious today from the amount of disrespect that the living show towards each other. Can anyone please tell me what the reason is for this type of behavior?

Pay attention parents, because **golf carts and all-terrain vehicles are making the tracks at the cemetery.**

When you see someone riding around the reservation in these vehicles, ask yourself, "Where are these vehicles going?" and remember the time as well.

If your kids want to go joy riding, please make sure they are not out terrorizing the gravesites of loved ones that have been laid to rest.

Many of us were taught by our grandparents not to go into cemeteries at certain times, much less go in to be mischievous, and not once did any of us ever question the reasons why.

Are today's parents telling these things to the youth? This is part of your culture and heritage; it's information that



Editor's Thoughts

By Virginia Mitchell

is handed down out of love and respect to educate the next generation.

So, why are these young individuals wandering around these important sites destroying trinkets left by family members? Many of us know that there are consequences for those who are foolish enough to mess with things of this nature.

There have been many complaints, so maybe we need to restrict the use of these types of vehicles on the Hollywood reservation. So far, there hasn't been any type of complaints like this on other reservations.

It is devastating enough for family members who are dealing with losing a loved one, but to see careless pranks played upon them is beyond comprehension. Those who have suffered loss are still numb to the thought that they are really gone and still trying to comprehend why.

So whoever you are, why do you put these families through so much anguish? Why can't you find another

more productive way of having fun?

After all, there's the youth center, gymnasium, etc. provided by your tribe. You can't be so bored as to think it's funny to bring more grief upon those still trying to cope. You could even give back to your community by volunteering to all the needy individuals at the Libraries, or even yet some of our elders often would like to see their own assist them with various chores.

As many opportunities as there are for the youth today, there is no excuse for this mindless activity. There are a tremendous amount of reasons than there are excuses, which you've only conjured up anyway.

Where is your sense of self-respect as a Tribal member? It begins with you, so if you don't have respect for yourself, you definitely don't have any left over for anyone else.

Please just **think** before attempting to track all over our dearly departed. There is definitely no meaning for your actions.

Although vengeance of any sort will not be justified, you can not mess around with these things and not expect something bad to happen. Tracks like these should not be made anymore, leave our loved ones in peace!

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The Great Emmett Oliver

By Dean Chavers, Ph. D.

First met Emmett Oliver in 1970, a few months after the occupation of Alcatraz by the Indians of All Tribes. He was a counselor at San Lorenzo High School at the time. It turns out that job was the second longest of Emmett's career.

Emmett is a Quinault Indian from the peninsula of Washington. But he did not grow up on the reservation. He grew up south of the reservation in the town of South Bend. He was usually the only Indian kid in his neighborhood.

His father Sam Oliver, a Cowlitz, had moved the family to South Bend for a better life. Sam had a regular job and supported the family of five kids well. Emmett went to school at South Bend and at the Indian school at Tulalip.

Emmett always excelled at sports-basketball, football, track, and baseball. He was also a class leader and a top scholar. He made straight "A's" at the Indian school at Tulalip Indian Boarding School when he went there for three years.

When he later went to Bacone College, he was an all-around athlete and class officer. He left Bacone in 1934 and enrolled at the University of Redlands in California, a sister school to Bacone.

When he finished at Redlands in 1936 with honors (class president, top scholar, star half-back, and quarter-miler), he immediately returned to Bacone, where he taught and coached for the next three years.

When I went to Bacone in 1978 as President, I encountered the legends of the alumni of the decade of the 1930s. Dick West ('36) became the most famous and accomplished Indian artist of all time, and taught at Bacone for over two decades.

Jack Montgomery ('38) won the Congressional Medal of Honor for capturing a whole company of Italian soldiers by himself in the tough fighting of the Italian invasion of 1944. Jack was a member of "Company I," which still has reunions on the Bacone campus.

After he got to Bacone, Emmett married Georgia Abeyta from Isleta. She was also a teacher for much of her career, in addition to raising three children (Arne, Marvin, and Marilyn).

She followed Emmett met over the U. S. as he pursued a variety of careers. They had met on the Bacone and remained true to each other during the two years they were away.

After three years at Bacone, they moved to the Pueblo of Acoma, next to Isleta, where both taught school for the next three years (1939-1942). Despite being married, however, Emmett got the call to go into the military that year.

He went through the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut and became an officer in the Coast Guard, serving for three years in WWII. Then, when the Korean conflict broke out, Emmett got called to active duty again for two years.

Later, just because he was bored, he signed up again for five years of active duty in California. From there he went to San Lorenzo to be a high school counselor. At the time, he was the only Indian counselor in the Bay Area, and maybe the whole state of California. When I got to California in 1968, there were almost no Indian teachers anywhere.

As with a large number of Indian people, the Alcatraz occupation shook them up. The few who had comfortable jobs questioned themselves. One I knew asked himself "Why am I in this college teaching a bunch of non-Indian students, when I could be helping Indians?"

He got involved in the Indian movement, and stayed active in it for the next three decades. Emmett had this same reaction. He became active in 1970 when the organization formed

to support the Alcatraz occupation, the Bay Area Native American Council (BANAC).

Later that year, I was elected to head the Personnel Committee, which I did for the next year and a half.

In the meantime, Emmett had been selected to head the Indian program at UCLA. The Indian who had headed the program left in the middle of the year, and Emmett was hired. The committee met with him at the Oakland airport and hired him on the spot.

After nine months at UCLA, however, Emmett accepted a position with the University of Washington to head the Indian Student Division. After a year of that work, he left to head the Indian desk in the State Department of Public Instruction, a position he held for the next 11 years. My good friend Denny Hurtado is now in this position.

Emmett stayed in this job the longest of any he ever had. He inspired a whole generation of Indians to become involved in the education of their children. Most of them are still around. Lorraine Misiaszek, Yvonne Peterson, Marguerite Ensminger, Virginia Cross, Elaine Grinnell, Ramona Bennett, and Dan Iyall are just a few examples of the Indian people that Emmett worked with and inspired.

His main support during most of his time at the State Department was Harold Patterson, who was a Superintendent before he came to the Department. Harold left to go back to being a Superintendent.

But in the meantime, he and Emmett, with help from Indians all over the state, had developed a Statement of Indian Policy, one of the first ever adopted by a state department. Harold did most of the writing on the policy statement, and they held meetings all over the state to gather input from Indians on it.

In the meantime, Emmett was building his third house. He and Georgia had lived in many houses over the four decades they had then been married (they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1987). But Emmett had built three of them himself, working nights and weekends.

This third one was the final one, on the Hood Canal, where they still live. Even after he retired in 1982, Emmett remained active. In 1989 he organized the "Paddle to Seattle," one of the most important restorations of Native traditions in the state. All the coast tribes had been seagoing people, but the intrusion of the white people almost destroyed their lives. It took away the source of their giant canoes.

Emmett worked with the Forest Service to find and deliver the huge cedar trees needed to carve the canoes. Sixteen tribes got them and participated in the trip. The northern tribes started as far north as British Columbia and worked south, while the Pacific tribes started at Quileute and paddled east into the bay.

I know all these things because Emmett's good friend and college roommate at Redlands, Ben Smith, wrote a book about Emmett. It is called "Two Paths: Emmett Oliver's Revolution in Indian Education" and was published in 1995 by Salish Press in Seattle. Emmett had Denny Hurtado to bring me an autographed copy recently. I really enjoyed reading the book.

The book should be required reading for anyone who wants to understand the Indian movements of the 1960's and the older history of Indian students and their education in the 1920s and 1930s. It is a great read.

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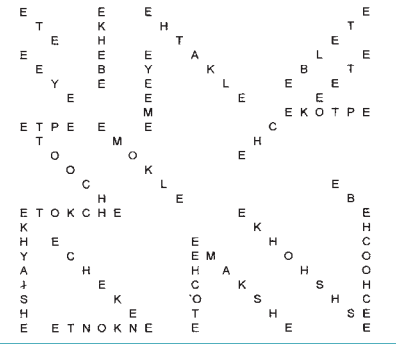
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Letters & E-mail

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Editor,
I am delighted to see the tribe on the web! I live overseas now, but I am a Miami native. This brings me a little closer to home. And I believe it is very important to reach out and teach non-Seminoles the culture and values of the Nation. Thanks for a chance to "visit".
Sincerely yours,
Stephen Hughes
seh@wanadoo.es

p.m. on the 13th. If anyone is going to be joining you for the tournament, just let me know and I will reserve tickets for them also.
If you have any other questions or need more information, please feel free to contact me by email at KSmith@semtribe.com or by phone at 1-800-282-7016.
I look forward to seeing you in February!

Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418
johnthbank@yahoo.com
I am from Kinlani Bordertown Dormitory High School in Flagstaff, Arizona. Although I am the English tutor, I also try to help the students in other ways.
We would like to organize a trip to Florida for our Navajo students to have some sort of cultural or artistic exchange with Seminole Nation in Florida. We have no idea who to contact, but we would like to visit during spring break.
Do you have any advice on whom I could contact within the Seminole Nation to discuss this?
Thank you so much,
Judith Bullock
jfb24@dana.ucc.nau.edu

Dear Sir or Madam,
Could you please please help me??? I am visiting Tampa, USA in February 2003. It will be my first trip to the USA.

To the Seminole Tribune,
Hello, my name is Valerie Wesley. I am from the Blacksheep people, born for the Bitter Water clan of the Navajo tribe in Lupton, AZ. I am currently in the Native American Studies class II at Highlands High School in Albuquerque, NM. The classroom consists of students from various tribes from all over the nation. Our class is currently doing projects on different tribes and learning about issues that concern the Seminole Tribe. We know very little about this tribe.

My great great grandfather was William H. (Bill) Brown. He operated Brown's Landing and traded with the Seminoles. His daughter Rose Brown Kennon, was my great grandmother. She told me stories of her childhood, including being treated by Dr. Tommy for blood poisoning in her hand.
My question is, is there any sign of the buildings at Brown's Landing? My mother told me that she remembered seeing a plaque of some kind to mark the location the last time she took my great grandmother there, which was in the 1960s.

I am a Texas Hold em poker fanatic and play on the internet at the moment. When I visit America next year, I would fulfill my ambition to play the game LIVE as I have no casinos on the south coast of the UK, where I live, that I can play the game.
I have searched the Seminole Casino website for N. Orient Road, Tampa, FL, which is a 1/2 hour drive from where I am staying in Florida (Valrico), but cannot find an email address to contact them regarding their weekly Texas Hold Em tournament held every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

We would all appreciate, if you could send some sort of information the tribe is currently having to deal with such as water, casinos, money issues, or anything relating to the Seminole Tribe. We, as a class of many tribes are very interested in knowing the current issues the Seminole people are facing and how they are dealing with their problems. There are no Seminole students who could personally better educate the Native American class about any recent or past issues. The Native American class and myself will contribute to learning the information that will be provided by your newspaper.

Once again, the Native American class here at Highland High. Thank you so much for taking the time to read my letter.
Sincerely,
Valerie Wesley
Class of 2003
Native American Program
Highland High
Albuquerque, NM

According to the information on the web page, tickets have to be purchased for the Thursday tournament the week before.
As it is a once in a lifetime trip to Tampa for me and my family, I would like to ask if it is possible to book and pay for in advance a seat at the tournament table prior to flying in from the UK.

