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### Christmas Doll

Betty Mae Jumper wrote the following column several years ago. It is one of her most popular columns, and we're reprinting it as a special Christmas gift to our readers.

This time of the year, I always have memories from years ago when I was a small girl and didn't know what Christmas was about.

One year I saw young white girls my age. They were wearing black patent leather shoes with little straps across the top. And they were carrying



**Betty Mae Jumper**

dolls. They said, "Santa gave it to us."

For the longest time I used to wonder who was this man Santa Claus who went around and handed out shoes and dolls to children and why didn't he come to me. I wondered how you ask Santa to give you those things. But, I never learned how to go about asking. Finally, I just figured you had to be white to get a doll and shoes, so that's that. I never got my black patent leather shoes, or the doll when I was a child.

Years later, when I was a teenager - about 15 - I was attending the Cherokee Boarding School in Cherokee, N.C. My family didn't have any money, so over the Christmas holidays I couldn't go home like the other kids. I had to stay at the Boarding School.

One day I was out in the hall, cleaning for my room and board, and two big boxes came to the girl's building. I called my matron. She came out and signed for the boxes.

"Oh," she said, "I wonder what's in these boxes?"

She opened one large box and what did I see? Nothing but dolls and dolls. They were gifts collected by local women and donated to our school for the young girls.

See BETTY MAE, page 3

### March 3-4 At Eckerd College Buffy Sainte-Marie, Ulali Blackstone, Burnstick To Headline D.N.A.

ST. PETERSBURG — Folk music legend Buffy Sainte-Marie and the dynamic woman's trio Ulali will join Chief Jim Billie, the drum group Blackstone, storytellers Will Hill and Geninne Washington, comedian Don Burnstick, flautist Sonny Nevaquaya, the Aztec Fire Dancers and the Big Mountain Family as headliners at the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Discover Native America 2001 Powwow and Music Festival, March 3-4 on the campus of Eckerd College.

A month-long art exhibit featuring famed Florida historical artist Guy LaBree, a colorful marketplace featuring native arts and crafts, a Children's Village hosted by Hawaiian-born kids' artist Shana Banana, a Tampa Theatre concert by Chief Billie and the "Native Visions, Native Voices" American Indian Film Festival will also be staged as part of the multifaceted DNA project.

Centerpiece of the Festival weekend will be the powwow, featuring all ages and categories, (including a drum contest and hoop dancing, fancy dancing and fancy shawl specials) competing for \$15,000 in prize money. The campus gates will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday with grand entries scheduled for noon each day.

Several key Discover Native America events will lead up to the Powwow and Music Festival weekend:  
See DNA, page 8



Singers Ulali return for the second year to D.N.A.



Seminole Tribal citizen William Cypress will dance with Aborigines during USF event, See page 8



SEMINOLE WAR CANOE — In this 1955 photo, Josie Jumper and Frank Tommie chop, while Sam Huff supervises the carving of a unique Florida Gator — Miami Hurricane football trophy. The teams meet for the first time since 1987 in the Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl. Where is the canoe? Is it still the trophy? See page 3.

### Athletes Inducted Into Hall Of Fame

By Ernie Tiger  
HOLLYWOOD — Two more Tribal citizens - Russell Osceola and Betty Mae Jumper, were added to the Seminole Tribe's Sports Hall of Fame in an induction ceremony held at Dave & Buster's restaurant on Nov. 21.

Betty Mae, the Director of the Seminole Communications Department, won her place in the Hall of Fame for playing sports at the Cherokee Boarding School in Cherokee, N.C.

Betty, 77, lettered in cheerleading, basket-



Betty Mae, Laquita and Moses Jumper, Jr.

ball and tennis. She also played on the Cherokee softball team.

Russell Osceola, 56, of Brighton, was a star athlete during the 1960s at Okeechobee High School. Russell, who has three children, was an outstanding baseball and football player, who was named to both All County and All Conference teams. He is also the only pitcher in Okeechobee High School history to throw a no-hitter. Friends and family gathered as the pair received

See HALL OF FAME, page 8

### SE Tribes Join Land Exchange

By E. Bowers  
FORT BENNING, GA — On Dec. 13 representatives from the U.S. Army, the City of Columbus, and 11 Southeastern Indian nations gathered to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in the Regimental Room of the Fort Benning Officers' Club that would protect Indian sites.

The MOA, a Land Exchange between the Fort Benning military installation and the City of Columbus, is the result of 11 years of political and legal negotiations.

The U.S. Army will receive 2,124 acres of land from the City of Columbus and \$3.8 million for 2,156 acres of Fort Benning land, a portion of which the city will use for commercial development.

Tribal Chairman James Billie represented the Seminole Tribe of Florida, one of the nine

See EXCHANGE, page 3

### Tribal Calendar Ready For Sale

HOLLYWOOD — Once again the official calendar of the Seminole Tribe of Florida is being made available to the public.

The 2001 calendar, titled *Pon yo le chi ke* (culture and tradition), focuses on the distinct historical customs of the Tribe. Each month is centered on an element that evolved as early Tribal citizens kept alive the threads of their past, or developed elements that allowed them to survive in evolving Florida.

The monthly themes include clans, foods, baskets, alligator wrestling, cattle, woodcarving, hairstyles, patchwork, beadwork, hunting and fishing, games, and chickees.

Throughout the calendar, historical dates of significance to the Tribe are highlighted, as well as the birthdays of Tribal leaders and elders.

The calendar was co-sponsored by Maurice Pelaez and the Burch Co.

To order a calendar, visit the Tribe's web site at [www.seminoletribe.com](http://www.seminoletribe.com). Or simply send a \$10 check made out to the *Seminole Tribune*, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024. For more information, call (954) 967-3416.





# Editorial

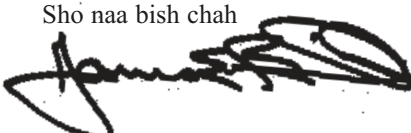
## Ne Tuk Hon Cho Bee

**\*James E. Billie**  
The year 2001 is the beginning of the millennium with its full glory of new inventions, scientific breakthroughs, age reversing, etc. Who knows? We may live beyond 200 years of age with the body of a 20-year-old.

Though time is marching on faster and faster towards new technology and ways of living, we Seminoles are maintaining our culture and preserving our language and traditions. We must also preserve ourselves. We are hoping that our full bloods will regenerate our clans and blood lines. No matter how long it will take, we must preserve our Tribe's blood to its full capacity.

So, 2001 will also begin the "trying" years for increasing the number of our full bloods. So come on full bloods: Get together! Happy Holidays

A noosh chah  
Sho naa bish chah



— James E. Billie is Chairman of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and publisher of the Seminole Tribune.

## Stay Sharp And Stay Alive

**\*Mitchell Cypress**  
Christmas is the time of year for the family and friends to get together. It is a fun time for the kids and that provides a good feeling to see the smiles and excitement on their faces. My Christmas wish for all my people is good health, happiness, and for all of you to take part in the sharing of this wonderful season. The best present we could have is a safe holiday, so don't drink and drive. Remember to be smart, stay sharp and stay alive. We all have a lot to look forward to in the years to come.

Enjoy the joy of Christmas and keep in mind that you better be good, 'cause Santa Claus is watching!  
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



— Mitchell Cypress is President of the Seminole Tribe of Florida

## A Cultural Crisis

**\*Peter B. Gallagher**  
As the winter drought dries Newnan's Lake and more canoes of the Ancient Seminole are pushed to the surface by the ventilating, a cultural crisis grows. There is no precedent in Florida history for the discovery of so much primordial antiquity, all at once; there is no suitable template to guide the state in preserving and protecting the world's largest aboriginal canoe site.

The crisis has grown beyond the shores of the lake the Indians call Pithlachocco. As waters recede further than ever known in modern times, ancient craft, Indian artifacts, even human remains are being found here and in other water bodies. Questions of ownership have arisen among proprietary interests, including the state and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. On the creek where Billy Bowlegs was born, people dug up a fragile canoe and took it from its site (See page 3).

How long will it be before loot from sacred sites are added to eBay's auctions?

Clearly, it is a time for swift and decisive action, for new ideas and radical solutions to a cultural dilemma that absolutely dwarfs anything the state Division of Historical Resources (DHR) has ever tackled. Yellow "keep out" tape must ring the entire lake. All of the archaeologists' tools — including ground penetrating radar — must be used to locate every single antiquity in this most sacred of North America's aboriginal sites. Guards must immediately begin patrols to protect the fragile, priceless canoes from thieves and vandals. And a plan to manage the site must be produced and funded. An interpretative center must be designed. Attorneys, bureaucrats, every agency in government must be notified.

But that is not the way the archo-bureaucrats do things

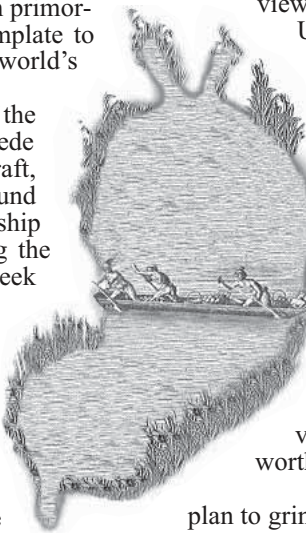
in Tallahassee. Like deer stuck in the headlights of a lonely dark road, the state's archaeologists have stalled to meet disaster.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris was on her way to Newnan's Lake to meet with Seminole Chief Jim Billie and view the astounding cultural site when the election of the U.S. President dropped in her lap. With Harris' attention diverted, her minions at DHR reverted back to the same do-little cave where the *Seminole Tribune* first found them, last summer, rubberstamping dredge-and-fill permits with little or no regard for Indians.

Newspaper stories brought attention to the atrocity of Florida's unguarded cultural treasures. The Governor had to step in. The Secretary of State wanted to know. Her staff shook off cobwebs and got busy. But, while Harris struggled with a constitutional crisis, her staff off the wagon. Promistutes to keep the Seminole Tribe — and the citizens of Florida — properly informed have not been kept (See Dr. Wickman's column, page 3). Today, the Pithlachocco site lies unprotected, unsurveyed, unmanaged, treated by our state as if it were the worthless trash pile of a long dead lake.

Incredibly, the Game Commission has set off on a plan to grind up the very muck that keeps pushing up canoes built 3,000 years before Jesus. When will it stop? Freed now from the election, will the Secretary of State once again shake her stodgy DHR into action? Or will she gamble on the political crisis of AIM warriors setting up armed security on the lake? Who will break the DHR tradition of deferring to sister agency destructors and stand up — not for the convention of "business as usual" — but for the canoes of the Ancient Seminole.

— Peter B. Gallagher is Operations Manager of the Seminole Communications Dept.



Ah-sha-wah-yu-ke

## Ah-sha-wah-yu-ke (The Swamp)

The air is refreshing. The sun shines on the new flowers sprung on the first day of Spring. Honeybees are in their personal dilemma as to which sprouts they should get their sweets from. Coccoons are making the last phases of their long metamorphosis to their new era of life.

The smell of orange blossoms is in the atmosphere, the butterflies are full of spunk, fluttering to and fro. There is hardly a speck of cloud in the sky. The breeze slowly sways the trees and the new tender blades of sawgrass. The baby grasshoppers are out marching in a single file; there is no telling where their odyssey may lead them, but one thing is absolute and certain — they have plenty to eat.

Clusters of palmetto berries are in abundance; little green swamp apples are on the trees and so are the cypress seedlings. Sabal palm fronds are big and wide, perfect for mosquitoes to take refuge from the Spring rain. They are also good shelters for the wasps to make their nest, not to mention a home for a rattlesnake, coiled at the base of the tree where fallen dead leaves make a cozy home for the deadly diamondback.

This paints and depicts the scenery at Big Cypress Indian Reservation and its neighboring swamps in the Springtime. It is naturally beautiful, especially at this time of the year, when nature's revival is vivid and prominent. Yet, one has to be very careful when venturing through this virtually untamed part of the earth. It is so beautiful and so dangerous at the same time.

You almost have to have swamp water flowing in your veins to understand and appreciate this vast part of the world. There are not too many people that have true knowledge and love for the swamps of the Everglades. But, there was one gen-

tle giant of a man who loved his home in the swamp. That is where he and his wife raised their two daughters. He no longer treads the black waters of the swamps — his Maker and Creator the Almighty God called him home.

His legacy continues to live among the people who knew him; he was kind and gentle; he was willing to help any man at any time and his respect for nature dominated his world.

His voice still echoes through the cypress and swamp apple trees and his songs are kept alive in our memories. His Taylor guitar misses its master's hands; no one can arm and hug his guitar the way he did — no one except Sarah, the younger of the two siblings. She inherited her father's guitar and talent and she is keeping her father's legacy alive and well.

His absence from this walk of life is missed by many, but no one misses him more than his widow, Alison and his two beautiful daughters, Esther and Sarah. Leonard McCulloch was a wonderful human being and he will always be remembered for many, many years to come.

I, Paul Buster, can truly say he was my friend and brother in Christ. *Hem-mung-ala-ka* (Later) — "Cowbone" is Seminole Tribal citizen and Hollywood resident Paul Buster



COWBONE

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**Editor:**  
Just to let you know that it is spelled Christmas. When I received the invitation to the Tribal Christmas party I was shocked to see "X-mas." Maybe the person who wrote it doesn't know what Christmas is about, or he works for Walmart or something. Or you don't know CHRIST, THE MAIN REASON FOR CELEBRATING. Meeno Micco  
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Seminole Indian peace pipe to see what one looks like. Unfortunately I haven't had any luck finding a Seminole peace pipe. I am doing this for the friendship I have with her (she is married and so am I, and we are all just friends).  
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According to the Seminole Anthropology and Genealogy Department, the Seminoles never had a "peace pipe." For your Seminole items we suggest you visit the website at [www.seminoletribe.com](http://www.seminoletribe.com)

**Editor:**  
My son is doing a school (8th grade).essay on the Seminole Indian Tribe. The essay should include information on prehistoric times, mound dwellers, the Seminole wars, Osceola, treaties made and broken, the Dade Massacre, attack at the Cape Florida lighthouse, Coacoochee, Billy Bowlegs, and the Trail of Tears.  
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I enjoyed your web site. Good work and good luck.  
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**Editor:**  
I am a future student of Florida State University, but am hesitant

in supporting FSU because of its chosen mascot. I am aware of the protest that will be organized by AIM on Jan. 3, in Miami against the derogatory use of the Seminole name by FSU. I am curious how your Tribe feels about this link and the whole situation at hand. Do you support the protest? Do you support AIM's stance on the issue?  
Tammy Harman  
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The Seminole Tribal Council has passed no resolution criticizing the FSU mascot or team's name. The matter has been addressed at Tribal community meetings and the citizens of the Tribe have indicated their support of the Florida State University Seminoles.

**Editor:**  
I am a midwifery student at Miami-Dade Community College looking for any information about Seminole customs regarding pregnancy and childbirth. If I were providing care for a Seminole woman, what would I need to know to be respectful of her culture? I am interested in attitudes about birth, infant care, diet, role of other family members, preferences regarding medical care, etc.  
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**Editor:**  
Thank you. The family of Ivy Cromartie Stranahan appreciates the generous contribution the Seminole Tribe has made to the creation of the Seminole Park at the Stranahan House. We are grateful for Chief James Billie's role in this gift

and his kind comments at the presentation of the pledge for \$3 million. In addition, we thank the *Seminole Tribune* for the article, "Remembering Mrs. Stranahan," in the Sept. 29 issue. Her dedication never ceased even when age limited her participation in events with Florida's proud Seminoles.  
Alice Cromartie Cassels  
Tallahassee

**Dear Chief Billie:**  
We had the opportunity and the pleasure to visit Big Cypress Seminole Reservation last month and enjoyed it a lot. After the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and the Fort Lauderdale and visited the Indian Village in Hollywood. But we were very, very deceived by seeing how the animals were treated in the zoological garden and the small space allowed to great felines. Much more than other living beings, Indians (and specially the "Unconquered" Seminole Tribe) are supposed to know the price of freedom, or at least the need of a territory. We are sure you were not conscious of the fact concerning our brothers' animals in this zoo, otherwise you would have never done to others what you suffered from.

