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Tribe Hosts 21st Annual Veterans Day Celebration

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — The 21st annual Veterans Day Celebration both commemorated and celebrated Seminole and non-Seminole armed service veterans, both young and old Nov. 6.

The event took place in the Junior Cypress Arena, transformed into a lavish patriotic symbol of American pride from top to bottom, on Nov. 6. The first-ever Tribal Veterans Day Celebration took place in 1987 after Roy Nash Osceola, Jacob Osceola and Chairman Mitchell Cypress felt a need to honor those who served their country.

Chairman Cypress said what began with a gathering of around 40 veterans and guests years ago has made great strides throughout the years.

"Every year it gets more and more interest-

ing," the Chairman pointed out. "This is also an education to outsiders about our Seminole veterans."

Tribal citizen and Army veteran Stephen Bowers agreed with Chairman Cypress's comments.

"It was a good gathering because it helped people not to forget," Bowers said. "Another reason why we have this type of occasion is to teach because we really need to revere our veterans."

Several guest speakers and Tribal representatives attended the event and addressed the gathering.

"We are very proud of our Seminole veterans and our people and this is why we set aside a day exclusive to them," President Richard Bowers Jr. said.

An emotional Gloria Wilson, Hollywood

Board rep., also spoke about those risking their lives currently, and the liberties Americans take for granted.

"We should be grateful for the things we have because of the sacrifices and commitments made to our country," Rep. Wilson explained. "We should keep them in our prayers everyday. Please do what you can to get involved more."

Guest speaker Brigadier General Joseph Anderson, Deputy Commanding General of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, spoke about his

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At right: Chris Tensen (C) acknowledges Chairman Mitchell Cypress (L) and Army veteran Stephen Bowers for their service during the Vietnam War.

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The Hollywood community unites and walks around the neighborhood to take a stand against drugs and alcohol.

Marisol Gonzalez

Hollywood Red Ribbon Week 2008

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Family Services Dept., Boys & Girls Club and Hollywood community united to take a stand against drugs and alcohol for Red Ribbon Week.

"Nobody celebrates Red Ribbon Week like The Seminole Tribe of Florida," said Julie Bennett Barrow, prevention specialist with the Family Services Dept.

Organizers planned several activities for the youth to show their drug-free support throughout their neighborhoods.

The events kicked off with a poster contest at the Teen Center on Oct. 14. In this contest, the youngsters had the opportunity to make a poster that organizers would later judge; the winning entry was featured on the official 2008 Red Ribbon Week T-shirt. Deila Harjo painted a colorful poster and won first place.

The youth also painted clay flower pots, added plants to them and gifted them to the elders as a promise to stay drug free.

Events also included outdoor activities such as a march around the community with the preschoolers, door decorating contest, a field day and even a version of the television show, Fear Factor. Jonathan Bowers and Neko

Osceola competed in the fear factor event and took first place for the second year in a row.

On the final night of Red Ribbon Week, the youth participated in a performance night at the Hollywood auditorium. Officer Bobby Betz of the Seminole Police Dept. emceed the event with the help of Sergeant Oscar Baez, Julie Bennett Barrow, Deitra Turing and Michele Daza. Hollywood Board Rep. Gloria Wilson and Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. also welcomed the community.

"Children are our most important treasure and we

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Ahfachkee Council Begins New Tradition

Alec Cypress, Tia Osborne, Bianca Fernandez Lead School

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — A new tradition emerged for the students at Ahfachkee School on Oct. 17. For the first time in the school's history, the students voted for council representatives on their campus.

With the continued growth of the school, the idea has been at least a year in the making, according to Dean of Students and Student Council Advisory Board Member Dominique Troadec.

"The idea was to make them accountable as students," he said. "They will have a say now to know what is going on."

The three-member Student Council, consisting of President Alec Cypress, Vice President Tia Osborne and Secretary/Treasurer Bianca Fernandez, will be governed by its own by-laws, rules and procedures; similar to the Seminole Tribal Council. The

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Council Holds Special Meeting

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Tribal Council met on the Hollywood Reservation for a special meeting on Oct. 23. They passed 33 resolutions on the agenda including:

Resolution 30: Master lease agreement with Shuffle Master Inc.;

Resolution 36: Metcalf and Eddy, Inc.; change order number four to standard form of agreement between owner and contractor where the basis of payment is a stipulated sum between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Metcalf and Eddy, inc. for additional work related to the construction of a charter school on the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 37: Approval of a master apartment lease between Seminole Tribe of Florida (Lessee) and Prime Homes at Portofino Landings Ltd (Lessor) for rental of 21 apartments;

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Community Attends Halloween Bash

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter

IMMOKALEE — Residents of the Immokalee community geared up for a four-day celebration of Halloween beginning on Oct. 29. The administration and service departments decorated their offices in anticipation of holiday contests, parties and trick-or-treat visitors.