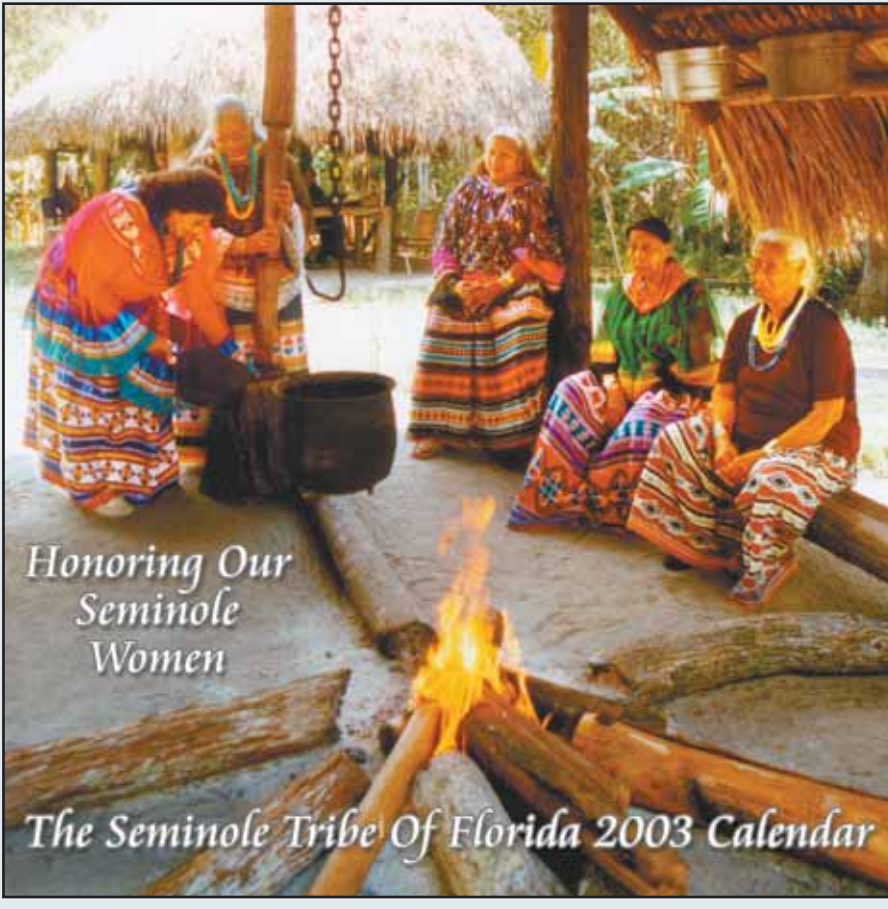
Although we as a family are visiting the usual attractions in Florida i.e. Disney, Universal etc., for me, personally, my dream would be to play in a LIVE Texas Hold Em tournament.
Thanking you for your co-operation in this matter and wait anxiously for your reply.
Yours faithfully,
Barry Evans
barryevans@sallyevans.fsnet.co.uk

Fascinating website. Thank you. I'd like to bring my family to the Seminole Tribal Fair in February.
Lisa Levine
llevine@comcast.net
A few years ago, I brought a bus full of kids there in November for a Pow Wow. We saw Larry wrestle the alligator, got to see native dances and hear native music.
Are you doing that this year? I would like to bring my family.
Thank you,
Caroline Brown
Williamtarr6@aol.com

Kim Smith, Poker Manager at the Seminole Casino-Tampa, responds:
Hello Barry! Your email was forwarded to me and I am happy to pass along the information you need.
We only have one Texas Hold 'Em tournament scheduled in February 2003. It will be held on Thursday, February 13th. Tickets for that tournament go on sale one week in advance, but are available all week long. Tickets are purchased at the Casino with cash only.
You didn't state the time period that you will be in Florida for your visit. I have, however, reserved a ticket for you.
You will just need to pay the \$55 buy-in amount and pick up your ticket in the Poker Room before 7:00

I enjoyed browsing your site and wondered if you had any information available for teachers. My sister teaches a 2nd grade class in Jupiter, and I think she would enjoy an opportunity to pass on some correct information to her students about our history as Floridians.
Thank you,
John O'Neal
1510 15th Lane

Can you tell me when is the Brighton Rodeo? I think it's this weekend 15th to the 17th.
Thank you for your help,
Harry Lane
HLANEBEACH@aol.com



New Tribal Calendar!

The new Tribal calendar, entitled, "Honoring Our Seminole Women," will be arriving in a few weeks.
This year, the calendar features 12 Tribal seniors representing all of the Tribe's clans and the Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood and Immokalee reservations.
Seminole Tribune readers who would like to order a copy, simply send \$10 to Seminole Communications, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL, 33024.
Tribal members will receive one free copy of the calendar. The Tribune will announce where to pick up calendars on each reservation.

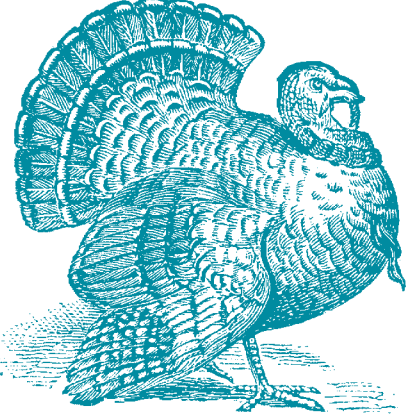
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Hollywood seniors at Las Olas Riverfront Cinemas.

“Christmas In The Clouds” Earns Respect, Seeks Funding

By Elrod Bowers
FORT LAUDERDALE — On Nov. 8, the Tribal seniors attended the showing of the Native American film “Christmas In The Clouds” at the Fort Lauderdale Film Festival. The showing was sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida.
 The film made its debut as an Official Selection of the 2001 Sundance Film Festival, Audience Award winner at the 2001 Austin Film Festival, and Best Native Film award winner at the 2001 Santa Fe Film Festival.
 Before the screening, Billy Cypress and Tom Gallaher of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum presented

The studios saw a very marketable romantic comedy, but wanted Montgomery to rewrite the script for a more mainstream audience. They didn't think the Native American elements in the script would work.
 Montgomery refused to rewrite the script and threatened to protest the movie if it was rewritten. She then set about looking for a director.



Joe Dan Osceola (center) helps Director Kate Montgomery with Seminole jacket as Lead Actress Mari Ana Tosca looks on.

director/producer/screenwriter Kate Montgomery and actresses Sheila Tousey and Mari Ana Tosca with Seminole jackets.
 The film was a comedy of mistaken identities set in a Tribally-owned ski resort. The Indian manager of the struggling resort has received advance notice that a travel writer will be visiting, and the staff sets about trying to get a good review.
 However, a young northern Indian (Mari Ann Tosca), who has been trading letters with the manager's father, decides to visit. She is mistaken for the travel writer and gets four-star treatment, while

Many of the directors that she asked were committed to other projects, but many of them asked her why she didn't just direct the movie herself.
 Together with actress Sheila Tousey (Thunderheart), they got the money to film.
 “We met at the American Indian Film Festival, and the scripts was one of the best I've ever read,” said Tousey.
 “After three years, I joined the producing team. People would say ‘great script, but oh no, the Indian thing’. But, we got it made and here it is.”
 The film was shot at Sundance, Utah at the invitation of Robert Redford.



Actress Sheila Tousey with Miss Seminole Ida Osceola.

According to Montgomery, “He's been very involved, he helped develop ‘Smoke Signals’.”
 When he read the script, he said ‘I got this ski resort . . .’
 The final financial pieces were put into place by Tousey's tribe (Mohican Nation, Stockbridge-Munsee Band), who donated enough money to finish the post-production work.
 The film's romantic nature and lack of violence and sex often bring comparisons to the huge independent hit, “My Big Fat Greek Wedding,” which was produced by actor Tom Hanks and wife, Rita Wilson, who is Greek.
 “The problem is, there isn't a Tom Cruise who is Indian,” said Montgomery.
 “The people on ‘Big Fat Greek Wedding’ are absolutely dumbfounded at what we did on short notice and on the amount of money that we had. We employed some of the best people in the business and at way less than what they usually charge.”
 According to Montgomery, it was easy to put together one of the biggest Indian casts ever. Especially in the case of Wes Studi, who shows up in the movie wearing a kilt to call a game of bingo in which the prize is a brand new car.
 “Wes is married to a Scot, and he wore a kilt at their wedding. I wanted to show Wes how he really is,” said Montgomery, “Wes will call your bingo, he's like that.”
 Despite the star cast, the festival honors and good reviews, the film has yet to find a distributor.
 Tousey estimated the cost of getting the film

Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum American Indian Arts Celebration

By Paula Cassels
BIG CYPRESS — On Nov. 16-17, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum presented the 5th Annual American Indian Arts Celebration.
 The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki museum (a place to learn -a place to remember) has informative exhibits about the history and culture of the Seminole Indians.
 Museum Operations Manager Brian Zepeda showed visitors Seminole artifacts, mostly clothing, from storage and described how and when the artifacts were worn.
 Carol Cypress, renowned storyteller of Seminole legends, regaled two visitors from England with the story about a grandfather and grandmother box turtle.
 Tahama Osceola was selling traditional clothing that she made, dolls and beaded jewelry.
 Sally Tommie and Sally Buster demonstrated patchwork sewing and Seminole beadwork under the chickee at the tribal ceremonial ground.
 The Big Mountain Dancers from Saskatchewan, Canada gave a demonstration behind the museum. The grass dance was demonstrated by Little Deer Big Mountain, the Hoop Dance by Teeny Big Mountain, the Traditional dance by Turtle Big Mountain, Fancy Men Traditional dance by Otter Big Mountain, and Fancy Shawl dance by Amanda Ironstar Big Mountain.
 Seminole sweet grass basket, dolls and wooden toy crafts were on sale behind the museum and inside the gift shop were T-shirts, jewelry, Seminole Indian arts and crafts, books and souvenirs.



Traditional Dancer Turtle Big Mountain

Snow Honored By Indigenous Language Institute

By Paula Cassels
ALBUQUERQUE, NM — On Nov. 9, during the Nov. 7-10 National Language Working Symposium, the Indigenous Language Institute held the Fifth Annual Honor Event in which Tribal member Alice Snow was honored.
 Master of Ceremonies Conroy Chino invited Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass to introduce the honoree, Alice Snow.
 A video, about Snow and her life growing up on the Brighton Reservation, was shown to the audience. Alice Snow was accompanied by son, Albert Snow and Board Representative David DeHass, Jr. DeHass and Ella DeHass.
 David DeHass presented Alice Snow with the “Those Who Make a Difference” award, which included a Pueblo Blanket and a hand carved Art Stone trophy for her years of dedication to the teaching of the creek language, culture and Indian medicine.
 Alice Snow, one of seven children of Charlie and Emma Micco, was born and raised and has spent most of her life on the Brighton Reservation.
 She married Bob Pierce Snow, had six children and enjoys 17 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Snow, Bird Clan, is a tremendous leader within the Seminole Tribe communities.
 In 1972, she attended Moore Haven High School and received her high school diploma. Snow says it's never too late to get an education.
 Snow also served as Brighton Board Representative and later with the tribe's Drugs and Alcohol Program and Indian medicine.
 Snow has dedicated her life to teaching anyone interested in the Indian herbs and medicines among the Seminole Tribe.
 After six years of teaching and documenta-

tion, she co-authored the book “Healing Plants” Medicine of the Florida Seminole Indians.
 Alice is also an active member of the First Indian Baptist Church of Brighton.
 Margaret Mauldin, a teacher of the Creek language at the University of Oklahoma, said she came to visit the Brighton Reservation to see if they would be interested in a Language Program.
 It was there that she met Alice Snow, and they have been friends for about ten years now.
 Mauldin said Snow was teaching the children in the preschool the traditional language, culture and she has always been willing to help teach.
 Snow and brother, Jack Micco, participated in a language workshop that Mauldin brought down from Oklahoma and were very good in the class, learning to write and teach the language, which impressed Mauldin.
 Margaret Mauldin decided to teach the traditional language and Indian medicine.
 Congratulations, Alice Snow and you are an inspiration to the community.
 The American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI) offers six graduate or undergraduate credit hours through four weeks of intensive study in American Indian linguistics, bilingual-bicultural education, and culture based development. Courses and workshops will focus on developing ways to create new generations of Native American language speakers and writers.



Indigenous Language Institute Honoree, Alice Snow

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 Time: The sale is from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Books for all ages: There will be books for kids of all ages, from preschool to high school.
 Payment: You may pay with cash, check, or any major credit card.

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Alex Johns, Snake Hunter

By **Alexandra Frank BRIGHTON** — Besides holding a position as the Brighton Board Representative and the Assistant Natural Resources Coordinator, Alex Johns wears a third distinctive hat, Snake Hunter.

When Alex is not busy at the Cattle and Range office or performing political duties, he can be found riding reservation homes of some of Florida's most venomous snakes.

Alex and Stanlo Johns were out riding on Billy Bowlegs road when they came upon a 6'3" rattlesnake.

Rattlesnakes are uncommon in the Brighton Reservation area, so if someone sees one, the snake is usually killed. This is the action that Alex and Stanlo took when they



Alex Johns and his latest victim.

saw the rattlesnake. Stanlo, who is almost 70 years old, told Alex that he had never seen a rattlesnake as big as the one they killed. The rattlesnake was laid out on a pickup truck tailgate and was so long that almost a half-foot hung off both sides of the tailgate. It was one massive snake! "The picture doesn't do it justice, it was one big snake," said Johns. The rattler was sent off to a taxidermist to be stuffed and mounted. When the rattlesnake is finished, it will reside at the Brighton Cattle and Range office. If you ever need to get rid of a water moccasin or a pygmy rattler, you can always call on Alex Johns, Snake Hunter.