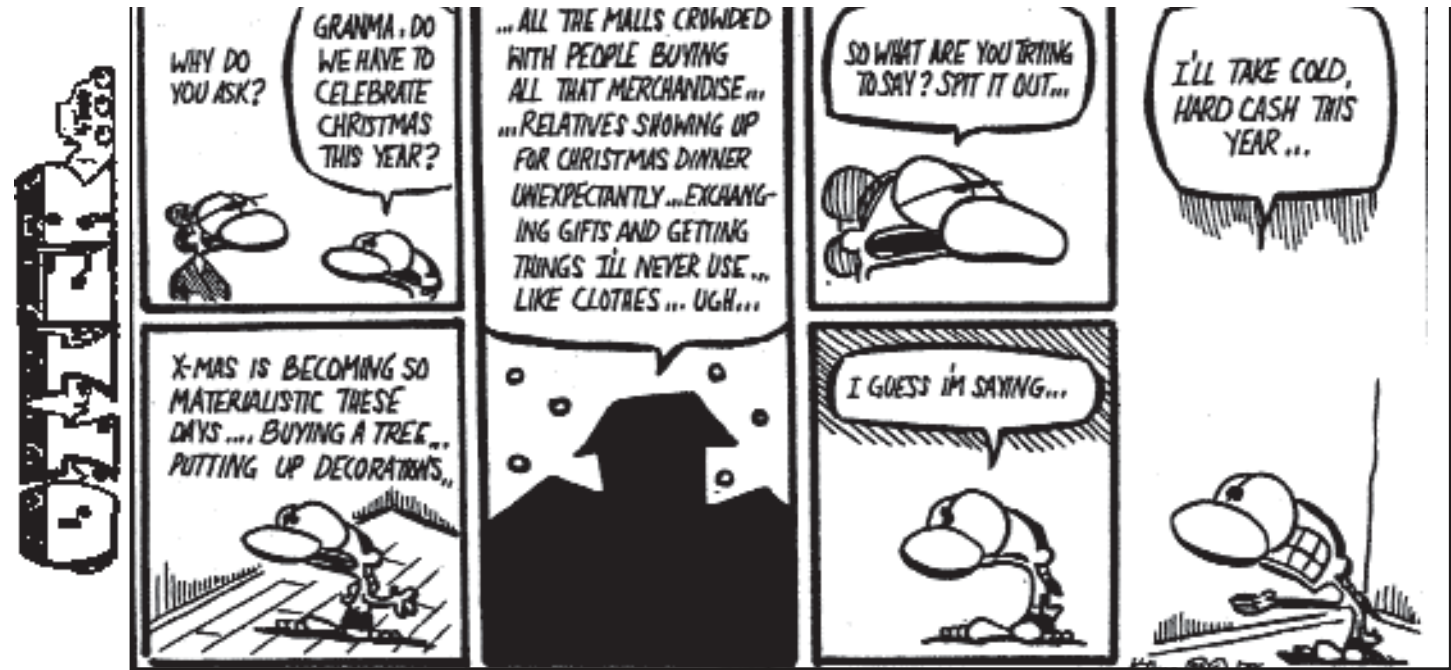
On the contrary, on the other side of the main road, it was very funny to see how you park American people (and some tourists) in a big and smoky building for gambling, but that is their own choice to waste their money and health in this way!  
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**Editor:**  
Hi, my name is Megan Otero. I am the daughter of Matthew Otero. I attend school at Breneau Academy. I would like to thank you for sending me issues of the *Seminole Tribune*. I have been sharing the *Tribune* with some people up here and they are really interested in the different articles that we have. I would like to ask if you could also mail a copy of the *Tribune* to Breneau Academy. This copy will be available to anyone at my school who would like to read it. I'm not greedy, but I would like to read the *Tribune* sometimes before it is taken away by other interested people.  
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**Thank you Jim Billie:**  
Fourteen years ago I met you at Pinacastle Center of the Arts with my blind father. You and the other folk singers treated me so very well, you gave me a sense of history and roots — a place were I felt I belonged. As my father's health got worse I lost contact with the people of folk — you, Del Suggs and Anne and Frank Thomas — but the lessons you all taught me stuck.

My father passed away ten years ago. I have since worked with Save the WildLife here in Orlando, found a very wonderful husband and am helping to raise his stepchildren.

Thank you so very much. In the dark times of my life your music has given me much joy.  
Elizabeth Shriver Taratino



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# Stonewalling Ancient Canoes

■ For the State of Florida, It's "Business As Usual"

This is an exciting moment for the United States, as a nation. In this period, while reaffirming our national values. We are discussing the virtues of being "inclusive" rather than "exclusive" in our great multiethnic society. National news-makers and news reporters alike are urging the new president to "take the high road" and rise above the hurtful partisanship of power politics. Around Indian Country, however, this is not a new discussion, or a new concept. And in Florida, where "dimpled chads" are enjoying their 15 minutes of fame, the First Citizens of Florida remain just as marginalized by the politicians as ever before.



DR. PATRICIA WICKMAN

It was just few short months ago that the lands and waters of "Newnan's Lake," in eastern Alachua County, yielded up the historical and cultural treasure of almost 100 ancient canoes in Pithlachocco. Unfortunately, this magnificent revelation has made a mere "blip" on the radar screen of State officials. Certainly it is not unusual to find that bureaucrats prefer business as usual over any situations that might require them to reassess attitudes and readjust processes. There are, however, those departments and positions that were, ostensibly, created by State government specifically to respond to the requirements of protecting our state's rich and unique material culture heritage. The problem lies in the fact that even the high ideal of historic preservation must function in an intercultural setting in Florida, and dealing with

and the loggers were great! They actually applauded, and sought me out in the halls, to express their concern for the rights of Indians. As people who live very close to the earth, just as Indians do, the loggers respect the Indians and see themselves as natural allies in the process of stewardship. It was a very hopeful experience.

Unfortunately, juxtaposed against that positive response has been the response of the DHR and the SHPO which has been...well... nothing. I traveled back to Tallahassee after Nov. 6, for a meeting with them — at my request, not theirs, to continue discussions with the SHPO, Dr. Jan Matthews, and the State Archaeologist, Dr. Jim Miller. I asked them when we (the State and the Tribe) were going to begin to collaborate on the National Register nomination for Pithlachocco, only to be informed that they had proceeded alone.

I cited the press release from Florida's Secretary of State, announcing that we would be working together on this matter of such importance to the Tribe. I was hoping for something in the spirit of consultation. Their response was, "But, first, we had to have something on paper to discuss, didn't we?" To which I responded, "No, you don't. That's what consultation means. It means meeting, face-to-face, in a respectful manner to discuss the things that we are going to put down on paper!" Blank faces. Cultural stone walls. Finally, they told me that the Tribe was "free" to contact the archaeologist who was writing the Nomination. Florida's Sunshine Law, they said, meant that any citizen had the right to obtain access to any State-generated information. The message was clear. There was nothing special about the Seminole Tribe of Florida, and the word of the Secretary of State meant nothing to them.



concepts frequently is easier than dealing with living people. Admittedly, it takes a lot of energy to preserve history in Florida, where the inherently destructive nature of a virtually permanent state of development makes 'rapid response' the default mode. And the State will never pay for enough staff to cover all of the requirements. So it becomes a matter of establishing priorities or, as I have stated before, a matter of defining our values.

In the area of protecting the Indian history of Florida, the Division of Historical Resources (DHR) and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), prominent parts of the Florida's Department of State, certainly have responded rapidly to protect their bureaucratic image, but promises of cooperation and intercultural respect have gone largely unfulfilled. Indeed, in DHR, it's back to business as usual. The excitement and publicity generated by the largest, most important find of its kind in the nation have pretty much sunk back into the mud with many of those magnificent canoes. Out of sight, out of mind.

The SHPO's office, where permits issued by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) are supposed to be vetted for potential impact upon historic sites, has promised to start reading the permits from now on, and checking them adequately against the information recorded in the Florida Master Site File, so that known sites may be better protected. They have promised not to grant any more categorical exclusions, that is, not to let permits for certain types of activities be issued automatically. This is an element of the process that has been long ignored.

The most positive response to the issue of protecting Florida's Indian heritage has come from the DEP where Dr. Benji Brumberg, the newly appointed Ombudsman for Florida's citizens, has proven to be an adept and sincere advocate for all Floridians, including its Indian citizens. As a direct result of his determination to bring the decision makers together to respond to the long-range preservation issues that rose to visibility with the canoes, I met with representatives from five of Florida's governmental Departments, on Nov. 6, to address some of the most critical issues. *Seminole Tribune* reporters, who brought the canoe story to light, were invited to that meeting and reported on it in the Nov. 10 issue of the *Tribune*. It wasn't a formal consultation, as is required by Federal law but, then, that was one of the critical points that we had to discuss.

One positive result of that meeting was my participation, for the first time ever, in a DEP Master Deadhead Loggers' Training Session held in Tallahassee on Friday, Dec. 1. The invitation was only verbal rather than formally issued, and at no point did the State offer to defray the Tribe's expenses in sending a representative there, even though I was the only instructor not on the State payroll as well as the only instructor who had to travel a significant distance to participate. Further, no discussion has ensued concerning the regular participation of the Tribe in future sessions. But, the opportunity was worthwhile,

## Old Canoe Removed From Arbuckle Creek

By Charles Flowers  
**AVON PARK** — A 20-foot long dugout canoe of unknown age was found and removed from Arbuckle Creek near here earlier this month. Famed Seminole leader Billy Bowlegs III was born on Arbuckle Creek.

Although the state Division of Historical Resources (DHR) was contacted, DHR did not notify the Seminole Tribe, which has taken an active role in protecting cultural resources, including nearly 100 ancient canoes found this summer on a lake near Gainesville.

As a result, the canoe, which may be hundreds, or even thousands of years old, was reportedly bound for Moody Air Force base in Georgia.

According to a Dec. 12 article in *Highlands Today*, the canoe was being kept at the Avon Park Bombing Range, a federal facility. Officials there have been quoted as saying the canoe was found on federal property.

The Sebring newspaper reported that local residents Allan Trevalyan and John Kniffen, concerned for the fate of the canoe, built a plywood bed and hauled the canoe out of the creek on their boat.

The cultural resource manager from Moody Air Force Base in Georgia (the federal authority for the Avon Park Bombing Range) had been moni-

toring the canoe for several months as water levels rose and fell. James Levy, artifact conservator with the DHR Lab in Tallahassee, was called in to provide expertise on conserving the fragile canoe. Meanwhile, sources said, the canoe was being kept on the bombing range in a tank of fresh water.

Telephone calls to range official Paul Ebersbach were not returned. However, at press time efforts were underway to have the canoe returned to the Seminole Tribe.

"I plan to put in a claim for that canoe for the Seminole Tribe," said Dr. Patricia Wickman, the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

In the case of the Pithachocco canoes, the Tribe sought and won protection of the largest find of its kind in history. The area of the lake where most of the canoes were found is being nominated for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, and all logging — including a state-permitted operation which archaeologists say damaged at least seven of the canoes — has been stopped.

"The Seminoles are determined to protect these precious artifacts from their past," said Dr. Wickman. "And even though the process of conserving these wooden artifacts from submerged sites is slow and costly, we can't afford to lose any more."

So, I moved on to the subject of the site itself and how the canoes should be interpreted to the public. Here, I thought, was a tremendous opportunity to offer the nation a direct link to Florida's past. The perfect setting in which the past and the present could meet, face to face, as it were, and the story of Florida's Indian peoples could take center stage. But, instead of opening a door, they immediately began to build a wall. Dr. Miller admitted that he has never even considered using the find for educational purposes. The Tribe was welcome, he said, to submit its ideas, and the Division would consider them. No enthusiasm. No warm welcome. No offer of partnering. No room at the inn. Re-action, again, rather than pro-action.

That's what got us into this messy situation in the first place. Logging would not have stopped on that lake if *Seminole Tribune* reporters had not spread the story across the front page of the newspaper. We never would have known that the canoes represented almost 5,000 years of boat building by their ancestors if Chief James Billie hadn't offered to pay for radiocarbon tests himself, after DHR refused the tests on the grounds of poverty and disinterest. There is no sense of proportion here, and precious little sense of respect.

And now, there's the problem of the proposed "muck scraping" that will destroy 34 acres on the southwestern side of the same lake where those scores of canoes were left by the Indians. Once again, a State agency — this time, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), proposes to change the physical landscape of Pithlachocco. The State wants to spend one million dollars to excavate 120,000 cubic yards of muck and dump it into the middle of the lake as three artificial islands. The premise is that the muck is a seed bed for grasses and plants that will sprout when the natural cycle of rains raise the water level in the lake, next Spring. These "tussocks" of vegetation, we are told, will stop sportsmen from wading into the lake to fish; deplete the oxygen that the fish need; and float downstream to destroy a new bridge. Powerful plants. It's an operation that the State performs regularly in other lakes. And the premise is not without merit.

But this lake is unique. Canoes are a lake that holds the largest single cache of prehistoric dugout canoes ever found in the United States. This is lake on which the Governor and the Secretary of State already have acted to halt — permanently — any lake-bottom-disturbing activities by private Florida citizens. Part of this lake is about to be added to the National Register of Historic Places. And what's more, this lake is a navigable waterway. Certain activities on this lake — such as digging up the lake bed — lie within the regulatory control of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The FWC must obtain a permit from Florida's DEP and from the Corps in order to proceed. And the Federal permitting process makes the proposed activity an Undertaking under Federal law, and requires the FWC to comply with the Section 106 requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act and with the National Environmental Protection Act, among others. That is, the State agency must *consult*, on a government-to-government basis, with any Federally-recognized Tribes whose ancestral lands have the potential to be adversely affected by the proposed Undertaking, as are the Seminoles.

There was no consultation. They simply announced the project in the newspapers. The project director, Bob Hujik, even went so far as to heatedly deny that his agency had applied for a DEP permit. He apparently had no idea that DEP already had provided the *Seminole Tribune* with a copy of the permit, submitted six weeks earlier. Federal law mandates bona fide — regular and meaningful, consultation with the pertinent Federally-recognized Tribes. And that means involvement *early on*, in the planning stage of any undertaking — not, as in this case, after it appears in the newspapers. And the core of the consultation process is spelled out and defined in Executive Order 13175, signed by the President of the United States: the core of consultation is *respect*. It's the same value that the national politicians and the news media are touting as the critical virtue in our new president. It is the elusive virtue that Indians have sought in their dealings with the government for far too long. It is the virtue that the Seminole people continue to seek even today, in their ancestral homeland of Florida.

— Dr. Patricia Wickman is Director of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Division of Anthropology & Genealogy and the Seminole Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

### Former Trophy For UF-Miami Winner

## Seminole War Canoe Was Part Of Football Rivalry

\*Teams Meet in Sugar Bowl, Jan. 2  
**CORAL GABLES** — A cypress tree struck by lightning created the impetus for the Seminole War Canoe. But it may take another stroke as decisive to revive the traditional trophy for the winner of the University of Florida-University of Miami football game.

"It has been discussed, but no decision has been made," said Jay Mazurwski of Hurricane Sports Information, regarding the war canoe trophy, which has been gathering dust in a glass trophy case outside the Knight Sports Complex on the USF campus.

Thirteen seasons have passed since the two teams stopped playing each other for bragging rights to Florida (along with another occasional power called Florida State). This year, the Hurricanes beat FSU which beat the

Gators which, ironically, set the stage for the Seminole War Canoe to again be contested. That's because the Bowl Conference Alliance, which picks opponents for a mythical national championship game, chose once-defeated FSU to play unbeaten Oklahoma for the right to be called the nation's best depending on the outcome of the Jan. 3 Orange Bowl game.

The day before, the twice-beaten Gators meet the Hurricanes for the first time since 1987, at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, La. Both teams have won national championships in the intervening years (as has FSU). In another touch of irony, Florida's lone title came at the expense of the Seminoles in 1996, avenging a regular season loss to FSU. That fateful match-up occurred on the same

field where the Hurricanes (ranked number 3 by a chad by the BCA), tangle with the seventh-ranked Gators. The two schools fought over the canoe with pride for more than 30 years before the series was canceled due, some say, to bad blood or lack of will on the part of the Gainesville contingent. Now, they will play again. And they will resume play on a regular basis again in 2002. The rivalry has been renewed. But will the tradition of the Seminole War Canoe?

That decision resides with U-Miami Athletic Director Paul Dee, who could not be reached for comment. Dee, however, is no stranger to the rivalry. He is a graduate of the University of Florida.

— Charles Flowers

## Betty Mae

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As I looked I saw an old-fashioned doll that looked like a real baby. I picked it up and admired it. I was saying to myself, "Why couldn't something like this ever come in my day?" while standing there holding the baby doll.

The like that doll me and said, "You matron saw, don't you?" Then, I told her my story of wanting a doll and never getting it in my life.

I laid the doll back in the box, but the matron picked it up and said, "Here, take it and wash her clothes and clean it up and put it on your bed."

I stood there thinking, "I'm too old for a doll." But the matron kept up saying, "Take it. Take it." So I picked up the baby doll and took it to the wash room and washed it. Then I took the doll clothes and I washed them. Then I took the doll to my room and laid it on my pillow.

That doll stayed on my pillow every day while I remained in Cherokee and finished high

school. Then, I took it to my nurse training at the Kiowa Indian Hospital in Lawton, Okla. It stayed on my bed until I finished that, too.

Then I brought it back to Florida and laid it on my bed. It stayed on my bed every night until my house burned down and it was lost in the fire.

The lesson I learned from this and what I like to tell parents is that it doesn't take a lot of presents to make an impression on a child. Christmas is the day we celebrate the birth of Christ, a baby who was born in a stable where animals were kept.

The mother of Jesus didn't have any fine blankets, so she wrapped Him in rags and laid Him in a manger. Jesus never had fine clothes, but He came to teach love and peace and that's why Christmas is such a wonderful holiday.

Christmas is not about gifts. You don't have to give your child a mountain of things. Give them love and guidance and a good example to follow. Those are the important gifts and they're the things that even a fire can't destroy.

— Betty Mae Jumper is founder of the Seminole Tribune and Tribal Director of Communications



Col. John Mitchell, Dr. Patricia Wickman and Chief Jim Billie.

## Exchange

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Tribes with historic ties to Fort Benning and the region. Other Tribal representatives included Mikko Sylestine, Alabama-Coushatta of Texas; Second Chief A.D. Ellis, Muscogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma; Chairman Fred McGehee, Poarch Band of Creek Indians; and Rena Duncan, Chickasaw Nation.

Fort Benning Commanding General MG John M. LeMoyné represented the U.S. Army. Present for the City of Columbus was Mayor Bobby Peters and members of the City Council. Others participating included Ray Luce of the Georgia State Historic Preservation Office and James Huhta, of the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation.

Recognized by Chairman Fred McGehee during the ceremony was Bill Day, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. "I've been fighting for 30 years to see this happen," said Day about the prominent role the Indian Tribes were given during the consultation process.

Lauded by MG John LeMoyné as well a number of the Tribal representatives was Garrison Commander Col. John Mitchell, who was instrumental in the successful outcome of the negotiations. Col. Mitchell, who is retiring at the end of the year, was placed in charge of the entire proceedings and was determined to offer respect to the Indian Tribes and make Fort Benning a partner in Indian heritage.

The consultation of the Tribes, in three meetings held over

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# Fort Dade: Post Honored Man Whose Death Began Second Seminole War

*During the Seminole Wars (1817-1858), the United States built forts across the peninsula of Florida. In this exclusive, ongoing Seminole Tribune series, correspondent Yolanda Ponce deLeon reports on the role these forts played in the battles that were - in their time - the longest and most costly military campaigns ever fought by the United States.*

**By Yolanda Ponce deLeon**  
**DADE CITY** — It was a chilly morning on Dec. 28, 1835, when Major Francis Dade with his command of approximately 106 U.S. military soldiers were on the 100-mile highway known as Fort King Road. The soldiers were heading from Fort Brooke in what is now Tampa to Fort King, just outside modern day Ocala.