Immokalee Board Liaison Delores Jumper and her assistant Edward Aguilar challenged the various departments to a door decorating contest to enhance the community spirit. Each group developed a theme that followed traditional Halloween lines while expressing a great deal of creativity. The Preschool won first place, Housing and the Ranch tied for second, and

the Library came in third.

The seniors kicked off the festivities with a joint Halloween and October Birthday Party in the dining room of the Senior Center. A birthday cake and luncheon followed a rousing game of Bingo.

When the preschool bus opened its doors on Halloween, dragons, princesses, fairies, farm animals and super heroes descended upon the various departments who anxiously awaited their arrival. The little gremlins weren't the only ones dressed for the occasion. Witches, monsters and scary creatures greeted them behind every door they opened. The youngsters stared in wide-eyed wonder as they encountered eerie music, animated decorations and billowing smoke while filling their bags with sweet treats at each stop.

Following the morning's activities, Immokalee Seminole Ranch Director Kenny Joe Davis Sr. provided a barbecue luncheon at the Senior Center for all of the employees, seniors and preschoolers. Encouraging the employees to remain in character, he sponsored a costume contest.

The highlight of the event was Recreation Dept. employee Rick Burgess' performance as a cantankerous little old lady in high heels with a cane. The room rocked with laughter at his running commentary and antics.

The preschoolers joined the Seminole Police Dept. in determining the winners. Scariest: 1. Jose Cano-Bat, 2. Mario Ramos-Bunny, 3. Trae Marrero-Saw; Fun-

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Judy Weeks

Troy Cantu checks out the bride and groom skeletons in their graveyard.

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students will elect representatives annually during each new school year.

The process began with student and staff discussions. Ahfachkee staff then sought the overall interest of the students and challenged them to take on the leadership needed for the idea to be a success. The candidates then had interview sessions. The final stage involved campaigning concluding with sixth through 12th grade classes voting.

School Principal Walt Swan said the students “are the ones who really opened this up.”

“Rather than sit around and complain, they stepped up and did something,” Principal Swan explained. “I am excited that they now have some student representation because they really have not had it.”

As the new Student Council assumed their roles, the three admitted they have a lot of work ahead of them.

“I did not realize how big this all was until I began to go to all the meetings, etc.,”

President Alec Cypress said. “Everyone is definitely watching now, so knowing what you are doing and being able to accept the consequences for your actions is important.”

“Hopefully I can live up to the expectations and be a good leader,” he added.

Echoing the president’s remarks, Vice President Tia Osborne added, “I just want to be myself and be a good example for all the kids.”

With the three taking on new duties, Troadec admitted “I have already seen a change in the students.” In addition to Troadec, the Student Council Advisory Board staff also includes teachers Angela Proctor and Julius Gray.

BC Board Rep. Cicero Osceola said he has always supported the Student Council idea.

“This was a good idea to get the students together and learn and introduce our government more,” said Osceola. “I think it will open up the doors a lot along the organizational lines.”

“They are setting precedence for all the other students in the future,” Rep. Osceola added.



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Ahfachkee School Council and staff (L-R, Back Row) Principal Walt Swan, Tobe Smith, Dominique Troadec, Julius Gray (L-R, Front Row) Abelardo Solano, Tia Osborne, Alec Cypress, Bianca Fernandez and Angela Proctor.

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Resolution 38: Change in land use for 85+/- acres from improved pasture to commercial agriculture to allow an organic processing facility - Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation;

Resolution 40: Ha-Sho-Be Golf, L.L.C. Consulting agreement for purchase, development, construction, financing and/or management of a golf course; and,

Resolution 41: Approval of Lease agreement with Platinum Jewelry Exchange, Inc.

Board of Directors Meet in Hollywood

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Board of Directors met on the Hollywood Reservation on Nov. 3. They passed five resolutions on their regular agenda:

Resolution 5: Approval of fiscal year 2009 budget;

Resolution 6: Funds in U.S. Treasury -

Trust income fiscal year 2009;

Resolution 7: Authority to negotiate a contractual arrangement for the profitable use of the building located at 3351 N. State Road 7 on the Hollywood Reservation;

Resolution 8: Authority to renegotiate consulting agreement with Active Oil; and,

Resolution 9: Ratification of representation arrangement with Windmills USA.