Seminole Pharmacy Opens

By **Paula Cassels HOLLYWOOD** — On Nov.19, the new Seminole Tribe of Florida Health Department Annex, Comprehensive Pharmacy Department opens its window for business at their new location on 6401 Sheridan Street.

The Tribal Pharmacy is owned by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and is a department of the Seminole Health program. The Comprehensive Pharmacy Department will service the Hollywood, Big Cypress, Brighton, Immokalee, Tampa and Ft. Pierce reservations.

The Tribal Pharmacy will be managed by the Freedom Healthcare Group program personnel: Haven Perkins (RPH), Toks Kassim (RPH), Mayra Sabando (Pharmacy Tech) and Eric Levine (Pharmacy Tech). The staff will fill prescriptions drugs from your doctor by UPS Mail, Fax, Phone, or just bring your prescription to the drive through window.

Tribal members in the health program may have to show Tribal ID. For special cases, the staff will set up a pillbox for patients with multiple prescriptions.

The Comprehensive Pharmacy department currently fills about 100 prescriptions a day, and expects an increase to 240 prescriptions a day in the future.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida spends \$2.6 million per year in pharmaceutical drugs. Establishing the Seminole Pharmacy will reduce the cost to the Tribe by over \$1.2 million dollars.



Clockwise from top: Eric Levine, Haven Perkins, Mayra Sabando, Toks Kassim.

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Florida Holiday Happenings, Winter 2002

'Tis the season to celebrate the holidays with family, friends and loved ones by attending the wonderful holiday festivals in Florida. Every corner of the state is represented with their version of holiday cheer. Here's a sneak peek at a few entertaining holiday activities.

North Florida - Grande Illumination, a colorful re-enactment of the 18th century period when St. Augustine was part of the British Empire, will take place December 7-8. One of the most exciting events of the holiday season in the Nation's oldest city, Grande Illumination is an entertaining and educational blend of pageantry and authentic historical presentations. For more information, please contact Jay Humphreys at (904) 829-1711, ext. 306.

Toasting the season, the charming Southern town of Tallahassee continues a joyous tradition with an annual month-long celebration to commemorate its prestigious "claim to fame." Tallahassee marks the site of the first Christmas celebrated in North America more than 450 years ago. The Accents of Winter, which will include tours of sculpted gardens, gracious plantation homes, a spirited 1880s farm and more will begin on Dec. 5th and continue through Jan. 18, 2003. For more information, please contact Amber Peterson at (850) 668-2222.

Put on your holiday walking shoes, load your camera and prepare your taste buds for an unforgettable 9th Annual 'Holiday Tour of Historic Inns' in St. Augustine that has gained national attention as one of the Southeast's premiere December events! The twenty-three participating Bed & Breakfasts are abled with lights, vintage ornaments, handcrafted hand-me-down heirlooms and many innkeepers in period costume. The best of St. Augustine's restaurants are generously donating all of the food; pair the fare with a bed and breakfast and it's a memorable day to savor. The Holiday Tour will be on Dec. 8th from 2 to 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Leigh Cort Publicity at (904) 940-0902.

Central Florida - Reliable weather sources predict snow will blanket Market Street in the town of CELEBRATION located near Orlando for ten minutes each hour from Nov. 29-Dec. 31. The month-long festival will be packed with fun festivities for the family including photos with Santa every night in his new Swiss Chalet and carriage rides. Holiday Carolers will perform every Friday and Saturday evening. For more information, please contact Andrea Finger at (407) 566-4622

For the first time at Universal Orlando, the magic and merriment of Macy's world-renowned Thanksgiving Day Parade will march through the streets of Universal Studios Florida's theme park in an all-new Macy's Holiday Parade, which will run Dec. 13-Jan. 5, 2003. Next door at Islands of Adventure theme park, guests can meet the reclusive Mr. Grinch and his loveable dog Max in the Grinch's lair, slide down Mt. Crumpit Snow Plummet, frolic with whimsical Who's in Dr. Seuss' "Whoville," and

enjoy the nightly Whoville Whobilation show during the Grinchmas celebration, which runs Nov. 22 through Jan. 5, 2003. For more information, please contact the Public Relations Department at (407) 363-8220.

Festive decorations, holiday greenery, exquisite cuisine and a look back to an era of elegance are all offered during the historic Renaissance Vinoy Resort and Golf Club's third annual Holiday History Tour & Dining Celebration in St. Petersburg. Guests are invited to enjoy the holiday hour-long history tour that begins in the resort's Promenade Lobby and continues with a glimpse back through time with visits to the Vinoy's gardens, galleries and ballroom, all sprinkled with tales of famous visitors, entertainers, sports stars and dignitaries who have visited the property since 1925. Then it's time to eat, drink and be merry with a festive three-course lunch or four-course dinner in Marchand's Bar & Grill or the Terrace Room. For more information, please contact Cindy Cockburn at (727) 772-6726.

The annual "Lights of Lake" Festival will provide a sparkling setting for the holiday celebrations of Lake County. From buildings to trees, business districts to waterfront parks, Lake County will be adorned with millions of lights beginning Nov. 23. Nine of the county's town will participate in the festival, which will continue through New Year's Day. For more information, please contact Erin Brock at (407) 541-0812.

South Florida - The 31st Annual Winterfest Boat Parade will feature more than 100 beautifully decorated yachts and boats and will sail up the Intracoastal from Port Everglades to Lake Santa Barbara in parade fashion. This is the 7th largest one-day spectator event in the United States and will take place on Dec. 14. For more information, please contact Lisa Scott at (954) 767-0686.

The largest New Year's Eve event south of Times Square will take place at Bayfront Park in downtown Miami. The event will feature musical entertainment, family activities, a variety of ethnic foods, a laser and fireworks extravaganza, and the 400-foot ascent of the 35-foot neon Big Orange to the top of the Hotel Inter-Continental on Dec. 31. For more information, please contact Ilene Denton at (941) 366-5731, ext. 267.

To celebrate the season, Delray Beach is holding a variety of activities to commemorate the 10th Anniversary Holiday Festivities in Downtown Delray Beach. Come enjoy their famous 100' holiday tree, the world's tallest, from Nov. 30 through Dec. 31 at Old School Square on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Swinton Avenue, downtown. There is an ice skating rink, horse drawn carriage rides and a carousel. Walk inside the patriotic tree to visit Santa and see the animated displays, then look up 10 stories for a spectacular view. Outside, witness the 15,500 red, white and blue lights and 39,500 ornaments all hung with care on 3,086 branches. For more information, call Marjorie Ferrer at (561) 279-1380 ext. 16.



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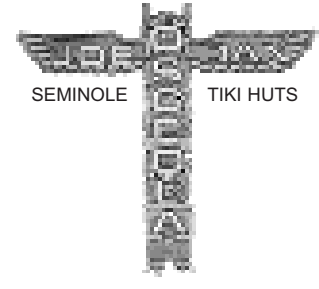
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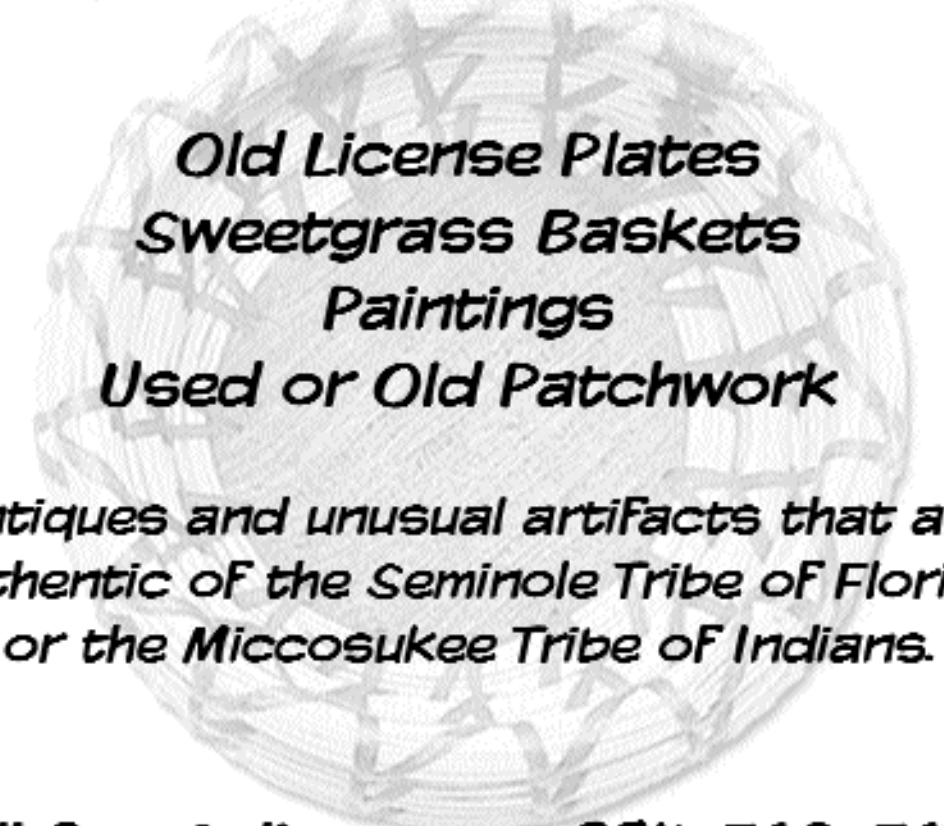
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Paula Cassels

Teachers and Seminole students getting acquainted.

Hollywood PAC Hosts 2nd Annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner

By Paula Cassels
HOLLYWOOD — On Nov. 2, the Okalee Village hosted the 2nd Annual Student-Teacher Appreciation Dinner, which was organized by the Hollywood Parent Advisory Committee.

As the guests, the teachers and administrative personnel of schools with Seminole students, arrived they were given bags containing information about the Tribe's enterprises and a special guided tour of the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki museum. Chris McHaney, the tour guide for the museum, explained the Seminole culture to the teachers and their families, as well as the changing style of the traditional clothing through the years and the Seminole Art gallery. The teachers were most impressed by the paintings of Noah Billy.

Master of Ceremony Moses Jumper, Jr. welcomed the students, teachers and their families and introduced Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola Jr., and Miss Seminole Ida Osceola.

Jumper said the student-teacher dinner is for the students to get acquainted with their teachers, and for the teachers to get know the Seminole students and their culture.

Jumper continued with a story about when he was a young boy of 12 years old, and had missed the bus to school. His mother, Betty Mae Jumper, knew education was important so she told him "you're going to school."

Jumper said to his mother "but I can't go to school there is no way to go." Jumper's mother Betty Mae said "your going to school," as she tried to start their old pickup truck, but it wouldn't start.

Betty Mae told Moses, "go get your bike, you are going to school." She made Moses get on the handlebars and she peddled him to Hwy 441, where they meet a friend that took Moses Jumper the rest of the way to school.

Moses Jumper said he appreci-

ates now what his mother did, making him go to school because he would have missed out on playing football and a lot of other things.

Speaker Moses Jumper introduced Paul Buster, song writer and singer, who entertained the students and teachers with a song about a young boy looking for turtles. Every day, the young boy would go out looking for turtles, but could not find any. So he would sing a song to the turtles, and the turtles would come out and dance while he sang. Buster also sang "Seminole Wind" by John Anderson.

Buster Baxley arranged an alligator wrestling show for the guests. This was followed by the traditional Seminole step dance, led by Victor Billie, with the young Seminole men singing and young girls, in traditional clothes, wearing shakers on their ankles.

The friendship dance was next, as students the teachers were invited to get up, hold hands and join in the singing while walking around and around in a large circle.

The dining tables were decorated with a traditional Seminole doll and patchwork potholder; which was given away to the lucky persons who had a red sticker under their chair and a number that matched.

At the Okalee Village culture camp, the Seminole women from the Culture Department (Lorene Gopher and staff, Paul Buster, Victor Billie, Buster Baxley, Master of Ceremony Moses Jumper, and organizers PAC president Virginia Osceola, Vice-President Melissa DeMayo, Secretary Virginia Mitchell, Allison Osceola and Eteau Osceola.

Walk

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advocating for these issues.