Suddenly, just after dawn, the soldiers were attacked by an estimated 400 Seminole Indians. "If you do not fire the first shot, I will." Those words were spoken by Ote Emathla (Jumper) to Chief Micanopy before firing the deadly shot at Dade.

A cry of surprise was heard. "My God!" Dade was dead before he hit the ground. Thus began Dade's Battle, also known as Dade's Massacre, and most importantly it marked what many consider the beginning of the Second Seminole War.

Dade and his command had been travelling for five long days in an ambush-ridden territory and had not been attacked. Instead of finding that peculiar, Dade felt fully confident and, therefore, allowed his men to carry their guns under their overcoats.

The men were tired, irritable, and cold and he felt that this would ease the tension and put them in a better mood. Now they could get on with the real mission of going to the relief of Gen. Duncan Clinch and his men at Fort King.

In his book *Dade's Last Command*, author Frank Laumer recounts the battle in full detail. Laumer says just before the attack Dade told his men to, "Have a good heart; our difficulties and dangers are over now, and as soon as we arrive at Fort King you'll have three days to rest and keep Christmas gaily."

Dade was not aware that Louis Pacheco, a black slave who was Dade's guide, and black slaver, had sent word to the Seminole Indians of the time of departure and strength of the column.

John Mahon, author of *History of the Second Seminole War 1835-1842* explains, "it wasn't necessary to betray the route because that was obvious. But, Pacheco gave them the knowledge of the man power and the artillery they were carrying."

With that knowledge, the Seminole leaders, Micanopy, Alligator and Jumper planned the attack. Micanopy was hesitant to attack. He wanted to wait for Osceola, who was in the middle of his raid on Fort King.

But Alligator and Jumper insisted it was the perfect time. They could wait no longer. Once Jumper fired the first shot, there was no turning back.

They had watched and waited for Dade's column to cross the Hillsborough River. The soldiers were unaware they were sitting ducks. The men were easy prey with their sky-blue overcoats and fell one by one on the ground covered in blood.

The battle lasted about eight hours. By 4 p.m. not one white man was left standing. All you could see were men drenched in blood suffering from their mortal wounds. It became the third worst defeat the U.S. Army suffered at the hands of Native Americans.

There were only four survivors. Louis Pacheco, whom Laumer says was allowed to live because the Seminoles felt he was a slave and was not his own master. Three soldiers, Edwin DeCourey, Joseph Sprague and Ransom Clark, were left to die of their fatal wounds.

They lay in the blood-drenched battlefield and waited until night. Edwin DeCourey and Joseph Sprague decided to head towards Fort King. They were never seen again. Ransom Clark and Louis Pacheco headed for Fort Brooke. These are the only two survivors of the attack, and Clark's recount is the only one available from a white witness.

Afterwards, the Seminoles walked around the battlefield to make sure that no one was left alive. They did not loot or scalp anyone. This attack was meant to send a message to the United States. They

were here to stay. The Seminoles, full of glory, celebrated their victory in the Wahoo Swamp. Osceola was not present at Dade's Battle. He was at Fort King, where he killed Indian agent Wiley Thompson and he met Micanopy, Alligator and Jumper and they recounted their individual success.

The Seminoles celebrated their early victory. When word of the attack on Dade and his men reached Washington it enraged the politicians so that they made all attempts to make sure the Seminole Indians would feel their wrath.

When asked the importance of Dade's Battle to the Seminole Wars, Laumer feels, "It set the tone of the Second Seminole War. Because so many soldiers were lost and what he killed, it so upset the country to the extent that we went to war and decided we were going to have to totally obliterate these people.

"It was a pity in a way that the Seminoles won it because if they had lost that battle I doubt the Second Seminole War would have happened. But with a 105 men killed - five being West Point Officers - that was considered an insult on the front and it had to be avenged."

Laumer reports during the seven years of the Second Seminole War, the name of the fallen officers of Dade's command were given to many of the forts built in Florida during that time. Of course, the first would carry the name of Bvt. Maj. Francis Langhorne Dade -- the first fallen soldier at the Battle of Dade.

Construction of Fort Dade began on Dec. 23

comply with the Treaty of Payne's Landing. The Treaty of Payne's Landing had been signed in 1832 and it directed the Seminole Indians to leave Florida. Jesup wanted to enforce the treaty as a way for the war to end peacefully.

Jumper and Alligator agreed to speak with Micanopy, but assured the General he would meet with Jesup since it was known Micanopy wanted peace. Once they agreed to negotiate, Jesup said the hostilities would cease and they should meet on Feb. 18, 1837 at Fort Dade. Jesup was ecstatic with joy. Concerned about his place in history, Jesup wanted to be remembered for bringing the war to a close and Fort Dade would be remembered as the place where hostilities ended. He would go down in history and that enticed him most of all. Jesup returned to the fort and started on preparations for the meeting.

But, Feb. 18 came and went without a sign of the Seminoles. The morale at the fort was low. Soldiers were full of skepticism and an aura of disappointment and disbelief filled the air. Jesup was enraged by what he considered a betrayal by the Seminoles and in the days following he planned a full fledged war. Then word came that some Indians were spotted coming towards the fort and they looked to be unarmed.

Jumper and Cloud entered the fort around 4 p.m., Feb. 22. Ironically, that was Maj. Dade's birthday. The tension eased once talks resumed on when the Seminoles would be ready to leave Florida.

During the next ten days, Jesup met with Chiefs Jumper, Alligator, Cloud and Halah-too-chee at different intervals. Jesup insisted that to achieve peace, the Seminoles must emigrate.

There was a meeting held in the General's quarters March 5, which was a Sunday afternoon. Jesup and his staff, along with Halah-too-chee (a nephew of Micanopy and their apparent) and Jumper were present. Halah-too-chee was the prime negotiator.

Halah-too-chee told Jesup his uncle sent him and Jumper in his place and would ratify any agreement they came into that day. Here it was determined that the Seminoles would agree to migrate to the West.

The next day, March 6, 1837, the Capitulation was signed. The terms of the document stated the following: (1) hostilities were ended, once and for all; (2) the Seminoles agreed to migrate immediately west of the Mississippi. . . present themselves at a concentration point no later than April 10, 1837; and (3) the white men agreed to subsist the Seminoles from the time they turned themselves in at Fort Brooke until they reached their new homes, and thereafter for one year."

March 6, 1837, was the high point in Fort Dade's history. The days and months following, preparations were being made to help the Indians with all the necessary adjustments needed to make the move West.

Jesup was delighted with everything turned out. He was fully confident the Indians would abide by the terms agreed upon. He was not aware that the Seminoles never intended to leave their land and this was a ploy to buy time and obtain needed resources.

During the next months everything seemed in order. Since a truce was called the Seminoles were free to come and go as they pleased.

To show their good faith, many Seminoles, including Micanopy and Osceola, moved near Forts Brooke and Mellon. This helped the chiefs in regaining their strength. In return for their willingness to leave peacefully, the Seminoles received large quantities of food, provisions and medicine from the United States. Most importantly of all, they gained time to plan and prepare their next move.

"The younger chiefs had never intended to fulfill the stipulations agreed to, but used the diplomacy usually attributed only to civilized people to gain their real ends," Laumer says.

During these months, Jesup had undergone a lot of criticism from the slave hunters, which mostly consisted of Floridians. They were upset because the capitulation called for the slaves to go with the Seminoles. They felt their property was being taken away and that Jesup did not allow that.

On the other hand, Jesup had to deal with the Seminoles. Jesup was aware the Seminoles and blacks had forged pacts and that the Indians would not surrender the blacks easily. In addition, the terms agreed to stated the Seminoles and their allies would be moved to the West. 'Allies' referred to the runaway slaves.

Jesup, under intense pressure, tried to please both the whites and Indians, but to no avail. This caused a great strain on the agreement because Jesup was forced to make modifications concerning the slaves. To ease tension, the Seminoles agreed to surrender the slaves when they were ready to migrate.

Then in June, all the Seminoles disappeared. They had gone into the wilderness to put in crops for the winter. When Jesup realized what was happening, he knew there would be no end to the war. He had just helped the enemy regain their strength.

He knew when the Indians resurfaced it would be to move, but instead to fight for their land. The war entered a new phase. Jesup was ready to retaliate against the Seminoles for betraying him.

The Seminoles, on the other hand, were not ready to give up without a fight. They did everything in their power to be ready when Jesup came looking for them.

Since he would no longer be victorious at ending the war, the General realized his name and Fort Dade would no longer be remembered honorably in the military annals. Instead Jesup would be remembered as the general who was outsmarted by the Seminoles and Fort Dade would exist as unremarkable among all the hundreds of military other forts in Florida.

After that time, Fort Dade remained standing. It served for many years as a depot and observation post in the heart of the Seminole Indian Settlement.

Like many other forts it was abandoned in the summer and reoccupied in the fall. It was reestablished on a yearly basis, but as time passed, little by little, the military started skipping years until finally they no longer garrisoned the fort.

It is known that on June 4, 1838, the Seminoles burned down Fort Dade. They were involved in a foray with the Second Dragoons, commanded by Col. David E. Twiggs. The encounter took place on the Withlacoochee and ended due to heavy rain; no outcome was ever determined.

In September 1849, Lt. Col. Henry Bainbridge with a detachment of the seventh infantry, was sent to reopen the fort. He noticed people had settled around the area. A Post Office had been established in 1845 and named in honor of old Fort Dade.

As time passed Fort Dade was forgotten. The settlers were not aware that a military post had been established there at one point in time. They just felt the troops had camped around what had come to be known as the Fort Dade Community.

In 1892, a new Fort Dade was established on Egmont Key, in Tampa Bay. Maj. Dade had hunted in that area in 1824. This is considered the third official Fort Dade, after old Fort Dade and the Fort Dade Post Office. The original Fort Dade had been built 15 miles from the Dade Battlefield Site.

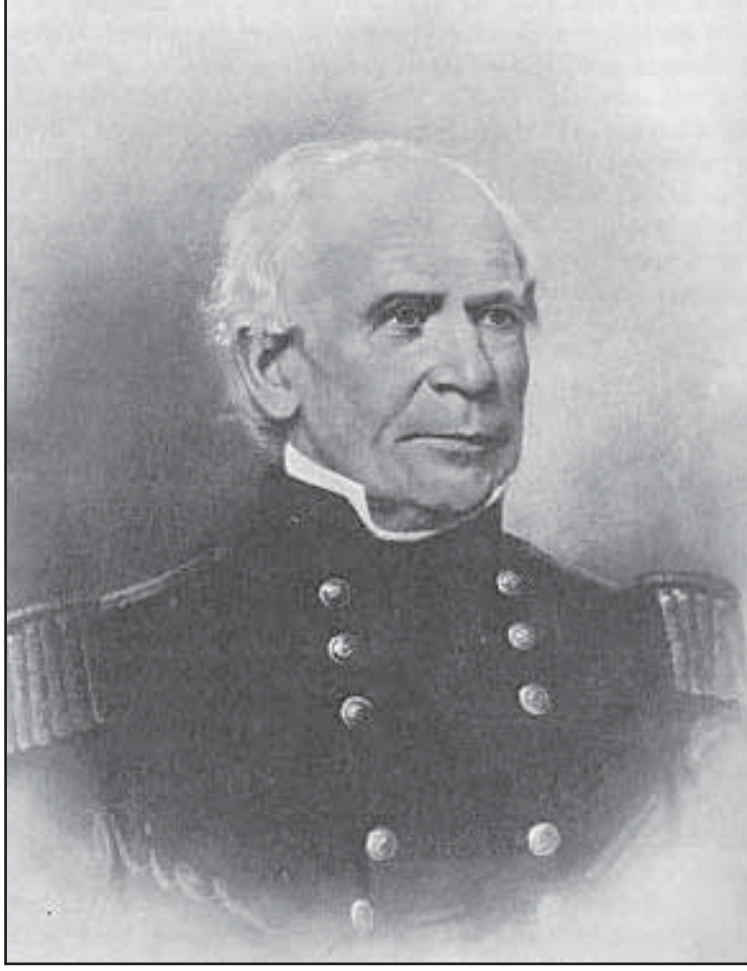
"Every year we host a reenactment of Dade's Battle," says Barbara Rogers, Park Manager for the Dade Battlefield State Historic Site. "During the weeklong activities the Seminoles and soldiers have encampments showing how it was too live during those times."

This year the reenactment will be held on Dec. 30 - 31, at 2 p.m. The Dade Battlefield State



Map depicting 1835 Florida shows Fort Dade site.

**"It was a pity in a way that the Seminoles won it because if they had lost that battle I doubt the Second Seminole War would have happened."**



Gen. Jesup thought war would end at Fort Dade on Feb. 18, 1837.

1836, after Gen. Thomas Jesup gave Order Number 26 which read: "A fort will be erected. . . on the Big Withlacoochee, at the point where the Fort King road crosses it, which will bear the name of the gallant and lamented Dade."

Fort Dade was established Jan. 8, 1837 and was located on the south bank of the Withlacoochee River, just east of the Fort King Road. It was approximately 40 miles from Fort Brooke and 60 from Fort King.

"General Jesup believed this was a perfect location because they could stay in touch with Indian movement in the interior while maintaining frequent contact with other posts," Laumer says.

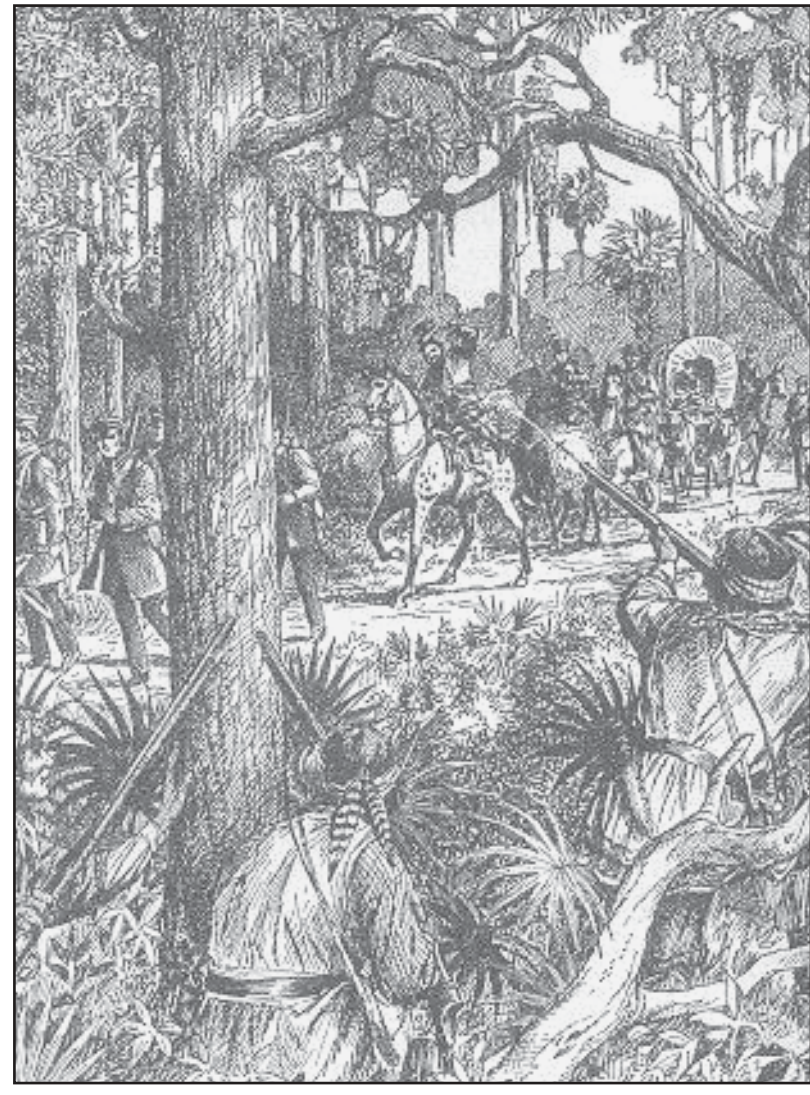
Fort Dade was made of pinewood, which was cut and trimmed, sharpened like giant spears, and then set down butt ends first in a long rectangle. It maintained about 150 soldiers and was equipped with weapons and food supplies.

Other forts would be built around it to be used mainly as storage facilities for the few supplies received. The forts would also help to shorten his lines of supplies and soldiers would have more maneuverability.

On Jan. 8, 1837, Jesup used the fort as a temporary headquarters for the Army of the South. A few days later he left to continue his mission of taking the land from the Indians. After he left, he placed Col. William Foster in charge of the fort.

On Feb. 8, Jesup met with Jumper and Alligator in a field between their camps. Jesup told them to end the hostilities and that the Indians must

**"If you do not fire the first shot, I will," said Ote Emathla (Jumper).**



Drawing shows attack that began with the death of Maj. Dade.

Historic Site is located off I-75 and S.R. 48, west of Highway 301. Its daily hours of operation are from 8 a.m. until sundown, 365 days a year.

Other activities at the site include a museum that tells the story of the battle, a nature trail and a picnic area. The park entered the National Register in 1974 and is visited yearly by 25,000 people. For more information on the Dade Battlefield Historic Site, call (352) 793-4781.

The original Fort Dade no longer exists. The location today is on the east side of U.S. 301, seven miles north of Dade City. Author Laumer, who also belongs to the Seminole War Historic Foundation, Inc., states "the original Fort Dade site is an empty field, full of palmetto and shrubs, and the land is owned by the Seminole War Historic Foundation."

"In all my years of research, I have never found, or come upon a picture or drawing of the fort. But it is known that Fort Dade was built with the same plans as Fort Foster."

For further reading material on Fort Dade, Laumer conducted extensive research on the fort and wrote an article entitled, "This Was Fort Dade." It was published in the *Florida Historical Quarterly*, Volume 45.

