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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, February 3, 7:30 p.m.

The regular Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Wes Coleman, 10 N.W. 124 Avenue, Miami. All voting members are welcome to attend.

REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING

Friday, February 21, 8:00 p.m.

The regular February Meeting will be held at the Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami. The guest speaker will be Ken Hughes who will discuss the Archaeology of Ft. Jupiter.

FIELD REPORT

Excavation of the Kendall Coleman site is well underway. Excavation days are alternate Saturdays and Sundays starting at 9:30 a.m. Contact Wes Coleman at 226-6788 or Bill Johnson at 949-6765 (home) if you would like to join the "digging" crew.

EXCAVATION DATES: Saturday, February 1, 1986; Sunday, February 9, 1986; Saturday, February 8, 1986; Sunday, February 16, 1986; Saturday, February 22, 1986; Sunday, March 2, 1986; Saturday, March 8, 1986; Sunday, March 16, 1986; Saturday, March 22, 1986; Sunday, March 30, 1986 and Saturday, April 5, 1986.

SOUTH DADE FOSSIL SITE

The site has received extensive media coverage, both locally and nationally. It is exciting to have a site of this potential significance in our back yard. If you are interested in volunteering to help sort the excavated material on a week-day, contact, Bob Carr at 545-4229 (office) or 446-8862 (home).

THE MIAMI HERALD

Margarita Fichtner

Sunday, January 26, 1986

"One of the great mysteries yet to be unraveled about the people from the Old Cutler site is how they related to the animals around them.

As Jim Dunbar of the Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research puts it, "There's a smorgasbord of Pleistocene critters in that pit," and that is true.

Animals of all shapes and sizes either fell into the sinkhole or were pushed in or trapped there.

Fossil remains already discovered include those of such animals as the Eastern spade-foot toad, the gopher tortoise, the box turtle, the Eastern diamond-back rattlesnake, the screech owl, an extinct condor closely akin to but slightly larger than the severely endangered condors of California, the flying squirrel, the extinct giant armadillo ("if you were to have hit it with your Datsun," says [Bob] Carr, "your Datsun would have lost"), the pine vole, the spotted skunk, the short-faced cave bear, the dire wolf, the cotton rat, the extinct ground sloth, the Florida panther, the horse, the least shrew, the big brown bat, the bobcat, the possum, the indigo snake, the gray squirrel, the flying squirrel, the raccoon, the Florida brown-tailed muskrat, the striped skunk, the domestic dog, the vulture, the forest peccary, the short-limbed llama, the extinct small caracara, the extinct bison and the mammoth whose first huge curious steps eastward may have started it all."

A Flint Arrowhead

O'er fields of new turned sod, communing with my God,  
I tramped alone;  
And in a furrow bed I found an Arrowhead,  
Chiselled from stone.

Than fancy fled on wings, back to primeval things,  
Seeking the light -  
What warrior drew the bow, sighted, and let it go  
On its last flight?

How oft this flinten head, on deadly errand sped,  
I may not know -  
Nor will the silent flint reveal the slightest hint,  
How long ago.

Were its grim story told, what tales it would unfold,  
Tales that would chill -  
I know but this one thing, beyond all questioning,  
Twas made to kill.

Ages have worn away; warriors gone their way;  
Their bones are dust -  
Proof of a craftman's skill survives the ages still -  
Left in my trust.

Submitted by Emily Dietrich from the 1927 Edition of the Boy Scouts Handbook.  
DUES ARE DUE!!

It's that important and slightly unpleasant time of the year. Use the form enclosed to renew your membership if you have not already attended to that chore.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

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Objective:

To provide a formal means by which individuals and institutions interest in archaeological and anthropological studies in South Florida and related areas may come together for mutual benefits.

Code of Ethics:

1. Members of the society agree to promote archaeological site preservation and conservation, to excavate only endangered sites as part of a qualified research group, to not excavate archaeological sites for the unscientific collecting of artifacts.
2. All artifacts and material recovered from society projects are property of the society.

I hereby apply for membership in the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal\_\_\_ New Member\_\_\_ \$12.00 Individual\_\_\_ \$15.00 Family\_\_\_

Mail check or money order to: The Archaeological Society of Southern Florida  
101 West Flagler Street

Due: January 1, 1985 Miami, Florida 33130

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Feb. 3, 1986: Regular February Board Meeting, Wes Coleman's home, 10 N.W. 124 Avenue, Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Feb. 21, 1986: Regular February Meeting, Audubon House, 5530 Sunset Drive, South Miami, 8:00 p.m.  
March 3, 1986: Regular March Board Meeting  
March 21, 1986: Regular March Meeting  
April 18, 1986: Annual Meeting - Pot Luck Dinner and Election of Officers

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