However, Singer wanted to cast light on one particular problem: the "double-jeopardy" that Native Americans face.

"We're kind of left behind, because veterans organizations assume Tribal veterans are taken care of because they live on reservations and have access to government funding," said Singer, "But, the funds are too low for many Tribes. So there are no outreach program or veterans services office."

"We're stuck in the middle, as veterans, between the red tape of the Tribal and federal governments."

The ultimate goal is to establish Nov. 7 as a national holiday for Native American Veterans.

"November is Native American

Heritage month and the number 7 is sacred to many tribes," said Singer, "At the end of the walk we held the ceremony on Nov. 7 at which we made seven stops beginning at the Pentagon and ending at the Vietnam Memorial."

The Walk With the Warriors Inc. is in the process of finding a lobbyist to spearhead the effort to designate a Native American Veteran holiday, and it will begin in earnest when the incoming Congressmen and Senators are settled in Washington in early 2003.

Singer, who went to Chilocco school from 1963-66 with Cypress and Timmy Johns, also sought to receive a resolution stating the tribe's support for the legislative campaign.

"Once we get resolutions from different tribes and organizations, we will present these things to the Congress, Native American Senators, and the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs," said Singer.

Dear Communications staff,
I received this item through e-mail that I would like to share with the Tribal members.

Steven Bowers

*"It is the soldier, not the reporter, Who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the soldier, not the poet, Who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, Who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.
It is the soldier, Who salutes the flag, Who serves beneath the flag, And whose coffin is draped by the flag, Who allows the protestor to burn the flag."*

Father Denis Edward O'Brien, USMC

Some veterans bear visible signs of their service: a missing limb, a jagged scar, a certain look in the eye.

Others may carry the evidence inside them: a pin holding a bone together, a piece of shrapnel in the leg - or perhaps another sort of inner steel: the soul's alloy forged in the refinery of adversity.

Except in parades, however, the men and women who have kept America safe wear no badge or emblem.

You can't tell a vet just by looking.

*What is a vet?
He is the old guy bagging groceries at the supermarket - palsied now and aggravatingly slow - who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and who wishes all day long that his wife were still alive to hold him when the nightmares come.*

He is the Drill Instructor who has never seen combat - but has saved countless lives by turning slouchy, no-account red-necks and gang members into Marines, and teaching them to watch each other's backs.

He is the three anonymous heroes in The Tomb Of The Unknowns, whose presence at the Arlington National

Cemetery must forever preserve the memory of all the anonymous heroes whose valor dies unrecognized with them on the battlefield or in the ocean's sunless deep.

He is the POW who went away one person and came back another - or didn't come back AT ALL.

He is the "parade-riding" Legionnaire who pins on his ribbons and medals with a prosthetic hand.

She - or he - is the nurse who fought against futility and went to sleep sobbing every night for two solid years in Da Nang.

He is the career quartermaster who watches the ribbons and medals pass him by.

He is the barroom loudmouth, dumber than five wooden planks, whose overgrown frat-boy behavior is outweighed a hundred times in the cosmic scales by four hours of exquisite bravery near the 38th parallel.

He is the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia thewearing two gallons a day making sure the armored personnel carriers didn't run out of fuel.

He is an ordinary and yet an extraordinary human being - a person who offered some of his life's most vital years in the service of his country, and who sacrificed his ambitions so others would not have to sacrifice theirs.

He is a soldier and a savior and a sword against the darkness, and he is nothing more than the finest, greatest testimony on behalf of the finest, greatest nation ever known.

So remember, each time you see someone who has served our country, just lean over and say "Thank You".

That's all most of them need, and in most cases it will mean more than any medals they could have been or were awarded.

*November 11th is Veterans Day!
Now you know!*

Meet Corporal Gary Austin Of Immokalee

By Paula Cassels
IMMOKALEE — Meet Corporal Gary Austin. His training started in 1985 at the Police Auxiliary, and later trained at Southwest Florida Criminal Justice Academy (Full Time Officer) in Fort Myers.

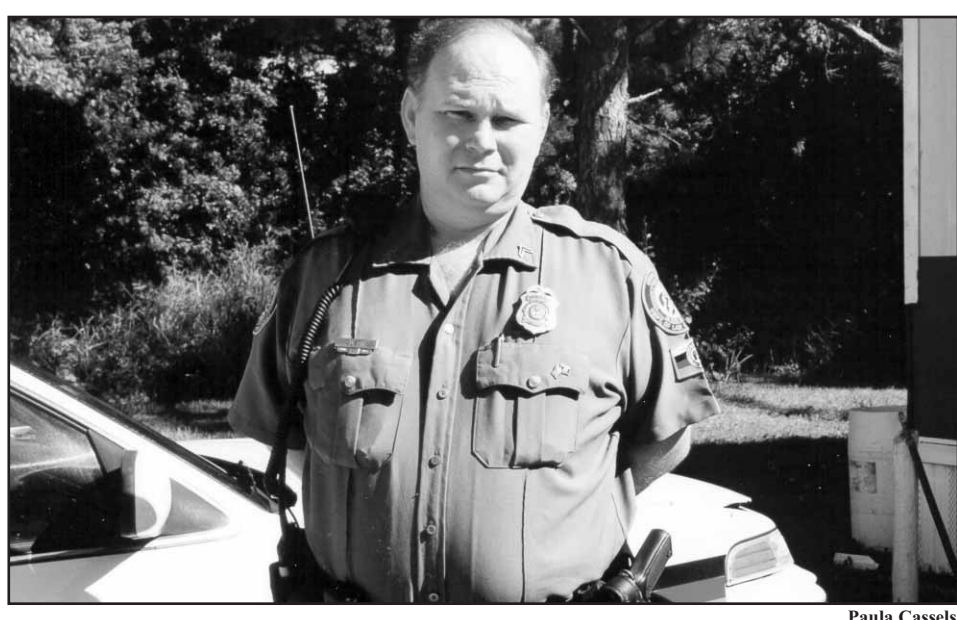
Austin is originally from Clewiston and worked with the Clewiston Police Department for 11 1/2 years.

Austin moved away for a year or so and came back three years ago. At that time, Austin started working for the Seminole Police Department of Law Enforcement in Big Cypress Reservation.

He patrolled the Big Cypress Reservation as well as in the Coconut Creek area for about a year. Later, Austin was promoted to Corporal and transferred to the Immokalee Reservation, where he has been for the last two years.

Corporal Austin provides excellent service to the community by making sergeant supervisor decisions about problems that occur in the Immokalee Casino or on the road in the community.

Austin fills out reports and has supervisor duty in the office, as well as helping out on the road. He says that he likes helping the citizens of Immokalee,



Paula Cassels

Corporal Gary Austin of Immokalee

no matter how big or small the problems.

Austin currently resides in Fort Myers, and, when he can find the time, enjoys scuba diving, reading and writing

short stories about the younger generation.

We are glad to have you with us, Corporal Gary Austin.



Elrod Bowers

Vincent Micco tees off at the Nov. 9 Veterans Day Tournament.

Veteran's Day Golf Tournament

BONAVENTURE — A number of Tribal Veterans, members and employees showed up at the Bonaventure Golf Club for the Nov. 9 Veteran's Day Golf Tournament.

A slightly different format, splitting the men into A and B flights, gave players of all skill levels a shot at the money.

The Veteran's Day Golf Tournament was sponsored by the President's Office and Hollywood Recreation.

Men's A Flight

Net- 1) (72) Jerry Ordis 2) (74) Dino Rolin 3) (74) Charlie Cypress **Gross-** 1) (73) Jeremy Harrison 2) (76) Jason Ray 3) (81) Willie Ray 4) (94) Mitch Osceola

Men's B Flight

Net- 1) (77) Marcy Osceola 2) (85) Elrod Bowers 3) (89) Mondo Tiger **Gross-** 1) (92) Salaw Hummingbird 2) (100) Maxie Tommie 3) (114) Bobby Frank 4) (115) Cicero Osceola

Men's Senior- 1) (94) Max Osceola, Jr. 2) (94) George Grasshopper 3) (97) Leroy King 4) (115) Moses Jumper, Jr.

Ladies Regular- 1) (102) Dorian Lange 2) (117) Linda Tommie

Ladies Senior- 1) (119) Scarlett Young.

Closest To Pin

#3- Jeremy Harrison, Max Osceola, Jr. **#6-** Marcy Osceola, Moses Jumper, Jr. **#12-** Jerry Ordis, Leroy King **#17-** Jason Ray, Scarlett Young

Longest Drive- Jerry Ordis, George Grasshopper, Scarlett Young
Most Honest Score- Don Osceola

1st Annual Waylon Huff-Corey Jumper Memorial

By Paula Cassels
OKEECHOBEE — On Nov. 3, the Stardust Lanes hosted the 1st Annual Waylon Huff and Corey Jumper Memorial Bowling Tournament.

Outside, Brighton Councilman John Wayne Huff and Frank Huff were busy cooking BBQ ribs outside for the event. Inside, the Seminole bowlers were enjoying sweet tea, potato salad, corn on the cob, and a large cake, which read 1st Annual Waylon Huff & Corey Frank Memorial Bowling Tournament.

Participants received sports towels and T-shirts for bowling. Right away, Crystal Huff Smith started calling the numbers for the door prizes.

Great prizes were given away: a 12 lb. bowling ball, sports towels, grip bags, traditional wallets, DVDS, a stereo radio, bowling ball bags, \$50.00 dollar gift certificates to Red Lobster or Chili, a young girl's traditional dress, plastic bowling ball banks with \$20.00 dollars in them.

Edna Tommie donated a backpack, Indian dress and beaded purse. Leona Smith donated a patchwork purse and patchwork apron. Alfreda Musket donated a very nice orange blanket.

108 bowlers attended the tournament, competing for cash prizes and there were almost as many spectators, family and friends.

Patricia Wilcox had the highest score of 225 in 3-6-9, and Denise Morin & Hyde Gopher had the highest score of 488 in the No Tap.

The 1st Annual Waylon Huff & Corey Jumper Memorial Bowling Tournament was sponsored by Tribal Councilman John Wayne Huff and the Brighton Recreation Department.

Bowling Results:

	Regular	
1. Valerie Holata / Danny Tommie	416	
2. Donna Turtle / Chares Osceola	413	
3. Robin Osceola / Hyde Gopher	398	
4. Patricia Wilcox / Blake Osceola	378	
5. Mahala Madrigal / John Madrigal	376	
6. Mabel Osceola / Ronnie Doctor	370	
7. Crystal Smith / Jamie Smith	369	

8. Rose Jones / Parker Osceola	365
9. Trisha Osceola / Marcy Osceola	361
10. Mary Wilcox / Damon Wilcox	358

	3-6-9	
1. Denise Morin / Michael Micco	514	
2. Brett Osceola / Maxie Tommie	425	
3. Diane Snow / John Madrigal	424	
4. Mary Bowers / Ronnie Doctor	423	
5/6. Edna Bowers / Leon Wilcox	Tie/411	
5/6. Trisha Osceola / Amos Billie	Tie/411	
7. Jackie Thompson / Gary Sampson	403	
8. Alfreda Musket / Eric Osceola	401	
9./10. Angela Tommie / Kevin Tommie	Tie/399	
9./10. Judy Jones / Merle Billie	Tie/399	

	No Tap	
1. Denise Morin / Hyde Gopher	488	
2. Nadine Tommie / Marcy Osceola	483	
3. Valerie Holata / Albert Snow	482	
4. Wendy Juarez / Danny Tommie	463	
5. Ruby Osceola / John Madrigal	439	
6. Dawn Fertitta / Leon Wilcox	438	
7. Linda Tommie / Joe Osceola	434	
8. Mary Wilcox / Dwayne Billie	430	
9. Mary Bowers / Jwoey Micco	417	
10. Patricia Wilcox / Earl Taylor	410	

	Regular	
1. Brande Clay / Leon Wilcox	414	
2. Valerie Holata / Milo Osceola	405	
3. Patricia Wilcox / Billy Bailey	391	
4. Wendy Juarez / Rudy Juarez	381	
5. Mary Bowers / Maxie Tommie	377	
6./7. Tommie Micco / Archie Johns	Tie 368	
6./7. Rosetta Bowers / Merle Billie	Tie 368	
8. Amanda Smith / Danny Tommie	360	
9. Michelle Osceola / Blake Osceola	355	
10. Trisha Osceola / Moke Osceola	350	

Elizabeth Frank Meets Ex-Marlins Catcher



Colorado Rockies Catcher Charles Johnson visited Elizabeth Frank during her unfortunate stay at Joe DiMaggio's Children Hospital.