For more information on Dade's Battle and the original fort, contact the Seminole War Historic Foundation, Inc. at (352) 583-2974. **Next: Fort Barnwell.**

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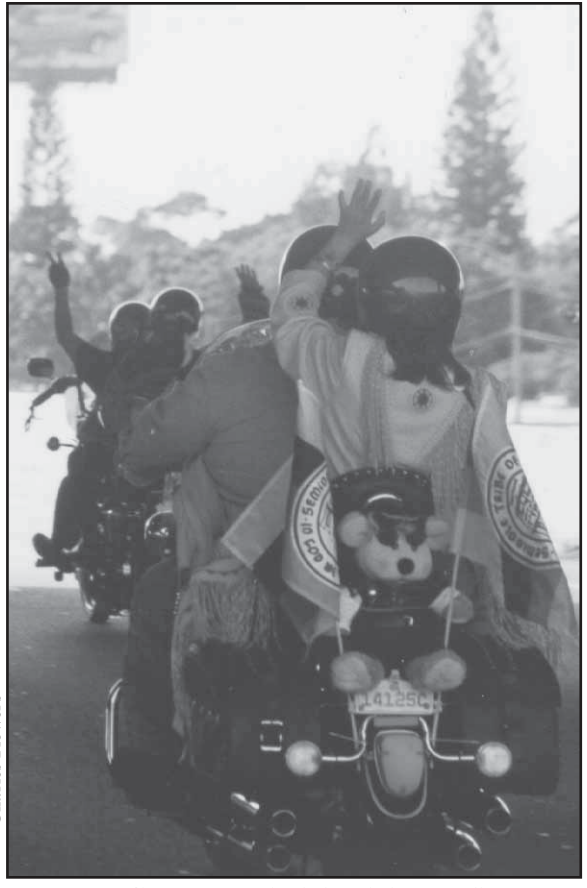
## Seminole Bikers Help Toys For Tots

**By Melissa Sherman**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE** — That's not the sound of Santa's reindeer in a dance; it's 40,000 bikers donating their time and toys for "Toys for Tots."

Saturday Dec. 2, Tribal citizens and friends Max Osceola, David Osceola, Joe Osceola Jr., Jimbo Osceola, Vincent and Loretta Micco, Cliff and Alicia Sanchez, Lee and Cathy Tiger, Roy and Barbara Butera from Hollywood, Jacob Osceola Sr., Ricky Doctor, Glenn Osceola, Rudy Osceola, Mitchell Cypres, Tom and Mary Jane Koene, Fred and Marie Phillips from Big Cypress, and Raymond Garza and Virginia Billie from Immokalee met sponsors at the Toy Jet Hangar on Commercial Boulevard at 8:30 a.m.

When everyone was on their way to meet the rest of the bikers at the racetrack on Atlantic Boulevard. Finally, about 10 a.m. the entire group of bikers roared on their way.

Police closed I-95 southbound and I-595 westbound to Markham Park to ensure a safe ride for the bikers. Despite their efforts, a car managed to break through the roadblock and ran Seminole biker Alicia Sanchez off the road.



Raymond Garza and Virginia Billie help Santa.

"This car broke into our line and kept coming over from the far right lane, eventually I ran out of road," said Sanchez. "I could feel my bike shaking from the wind surge of his car. I was sandwiched between the car and the concrete wall. Finally the wall ended and my bike and I slid in the grassy median."

Thankfully Sanchez was not seriously injured. She suffered only minor scratches and a large bruise on her right arm. As for her bike, it is in the shop and should be fixed by the end of the week.

"I still don't know if they caught the driver," stated Sanchez, who has contacted the police several times since the incident.

As for the rest of the Alicia and the bikers finally made it to Markham Park where they placed their donated toys under a designated tree.

"The mountain of toys and participation was bigger and better than last year," said the slightly jarred but thankful Sanchez.



Jimmy Hank Osceola III joined the Toy Run 2000.



Delta Airlines and Seminole tourism officials cut the ribbon to launch Delta Express's direct non-stop flights.

## Seminole Tourism Connects With Delta

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Seminole Tourism and Delta Airlines got together Nov. 1 to inaugurate Delta Express's direct, non-stop, daily flight service from Ronald Reagan National Airport here to Fort Lauderdale.

Ray Becerra and his Harris Hawk "Ocala" represented Billie Swamp Safari. Daisy Jumper represented the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum.

During the inauguration Lee Tiger spoke on the tourism impact for greater Fort Lauderdale and the Seminole Tribe of Florida's variety of venues — the five casinos, Okalee Village, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, and Billie Swamp Safari. Tiger then presented each passenger with "buy one get one free" coupons along with museum and safari brochures.

## Bowers Leads IAC Towards Autonomy



President Richard Bowers (seated, second from right) and IAC Board of Directors at Symposium session.

**By Dan McDonald**  
**LAS VEGAS** — Richard Bowers, ending the first year of his two-year term as President of the Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), encouraged the members to become more independent at the group's 14th Annual Symposium Dec. 3-7.

"The purpose of the IAC is to promote the Indian use of Indian resources," Bowers, a Big Cypress cattleman said during the symposium. "We want to help tribes become independent and be able to control their own resources."

"That's the whole idea behind the IAC. We want Indians to run their own land and to benefit from their lands. Currently, too much of Indian land is under the control of federal and state governments. We want tribes setting policy and directing their own destiny. That's what drives this organization."

Toward that end, the IAC has set out a number of priorities in the coming year. According to Bowers, the group will begin helping to market buffalo meat products produced by the Crow Tribe in Montana. It will also be working with the Passamaquoddy (Maine) Tribe's blueberries.

"One more goal I'd like to see in my last year is for the IAC's for-profit arm begin to get more active in making money," Bowers said. "Let's face it, if you have money, you have more options. You don't have to line up to accept money that may have strings attached which often include restrictions on the land's use."

"So, I think it's important that we help raise the awareness of Indian products and take advantage of opportunities that exist."

One of those opportunities may include investment in the Burch Wet Blade, an innovative weed management system developed by Tom Burch of Boone, N.C. The Seminole Tribe is a major investor in the Burch Wet Blade, and Bowers thought the fit was perfect for IAC.

According to the IAC, Indian lands in the lower 48 states amount to 54.6 million acres. If that were added to the 42 million acres of tribal land in Alaska, the resulting total would make Indian lands the nation's fourth largest state.

"IAC members control 80 percent of the Indian lands in the lower 48 states, and 48 million acres of that land is in agricultural use," Ross Racine, IAC's acting executive director says. "Obviously, anything we do as a group would have a big impact on agriculture in general, and to Indian tribes specifically."

"Most of that land is used for grazing. But, pastureland is being taken over by invasive weeds. It's

a problem everywhere. The Wet Blade sounds like it could be a perfect fit. We could use it on our tribal lands and own a piece of the company at the same time. It could be a wonderful partnership."

To help explain the value of the Wet Blade, Burch was given time to make a presentation at the symposium. Burch called upon the services of Dr. Tom Whitson, a professor and extension weed specialist in the University of Wyoming College of Agriculture, Department of Plant Science, and has been one of the leading scientists conducting research with the Wet Blade.

Using slides to illustrate his speech, Whitson told how he has been having success controlling invasive weeds threatening western rangeland, including his work treating *Dalmatian toadflax* on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. Wind River is a 2 million-acre home to the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes.

"What has happened here is that *toadflax* has taken over all the prime river bottom land," Whitson said. "Essentially, the most productive land on the reservation was taken out of production because of *toadflax*. Before the Wet Blade, we had no way to control this plant."

"With the Wet Blade, we can get 100 percent control. I asked a property appraiser in that area what the land was worth covered in *toadflax*. He said about \$400 per acre. I asked him what it would be worth if you got rid of the *toadflax* and had good grazing grasses. He said over \$600 per acre."

"To me, that's added value and shows the promise of the Wet Blade. Now we have a tool that can literally change the value of land. It's going to have a major impact on agriculture in this country and the world."

It will be sometime next year before the IAC Board of Directors meets to evaluate the proposal. But, Burch moved to begin a relationship by donating 2,000 Burch Co. shares to the IAC.

"This is a gift, no strings attached," Burch said. "I think Native Americans were the original farmers and stewards of the land. What a great partnership it would be for IAC tribes to become an owner in the Wet Blade, which is going to have such a major, positive biological impact on the land."

"I'm proud to be associated with the IAC. I hope they join the team. But, even if we only cooperate, it's still a great partnership. What better way to show the value of the Wet Blade than to help reclaim Indian lands?"

## Brighton Citizens Visit Calusa Indian Site

**By Sandra K. Osceola**  
**FORT MYERS** — Brighton residents and students of Florida Gulf Coast University joined forces Dec. 9 for a day of kayaking and exploring.

With the efforts of Dr. Susan Stans, Florida Gulf Coast University professor, and Kevin Osceola, Brighton citizen, 18 curious souls met on Fort Myers Beach Saturday morning. The group explored what was once a great city occupied by the Calusa Indians.

After kayaking from Lovers Key to Mound Key, Arden Arrington, owner of Calusa Coast Outfitters, volunteered his time and boat to spend the day with the group and to give a history lesson on how the Calusa Indians built the island which now is called Mound Key.

Using the shells of the shellfish, the island was built to a size of approximately 20 acres rising 19 feet above sea level. Shellfish was a dietary staple for the Calusa Indians who also used the leftover shells for tools, jewelry and foundations of their homes.

White families also settled the island in the early 1900s and a schoolhouse was built and used for one year. A burial ground is on the island, but access is restricted.

After exploring Mound Key, Dr. Stans provided a special lunch on a boat parked in the lagoon on the island. The trip was both educational and fun for all who attended, even though some participants needed a few more lessons in kayaking.

Brighton Recreation Department co-sponsored the trip.



Martha Jones, Kevin Osceola study historical marker.

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## Open House Shows Off Senior Center

**By Ernie Tiger**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — Tribal officials and citizens gathered Dec. 6 for the Senior Citizen Center Open House. The newly completed 9,000 square foot senior facility will provide a place for seniors to

socialize. The center also houses the Hot Meals Program and will be used as a severe storm shelter.

"Seniors are of the utmost importance to me and nothing was spared during the construction of the Senior Citizen building," says Max Osceola, Jr., the Hollywood Council Representative.

"I am very happy with the results of the final completion. Education of students and the well-being of the citizens of the community are of the utmost importance," added Osceola during his opening remarks.

Osceola then introduced the Pre-school students, who sang the Pledge of Allegiance for the crowd. The attendees later dined on a catered lunch provided by Tribal officials.

The Dorothy S. Osceola (DSO) Library was rededicated during the celebration. Family members of the late Mrs. Osceola participated in the ribbon cutting.



Seniors now have a brand new, 9,000-square-foot center.







# Feed Market Falls To Sem-Pro Mills

## \* New Seminole Tribal Enterprise

By Colin Kenny

**BRIGHTON** — As you near the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Sem-Pro Mills plant here, close your eyes and take a major deep breath. Imagine you are inside a giant bag of Kibbles.

Now take a look at Jimmy McDaniel. He's not the Green Giant, but he does know how to run a feed producing plant.

Indeed, when given a tour of the plant by the affable McDaniel, Executive Director of Sem-Pro Mills, one encounters a plethora of neatly stacked 25, 30 and 50-pound bags of freshly packaged feed in various formulations bearing the Sem-Pro (short for Seminole Products) logo. The plant produces feed for hogs, cattle, aquatic turtles, alligators, striped bass, and tilapia.

There's even acorn-flavored deer feed. "Target Your Deer Herd With Our Feed," it says on the package along with an actual practice target super-imposed over a drawing of a deer's mug with the bulls-eye right on the buck's larynx. Instead of going through the trouble and expense of purchasing a separate target, hunters can just aim at the one printed on the empty feed bag when adjusting the scopes of their rifles, explains McDaniel about this novel Sem-Pro packaging innovation.

On the outer part of the building are silos of corn, soy and wheat middlings — some of the primary ingredients used in the making of feed. McDaniel points to a piece of machinery near the silos that has the name and job description of the perfect, sinister candidate for Monday Nitro: The Extruder — a device that can grind, crush or pulverize the bones and/or carcass of anything that walks, crawls, swims or flies. It is employed at Sem-Pro to make fish and bone meal.

Inside the plant are freezers of frozen fish, a cooker, a boiler, some shakers, cooling towers and bag-off bins — all pretty much standard feed mill components. Then McDaniel directs attention to a monstrous contraption that sets Sem-Pro apart from perhaps a dozen or so run-of-the-mill feed mill operations in the state of Florida. Like a lot of residents of the Sunshine State, it moved down from New Jersey where its former job was churning out bacon bits. It is yet another mechanical device with a sinister Nitro name: The Extruder.

"We have the only extruder in the state of Florida," said McDaniel in a "not-a-brag-it's-a-fact" sort of deadpan. And what, one may ask, is so extraordinary — or should we say *extru*-dinary — about that?

Well, if you are in the aqua-culture business, for example, it's the difference between feed that floats, or feed that sinks to the bottom of the pond. The basic pellet feed-making process has the raw ingredients combined, blended, and cooked and compressed into dense, heavy pellets to be eventually consumed by hogs, cattle, horses and deer. The extruded feed-making process has the blended ingredients cooked — by friction of screws turning in the barrel of the extruder —

and expanded resulting in a lighter, floatable pellet desirable for feeding fish, alligators and aquatic turtles.

The extrusion process also makes a more palatable and protein-available feed pellet for land animals such as horses and deer. It is pretty much the same process used to make most commercial dry dog and cat food as well the ready-to-eat, puffed-grain breakfast cereals that humans consume, according to McDaniel.

The Sem-Pro Mills story started sometime in 1998 with a conversation between Seminole Tribal Chairman James Billie, wildlife biologist McDaniel and USF veterinarian/nutritionist Dr. Paul Cardeilhac. Billie and McDaniel listened intently as Dr. Cardeilhac talked about the need for an extruded feed mill in the state of Florida to produce feed for turtle and alligator farms. It was Billie, according to McDaniel and Sem-Pro Sales Manager, Elton Lowe, who decided to ramrod this idea into action.

The next thing you know, McDaniel and the vet are going all over — to places like Minnesota, Kansas and New Jersey — looking for used mill parts. Then it's off to Texas A&M last January for McDaniel, along with colleagues Ray Valentine and Richard North, to take an intensive two-week crash course in animal feed formulation, preparation and management. The three used their newly found expertise and started up Sem-Pro Mills, Inc.

This Tribal enterprise has made quite a bit of progress since it churned out its first pellet this past February. "We got practically all the alligator farmers in the state of Florida buying our feed," says McDaniel, adding that they were starting to deliver feed to alligator farms in Georgia. Sem-Pro also sells feed to Billie Swamp Safari and Big Cypress Hunting Adventures. In addition, Sem-Pro supplies all cattle cubes to the Seminole Tribe's Cattle and Range Program and will start selling hog feed to the 4-H. But it's the niche markets where Sem-Pro wants to direct its focus.

"What we're trying to hone in on is high quality aquatic feed," says McDaniel. Mainly the tropical fish farm markets with their demand for specialized feeds. With a 21st century sensibility for waste management and innovation, McDaniel talks about taking discarded crab shells to extract a substance called chitin — an enhancer for the color red to be used in koi and goldfish food.

Then there's the experiment with water hyacinths — those pesky weeds that need to be continually eradicated off the surface of Lake Okeechobee. The plants have recently been found to be 21 percent protein and are now being seriously looked at as a possible ingredient in Sem-Pro's cattle and dog feeds.

Sem-Pro Mills will be making dog food soon and some interesting varieties may be in store. "We're thinking about making medicated dog food with heart-worm medicine and flea repellent," says McDaniel.

With all the encouraging success, McDaniel keeps a cautious optimism for a company that is still in its infancy. "There's a lot of competition out there," he says. Maybe so. But even in the sometimes cut-throat feed industry, there seems to be nothing, at least in the state of Florida, that can stop McDaniel and Company. . . and The Extruder.



Jimmy McDaniel and feed-making machine.

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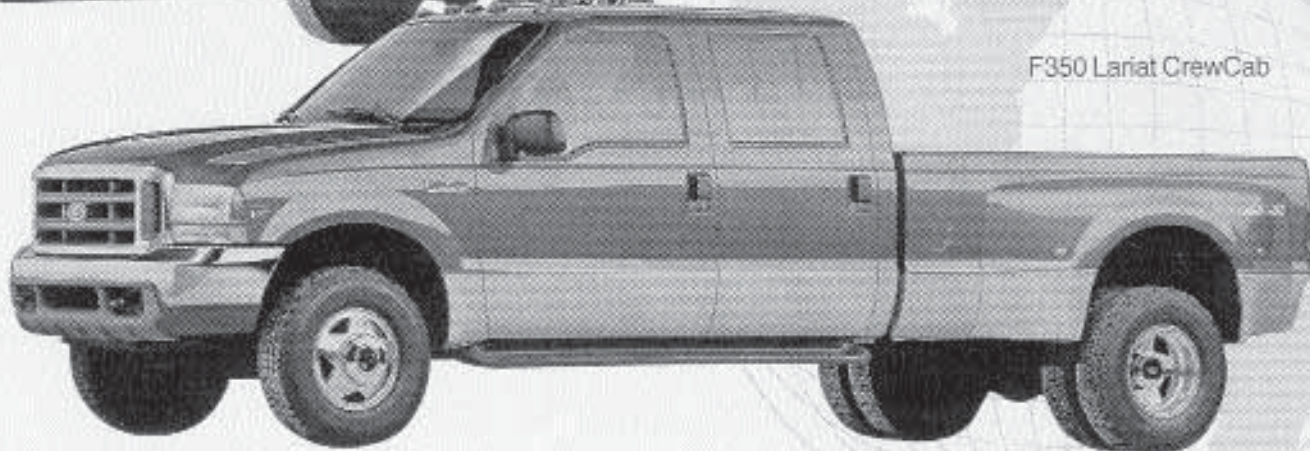
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# Aborigines, Indians To Share Culture At USF Arts Event

## Seminoles Will Participate

**TAMPA** — The history, lives and cultures of Australian Aborigines and American Indians will be celebrated for three weeks this January when a University of South Florida Dance Professor brings the multi-faceted arts event "Dreamtime, Our Time: The Eternal Circle," to campus here.