Football

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back and fullback. Smith says he still has his football helmet.

Smith said that when the Terriers played Okeechobee in 1965, he sprained his ankle, but stayed on the field with the team to play the last game of the season.

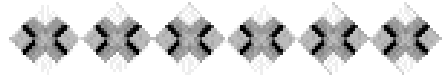
Willie Johns, who played guard, said he played Jr. Varsity Football in 1967, and his team won the Caloosa Conference Championship and State runner-ups in 1968.

Johns, whose team number was 66, recalled a game against Hasting Florida. It was a real tough game, neck and neck, when the Terriers called a G24 Power, where Johns would pull around to the right side and clear the way for the running back, who was George Baylom.

"When I hit the hole, the running back drove over me and fell into the end zone and made the winning touchdown, ending the score 14-10," said Johns.

Billie Joe Johns said he played Varsity Football from 1967-68. Johns, whose team number was 13, played running back.

That night, the Seminole seniors shared their stories and wore their Caloosa Conference Championship Jackets. Later, all of the former Terriers received certificates of appreciation.



Immokalee Senior Nutrition Meeting

Submitted by **Billie Napper, Family Services**

FORT MYERS — The monthly Immokalee Senior Nutrition Meeting was held on Oct. 29 at the Sweet Tomatoes restaurant. The topic of discussion was making healthy selections when eating at a buffet style restaurant.

The small group allowed time for the nutritionist, Jeanne Hatfield, to interact with each senior individually and to identify the healthier foods in each category on the various buffets.

Seniors who attended the luncheon were Mary Sanchez, Nancy Garza, Elizabeth Olea and Nellie Bain.

The Immokalee Seniors have been meeting monthly for five months with Jeanne Hatfield and Deb Hamilton, Health Educator, to discuss healthy eating.

During these meetings, Jeanne has demonstrated preparation of various dishes using low-fat, low-sugar, low-sodium foods. The seniors enjoy the meetings and are working to improve their diets.



Immokalee Seniors and Health Staff met at Sweet Tomatoes for the Senior Nutrition meeting.

Holiday Eating: A Matter Of Moderation And Balance

By **Kenny Bayon, C.F.T.**

The holidays are here, and with them come enough a lifetime, and food is one of the pleasures of parties, holiday festivities and other social gatherings.

Just because you're trying to eat healthy doesn't mean you need to avoid celebrations or accept a few extra "party" pounds. All foods -- even traditional holiday treats -- can fit into a healthful eating plan for the calorie conscious. The secret is moderation and balance.

Whether watching a football game on television, meeting friends at a party or going shopping, here are some tips for eating well and enjoying foods this holiday season:

***Be realistic.** Don't try to lose weight during the holidays -- this may be a self-defeating goal. Instead, strive to maintain your weight by balancing party eating with other meals.

Eat small lower-calorie meals during the day so you can enjoy celebration foods without overdoing your calorie intake for the day.

***Take the edge off your hunger** before a party. Feeling hungry can sabotage even the strongest willpower, so eat a small, low-fat snack, such as fruit or a bagel, before you head out the door.

This will help you avoid rushing to the buffet table when you arrive at a party. While you're there, take time to greet people you know -- conversation is calorie free!

Get a beverage, and settle into the festivities before eating. Try sparkling water and a lime twist rather than wine, champagne or a mixed drink. Sparkling water doesn't supply calories.

***Don't abandon your regular workout schedule.** Yeah, you're busy. That's no excuse -- the best way to keep from gaining weight during the holidays is to maintain your exercise routine, says Dr. Cheryl Norton, an exercise physiologist and professor at Metropolitan State College of Denver. Even if you can't keep to your regular schedule, some exercise is worth better than none.

"When you exercise, you're using calories at a much higher rate than if you're sitting around," says Norton. "Exercise is very metabolically active and creates heat. Because of its thermodynamic effect, you'll actually be burning more calories even after exercise than if you'd done nothing."

No, you won't burn off your Thanksgiving dinner on the treadmill that night, but you will dampen its effect. Best of all, research suggests that regular exercise may help moderate your appetite so that you actually eat less than the average couch potato just one trip to the party buffet.

And be selective! Choose only the foods you really want to eat and keep portions small. Often just a taste satisfies a craving or curiosity.

Also, move your socializing away from the buffet table, this will eliminate unconscious nibbling.

***Choose lower-calorie party foods.** Choose vegetables with a small amount of dip -- just enough to coat the end of the vegetable is a good choice.

Try boiled shrimp or scallops with cocktail sauce or lemon. Go easy on fried appetizers and cheese cubes. To help ensure there will be healthful treats, bring a dish to the party filled with raw vegetables with a yogurt or cottage cheese dip, or bring a platter of fresh fruit.

***Enjoying a sit-down dinner**

party? Make your first helping small. That way, if your host or hostess expects you to take seconds, the total amount will be about the same as a normal-size portion.

The most important thing about holiday eating is to forget the all-or-nothing mindset. Depriving yourself of special holiday foods, or feeling guilty when you do enjoy them, isn't part of a healthy eating strategy, and it's certainly not part of the holiday spirit!

Don't tell anyone you are "dieting" and watching your fat intake. It encourages people to pressure you to slip "just this once".

If your host is insistent that you eat something, try sounding like a broken record. Smile and say "No thanks, I'd spoil it if I had another bite." There's no need to explain, just smile.

Another technique is to say, "I'll skip the second helping (or dessert), but I'd love a cup of coffee."

More Eating Strategies
***Don't skip meals.** You'll be more likely to binge when you finally do eat. Eat a light breakfast and lunch before holiday dinners. Have a glass of skim milk and fruit before you leave for a party. This 200 calorie investment can keep you from swallowing extra calories.

***Eat selectively.** Don't deprive yourself of your favorite holiday goodie. Take a small helping and savor every bite. And don't feel guilty.

***Take a half serving of foods** you really enjoy. (Do you really want a serving of macaroni salad? Save those fat grams and calories for something you really like.)

***Eat slowly.** Take small bites. Put your fork down between bites. Food is only enjoyed for the five seconds it is on the tongue; once it is down the throat there's no enjoyment in it.

***Be careful of alcohol.** It packs a lot of calories and can weaken your determination to resist food temptations. Not to mention its bad for you in the first place.

***Don't socialize around the snack table.** Move away from the food and get involved in conversation and activities.

***If you enjoy baking for the holidays,** save a few baked goods for your family and give the rest away.

***Like to bake cookies?** Bake and decorate nonedible cookies to use as decorations or gifts.

***Look for new recipes.** Find one or two low fat and low calorie recipes that your family enjoys. Take these to covered dish dinners and you'll know there is something there that fits your eating plan.

***Chew sugarless gum** while preparing food or clearing the table so you won't be tempted to snack.

***Let guests take home leftovers.** Purchase heavy duty paper plates and plastic wrap and let guests fix a plate to take home. Or freeze leftovers in single sized portions for a quick meal after the holidays.

***Share food gifts.** Cookies, candy, and cake can be your contribution to a covered dish meal without the hassle of baking it yourself. You can enjoy a taste without being tempted to finish up the "last little bit."

Please remember, this is the special time of year to enjoy with family, friends and co-workers. A celebration of life that should be enjoyed everyday. It is very important that everyone is safe and healthy. So have an enjoy the holidays to its fullest.

Feel free to email at **KBAY07@aol.com** for any questions or comments.



Pounds Drop During The Fall Weight Loss Contest

HOLLYWOOD — On Sept. 10, Tribal members and Tribal employees weighed in at the Hollywood gym to begin the Seminole Weight Loss Contest in hopes to shed a few pounds for the winter.

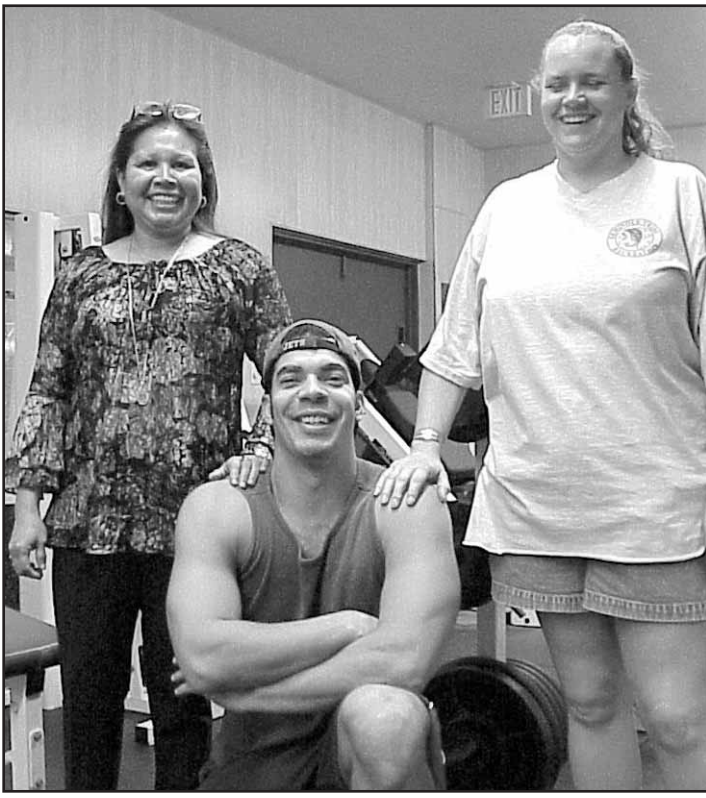
On Nov. 19, after two horrible, grueling months of eating healthy and exercising, the contestants returned to the Hollywood Gym to be weighed out by fitness trainer Kenny Bayon between 7:00 a.m. and noon.

A delicious meal from Chicken Kitchen was served to the weight loss participants at the luncheon and award ceremony.

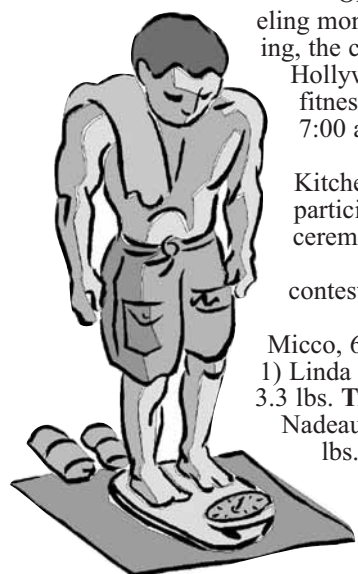
The winners to the weight loss contest are as follows:

- Tribal Men:** 1) Joey Micco, 6.1 lbs. **Tribal Member Women:** 1) Linda Jim, 13.1 lbs. 2) Reina Micco, 3.3 lbs. **Tribal Employees Men:** 1) Mike Nadeau, 16.9 lbs 2) Jamie Restrepo, 11.4 lbs. 3) Jeremy Harrison, 10.9 lbs.

- Tribal Employees Women:** 1) Kristen Duda, 22.1 lbs. 2) Angelle Jeffers, 12.9 lbs. 3) Michelle Riggs, 11.9 lbs.



First place winners: Linda Jim Tribal Member division and Kristin Duda Tribal Employee stand with trainer Kenny Bayon.



HHS Expands Information For American Indians And Alaska Natives On Consumer-Oriented Healthfinder® Web Site

In recognition of National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month, HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson launched a new resource section on the department's healthfinder® Web site devoted to these communities.

Available at <http://www.healthfinder.gov/justforyou/>, the easy-to-use consumer resource provides a central point for up-to-date health information of special interest to American Indians and Alaska Natives.

"American Indians and Alaska Natives are affected disproportionately by diabetes, tuberculosis, injuries, and other serious health problems. By providing resources especially selected for these populations, with their input, we have designed a gateway to help them learn about preventing and treating illness and developing a healthy lifestyle," Secretary Thompson said.

According to the 2000 census, over 4 million Americans self-identify as American Indians and Alaska Natives. The special healthfinder® section highlights more than 20 of the most important topics of interest for these populations, based on discussions with American Indian and Alaska Native community leaders, patients, and students.

In addition to specific wellness and disease topics such as nutrition and diabetes, these include elder care and traditional healing. Over 170 topics are available in total in the section for American Indians and Alaska Natives. The full healthfinder® site brings together information on over 1100 topics from over 1700 government agencies and non-profit organizations.