Seminole Tribal citizen William Cypress will be one of seven American Indian cast members in the dance-theatre production, "Dancing With The Wheel Of Ever Returning," scheduled to run on selected evenings and afternoons between Jan. 18 and 27. Cypress will appear Ed Winddancer (Nanticoke/Cherokee), Al Winterhawk (Lakota), Mikey C. Falcon (Apache/Mejica), Adriane Spirit Song Falcon (Apache/Mejica), Irwin Ivan Sharp Fish (Lakota) and Connie Going (Cherokee/Tuscarora) in the show at the USF Theatre.



Australian Aboriginal dancers will be performing at USF event.

Combining contemporary dance, art and music with aboriginal traditional forms, the production will present evening performances (7:30 p.m.) on Jan. 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26 and 27. Matinees (2 p.m.) are slated for Jan. 21 and 27. Seating is limited and must be reserved by calling the USF Box Office at 813-974-2323.

Chairman James Billie and Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Executive Director Billy Cypress will join performance artist James Luna on a panel, Jan. 24 to discuss the issues and art of American Indian people. The "American Indians Today: Creativity, Community and Courage" panel will begin at noon at the Marshall Center Ballroom (CTR 270)

Professor Gretchen Ward Warren, a Fulbright Scholar who spent a year studying dance in Australia, was struck by the similarities between the treatment of Aborigines and Indians in their respective countries, as well as the similarities among the two cultures. Since music and dance were central to lives in each culture, a dance/theatre production was conceived by Warren to explore her theme.

Other events during the Jan. 12-27 project include an exhibit of Australian Aboriginal bark paintings and American Indian art and artifacts, tours of the USF Contemporary Art Museum (including exhibits loaned by Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki), American Indian film festival and a lecture "Subterranean, Post Indian Installation and Performance Love-In," by artist James Luna.

## DNA

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On **Jan. 24**, Chief Jim Billie and guests will appear in a special (live DVD taping) concert at Tampa Theatre. The Super Bowl week show is free and will begin at 8 p.m. Scenes from this show will appear on the Chief's new DVD, planned for release next spring.

On **Feb. 2**, an exhibit featuring the art of legendary Florida painter Guy LaBree will open at the St. Petersburg Historical Museum, downtown St. Petersburg. An opening ceremony featuring the Seminole Youth Dancers will begin at 6 p.m. LaBree, who grew up in Dania with Seminole children as his best friends, has been painting historical and modern, landscapes and people, for over 40 years.

Sunday, **Feb. 25** will mark the beginning of the week-long "Native Voices, Native Visions" film festival, featuring native films and filmmakers nightly, most screenings scheduled for the Dendy-McNair Auditorium on the Eckerd College campus. Sponsored by Seminole Broadcasting and directed by Eckerd Professor Dr. Catherine Griggs, the festival draws from sources such as the Smithsonian and is regarded as one of the very best native film events in the world.



Buffy Sainte-Marie will perform at D.N.A.

Two unique D.N.A. events will take place **Friday March 2**. St. Petersburg's monthly "Get Downtown" street dance will feature the Aztec Fire Dancers, Apache guitar-slinger Scott Huckabay and the Shana Quintet. St. Petersburg's main downtown thoroughfare - Central Avenue - will be closed off from cars, and thousands of partiers will take to the streets for this early evening (5 p.m.) show.

Later that same evening (**March 2**, 7:30 p.m.) Chief Billie will bring his "Sha-who-pa-ye-ke" Seminole storytelling and culture show to Eckerd's Dendy-McNair Auditorium. Starring the Mahwendose actors Will Hill and Geninne Washington, the show will feature songs and stories from Seminole lore. The same show was presented, with great success, to Seminole and Miccosukee children and community members recently.

On Saturday evening, **March 3**, after the powwow closes down, fans and participants will gather in downtown St. Petersburg at Ferg's Club - across from the police station - where tavern/restaurant owner Mark Ferguson welcomes all native peoples and friends to his annual "American Indian Music Jam." Huckabay and others will join musical forces at this late night event.

Sponsors include the City of St. Petersburg, *Tampa Tribune*, *Weekly Planet*, *Eller Media*, Billy's Stone Crab and Steak House, Ferg's, Holiday Inn

Sunspre and Radio Disney.

## Hall of Fame

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plaques and were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Israel Negro, Florida Marlins Manager for Community Affairs, gave a very inspiring speech for the crowd about his involvement in Cornerstone for Kids, a project designed to provide funds in the hope of, "building a brighter future for youths."

"Projects developed like Cornerstone for Kids are great for youths today," said Moses Jumper Jr., Director of Hollywood Recreation. "That is what kids need."

"Many youths today get negative peer pressure from others to join the wrong crowd. Projects like this help kids get positive peer pressure and help them fall into different things like sports and other recreational activities."

Betty Mae Jumper, who became the first woman to be inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame, remembered a time she and Russell were on the field together.

"I was pitching to Russell one day at practice when I accidentally hit him with the ball," Betty said. "No words were said by Coach Kinsaul that day. But the following day things were opposite. I was the batter and he (Russell) was the pitcher."

"I could see the ball coming right at my side."



Roy Stewart holds his plaque for Junior Rodeo skills.

a group of people more involved with their kids during sports."

Bo Young, assistant recreation manager, then recognized the youths who took part in the Jr. Rodeo Program. Carl Baxley, Moses Jumper Jr., and David DeHass started this program several years ago to encourage participation in sports.

Roy Stewart, a member of the Jr. Rodeo Program, was recognized for his outstanding Bull Riding. Clinton Holt also was recognized for his EIRA Jr. Bull Riding Reserve Champion Title.

The entire members of the Seminole Tribe's Sports Hall of Fame are: Howard Tiger, Eugene Bowers, Harry Billie, Josiah Johns, Coleman Josh, Joe Dan Osceola, Fred Smith, Richard Smith, David Jumper, Rev. Genus Crenshaw, Cecil Johns, Russell Osceola, and Betty Mae Jumper.

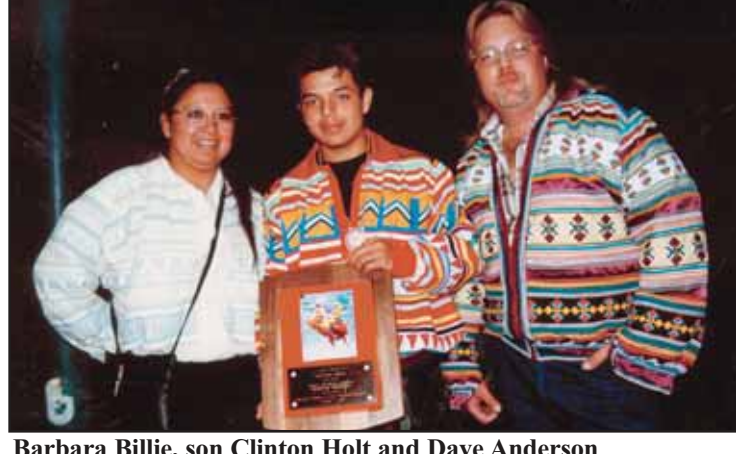


Russell Osceola (second from right) shares his plaque with family.

I just prepared for the impact and took it. Later that day after practice was over I asked Russell what was that for? He replied that was for the other day for hitting me."

"It was all in good fun though," chimed in Coach Kinsaul drawing laughter from the crowd. Speaking on behalf of Russell, Coach Kinsaul added later, "Russell was an outstanding athlete in what ever he did."

"And, it wasn't just Russell, but also the Seminole parents who supported the youths. I think sometimes we take things for granted and we miss our children's sports activities. But it didn't matter where we went, you could always count on the Seminole parents being there to support their children. I never had seen



Barbara Billie, son Clinton Holt and Dave Anderson

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# Seminole Casino News

**Seminole Indian Casino of Hollywood**, located at 4150 N. S.R. 7, Hollywood, FL 33021, telephone (954) 961-3220 or (800) 323-5452.

We started the biggest promotion to date on Dec. 12 - *The 12 days of Winterfest*. A raffle will be held nightly during the promotion. Prizes include trips, tickets, electronics and cash. The drawings will be held at 8 p.m. and raffle tickets can be picked up the day of the drawing only. Winner must be present to claim prize.

In addition we started a new super progressive game on Dec. 16, which was also the date of our anniversary game. In conjunction, we offered special food prices with that event.

Dec. 23 will be our gift day for Bingo during Matinee and Evening sessions. There will be half price re-buys in poker Monday through Friday from 3 a.m. - 10 a.m. all month long. All this is in addition to our 1,000 gaming machines, round the clock poker, four sessions of High Stakes Bingo and Lightning Bingo. Make this a December to remember at Seminole Indian Casino-Hollywood.

**Brighton Seminole Bingo and Gaming** - Highway 721, Brighton Indian Reservation, Route 6, Box 611, Okeechobee, FL 34974. (800) 360-9875.

Make your plans now to ring in the New Year at Brighton Seminole Bingo and Gaming Casino. We have packed our 2001 New Year's Eve Party with food, champagne, party favors, fun, excitement and big money to be won!

You won't want to miss our **Singin' Madness New Year's Eve Bingo Session**. We have packed this special session with 30 regular games each paying \$500. That's \$15,000 in regular game payouts in one evening. Plus the 50/50 Jackpot will be a Must Go! Also between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. everyone who purchases a ticket for this special session will receive a prime rib dinner.

Madness Bingo Session tickets will be sold in advance for \$55 per person or at the door Dec. 31 for \$65 per person. Bingo will start at 7:45 p.m. There will be no 2 p.m. bingo session on Dec. 31.

On Dec. 23, Santa Claus is coming, bringing gifts galore and more cash than ever before. Come early and shop for the items you would most like to win. Players purchasing a Blue \$15 pack will receive five tickets to be used as entries for individual drawings on each item. Players purchasing an Orange \$25 pack will receive 10 tickets. All gifts will be on display and you will get to choose which gifts you want to be eligible to win by placing one or more of your tickets in the corresponding entry box for that item.

Santa has also packed the Money Wheel in his pack and if you choose you may place one or more of your tickets in a special entry box in which five tickets will be drawn and each winner will have an opportunity to spin the wheel for cash. Spin a number between 1 and 6 and receive \$100 multiplied by the number spun.

Special Saturday Night No Limit tournaments are scheduled for Dec. 30. For a \$50 buy-in you will receive 1,000 units. Re-buys are available any time your stake falls under 1,000 units. First place pays up to \$1,000 and there will be a high-hand cash prize along with drawings for mini-tournament passes.

Regular Saturday Night Poker Tournaments in December now pay more than ever, with up to \$2,100 in cash prizes to be won. On Dec. 23, 7-card Stud will be played.

We will be closed Dec. 24 - 25 and Jan. 1, 2001.

**Coconut Creek Casino** - 5550 N.W. 40th St., Coconut Creek 33073, (954) 977-6700. Open seven days a week - 24 hours.

We're on our final week with our contribution to the Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots drive, our patrons and casino associates have been graciously supportive in this community drive. The toy pick-ups have been three times per week.

We're having a big bash on Dec. 24 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Singer Chris MacDonald will do a special holiday show, "A Tribute to Elvis." Plus, some lucky patrons will get a chance to spin our prize wheel and take home cash, electronic items, gift certificates, casino money, jewelry or a chance to win the Grand Prize, a Las Vegas vacation.

Come join us for a Vegas New Year's Eve celebration Dec. 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The "Ronnie Davis Revue" will be providing a Las Vegas-style variety show and the casino will be decked out in black, white and gold. Also performing live will be nationally recognized singer and impressionist Andy Corridori.

Come move and groove to the rockin' sounds of singer Toni Wilson & Company and his "Tribute to the Legendary James Brown" and other Motown hits on Jan. 28 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Grand prize is a large-screen TV.

**Immokalee Seminole Indian Casino** - 506 S. First St., Immokalee, FL 34142, phone (941) 658-1313 or (800) 218-0007.

Join us for our 2001 New Year's Eve Bash and you and a friend could be spending part of 2001 in Hawaii! The trip includes airfare, airport transfers, room accommodations and \$1,000 cash. The doors open at 10 a.m.

Sunday, Dec. 31, so be sure to come early enough to enjoy the free breakfast buffet! The festivities begin at noon with our Special New Year's Eve Matinee and remember all extra All Day Long (except Do-It's) are two for the price of one.

Play \$1,200 worth of warm-up games for only \$5. The Matinee pack includes 20 regular games paying \$500 each! The Four Corners, Seminole Blackout and Super Jackpots will be played and each part will pay \$500. The Bonanza and Super Jackpot consolations will pay \$1,199. You also get one Do-It-Yourself.

The Matinee should be finished by 3:30 p.m. which leaves ample time to enjoy the rest of the Casino before the Party Games begin at 6 p.m. Remember extras are two for one! And at no extra cost (FREE) our famous prime rib dinner will be served buffet style at 7 p.m.

Join us on Sunday, Dec. 31 as we ring in the New Year by giving away a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria, a Hawaiian vacation and a trip to fabulous Monte Carlo! Live entertainment, champagne, hats and noisemakers are just some of what you can expect at SIC's 2001 New Year's Eve Bash.

If you've been collecting drawing tickets for the three big drawings on New Year's Eve, there's still time to get more. Winners must be present at the time of the drawings and have a valid photo ID.

Many returning snowbirds have been asking about their birthday postcards. JPC members as of birthdate 2000 will no longer receive postcards in the mail. Members are now awarded 50 JPC points or \$25 credit directly to their JPC total in our computer system. Points may be used for any Bingo Session, all at one time or in increments of ten points. Those of you that may still have Birthday postcards can rest assured. We will continue to honor them and Happy Birthday from the Seminole Indian Casino.

Free membership to our Jackpot Club - it's easy to join. Just show up at one of our bingo sessions with your picture ID and original Social Security card. Call (800) 218-0007 for more information. Member benefits include free membership picture ID, complimentary bingo birthday pass good for one year, JPC Special Events every month - cash giveaways, Free monthly newsletter to keep you up on special events, and Jackpot Club Points every time you use your card (10 points - \$5 off package price).

Super Saturday Car Drawing Winner on Oct. 28, was Frank Washington. Frank flipped when his name was called as the winner of a PT Cruiser. Congratulations and enjoy the ride!

## Water Resource Meets New Exec

By Rhonda Roff  
**BIG CYPRESS** - On Nov. 28 the Water Resource Management Department met Frank Finch the new Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District and staff on the Big Cypress Reservation. They met at Confusion Corner where they discussed operation of the G409 Pump during dry periods. Afterwards they toured the ANA Grove and the adjacent James E. Billie Wetland Reserve Program site. They discussed the difference between management of stormwater and wetland restoration for the whole Reservation and the research supporting the Big Cypress Water Conservation Plan.



Meeting at the Swamp Water Cafe were (L-R) Samuel Tommie (BC Water Resource Coordinator), John Fumero (SFWMD General Counsel), Stephen Fumero, Esq. (Senior Partner at Lewis, Longman & Walker, P.A.), Bill Dunson (WRMD Biologist), and Frank Finch (Executive Director, SFWMD).

## Land Use Applications

Tribal Ordinance No. C-01-92 requires that applications for the use or occupancy of Seminole lands must be filed in the Real Estate Services office for review by the Development Review Committee and the Land Use Commission before submittal to the Tribal Council.

Applications are available at the following locations: Hollywood Reservation at the Real Estate Service office, Big Cypress Reservation from Joe Frank at the Forestry Department, Brighton Reservation contact Michelle Thomas at the Field Office, Immokalee Reservation at the Field Office. Tampa Reservation must go to the Real Estate Services office in Hollywood.

Committee generally meets two weeks prior to the next regular scheduled meeting of the Tribal Council. Land Use Commission generally meets one week prior to that Tribal Council meeting. This means applications should be filed with Real Estate Services no later than 2 1/2 weeks prior to an upcoming regular meeting of the Tribal Council.

Any applications received after a Development Review Committee meeting will be held until the next Development Review Committee and Land Use Commission meetings before being submitted to the Tribal Council.

Any questions as to application procedures or meeting date may be directed to Real Estate Services at (954) 966-6300 Ext. 1101.

## Senate Passes Landmark Housing Legislation

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Senate recently passed H.R. 5640, the latest version of home ownership legislation introduced earlier this year by House of Representative Housing Subcommittee Chairman Rick Lazio (R-N.Y.).

The Executive Director of the National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC), Christopher Boesen, in response to the passage, called 2000 the "best year ever for Indian housing in the U.S. Congress."

H.R. 5640 included provisions from S.400, a bill drafted and introduced by Senate Indian Affairs Committee Chairman Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-Colo.) which amended the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-

Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) to clarify tribal due process rights, allows for waivers of local cooperation agreements on fair housing grounds, and gives tribes the ability to preempt federal Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements.

It also included S.225, a bill introduced by Senate Indian Affairs Committee Vice-Chairman Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii), creating a housing program for Native Hawaiians.

"This bill, combined with yet another year in which the Congress increased appropriations for Indian housing programs, improves NAHASDA and ensures that even more families will receive the decent housing they deserve," said Boesen.

## Water Use Restrictions In Effect In Hollywood, Big Cypress Communities

**SEMINOLE COUNTRY** - At midnight on Dec. 8 water use restrictions went into effect for residential use for the entire lower east coast. The rules apply regardless of water source (well, canal, pond, lake) but not to low-volume irrigation equipment where water is delivered to the root area of the plant. Here's how it goes for Hollywood residents:

Landscape irrigation is allowed three days per week between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. If your house number is odd your days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday; if your house number is even or if you have no house number your days are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. You may also water by hand between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on your designated days if you use only one hose and an automatic shutoff nozzle. New plantings (less than 30 days old) may be watered Monday through Friday from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Residential car, boat and equipment washing is allowed from 4 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on your landscape watering days. Wash water must soak into the ground, not run off the pavement, and be done with a hose using an automatic shut-off nozzle. Rinsing and flushing of boats after saltwater use is allowed once per day for 15 minutes per boat.

Low volume pressure cleaning equipment may be used to clean any structure.

Live-aboard boats may be washed according to the landscape watering schedule.