Dr. Charles Grim, the interim director of the Indian Health Service, "Healthfinder® is an excellent Web-based

resource that our providers and community health representatives can use in our remote and isolated locations. Our families with Internet access in these communities can also benefit from the useful information it provides. Access to information is an invaluable tool for disease prevention and treatment as well as wellness."

Healthfinder® is spearheaded by the HHS Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP). ODPHP partnered with the Indian Health Service; the department's Office of Minority Health; the American Public Health Association's American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian Caucus; and the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution, to improve health information for American Indians and Alaska Natives on Healthfinder®.

Hollywood Citizens Light The Night

HOLLYWOOD — On the evening of Nov. 19, 50 tribal citizens and employees gathered at the parking lot of the Hollywood gymnasium to participate in the Light the Night Event.

The yearly event is a walk to recognize National Diabetes Month. Diabetes is a disease that has touched the lives of many Seminole citizens. The Health Department and the Recreation Department coordinated the event.

This is the second year for this walk. The route went through the reservation and part of non-reservation land. Participants were instructed to walk the route and meet back at the basketball court. Once everyone had returned, they would release balloons and eat dinner.

The event was to raise diabetes awareness and to let everyone know that there is a fight to combat the disease and this walk would help to do this.

Due to the tremendous turnout, Light the Night will become a yearly event, so look out for any announcements during National Diabetes Month.



Light the Night participants get ready for the walk!

Holiday Meals Go Lean

Holiday meal — or almost any meal — may be modified to lower the calories and the fat content. Often the differences go almost unnoticed. Compare this traditional menu with its leaner version.

- ORIGINAL MENU**
 3 oz. skinless roast duck breast
 ½ cup stuffing
 ½ cup broccoli with 2 Tbsp. hollandaise sauce
 ¼ cup cranberry relish
 1 medium crescent roll
 1 slice pecan pie
Total calories: 1,320
Total fat: 70 grams

- LEANER MENU**
 3 oz. skinless roast turkey
 ½ cup wild rice pilaf
 ½ cup broccoli with lemon juice
 ¼ cup cranberry relish
 1 fresh whole-grain roll
 1 slice pumpkin pie
Total calories: 805
Total fat: 20 grams

Brighton Halloween Carnival Results

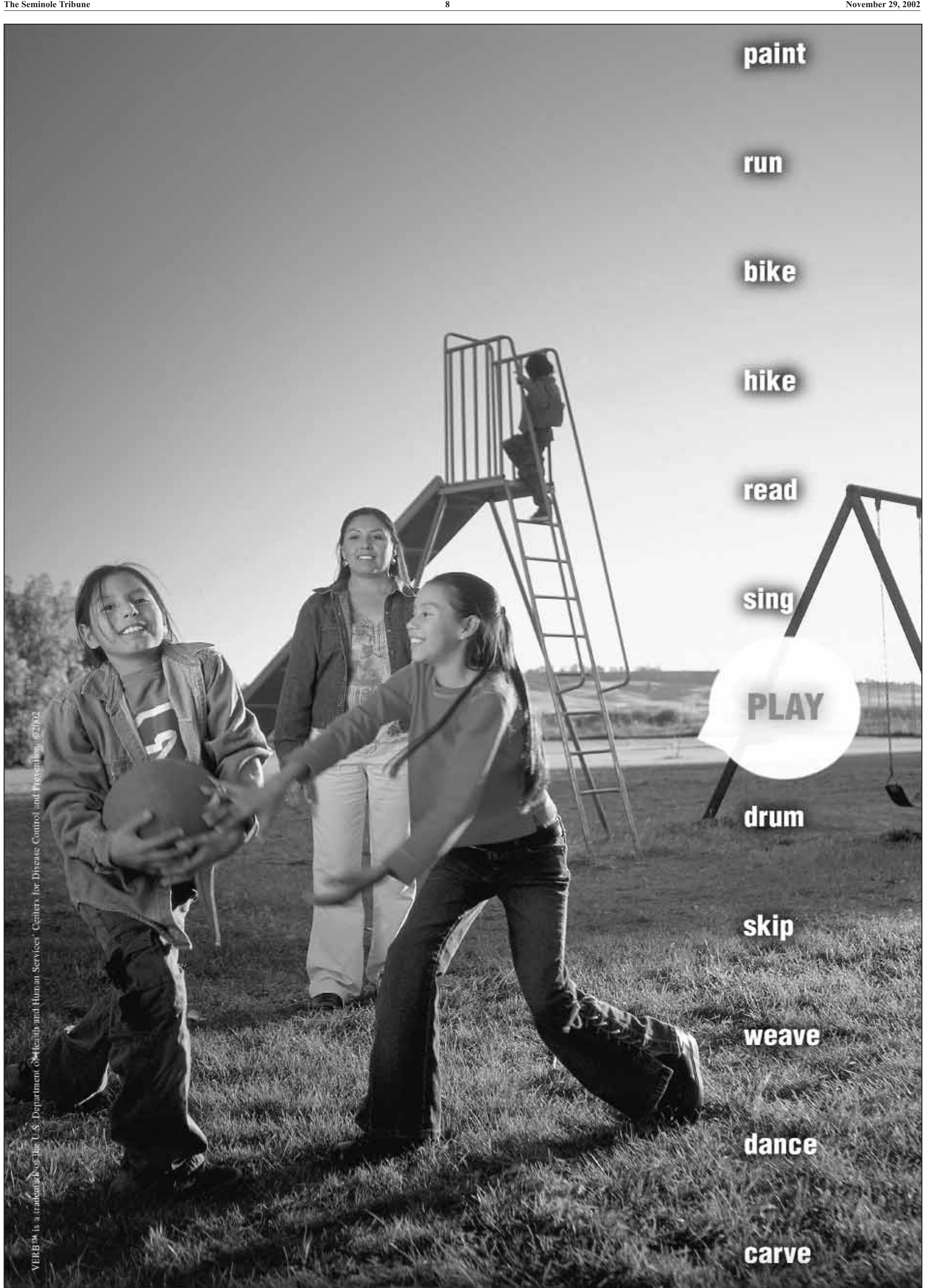
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| Red Ribbon Poster Contest Winners | 4. Stevie Brantley |
| K-2nd Grade | 5. Brantley Osceola |
| Consolation | 6th-8th Grade |
| 1. Desire Snow, Erena Billie | Consolation |
| 2. Deliah Carrillo, Brianna Nunez | 1. Kerwin Miller, |
| 3. Mc Kayla Snow, Wade Micco | Courtney Marker |
| 4. Delaney Osceola | 2. Heather Peterson, Pierson |
| 5. Destiny Nunez | Hunsinger |
| 3rd-5th Grade | 3. Mary Huff |
| Consolation | 4. Jennifer Chalfant |
| 1. Alissa Buster, Justin Chalfant | 5. Codene Jumper |
| 2. Cameron Doctor, Ravenne Osceola | |
| 3. Britney Buster | 9th-12th Grade |
| | No Entries |

32nd Annual Seminole Tribal Fair Fine Arts Contest

Feb. 6-9, 2003
 Deadline will be Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. (Absolutely No Late Entries Will Be Accepted)
 Native American Themes
 Categories
 Adults (18 & Over)-3 Places - Acrylic, Pen & Ink, Photography, Mixed Media, Pencil, Oil and Watercolor
 Ages 10-17: 5 Places - Pen & Ink, Oil, Watercolor, Pencil, Acrylic, Mixed Media and Photography
 Ages 6-9: 5 Places - Mixed Media, Pencil
 Submit Entries to...
 Hollywood Museum - Peggy Osceola
 Big Cypress Family Investment Center - Tisha Walker
 Brighton Field Office - Chairman's Office
 Immokalee Field Office - Elaine or Sheila
 Tampa Field Office - Richard Henry
 Non-Residents or For More Information: Contact Judy Jones at the Tribal Office, 1-800-683-7600 or (954) 966-6300, Ext. 1312.

Immokalee Halloween Costume Contest Results

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 0-3 Years- | 2) Lourdes |
| 1) K.J. Davis | 3) Tommy Benson |
| 19-54 Years | |
| 1) Fonsy Alvarado | |
| 2) Frankie Delarosa | |
| 3) Ray Yzaguirre III | |
| 55 & Over | |
| 1) Nancy Motlow | |
| 2) Mary Sanchez | |
| 3) Tommie Jumper | |
| Pumpkin Contest | |
| 1) Alexis Martin | |
| 2) Nikki Davis | |
| 3) Bonnie Davis | |
| 9-12 Year | |
| 1) Allen Hernandez | |
| 2) Cristian Benson | |
| 3) Danny Billie | |
| 13-18 Years | |
| 1) Homer Villarreal | |



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When I Wake Up Christmas Morning...

By Elrod Bowers

So your loved ones have been productive members of society this year and expect their just rewards this holiday season. Here are a couple of suggestions for the shutterbugs in your family:

Stutterbugs in your family:

Film. (\$25-50) Buy some professional film for your special photographer. Film is like buying golf balls for the golfer or a Barnes & Noble gift certificate for the bookworm, there's a 100% chance they will be used and appreciated.

The easiest way is to buy film in "propacks," that is, a box of five rolls. Good color film for taking portraits are the Kodak Portra films and Fuji NPH. For black & white enthusiasts, Kodak Tri-X and Plus-X are excellent. Slide film users will appreciate Fuji Astia and RDP III (Provia) for portraits and fashion shots, Fuji Velvia for lush, green landscape shots, and Kodak 100SW for awesome yellows and reds.

Monopods and junior tripods. (\$30-125) Junior tripods can support smaller cameras. Monopods are very handy, think of sideline photographers at sports events, they all use monopods to support those huge zoom lenses.

Monopods come in 3 or 4 sections and can help you set up in areas where a full tripod won't fit, such as when you're sitting watching your child's school recital. Bogen-Manfrotto or Gitzo tripods are recommended.

Backpacks, Bags and Cases.

(\$60-250) Photographers and camera bags are just like women and purses, they want a different one for each and every occasion.

Notice that I said "want" but it's as close to a "need" as you can get. I have six, and that's nothing compared to most photographers.

The bag can be geared to the photographer's work or assignment. If he has a digital camera, a bag that can fit his camera and laptop would be a great gift.

If she has a medium or large format camera, there are bags specifically designed for these bigger cameras. If he travels a lot, there are nice, airtight cases on the market.

If she likes a hot pink or lime green camera bag (like our editor-in-chief), Lowepro makes very good camera bags in these colors also.

There are many good brands, among them are Domke, Tamrac, Lightware, and Lowepro.

One good rule of thumb for bags that will carry a large amount of equipment is to make sure that the strip of nylon where the shoulder straps hook onto the bag is one long continuous piece that circles under the bag.

This, as opposed to a nylon square stitched onto the each side of the bag, ensures that there is no ripping or wear over time as you carry heavy equipment. This long strip of nylon also helps make sure that the bag doesn't sag in the middle.

Software. What? Software? Yes, no one can deny the advent of digital technology, especially when it comes to improving your pictures. The most important tool that many photographers use is Photoshop.

Buy it now, learn it, take classes if you need to. The color management tools within the latest version, Photoshop 7, will make people think that you are the next Ansel Adams. Caution, highly addictive.

Cameras. (\$150-infinity) Enough playing around, let's get to the gifts that have the potential to right the balance of the universe, yours at least. First, you must decide whether to buy a 35mm or digital camera. You will get great enlargements from 35mm negatives, but you will have the running cost of buying film and batteries.

Buying a digital camera will be an expensive purchase, because you have to buy the camera body, battery, battery charger, and digital storage card. Also, only the more expensive cameras will give you a decent size photo.

But, that said, if you make the purchase, you will not have to buy batteries and film anymore, because you will have a rechargeable battery and only have to empty the contents of the digital storage card into the computer. If you are an avid photographer, this alone will pay back the cost.

If you choose to buy a 35mm camera, you can always find a functional 35mm camera for at least \$150. However, these are manual cameras and require some knowledge of the relationship between f-stops and shutter speed.

If you want to get a 35mm camera with more bells and whistles, look into buying a camera kit that comes with the camera body, lens, strap and battery included.

However, for the MTV generation, digital cameras are the preferred gift. You can buy a Nikon Coolpix for around \$300. Canon Powershots can range from \$600-700.

For the more discriminating lot, the single lens reflex (SLR) digital cameras based on the Nikon F5 and the Canon EOS will start at \$2500 (for the EOS D-60) and up because these cameras have a 5-6 megapixel CCD.

SLR digitals are different from the average digital camera, because you can't use the digital screen to aim the camera, you must use the viewfinder, like a traditional camera.

For the gift-givers of Puff Daddy proportions, there is the Kodak DCS Pro 14n which has a 13.8 megapixel sensor. It can store a 41MB Tiff file, is quite honestly more camera than you and I will ever need, but who really cares about that? The DCS cameras are used by the big news services and magazines. This is one of those items that, if you have to ask how much it

costs, you can't afford it. All of this is just in time for a great event, the return of the **Seminole Tribune Photo Shootout.**

There will be more information in the next issue, but past participants will remember that it's for Tribal members only and there are portrait, sports and nature/wildlife categories. Seminole Tribe subject matter only

So, charge up your camera batteries and start reading your manuals and maybe you'll win back the cost of your new toy. Good Luck!



Sideline photographers use monopods. Kneepads sold separately. Photo courtesy of Brad Mangin.



The Kodak DCS Pro 14n has a 13.8 million pixel sensor.

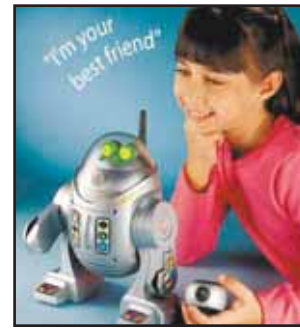
Holiday Gifts For The Tech Savvy

By Stephen Galla

The 2002 Holiday Shopping season is upon us. Out of ideas? Here are some suggestions for those that have it all.

Gifts under \$100

RoboCub Walking Talking Robot (\$39.95 - www.thesharperimage.com) - Who couldn't use a robot? It walks, talks and sings. It can spout dozens of random phrases while its eyes and mouth light up with colorful LED's. Movable arms and hands can hold small toys.



Brunton Outback Digital Compass (\$69.88 - www.amazon.com) - For the directionally challenged. Store courses, pre-planned routes, and bearing points. Heading is displayed in digits and on the compass face.

Also features a clock, timer, backlight, and up to 200 hours of battery life.



Remote Controlled Flying Saucer (\$69.99 - www.thinkgeek.com) - Somebody call Mulder and Scully! This flying saucer is quiet in operation, making it easy to sneak up on your fellow co-workers. Take off and land vertically, spin in place, and fly in all directions.

Fly up to four ships at once. (Batteries and Helium are not included.)

Timex Internet Messenger Sport Watch (\$99.99 - www.amazon.com) - What's the time? This watch almost has it all. It combines a splash-resistant Ironman Triathlon sports watch with a Motorola text and numeric pager.

It contains all the typical sports watch features, such as a stopwatch and countdown timer, along with the ability to receive mobile alerts from Yahoo.

Also features FLETime, automatically adjusting your time as you travel.

X-10 Home Automation Kit (\$99.99 - www.thinkgeek.com) - Meet George Jetson. This kit allows you to automate lights and appliances. Includes a keychain remote that can be used to activate programmed commands from your car as you arrive home.

This kit also includes a computer interface, allowing you to send signals to the X-10 modules from your PC. You can control up to 256 additional modules, giving you total control over everything in your home or office.

Gifts over \$100

Targus Biometric Authenticator (\$119 - www.thinkgeek.com) - Your fingerprint is your password. Connect this to your USB port on your PC and install the included SecureSuite software and you replace all of your passwords with biometric authentication.



You can secure access to your PC, individual applications or secure websites. It also includes a 2-port USB hub so you don't lose a port.

Bushnell Speedster Radar Gun (\$179.99 - www.amazon.com) - Geared towards sports enthusiasts, it can track the speed of everything from pitching speeds, tennis serves, and downhill skiers to race cars. It can measure the speed of a racecar from 6 to 200 mph at over 1,300 feet away. The accuracy is within 1 mph.

Roomba

Floor Vac Robot (\$199.95 - www.thesharperimage.com) - Got dirt? This robot vacuums automatically and without cords. It can navigate around obstacles protected by its bumper and guided by infrared sensors.



Logitech iO Personal Digital Pen (\$199.99 - www.amazon.com) - The write everything. This ball-point pen can capture everything you write or draw digitally. A USB cradle allows you to download your notes to your PC.

Oregon Scientific Cable Free Weather Station (\$399.99 - www.oregonscientific.com) - Be your own weather forecaster. Wireless sensors operate on solar power. Comes equipped with every sensor necessary to measure temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed and direction, and rainfall.

The touchscreen basestation is perfect for desktop or wall-mount use.

Budget busters

Cappuccino TX-3 Mini-PC (\$949 - www.thinkgeek.com) - Loaded with caffeine. Boasting a 1.2 Ghz Pentium 3, 512MB of RAM, a 30GB hard drive and a CD-ROM drive, this is a pretty powerful little box.

It also features FireWire support so you can quickly transfer video from your camcorder or other high-bandwidth peripherals. It can be upgraded to a DVD/CD-RW combo drive.



Garmin Street Pilot III GPS (\$999.99 - www.thinkgeek.com) - A portable automotive GPS navigation system with electronic map capabilities. Also features turn-by-turn navigation and voice prompting.

Night Shadow II Smart Bi-Ocular (\$1,295.95 - www.thesharperimage.com) - See in total darkness. Perfect for camping, boating or home security. Features a powerful infrared illuminator and 5x magnification.

Kilburg GEOCHRON Global Time Indicator (\$1,969.95 - www.thesharperimage.com) - Displays time, day, date and duration of daylight and darkness everywhere in the world. Replicates the rotation of the Earth. Shows the exact portions of the Earth that are in daylight and those that are in darkness.

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www.holidays.net/christmas/								£	£	3	£	£
www.techdirect.com/christmas/	£	£	£			£	£	£		3	£	£
www.christmas-stories.com/						£	£	£	£	4	£	£
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Position still available *

Position: Snack Bar Cook/Cashier
Department: Indian Village
Position Opens: 10-21-02
Position Closes: 11-4-02
Salary: \$14,560.00 annually

Position: Asst. Network Administrator
Department: Information Systems
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with Benefits

Position: Sr. Network Administrator
Department: Information Systems
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with benefits

Position: Database Administrator
Department: Information Systems
Position Opens: 11-4-02
Position Closes: 11-18-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with benefits

Position: Claims Auditor
Department: Employee Benefits
Position Opens: 11-4-02
Position Closes: 11-18-02
Salary: \$29,120 annually w/benefits

Position: Counselor
Department: Health
Position Opens: 9-16-02
Position Closes: 9-30-02
Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Eligibility & Utilization Services Manager
Department: Health
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Gaming Compliance Coord.
Department: Gaming
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$45,000.00 with benefits

Position: Maintenance Mechanic (3)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-6-02

Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 20,800 – 29,120 annually with benefits.
* Position still available *

Position: Skilled Carpenter (3)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 29,120 – 33,280 annually with benefits.
* Position still available *

Position: Skilled Laborer (2)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 20,800 – 29,120 annually with benefits.
* Position Still Available*

Position: Maintenance Worker
Department: Building and Grounds
Position Opens: 9-30-02
Position Closes: 10-14-02
Salary: \$16,640.00 with benefits

Position: Snake Handler
Department: Okalee Village
Position Opens: 9-10-01
Position Closes: 9-24-01
Salary: \$20,800 with benefits

Position: Working Superintendent (2)
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$35,360 – 37,440 annually with benefits.
* Position still available *

BRIGHTON

Position: Foster Care Worker
Department: Health
Position Opens: 8/26/02
Position Closes: 9/9/02
Salary: \$ Negotiable w/benefits

Position: Surveillance Manager
Department: Gaming
Position Opens: 11-4-02
Position Closes: 11-18-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with benefits

Position: Lifeguard
Department: Recreation
Position Opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$21,840 annually with benefits

Position: Receptionist
Department: Utilities
Position Opens: 11-4-02
Position Closes: 11-18-02
Salary: \$18,720 annually w/benefits

Position: Maintenance Worker
Department: Recreation
Position Opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$16,640 annually with benefits

Position: Bus Monitor
Department: Education
Position Opens: 10-28-02
Position Closes: 11-11-02
Salary: \$ 8.00 per hour with benefits (30 hours/Week)

Position: Medical Assistant
Department: Health
Position Opens: 3-14-02
Position Closes: 3-28-02
Salary: \$ 20,800 annually with benefits.
* Position still available *

Position: Recreation Aide
Department: Recreation
Position Opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$13,520 - \$18,720 annually with benefits

BIG CYPRESS

Position: Admin Asst.
Department: Emergency Services
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$31,490.00 with benefits

Position: Curator of Education
Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum
Position Opens: 11-18-02
Position Closes: 12-02-02
Salary: \$23,920.00 w/benefits/with experience

Position: Admin. Asst.
Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.
Position Opens: 10-14-02
Position Closes: 10-28-02
Salary: \$17,992.00 annually with benefits

Position: Assistant Cook
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$18,700 with benefits

Position: Modernization Supervisor
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 9-30-02
Position Closes: 10-14-02
Salary: \$Negotiable w/ Experience w/benefits
* Position still available *

Position: Assistant Cook Mgr.
Department: Preschool
Position Opens: 10-7-02
Position Closes: 10-21-02
Salary: \$ 18,158 annually with benefits.
* Position still available*

Position: Guidance Counselor
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 9-3-02
Position Closes: 9-16-02
Salary: \$ Negotiable with experience with benefits.

Position: Physical Ed. /Health Teacher

Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 7-22-02
Position Closes: 8-5-02
Salary: \$Negotiable with Benefits
* Position still available*

Position: Secretary II
Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki, Development Office
Position Opens: 11-12-02
Position Closes: 11-25-02
Salary: \$25,000.00 annually with benefits

Position: Tour Guide
Department: Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum
Position Opens: 7-29-02
Position Closes: 8-12-02
Salary: \$15,184.00 w/benefits

Position: Varying Exceptionalities Teacher
Department: Ahfachkee School
Position Opens: 7-29-02
Position Closes: 8-12-02
Salary: Negotiable with experience with benefits.
Position still available

IMMOKALEE
Position: Foster Care Worker
Department: Health
Position Opens: 9-3-02
Position Closes: 9-16-02
Salary: \$ Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Maintenance Worker
Department: Recreation
Position Opens: 12-19-01
Position Closes: 1-2-02
Salary: \$ 14,500 with benefits.

Position: Operator Maint. Trainee
Department: Utilities
Position Opens: 6-6-02
Position Closes: 6-20-02
Salary: \$ 18,700 annually with benefits.

Position: Modernization Supervisor
Department: Housing
Position Opens: 9-30-02
Position Closes: 10-14-02
Salary: \$Negotiable w/ Experience w/benefits

Position: Video Programmer
Department: Broadcasting



Winter Ski Trip to Colorado

Ages: 8-17 years old
Any kids needed must:
be a Hollywood Tribal member
in school and passing
submit a 100 word essay

Essays should be turned in to Steve or Bo at Recreation by Dec. 20. Essays should be 100 words about which department is most important to the tribe and why.
16 winners will be picked, 8 winners will go on each trip.
There will be 2 trips: February & March.
Parents will be responsible for buying all winter clothing.
Parents must fill out and return permission slip and medical consent form.
There will be a head check for lice at the clinic 3 days before leaving on trip.
For more information, call Hollywood Recreation at (954) 989-9457.

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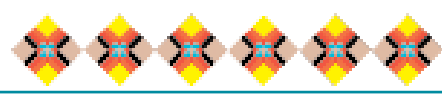
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Announcements



The Toney Brothers will be at the New Testament Baptist Church in Big Cypress Reservation on Dec. 6, 2002. The public is invited to come and hear some good gospel music. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. Oklahoma Seminole Rick Carpitcher is the pianist for the full-time gospel group. The New Battisti will open the program. No charge for the program, a love offering will be taken. For more

information, call Keeno at (863) 983-6348, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. On Dec. 1, Rev. John Shomo will be preaching at the New Testament Baptist Church. Faith, Hope, Love from Altus, OK; Master's Touch, from Oklahoma City; and the New Battisti will be singing that morning. Program starts at 10:00 a.m. The public is invited. Dinner will be served!