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The same restrictions apply to residential users on the Big Cypress Reservation but on fewer days. Odd number houses may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays; even and unnumbered houses may water on Thursdays and Sundays.

Residential users on the Brighton Reservation are not currently restricted. Agricultural users are operating under special conditions which are a result of negotiations between the Water Resource Management Department and the South Florida Water Management District.

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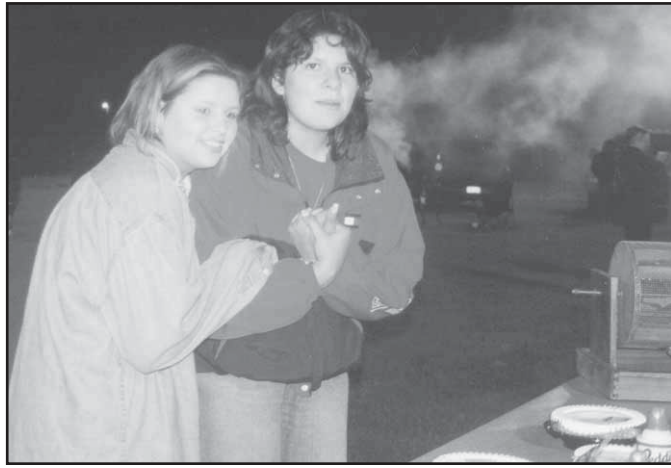


# Thanksgiving Camp Out

By Sandra K. Osceola

**BRIGHTON** — As they have done for the past 20 years, Brighton residents came together to spend the week with their friends and families Thanksgiving week.

The annual traditional camp out is where different clans camp out for the week. This year David Snow, with the help of Brighton Board Representative Alex Johns, sponsored a mud-racing contest with people coming from as far away as Orlando to participate in the day-long activity. Johns also provided lunch. There were quite a few buggies and four-wheel vehicles that came out to play. Not to be outdone, the younger Tribal citizens with their four wheelers joined in on the action.



Clarissa Randolph and Trina Bowers trying to warm up.



Willie Johns prepares for turkey shoot.



4-H (L-R): Erin Willie, Alyssa Willie, and Jarriid Smith.

# Smart Shoppers Shop Smart

By B. Secody

Here the week we look forward to hating every year is here. "We," of course, are those of us who wait until the last minute to do our Christmas shopping. When Christmas season arrives, we enter the War Zone!

Remember, retail sales is BIG business and the smart players know how to persuade us to spend our money. T'is the season to make money, and many stores will stop at nothing short of fraud to make those big bucks.

Here are some basic rules of shopping. Shop where you know the store's return policy. Do your homework regarding exchanges and refunds. Will the store give you money back? Credit your account? Or are you just out of luck? Keep your receipt!

Avoid purchasing items from temporary business locations, such as flea markets or garage/yard sales. Prices may not really be bargains. Rarely is a warranty or guarantee furnished. If bargains on appliances, jewelry and other items look too good to be true, they usually are.

Make sure of toy safety. In 1999 alone, there were 16 child fatalities from various unsafe toys.

Gift certificates may be a good idea for those who have everything..

A shopping list is the safest way to organize purchases. Keep items for out-of-towners on a separate list - remember to buy easy-to-mail and light-weight/non-breakable items for their gifts.

Clothes shoppers - list the recipient's

sizes. Or you could avoid the size game altogether and buy non-wearable items. Precious time can be lost hunting needlessly, when perfume or sporting goods, computer games and electronic "toys" are often more appreciated.

It is always good to know the person's taste and habits. For example, if a child has a Gameboy he always needs new games. CD's are always appreciated if you know the type of music he or she enjoys.

The thought of so many people in such tight spaces can be overwhelming - especially for those who have anxiety disorders and panic attacks. Take your Paxil or Prozac before leaving for the mall. Stressed out shoppers have been known to commit "Mall Rage" when fighting for the same item, or racing to a checkout.

There is hope on the horizon however, online shopping! Enter the world of cyber shopping - but beware of online fraud. Make sure you do business only in a secure site.

Your credit card will undoubtedly take a lickin' - but to keep it tickin,' know the interest charges you are incurring. It does make more sense to carry plastic - someone may try to rob you. T'is the season for that, too.

With these few things in mind, go ahead and venture out there. Take your time, relax and enjoy the shopping experience. Shopping late at night in stores that are open 24 hours is another alternative to experiencing the daytime "War Zone."

Most of all, remember t'is the season to celebrate the birth of our Lord - not just a time to receive and exchange gifts.



Happy Holidays from Hollywood Infant Care (pictured): Clareese Avila, Jaden Bankston, Trinity Bowers, Howie Drake, Elizabeth Frank, Valentino Huggins, Arek Jumper, Franklin Jumper, Chahechum Osceola, Drew Osceola, Chruitt Osceola, Gherri Osceola, Leeonna Pichardo, and Jahonnie Rodriguez. (not pictured): Asiana Billie, Chesna Bowers, Chaska Osceola, Audriahna Sirota, Nijah Tommie, and Brandon Williams.

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**Humor**

# Mister Bojangles

Here I am Raiford Starke, dressed in Holiday style, cruising the hovels and streetcorners of Starkansaw, feeling all seasoned and cobbled-stoned with the spirit of Christmas. Warm jingle belly gas crawled through my gut and I instinctively felt my left buttocks for the lump of my wallet. If anybody's going to rob me tonight, I thought, I want it to be the good shop merchants of my fair hometown. There was a nip of freshness in the air, the Chernobyl Brothers landfill was downwind this evening, my grandma got runned over by a reindeer and Yuletide carols were dingling through my brain like dancing Chinamen in a West Memphis cow pasture.

Naturally, I gravitated over to music, wherever I could find it. It was only December 23rd. I had lots of time before the big day. A man singing fashionably off key caught my attention. It was Jimmy "No S" McDaniel and the Mill Brothers singing, "Extrud the Screw-nose Reindeer." At the next corner was ol' Jim Crow and the Straw Men belting out "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."

I tipped my hat to the musicians and kept walking down the street, through the mud and the blood and the beer. I probably would have gone on and finished my shopping - I still hadn't bought Lowella anything but a gift certificate to Quickee Lube - but I was stopped in my tracks like Ebenezer Scrooge meeting the Ghost of Christmas Past. It was a sound I had heard before. It was either from heaven or an elevator. It was a bell.

Not just any bell, but a G-tuned Franklin two-penny aluminum-steel alloy with swivel reverb and an output to the karaoke machine. There, prancing alone on the sidewalk, was an ancient, silver-haired man doing the ol' soft shoe while ringing the bell in three-quarter time. Beside him, propped on a tri-pod, stood a red tip bucket.

Most people, huddled against the cold, snow tossed wind, totally ignored the small, wiry man, passing by with furrowed brows and furtive glances at this intrusion into their sense of well-being. But, I was drawn like butter. I don't know what it was, but something made me reach in my wallet and pull out a crumpled up \$5 bill. Someone had written "Eat Me" on the bill and drew a goatee on Lincoln.

I tossed it into the poke and the old men stopped ringing and looked up. His smile warmed up the corner. I stood and listened while he told me of his life, of how his dog and him traveled about. "We played minstrel shows and county fairs," he said "throughout the South."

I listened to the old man ramble on, wondering whether this is going end up being another shaggy dog or baggy pants story. Then he introduced himself, matter of factly, thrusting his hand out in mid air. "Bojangles. They call me Mr. Bojangles."

"The Mr. Bojangles?" he said incredulously. "That's right son," he said.

"Y-You used to be famous," I said. "Um-hmm."

Then he proceeded to tell me about a fellow named Jerry Jeff Walker he met in a New Orleans jail cell years ago. "I was down and out," said Bojangles. Jerry Jeff wrote down everything the old man said and wrote a song about him.

"Wasn't a bad song, just a little inaccurate," said Bojangles. "My dog Teddy never up and died. Some ad man borrowed him from me and never brought the little critter back. Last I heard he became the mascot for some guys called the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band."

A tear rolled down the old man's cheek and I felt my own eyes well up. The wind had changed and brought back the familiar bouquet of the Chernobyl Brothers plant. "We would dance now at every chance at honky tonks and bar mitzvahs," he choked. "Throughout the south?" I interrupted. "Why yes," he looked amazed. "How did you know?"

The rest of the story was downhill. There was an appearance on the Got Show and a cameo on Sanford and Son. "I even got paid \$15 for them to use my name in one of the Jeopardy questions," he

said. "Some guy named Charlie started impersonating me all over the place. I don't know. Here I am."

He hung his head. "Actually," he admitted, red-eyed. "I drinks a bit."

More than anything else, drinking put him on a street in Starkansaw, begging for quarters. "What about royalties?" I asked. "I hear that song about you almost every day."

He shook his head. The dog was a blow, but the money really hurt him. After 20 years, he still grieved.

"I get a social security check," he admitted. "I just do this for drinks and tips."

He's never heard from Jerry Jeff or the Nitty Gritties in years. "I should have never told John McEuen that ol' Teddy could sing the Old Rugged Cross. I should've sold him that information, but in those days, everything was vinyl. How was I to know?"

I dropped another five spot in his cup and walked away. I couldn't take it anymore. "Have a Merry Christmas, young man" I heard him exclaim as I turned out of sight.

Suddenly, I was startled by a shuffling noise. I looked in the alley and out from behind a pile of garbage emerged a ten-week-old stray puppy. A note was attached to his collar that said: "Please give Spike A Good Home." It was signed "Hollis Brown." The little terrier was thin and weak and it was clear he had been wandering for days.

I petted the little tyke and he yelped a perfect key of C. Hmmmm. I took my old harpoon out of my dusty red mmandana and began to blow. The pooch mimicked every sound I made, right on key.

Suddenly my eyes widened and one of those strange Nicholas Cage things happened to me. For a brief shining moment, I could see clearly now. I picked up the little puppy and carried him back to the old man.

"Mister Bojangles," I cried. "Mister Bojangles. Dance!"

He jumped up, clicked his heels and began to softshoe while he hummed the "Old Rugged Cross." Suddenly the little pooch in my arms began howling with Bojangles' hum. The old man jumped, turned with a surprise look on his face, and lightly touched down.

He stood there for what seemed like an eternity, gapping in stone-shocked silence. I handed him the dog.

"Merry Christmas, Bojangles," I smiled. He grabbed the mutt with tears of laughter as the cheerful little pup jumped all over him and started licking his face. Meanwhile a crowd of townspeople gathered round to see what the commotion was about.

"Teddy," the old man cried. "Little Teddy!" "Uh . . . his name is Spike," I corrected Bojangles. " . . . not take this column too far, now."

The old man danced. Teddy . . . er, Spike sang. The exuberant audience clapped and cheered. The tip bucket overflowed. Tens and twenties and numerous business cards with offers to perform at private functions.

Jimmy McDaniel even handed Mr. Bojangles his business card. "I run a feed mill out on Glick Rd. We've got the only extruder in Starkansaw and we just started extruding puppy chow this week. Here's my cell number. I want you and ol' Spike to come on down and pick up a 50-pound bag free of charge."

Later, I told my friend Renee all about my good deed. "What did you do next," she asked. "I just walked away, Renee," I replied. "I turned and walked away. Then I ran into another old friend of mine from Tallahatchee, I knew a long time ago. He was in a wheelchair. His name is Billy Joe McAllister."

Renee wanted to know more. "I'm not going to bridge that subject now," I said. "That's my column for next Christmas."

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**RAIFORD STARKE**

# Bush Files Suit Against Santa Claus

AUSTIN, TX — Attorneys for Texas Governor George W. Bush filed suit in federal court today, seeking to prevent Santa Claus from making his list and then checking it twice. The complaint seeks an immediate injunction against the beloved Christmas icon, asking the court to effectively ban his traditional practice of checking the list of good boys and girls one additional time before packing his sleigh.

The suit, filed in the Federal District Court of Austin, Texas, asks a federal judge to "hereby order Mr. Claus to cease and desist all repetitive and duplicate list-checking activity, and certify the original list as submitted, without amendment, alteration, deletion, or other unnecessary modification."

"There are no standards for deciding who is naughty, and who is nice. It's totally arbitrary and capricious. How many more times does he need to check? This checking, checking, and re-checking over and over again must stop now," said former Secretary James Baker.

Baker further claimed that unnamed GOP observers witnessed an elf removing all boys named Justin from the 'nice' list, filing them under 'naughty' instead because "everyone knows all boys named Justin are brats."

Gov. Bush cited the potential for unauthorized tampering, and blasted what he called the "crazy, crazy mess up there at the North Pole." "Their security is really awful, really bad," said Bush. "My mother just walked right in, told 'em she was Mrs. Claus. They didn't check her ID or nothing."

Meanwhile, Dick Cheney, Gov. Bush's running mate, issued a direct plea to St. Nick himself. "Mr. Claus, I call on you to do the honorable thing, and quit checking your list. The children of the world have had enough. They demand closure now," Cheney said, adding that his granddaughter has already selected a name for the pony she's asked for.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson was quick to respond to this latest development with plans to lead his protesters from Florida to the North Pole via dog sled. The "Million Man March" is scheduled to leave Friday. "We need red suits and sleighs, not law suits and delays," Jackson said.

Santa Claus could not be reached for comment, but a spokes-elf said he was "deeply distressed" by news of the pending legal action against him. "He's losing weight, and he hasn't said 'Ho Ho' for days," said the Spokes-elf. "He's just not feeling jolly."

A weary nation can relate.

# God Overrules Supreme Court Verdict

\* **Bush to be smitten later today**  
**HEAVEN** — In a stunning development this morning, God invoked the "one nation, under God" clause of the Pledge of Allegiance to overrule the Supreme Court decision that handed the White House to George W. Bush.

"I don't know where the Supreme Court gets off," God said this morning to Diane Sawyer and Charlie Gibson, in a rare "Good Morning America" appearance, "but I sure as Hell am not going to lie back and let 'W' and the court get away with this."

"I've watched analysts argue for weeks now that the exact vote count in Florida will never be known. Oh yeah? Well, I'm God and I know! I know exactly who voted for whom. Let's cut to the chase: Gore won Florida by exactly 20,219 votes."

Shocking political analysts and pundits, God's unexpected verdict overrules the official Electoral College tally and awards Florida to Al Gore, giving him an Electoral College victory of 289 votes to 246 votes.

The Bush campaign announced that it is analyzing God's Word for possible grounds for appeal. "God's ruling is a classic overreach," argued Bush campaign strategist Jim Baker. "Clearly, a divine intervention in a U.S. Presidential Election is unprecedented, unjust, and goes against the constitution of the state of Florida. Plus, he's getting up there, if you know what I mean, and is probably confused."

"Jim Baker's a fool," God responded. "He's got some surprises ahead of him, let me tell you. HOT ones, if you know what I mean. And he won't be alone. His pals Scalia, Rehnquist, O'Connor, and Kennedy will be joining him."

Asked how it happens that Clarence Thomas has escaped his wrath, God just shook his head, apparently overcome with pity. "That poor bastard is really confused," he sighed.

God, who provided the exact vote counts for every Florida precinct, explained, "Bad balloting machinery and voter confusion are no grounds to give the White House to an idiot. I try not to play partisan politics, but what in the name of Me, is it with Republicans and the American public? Nixon, Reagan, Bush, Bush, and Bush, Gingrich, Lott, Helms, DeLay, Bob Barr, and that asshole Army. It's

ridiculous. What kind of morons are voting for these people? Look at that mummy, Strom Thurman. The man's been totally senile since 1967!"

Our Lord then went on to note that he was displeased with 'W's' prideful ways and announced that he would officially smite him today.

In an act of wrath unlike any reported since the *Book of Job*, God has taken all of Bush's goats and livestock, stripped him of his wealth and possessions and caused the spirit of Monica Lewinsky to inhabit the bodies of his wife and daughters. God has given 'W's' Dallas Cowboys season tickets to Jane Fonda, his custom made leather cowboy boots to Geraldo Rivera, and his ten-gallon hat to Bill Clinton. In addition, he intends to smash every jar in 'W's' wine cellar, force the former presidential candidate into hard labor in a salt mine, and to afflict him with deep boils. He said he has already gotten a head start on the boils.

Notified of this by reporters, 'W' said his only regret would be the loss of the wine. He also said he hoped that reading wouldn't be a part of his new job in the salt mine since, as he put it, "I'm not good at that."

Dick Cheney will reportedly receive leprosy and must live until Judgement Day in Louisiana. Katherine Harris will be forced to spend all eternity staring at herself in a mirror as she ages and becomes even stranger looking than she is today. Jeb's punishment? "To be known," as God put it, "until Hell freezes over, as the Bush brother who's not as smart as George W."

Ralph Nader, "just because I think he's a tight-assed ninny," said God, will burst into flames and be reincarnated either as a logger in the Pacific Northwest or spokesman for a chemical company suspected of dumping waste water contaminated with heavy metals into inner-city vacant lots which it then turned into playgrounds. "I haven't yet made up my mind," God told Charlie and Dave.

In a decision that can only be described as horribly cruel, God announced that 'W's' parents, George and Barbara, for raising 'W' to be the person he is, must become full time baby-sitters for Ronald Reagan, who will live to be a 110.

# Indians Take Back America

**INDIAN COUNTRY** — The American Indian Council of Chiefs, in a far-reaching and explosive announcement, ordered the repossession of the government and property of the United States. The Council acted in a joint session, called by Seminole Chairman James Billie, to deal with the George W. Bush - Al Gore election fiasco.

The following edict, in effect immediately, was released:

*To the citizens of the United States of America: In light of your failure to elect a President of the USA and thus to govern yourselves, we hereby give notice of the repossession of your government and property, effective this date. The Council of Chiefs will assume traditional duties over all states, commonwealths and other territories, except Los Angeles, upon which you have inflicted irreplaceable damage beyond repair.*

*To aid in the transition to the Traditional Ways of life, the following rules are introduced with immediate effect:*

1. Look up the word "repossession" in the dictionary.
2. Look up the word "Shaman" in the dictionary and discontinue any relationship of this word to any Indigenous healer or helper.
3. Revision and reprint of all dictionaries, specifically removing the word "Squaw" and other disparaging words hateful to all people of color and those with disabilities.
4. The words "aye", "ayes", "enit", "so-cute", "so-bad" and "49" will be added to the dictionary.
5. Discontinue to refer to traditional regalia as "Costumes".

6. All hunting and fishing rights will be based on need of the family or community. All sports hunting and fishing will be banned. Those caught sport fishing and hunting will be deported to the unclaimed country, Los Angeles.

7. You should learn to distinguish southwestern, northwest, coastal, plains, southern, east coast and all other tribes, bands, clans and corporations from each other. And note that all Indians don't or did not live in teepees.

8. Hollywood will be required to hire actual Native actors for parts and not just the bad guys or spiritual leader.

9. July 4th, Columbus Day and Presidents Days are no longer public holidays. Instead we will have the summer off with pay, if you are Native American or a descendant.

10. Fry bread will be called Fry Bread and not Elephant Ears.

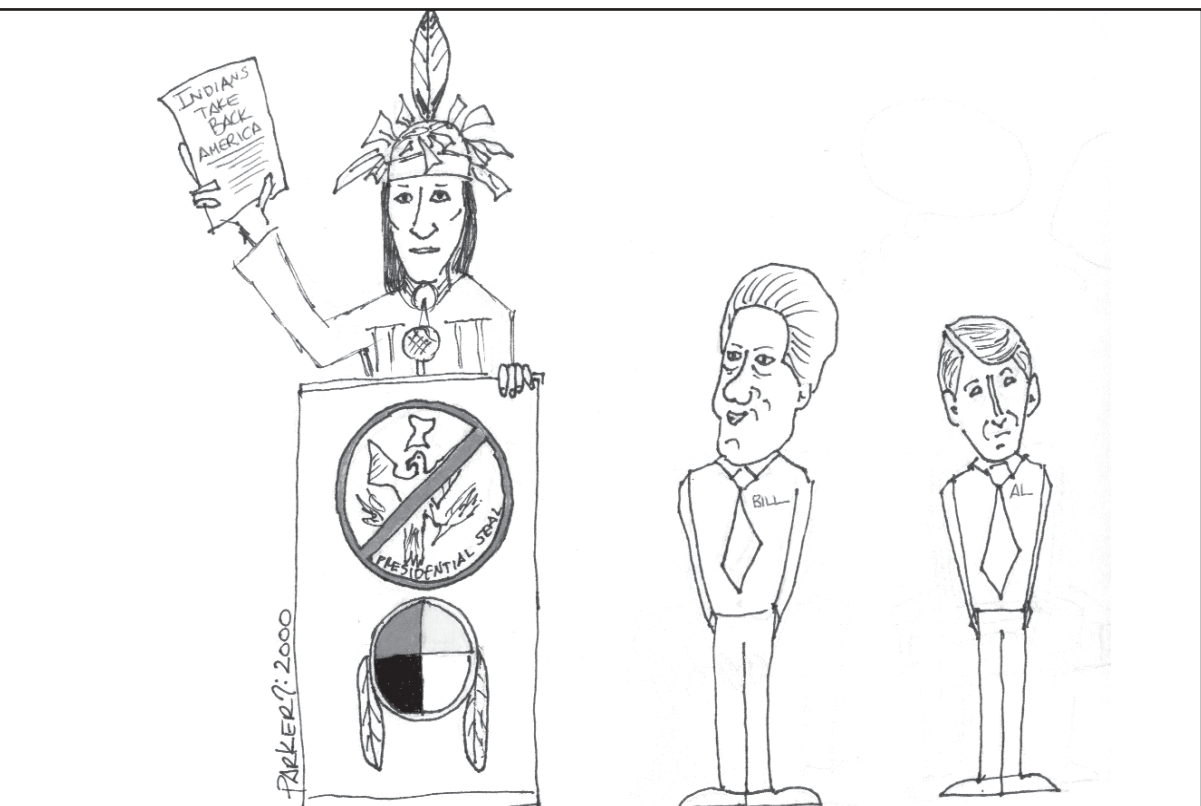
11. Indian-time will go into effect immediately. If you do not understand Indian-time, then consult the local tribal councilman in your area.

12. Commodities will have color applied to their labels.

13. Beauty pageants will allow the Native American contestants to wear t-shirt and cut-offs in the swimsuit competition.

14. All non-Native peoples will be required to attend trainings in the appropriate gestures of "lip signaling".

We thank you for your cooperation.



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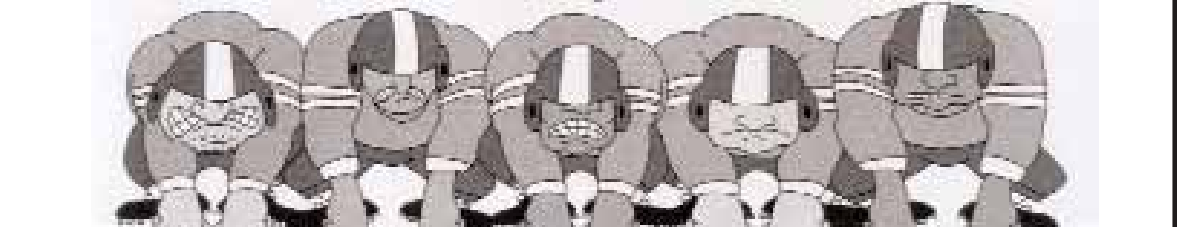
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# Health Corner

## Big Cypress Weight Loss Awards Given

**By Janice Billie**  
**BIG CYPRESS** — Smiles and congratulations were the order of the day as participants in the Weight Loss Contest attended a luncheon at the Big Cypress Gymnasium on Dec. 12. The luncheon was held to recognize and award the participants for their efforts to lose pounds and build a better awareness for living a healthy lifestyle.

The President of the Board of Directors office and Big Cypress Recreation sponsored the contest and luncheon. The Health Department assisted in coordinating and hosting the lunch.

The contest began with 21 tribal citizens and employees weighing in and ended with 13 winners. Tribal citizen winners, with pounds lost were as follows: 1st place — Linda Billie 23-½ lbs. and Danny Tommie 19-½ lbs., 2nd place — Alfreda Musket 15 lbs. and David Bowers 8-½ lbs., 3rd place — Tara Robbins 11 lbs. and Cicero Osceola 8 lbs.

Tribal employees also made a great showing with the male winners as follows: 1st place — Spencer Mims 13 lbs., 2nd place — Sean Hogan 7 ½ lb. Both men work for Aviation. Female winners were as follows: 1st place — Melissa Rittenberry (Preschool) 13-lbs., 2nd place (tie) — Tracy Summeralls (Health Department) and Wilma Brown (Preschool) 11 lbs., 3rd place (tie) — Catherine Terburlo (Health Department) and Rose Jamerillo (Safari) 5-½ lbs.



**(L-R): Linda Billie, David Bowers, Cicero Osceola, and Vicky Barrogiannis were big "losers."**

President Mitchell Cypress congratulated everyone and encouraged them to continue on a path towards self-improvement. Afterwards, tribal employee Vicky Barrogiannis handed out cash awards to the winners.

Keeping things on a health conscious note lunch consisted of some super salads and lots of fruit. Congratulations to all participants and winners. Keep it up and stay healthy.

Along with Big Cypress, several other reservations have sponsored weight loss contests. Overall results have been positive. With obesity being reported as one of this country's growing health hazards, the sponsors are committed to the effort to motivate people to lose weight through exercise and a healthy diet.

## 50 Ways To Leave Your Blubber

**Submitted by Health Education Program**

The #1 New Year's resolution? Lose weight. Invariably, when the conversation turns to weight loss it centers on diets. This is a topic of which, by now, you have certainly heard it all: high protein, low protein, high carb, low carb, high fat, low fat. Which way do you turn? What is the best path to take?

The answer is not always easy. But what is known is that to be successful, you must choose a weight loss plan that definitely complements your current health status.

How is this accomplished? The first step is to become familiar with your own health. When was your last physical? Do you know how your blood pressure, sugar, thyroid or kidneys are doing? Some diets complement these conditions while others can exacerbate them to such a degree as to become an emergency situation. It is important to know your individual health circumstance — not every diet is good for every body.

Next, you need to choose an appropriate food plan or philosophy to help achieve your desired weight loss. This is within a nutritionist's expertise and it is highly advisable for you to make an appointment to visit with one. A nutritionist has attended school for many years to learn how to best help you navigate the types of decisions concerning food and eating patterns that you will need to achieve your goal safely.

Once you have found a diet or lifestyle program that fits your needs, it is imperative to monitor your progress along the way, especially concerning the more rigorous, austere diets such as Atkins or Pritikin. These diets advocate virtually eliminating an entire food group.

If you are taking medications these possibly will need to be changed or dosages adjusted. Dr. Van Gelder, Hollywood and Big Cypress Health Center, and Dr. Mavroides, Brighton Health Center, are available for consultation and monitoring of patients striving to decrease their weight. It also important to be watchful of key indicators such as liver and kidney function and heart health to ensure the body maintains its proper equilibrium.

It is important that you work with your body and not against it in the battle of the bulge. Of times a patient achieves weight loss only to rebound with a weight gain because his body has become nutrient depleted or has evolved into a toxic state. Further weight gain leads to yet another diet and soon the chronic yo-yo diet syndrome is in full effect, often with a host of increased health problems as well.

You can help avoid this self-defeating cycle by following these key points: go to your Health Center for a physical if you have not had one within 12 months, meet with the nutritionist in choosing a weight loss program, make an appointment with a physician for consultation and regular monitoring of medications and body chemistry, meet with a health educator/personal trainer for a fitness consult, consider family service counselors for "emotional" or "out of control" eating.

It is tempting to take a shortcut and not adhere to the points listed here, but these services are available and will greatly increase your chances of a positive outcome in your weight loss efforts.

The following are brief excerpts on current popular diets for informational purposes only. Some we embrace more than others — all can be monitored through the Health Centers.

AMOUNT OF WALKING REQUIRED TO BURN OFF CALORIES FROM THESE FOODS: (All are medium sized portions)	
Banana Split:	4.39 hours of walking
Chocolate cake:	4.13 hours of walking
Cheesecake:	3.41 hours of walking
Apple pie:	2.44 hours of walking
Fruit salad:	31 minutes of walking

## Reservation Rally Set For Jan. 27

**By Suzanne Davis**  
 The new year is almost here and we all know that with the new year comes many new resolutions. "This year I'm going to lose weight." "This year I'm going to work out every day." "This year I'm going to start running." If this is something that you usually find yourself saying somewhere around the new year then you are in luck. The Health Department, in conjunction with Recreation, will be adding an extra incentive for anyone looking to kick-off a healthy and happy 2001. The "Reservation Rally," the first annual New Year's 5K (3.1 miles) Run, will take place in Big Cypress on Saturday, Jan. 27.

We have all heard about exercise and its numerous benefits. We have also heard how it can prevent or prolong the onset of diabetes and other health concerns such as high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke. Did you know, however, that working out with a partner and creating competition are two of the biggest motivators when trying to lose weight and maintain an exercise program?

For this reason, and in preparation for the

Reservation Rally, each reservation will be asked to reservation one or two team captains who will have various responsibilities including gathering participants, organizing weekly workouts, encouraging participation, and most importantly, providing motivation and enthusiasm to all team members. As a team, the feelings of togetherness, unity and inspiration will provide that extra push that may be needed to keep going. Over time you will realize that achieving your New Year's resolutions are not as hard as you think.

The event will focus on team spirit and friendly competition between the reservations. The grand prize, the Official Reservation Rally Trophy, will be presented to the team from the reservation with the greatest number of participants. In addition to this team prize, individuals will also have a chance to shine as cash prizes will also be awarded to the top adult competitors in both the running and walking categories. Gift certificates will be awarded to the younger participants.

Good luck to all participants. For further information please contact your reservation's Health Education program or Recreation Department.

## First Teen Fitness Program Ends

**By Suzanne Davis**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — On Monday, Nov. 13th an award dinner was held to celebrate the end of the first successful Teen Fitness program. Teen Fitness, led by Barbara Billie and Health Department staff, began in September and evolved out of concern for the Seminole youth and their vulnerability to obesity and diabetes.

"I've seen the complications that diabetes can cause and I've felt the pain of losing family. I just thought more needed to be done so our children will have a better chance in the fight against this awful disease," said Ms. Billie when asked why she started the program.

The number of seriously overweight children and adolescents nationwide has more than doubled in the past three decades and diabetes, although a primary concern, is not the only consequence of obesity. An obese child is also at risk for high blood pressure, premature heart attacks and



**(Back Row L-R): Suzanne Davis, Toni Taglione, Mitchell Cypress, Bobby Osceola, and Max Osceola. (Front Row L-R): Casey McCall, Joey Richardson, Michael Doctor, Nicholas Osceola, Morgan Frank, and Barbara Billie lined up to get into shape.**

While exercise was a main focus of the program, nutrition also played a major role. Teens today are consuming higher calorie, higher fat convenience foods and snacks than ever before. With the help of a nutritionist the boys learned how to change their eating habits and modify their food choices.

A trip to the local grocery store taught the boys how to compare food labels and dinner at a local buffet taught them about serving sizes and portion-control. The boys showed off their newfound knowledge of good nutrition by bringing in healthy snacks and keeping a food diary.

When Teen Fitness ended the boys felt fit and more aware of why fitness and diet are important. A major highlight was revealed at the award dinner when a 12-year-old participant, having lost 14 lbs., informed the group it was his first time weighing less than 200 lbs. since he was nine years old.

Hollywood Counsel Representative Max Osceola and Tribe President Mitchell Cypress offered words of praise and encouragement before awarding the boys with a Certificate of Achievement, a workout bag and a cash prize.

Both Max and Mitchell supported the program throughout the 10-week course. Barbara hopes to continue this program and open it up to other children in the near future.



**Nicholas Osceola, Joey Richardson, instructor Ali, and Michael Doctor got a workout at the beach.**

social and emotional difficulties. The program, which was limited to six boys, was held three nights a week with one night devoted to exercise, one night to nutrition and one night to an off-site recreational activity (football, skating, etc. . .) The boys participated in various exciting sessions including walks in the park, weight lifting at the gym with personal trainer Kenny Bayon, water aerobics and Tae-Bo.

If you ask the boys, however, what they remember most about the program, the response would be "Ali." Ali, the 6'3" robust, former football player and Marine, instructed the boys at the Muscle Beach Boot Camp. Ali not only taught the boys how important it was to be in shape, but he also taught them about self-respect and discipline. If there was a problem, it was push-ups for everyone.



**Joey Richardson, Casey McCall, Barbara Billie, and Toni Taglione.**

**D.A.S.H. Diet**  
*(Dietary Approach to stop hypertension)*  
 This diet is based on a daily intake of 2,000 calories. 7-8 servings of grain, 4-5 servings each of fruit and vegetables. No more than two servings of meat, poultry, fish and 4-5 servings of nuts and legumes; Extra are limited fats and sweets.

**Beverly Hills Diet**  
 A food-combining diet based on the belief that starches should be consumed apart from proteins and fruits should not be

eaten with either starches or proteins. Atkins Diet: High protein diet that encourages fat intake while discouraging carbohydrate intake of greater than 50 grams per day. The Zone Diet: High protein diet that is not as restrictive in its allotment of carbohydrates. The diet breakdown is 40% protein, 30% fat and 30% carbohydrate.

**Sugar Buster Diet**  
 A selective choice of foods within each food group with an emphasis on fiber. Similar to high protein diets, it adheres to the philosophy that it

is "sugar" not "fat" that leads to weight gain.

**Pritikin Diet**  
 A low-fat meal that severely limits the amount of dairy and animal products in the diet. Often utilized by post heart surgery patients.

**Ornish Diet**  
 A low-fat diet high in complex carbohydrates that is not as restrictive as the Pritikin program. For more information contact your local Health Center.

## Phillip Jumper, Health Conscious Tribal Citizen

**By Janice Billie**  
**BIG CYPRESS** — While attending the Weight Loss Contest in Big Cypress on Dec. 12, I was talking to Tribal President Mitchell Cypress. We talked about how good it was to see Tribal members participating in the contest and showing interest in adopting a healthy lifestyle. The talk prompted Mitchell to bring up Phillip Jumper.

"A few years ago, that was one guy that really looked like he wasn't going to make it," stated Cypress. He went on to explain that Phillip was losing a battle with alcohol and drugs at that time and no one would have predicted he would not only get clean and sober but would also achieve the health and physique of a body builder. Since Phillip was also at the luncheon I took the opportunity to speak with him about his motivation to make such a dramatic turn in his life and how he stays on that path.

Phillip had just finished working out and was looking pretty buff. He laughed when I told him he sure didn't look like that the last time I'd seen him. "Working out is my saving grace," he said.

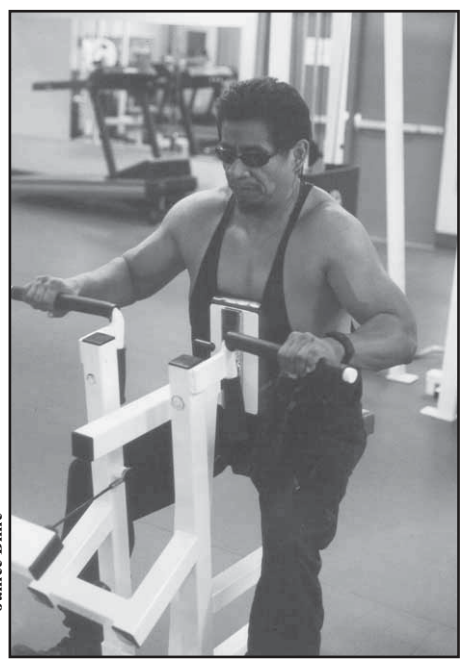
As a result of years of alcohol and substance abuse, Phillip said he'd become "a walking skeleton, you could count every bone in my body if you wanted to." He said he went so far down there was no where to go but up or out and as bad as things had

become he wasn't quite ready to give up on life. When I asked Phillip what brought him to the point of change he cited the undying support of family and friends and the onset of serious health

problems. Plagued by high blood pressure and borderline diabetes, not to mention a depressing lifestyle, Phillip decided to get clean. He said it was a very difficult decision for him because of false pride. He felt that asking for help was not in line with "being a man." However, the alternative was not an option any longer and, as of three years ago, Phillip became a changed man. He started working out with weights soon after getting sober to keep himself occupied. He grew to love it and now spends hours at the gym and tries it to a great one day. He states it is a stress reliever and helps him deal with his temper in a positive way.