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Poetry

Pity, Pity, Patter

*Pity, pity, patter of my granddaughter
My heart is filled w/ joy
like a big glass of water*

*Early in the morning
she comes to my bed
She holds my hand and
says "wake up Grandpa sleepy head"*

*Her baby blue eyes
and her beautiful smile
No one can tell me there is no GOD
Because HE gave me a beautiful Grandchild*

*I thank GOD for each day
My baby and I sing Jesus Loves Me
We enjoy the sun and the rain
I enjoy my baby's pity, pity, patter immensely*

— Hemmungalaka-cowbone

Births



Gordon Anthony Jumper
Born June 5, 2002 10-1/2 pounds.
I love you baby, you're my little shining star.
Big Cypress Reservation, Panther Clan
Parents: **Carla Lena Cypress / Blue Jay Jumper**
Grandparents: **Billy & Carol Cypress** of Hollywood Rez.
Paternal: **Alan Jumper** and **Eva C. Billie** of Big Cypress and Hollywood Rez.



Anthony, Lariah, Ignacia and Ricky, ya'll kids make my world go round Dressed up or down Ya'll right in style Just chillin out or on the go... Ya'll will always be in my heart. I hope ya'll enjoy ya'lls b-day Happy birthday to **Anthony** Dec. 8, **Lariah** Nov 5, **Ignacia** Dec. 21, **Ricky** Dec. 11. Hope ya'll have lots of fun!!! Love **Mom (Tisha W.)** and the rest of the family.

Happy Birthday **Gregory Micheal Jumper**, I am very proud of you, and I love you very much. Be good and stay in school. Have a happy day! Nov. 21, 2002. Love you always, **Mom**.



For a special one year old. Twinkle, Twinkle Birthday star, What a special one you are! From rise and shine to jammie time, Hope you have a great kind of day! Happy first birthday to my big baby **Rickardo Troy Rodriguez**, who turns one on Dec. 11. Love **Mom (Tisha W.)**, **Dad (Ricky)**, your sisters **Trisha, Lariah, Ignacia**, your brothers **Anthony** and **Jr**.

Congratulations



Cuauhtemoc A. Yescas has been recognized for an A average in advance mathematics in the fifth grade by Indian Trace Elementary during the academic year 2001-2002. The Seminole Tribe's Hollywood Reservation also recognized he had an A average in academic subjects, and took advance math while in fifth grade during academic year 2001-2002. Of course, your mom and dad can recognize that you worked hard to earn an A average. We know you gave up your free time to put in extra effort. Congratulations from graduating from grade school. You did a great job! Love, **Mom & Dad (Deborah & Gato Yescas)**

Happy Birthday



Corinne Zepeda 11-24-97
"Happy Birthday"
To our little Ballerina



John Rhodes McKinley Osceola, Nov 9th. Happy 3rd Birthday to our little brother **Kowakkoche**. Be good. We love you sooooo much! Love, The Otter Gang **Meyante, Sheshe, Heneyoale, Melokmeche** and **Egoosh**

11-9, Happy Birthday to my itsty, bitsy, baby boy. Have a Happy Scooby Doo birthday. Love you always, **Grams Doris**

Big Doug and "Boy," Nov. '02. Have a good one on your birthdays. And many more! One Love, **Doris and Kids**

Nov. 22, To **Uncle Huey**, We love you so much! You're the bomb! "The Professor." Be good and have fun. From **Oppy, the Otter Gang, and the Mistress**.



*A birthday dedication to our daughter, Brittany Tatum Smith Yescas
Happy Birthday Pumpkin
She was born November 29, falling precisely on daylight,
Her face a perfect shape, her eyes sparkled like sunlight,
"Our little girl-- we quickly called her "Pumpkin,"
We knew we would love her always, no difference through thick or thin,
She has a pleasant nature much sweeter than spice,
She's grown up more beautiful, and is still awfully nice,
A special shout out to say, "Happy Birthday Pumpkin,"
Her birthday bringing happy cheers time and time again,
At three years old such a precious laughter,
She soon developed a talent for singing thereafter,
She excels in choruses with soprano as her voice in song,
Suffices to say, we could listen to her sing all night long,
Only seventeen years old and more refined,
A young yetketeshche woman with qualities intertwined.
Love always, mom and dad (Deborah and Gato Yescas)*



Robin Landin we all love you and are very grateful that you have been in our lives for 10 years and there will be many more to come. So have a Happy 10th Birthday! With love from **Grandpa, Mom, Doreen, Akol, Akira, Asiana** and **Brian**.



Ross Zepeda
Born: 8-5-99 Resides at Naples
Parents: **Brian and Laurel Zepeda**
Grandparent: **Wanda Zepeda**
Great, Grandparent: **Tahama Osceola**



Serena Zepeda
Born: 6-14-02
7 lbs. 19 1/2 inches
Born: North Collier Hospital, Naples.
Parents: **Brian and Laurel Zepeda**
Grandparents: **Wanda Zepeda**
Great, Grandparent: **Tahama Osceola**



"Happy Birthday"
Phyllis Maydell Osceola
To our little girl, We love you so much.
Mom & Dad

Happy Birthday **Gregory Micheal Jumper**. I am very proud of you, and I Love You very much. Be good and stay in school. Have a happy day! November 21, 2002
Love you always, **Mom**



Asiana Briana Billie - Time flies so fast. I remember when you were born, so in a hurry to get out you didn't wait for the doctor. Now you're even faster at growing up. Already putting on your own clothes and shoes so Mom and Dad don't have to get you ready for school. We all love you and **Happy 3rd Birthday**. Love **Mom, Dad, Akol** and **Akira**.



Happy Birthday to **Brett Green**, Nov. 24. From **Mom, Dad, Brothers, Grandma, Lisa, Quannah, Chesna** and **Josh**.

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Seminole Tribe Tourism Attends World Travel Market

By Alexandra Frank

LONDON, ENGLAND — What do Seminoles, Tourism, and the British have in common? The World Travel Market, a four-day event held Nov. 11-14 at the ExCel Exhibition Center in London.

The World Travel Market is the foremost worldwide event for the travel industry. The four-day event, usually held in November, is in its 23rd year. The event brings together over 5,000 of the world's leading travel and tourism companies from over 183 countries.

The Seminole Tribe had representation from two of its tourism venues, the Okalee Museum and the Billie Swamp Safari.

Tom Gallaher, Okalee Museum Development and Promotions Coordinator, Lucy Evanicki, Billie Swamp Safari Marketing Director and Mary Tigertail, Billie Swamp Safari Assistant Manager were on hand to promote the two venues, along with the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, the Coconut Creek Casino, the Hollywood Casino, and the future Hard Rock Hotel and Casino.



Mary stands under Union Jack while a rainbow hovers overhead.

Alexandra Frank

The display for the Seminole Tribe's Museum and Safari were set up with the Visit Greater Ft. Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau pavilions.

The Seminole Tribe's tourism venues have been touted by Visit Greater Ft. Lauderdale and Visit Florida FLAUSA calendar of events and pamphlets over the past several years.

Naturally, at London, all three organizations were set up near each other. I had a chance to speak with Nicki Grossman, President and CEO of the Greater Ft. Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Alex: How do you feel about tourism post 9/11?

Nicki: The fact is, we missed some of the business. There is no question that people have not made the decision to begin to travel like they did in the past. And, after 2000 and the beginning of 2001, we were doing record-breaking business and any loss of business is very painful for our industry.

Remarkably, Greater Ft. Lauderdale had been the fastest recovering destination in the state of Florida and, quite honestly, I think that part of that is because we can offer things no one else can offer.

I think our relationship with the tribe is very important in generating the business. People are being so selective about where they go now that, if you don't have a hook, you're not going to get business, and we're very proud that the hook is the Seminole Indian Tribe.

Alex: How do you see the promotion of the Seminole Tribe at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale pavilion doing in terms of generating interest?

Nicki: It's doing extremely well, especially with the tour operators

from Europe. There is no question that European visitors want to see whatever history we've got, and the fact that the tribe is actually in our community creates that history for them to visit.

We're doing about 7% from business since last year, and we believe that the visitors we are getting from international sources, the Canadians are beginning, there are some UK travelers that are coming to arrive by charter again, they're looking for, as I say again, that attraction.

The relationship that we've built over the years with the Seminole Tribe has turned into something we are very comfortable with now, I think, on both sides. We're all very happy with the relationship. The opening of the Hard Rock property will be a real boom to the business, not only to the tribe, but also to Greater Ft. Lauderdale.

Alex: Do you see yourselves intertwining with the Hard Rock promotion?

Nicki: We've already met with Jim Allen, we have already started a marketing relationship. The Convention and Visitors Bureau filled the destination and this Hard Rock property and the casino, is Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki, and Billie Swamp Safari is part of this destination.

And so the relationship will grow, it will be stronger, and the more products you all have to offer the easier, it's gonna be for us to sell.

Alex: I understand the UK and Germany are two countries that visit Florida and the tribe, are there any other countries you are trying to target as well?

Nicki: Right now, the biggest district we see in the returning market place seems to be the UK and Europe. We are waiting for additional flights to resume, and once air traffic picks up, then that business will be back.

But, we believe it is the European and UK visitor who is most interested in finding that relationship with the destination and the tribe. There is a great deal of interest in finding the history.

We also think that is true with South America, while the South American business is down right now, and in Latin America probably because of the economy more than anything else.

That's beginning to change, we just announced new service from Bogota, Columbia and when people travel from Columbia to the U.S., to Florida in particular, they are looking for two things.

They are looking for Sawgrass Mills Mall to go shopping, and they are looking for the Seminole Tribe. When that business sort of resumes strong I believe in 2003.

Alex: When I went walking around the travel market and visited the pavilions I noticed people promoting their business hard.

Nicki: Oh, the competition is unbelievable, and it used to be that someone wanted to have a little fun, warm vacation they'd go to Florida. Now, we are competing with Spain, we're competing with the Middle East, we're competing with everywhere the sun shines.

We are spending more money now to be visible in the market place and again we're trying to develop and grow the relationships that are going to help us do better in the business.

That's where the tribe becomes very important, not only to Greater Ft. Lauderdale, but to all of Florida.

Alex: So, hopefully in the near future, and with your trying to capture those other countries, how do you feel about more growth with other countries besides the UK and Europe?

Nicki: I think the hurdle we have to face now is the talk and threat of a war. When we go to the international marketplace now that's the hesitation that we are hearing again.

There is so much pent-up demand for travel, people have been putting off travel for so long, they're just looking for an open door. We are going to markets that we never have been to before.

The UK is a traditional market for us, Germany is a traditional market for us, and we're going back to the Scandinavian countries. We believe that's where the travel's going to start.

Again, we are turning a lot of our resources to Latin America. There are a number of reasons, one of them is there are so many Hispanic residents of South Florida now. The largest number of Venezuelan residents in the U.S. is in Broward County.

There is going to be a resumption of travel between Venezuela and the U.S. and, with some travel airline alliances, we are going to start to see some of that business.

So, we are down there now, selling to a market that we thought would take a longer time to recover, but we think that may come back sooner.

Alex: Well, I want to thank you for taking the time for an interview. It's really wonderful to hear how Greater Ft. Lauderdale and Visit Florida FLAUSA are working with the tribe. I know the tribe really appreciates the efforts from the two organizations.

Nicki: Well, it's a very important relationship to us and you know you walk around the World Travel Market you can go around the world in about an hour I guess.

You see that people are highlighting what distinguishes them from other places and, clearly, the relationship with the tribe distinguishes us from any place else.

With those words from Nicki Grossman one can appreciate all the hard work that has gone into the World Travel Market event.

Without a doubt, the combined efforts from Tom Gallaher, Lucy Evanicki, Mary Tigertail and the people from Greater Ft. Lauderdale and Visit Florida FLAUSA will keep travelers and the travel industry aware of the Seminole Tribe.

A big thank you to all the individuals working hard to keep the Seminole Tribe prominent in the Florida tourism spotlight.



Lucy Evanicki, Eduardo Gonzales and Mary Tigertail.

Alexandra Frank



A Mayan Guatemalan woman weaves traditional cloth at the WTM.

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Mary hanging out with "The Rock".

Alexandra Frank



Lucy Evanicki awaits the masses at the Seminole Tribe Tourism table.

Alexandra Frank



L-R: (back) Damian O'Grady, Tom Gallaher, Dennis Edwards, Alfredo Gonzales, Lucy Evanicki, (front) Mary Tigertail and Nicki Grossman.

Alexandra Frank



A soldier stands guard at Whitehall Castle.

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Bridges and Buildings exhibit Old World charm in the city of London.

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