Along with a strenuous workout program, Phillip maintains his sobriety and motivation by attending AA meetings and by taking pride in his job as a Cultural Language teacher at the Big Cypress

Preschool. When I mention that Mitchell praised him as a real success story he smiled and said, "I just want people to know that if I can do it, anyone can do it and I hope that someone out there might read these words and make a change too."



**Phillip Jumper pedals toward fitness.**

## Seminole Foster Care Parents Needed

**HOLLYWOOD** — There is a certain pride, dignity and feeling of belonging among Native children who grow up in the tradition of their Tribal culture. The gift and right of tradition for Seminole children is important for their culture to survive. Some Seminole children in need of foster care are denied that gift.

Sometimes, due to child abuse or neglect, children need to be placed with families other than their own. One of the goals of the Family Services Program is to place Indian children with Indian families, so that they can remain among Tribal citizens in their own community or reservation.

Each reservation houses numerous Tribal members who are raising strong and healthy children, rich in cultural beliefs and traditional values. Some of these families have opened their doors and hearts to other children in need of

their strength and guidance, and given these children the chance to share in the traditions of the Tribe. It is a lot to ask, but remember how the elders have taught us to give back some of our knowledge and strength of character to stand firm in what we believe in, to help one another. The love for our people has been rekindled.

This can be the most meaningful and rewarding contribution you could ever make!

Please call now. Family Service Programs — Hollywood at 954-964-6338; Yvonne Courtney is the Tribal counselor. Big Cypress call 863-983-6920 and speak with Jane Billie. Brighton Reservation call Emma Johns at 863-763-7700. Immokalee ask for Billie Napper-Bodway at 941-657-6567. Tampa reservation call 813-628-0627 and speak with Tom Ryan, counselor.



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Moments like eating breakfast at the kitchen table, on the way to grandma's house, or getting ready for a brand new day of school are all great opportunities you have to communicate with your children. Take time, pass down the traditions and communicate to our youth that drugs are not a part of our Native cultures.

For more information on talking to your kids about drugs, please call 1.800.788.2800.

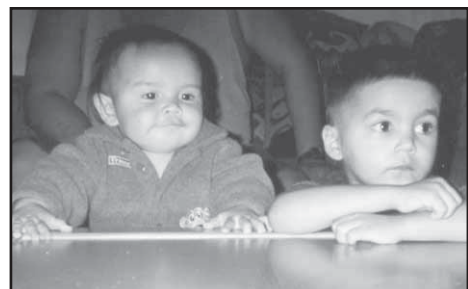
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## Happy Birthday



**Happy 1st Birthday** to our baby boy, **Chaska Nodin Osceola**. (Tanker) on Dec. 26. Love, mom and dad, **Jamie R. Osceola** and **Michael L. Onco Jr.** We love you.

**Happy 4th Birthday** to **Michael L. Onco III** on Dec. 25.

**Happy Birthday** to my loving parents **Teresa Jumper** on Dec. 11 and **Joe B. Osceola** on Dec. 19. I love both of you. Love, **Jamie** and **Leo**.

**Happy Birthday** to my grandparents, **Teresa Jumper** and **Joe B. Osceola**. I love you. Love, **Chaska**.

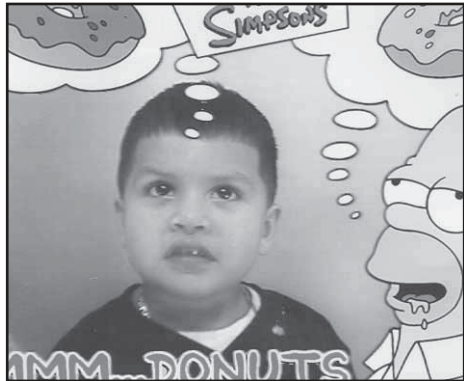
**Happy 21st Birthday** to **Patricia L. Osceola** on Dec. 17. Hope you have fun on your birthday. Take a shot! Love, **Jamie, Chaska, and Leo**.

**Happy 13th Birthday** to **David Anderson, Jr. "Heavy D"**. Love **Barbara, David, Sr., Clinton & Garrett**.

**Happy Birthday** to **Ricky Doctor**. Love from **Barbara, David and the boys**.



**Happy Birthday** to my adorable niece, **Maranda J.B. Osceola** (Nokosh) on Dec. 1. We love you, your aunt, **Jamie, Chaska, and Leo**.



**Happy 3rd Birthday** to our son **Joel R. Puente**. We love you very much! Love you always, **Mommy, Daddy and Lil' Zoey**.

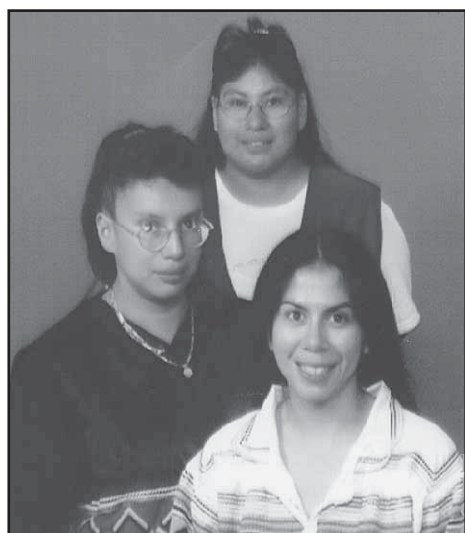
Blessing on our new baby girl **Zoeyshaere Osceola La Puente** born Nov. 2 weight 6 lbs. 10 oz and 20 inches. Proud parents **Jose E. Puente** and **Maggie M. Frank, Big Brother Joel**.



**Happy 20th Birthday** to **Chawndra J. Billie** on December 29th. We can't tell you how much we love you and admire you. Hope you have a wonderful birthday and many more to come. From your lil' family, **Josh and Kadin**.

**Happy Birthday** to **Joel** on Dec. 16. I hope all your wishes come true. Remember I love you always. Love always, **Carolee J. Nelson**.

**Happy Birthday** **Markell Billie**, it's been a long time coming. These past couple of decades and a minute but I've survived it all so far – so good. Let's party y'all, 'til the wheels fall off. Bottoms Up. From, **Myself**.



**Happy Late Birthday** to my little sister **Carmen** on December 16th. With lots of love, your two sisters.

**Happy 13th birthday** **David Anderson Jr. "Heavy D"**, Love from **Barbara, David Sr., Clinton and Garrett**.

**Happy birthday** to **Ricky Doctor**. Love from **Barbara, David, and the boys**.

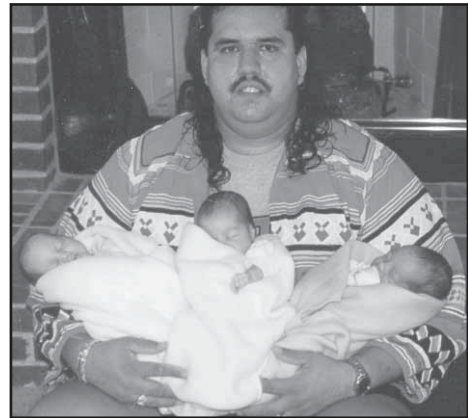
## Deadlines

**Seminole Tribune**  
January 19 Issue :Deadline January 5  
February 8 Issue :Deadline January 26  
February 30 Issue :Deadline February 16

## Job Announcements

- Position:** A-Built/CAD Drafter  
**Salary:** \$28,000 w/benefits
- Position:** Gaming Inspector  
**Salary:** \$26,000 w/ benefits
- Position:** GED\*ABE Teacher/ Counselor  
**Salary:** \$30,000- 35,000 w/benefits
- Position:** Health/Nutrition Coordinator  
**Salary:** \$31,800 annually w/benefits
- Position:** Health Nutrition Aide  
**Salary:** \$18,100 annually w/benefits
- Position:** Maintenance Worker  
**Salary:** \$ 14,560 annually w/ benefits
- Position:** Nutritionist  
**Salary:** \$30,000 annual w/benefits
- Position:** Patient Accounts Coord  
**Salary:** \$19,864 annually w/ benefits
- Position:** Patient Services Clerk  
**Salary:** \$17, 600 w/ benefits
- Position:** Post Production Editor  
**Salary:** \$31,886 annually w/ benefits
- Position:** Reporter  
**Salary:** \$19,760 annually w/benefits
- Position:** Secretary/Bookkeeper  
**Salary:** \$26,000 annually w/ benefits
- Position:** Quality Control Tech  
**Salary:** \$22,000 annually w/benefits
- Position:** Counselor  
**Salary:** \$37,000 annually w/benefits
- Position:** Tribal Counselor  
**Salary:** \$20,300 annually w/benefits
- Position:** Comm. Health Ed. Specialist  
**Salary:** \$28,800 annually w/benefits
- Position:** Comm. Health/Representative  
**Salary:** \$18,700 annually w/ benefits

## Congratulations



The Stivers family announces the birth of triplets. They were born September 20, 2000. First born was **Jerome Moses**, 4 lbs. 8 oz and 18 1/2 inches, then came **Mary Melania** 4 lbs. 5 oz and 16 1/2 inches, and **Robert Allen Jr.**, 4 lbs. 5 1/2 oz and 18 inches. My wife **Mary Ellen** and I have four other children, six-year-old **Renee**, eleven-year-old **Laura**, twelve-year-old **Jennifer** and six-year-old **Jessica**. The babies are healthy and weigh over 7 lbs.  
**Robert Allen Stivers**



Our pride and joy **Phyllis Maydel Osceola**, daughter of **Leslie Osceola** and **James Russell**. 6 lbs. and 8 oz. on Dec. 1 at 12:19 a.m.

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## Notices

**Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute** — Classes starting in Jan., May and Sept. SIPI is a tuition free school; providing books and on campus student housing. Call (800) 586-7474 or visit [www.sipi.bia.edu](http://www.sipi.bia.edu)

**Plans Made For "Vision 2010"** — Broward's Millennium Summit — Jan. 27 – 28, 2001.

The Summit will bring together 250 of Broward's community leaders and activists to craft a collaborative vision for our community. Summit will be held at Nova Southeastern University's Health Professions Division Complex in Davie.

Participation will represent a broad spectrum of Broward County while remaining small enough to facilitate active working groups that can effectively discuss and debate important issues for the future. For more information, please call (954) 357-6011.

**Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling Inc. 8th Annual Conference** — Feb. 23 – 24, 2001 at the Altamonte Springs Hilton, (407) 830-1985 or 800-HILTONS. For more info contact FCCG at (407) 865-6200.

**National Association of Native American Studies National Conference** — Feb.12 – 17, 2001. To be held at the Houston Marriott Westside Hotel. For info call (606) 783-2650.

**Pow Wow Cruise** — Feb. 2, 2001 for a 3-day cruise to the Bahamas, returning to Miami on February 5, 2001. Call (760) 369-2232, or visit website at [www.powwowcruise.com](http://www.powwowcruise.com).

**Diversifying Educational Pathways for Indigenous Peoples** — April 11 – 13, 2001. For more information call: (800) 203-5494. Don't miss this opportunity to network with other professionals and students as we explore ideas and share programs designed to improve

retention and graduation rates in higher education.

**11th Annual Hoop Dance World Championship** — Feb. 3 – 4, 2001 at the Heard Museum Amphitheater in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information call: (602) 251-0284.

**20th Annual YUBA-SUTTER Pow Wow** — June 2 – 3, 2001 at the Yuba College in Marysville, CA. For information and vendor applications call (530) 749-6196, email: [jgraham@mjsud.k12.ca.us](mailto:jgraham@mjsud.k12.ca.us).

### Mandatory Pre-School Parents Meeting

There will be a mandatory parents meeting for all pre-school students on Jan. 10, 2001 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Health Department will provide a panel to discuss issues of relevance concerning pre-school age children. Luncheon will be served.

While this is mandatory for parents of pre-schoolers, anyone interested in attending is welcome. For more information contact Leona Tommie Williams at (954) 989-6840.

### Notice to Tribal members

Effective immediately, please know your Tribal enrollment number when calling the Secretary/Treasurer's Office for information regarding any loans, income verification, or certificate of degree of Indian blood. Know your number and that of your children will expedite your inquiry. This action is due to the increase of requests by Tribal citizens on a day to day basis. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.  
**Secretary/Treasurer Office**

## Personals

### PEOPLE SEARCH

Hello, I am searching for an old friend from your tribe. His name is Alfredo Villereal. I believe that he is from Immokalee. I went to high school with him at Riverside Indian School, in Anadarko, Okla. If there is any way that you might be able to print this in your newspaper I would be very grateful. I have been searching for him for the past 8 years. You can contact me at my email address.  
**Jennifer Wright**  
[cej121@yahoo.com](mailto:cej121@yahoo.com)

### LOOKING FOR NATIVE FRIENDS

I have just moved to the state of Florida and would like very much to find Native American groups whom are helping others, who may help others in the area which I live. If you can provide me with any information on Native American groups, I would be greatly honored.  
**Sharon Lindsley**  
**Spring Hill, FL**

## Obituary

**Aaron Thomas Cantrill**, 21, of Casselberry, passed away recently. Mr. Cantrill is survived by his father, Michael Cantrill of Casselberry; step-mother, Anne Cantrill of Casselberry; mother, Rene Castle of Hollywood; stepfather, Charlie Billie Hiers Sr. of Hollywood; sister Rendi and Adam Queen of Pensacola; step-sister, Beth Jacobs of Casselberry and Stephanie Philipott of Tahlequah, OK; stepbrothers, Nat Jacobs of Winter Park and Billie Hiers of Hollywood; grandparents, Abby and Ken Durnbaugh of Sun City, AZ, grandparents, (deceased) Henry and Libby of Painsville, KY, and grandfather, Paul E. Castle (deceased) of Thealka, KY.

## Poems

### In Loving Memory Bryan Marcus Billie

#### "Just To Hold You Again"

*Forever is where you'll be trapped  
within my heart, the memories of you  
will help me grow now that we are  
apart. . .  
I never thought I would see the day  
when one of mine would have to go  
away  
But now I see the light and it grows  
brighter with each new day I have to  
fight. . .  
I know one day I will see you again  
it's just a matter of time. But until  
that day I see your face I will miss  
you son . . .  
Everyday that goes by I say a prayer  
for you. I ask the Lord for understanding  
and to help me see this  
through. I don't know why I worry so  
much because I know you're in good  
hands. I guess it's just the thought of  
knowing you as a friend . . .  
I cried so many tears and still I try to  
hide my pain. Sometimes I would stay  
up all night worrying about my little  
man . . .  
So please forgive me Bryan Marcus  
Billie, because a man is all I am I  
would give up forever just to hold  
you again . . .*

#### For Bryan Marcus Billie

*I cry from my heart with tears  
that only you can see. My love  
is unconditional but still I fight  
to stay free . . .  
I miss you so much but your  
memory gives me the strength I  
need. You're always on my mind  
and still at times I still can't  
believe. . .  
You will always be my pride and  
joy and nothing or no one will  
ever take your place. You'll be  
with me forever even though  
heavens Angels sing you to  
sleep tonight . . .  
One day I will be with you, it's  
just a matter of time. I can't  
wait to see you, sometimes I  
wish my time was now . . .  
So wait for me in heaven son,  
I'll be there one day soon. We'll  
celebrate together the love that  
helped us through . . .*

**Lyle Vandell Billie**

**Lyle Vandell Billie**

### First Seminole Baptist Church Christmas Celebration

Dec. 23. Supper will be served at 5 p.m.  
program will begin at 7 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome!

### 'Twas The Night Jesus Came

*'Twas the night Jesus came and all through the house  
Not a person was praying, not even one in the house.  
The Bible was left on the shelf without care,  
For no one thought Jesus would ever come there.  
The children were dressing to crawl into bed,  
Not once ever kneeling or bowing their head,  
And Mom in the rocking chair with babe on her lap  
Was watching the Late Show as I took a nap.  
  
When out of the east there rose such a clatter,  
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But Angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.  
The light of His face made me cover my head,  
It was Jesus returning, just like He had said.  
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,  
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.*

*In the Book of Life, which He held in His hand,  
Was written the name of every saved man.  
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name,  
When He said, "it's not here" my head hung in shame.  
The people whose name had been written with love,  
He gathered to take to his Father above.  
With those who were ready He rose without a sound,  
While all of the others were left standing around.  
I fell to my knees but it was much too late,  
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.  
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight,  
Oh, if only I'd known that this was the night.*

*In the words of this poem the meaning is clear,  
The coming of Jesus is now drawing near.  
There's only one life and when comes the last call,  
We'll find out the Bible was true after all . . .  
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## The Great American Shoot Out

**Blue Heron Golf & Country Club**  
**Okeechobee, Florida**  
**Saturday, Feb. 3, 2001**

**Tee off noon sharp**  
**4 person scramble format**

Each team must have 3 Native Americans, plus 1 sandbagger. All sandbaggers will play from Pro Tee Markers. Men will play from blue tees and ladies will play from red tees. \$100 will be paid to the team with the closest shot to each pin for 18 holes: Par 3 from the Tee Area Closest To Pin; Par 4 will be the second shot Closest To Pin from off Putting Greens; Par 5 will be the third shot Closest To Pin from off the Putting Greens. The top five teams will receive cash prizes, depending on the number of teams entered. The price per team is \$400. Plus we will have a prize give-away table.

For more information, call Ernest Riley (407) 339-6082 or The Blue Heron Golf & Country (863) 467-2222. Please phone early to enter your team. Everyone is welcome.

## Chickee Baptist Church

64th Ave. and Josie Billie  
Hollywood Seminole Reservation

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