Council Holds Special Meeting in BC

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Tribal Council met on the Big Cypress Reservation for a special meeting on Oct. 17. They passed four resolutions on the agenda:

Resolution 4: Authorization for acceptance of offer from the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Inc. to the Seminole Tribe of Florida for transfer of the Big Cypress Rock Pit;

Resolution 5: Budget approval FY 2009;

Resolution 6: Seminole Tribe of Florida revenue allocation and per capita distribution plan Amendment no. 5; and,

Resolution 7: Water and wastewater, drainage and solid waste commitments to be undertaken by the Seminole Tribe of Florida in connection with the development of tribal lands in and around the Coconut Creek Trust Property.

Seminole Tribune Adds Brighton Field Reporter to Full-Time Staff

The Seminole Tribune is pleased to welcome reporter Rachel Buxton to the staff. Buxton will primarily cover news and events on the Brighton reservation. She will also be available to cover activities in Tampa, and Fort Pierce as needed.

Buxton is an Okeechobee native who attended the University of South Florida and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor’s degree in mass communications. She has worked at several successful publications in recent years and will bring this invaluable experience to The Seminole Tribune to serve the Tribal communities.

Please feel free to contact Rachel Buxton at rachelbuxton@semtribe.com or by phone at (863) 763-6380 to request story or event coverage.



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Moses “Big” Jumper (L) reads one of his original poems about veterans.

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experiences as well as his pride and the sacrifices made before and post-9/11.

“I am proud to stand here in your ranks,” Anderson said. “Veterans Day is a time to remember, but it is also a time to reflect.”

Seminole Veterans who Served in the Armed Forces

Elton C. Baxley, Clifton Billie, Gary Billie, James E. Billie, Amos Moses Billie, David Billy, Andrew J. Bowers, Dan Bowers, Eugene Bowers, Paul Bowers Sr., Stephen D. Bowers, Gabriel Coppedge, Mitchell Cypress, Camilla A. Frank, Joel M. Frank Sr., Craig Gopher, Sammy Gopher, Charles Hiers, Sr., John W. Huff, Sr., Archie Johns, Sr., Joe L. John, Timmy B. Johns, Stanlo Johns, Wonder Johns, Coleman Josh, Maurina, S. Josh, Harley Jumper, Carmelena Machevilli, Anthony K. Maus, Gary McInturff, Billy Micco, David H. Motlow, Sr., Theodores S. Nelson Sr., David Nunez Jr., Don Osceola, Jacob Osceola, Sr., Jacob Osceola Jr., Joe Osceola, Jr., Johnny Osceola, Larry M. Osceola III, Moses B. Osceola, O.B. Osceola, Russell Osceola Sr., Camille A. Santiago, Randy Santiago, Eddie Shore, Jack Smith Jr., Michael D. Tiger, Howard Tommie and Constance Williams.

Deceased Seminole Veterans

Roley C. Buck, Earl Nelson, Noah Billie, Herman Osceola, Billy Cypress, Jack Osceola, Sr., Billy L. Cypress, Roy Nash Osceola, Herbert Cypress, Clifford Sanchez, Charlie S. Gopher, Fred Smith, Henry J. Gopher, Jacob Storm, Lester L. Gopher, Clyde Tiger, Cecil Johns, Howard Tiger, Bert C. Jones, James F. Tiger Sr., Moses Jumper Sr., Joseph Quinn Tiger and Jackie Willie Jr.



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Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 23 Color Guard and the Seminole Color Guard present the American and Seminole flags.



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Victoria Osceola, dressed in traditional Seminole attire, sings the National Anthem.



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Guest speaker Brigadier General Joseph Anderson discusses Seminole pride and tradition in the armed services.

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Community A



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The new Jimmie Cypress Public Safety Complex, which will house about 25 Tribal employees from various departments including Seminole Police, Fire Rescue and Emergency Management.

Public Safety Complex Grand Opening Ceremony Held

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Members of the Tribal Council, as well as Tribal citizens and invited guests, celebrated the debut of the long-awaited Jimmie Cypress Public Safety Complex at the ribbon cutting ceremony, held on Oct. 17.

"It is a great honor to dedicate this facility to our men and women in law enforcement," President Richard Bowers Jr. announced. "It is one of the best complexes in the state of Florida."

Chief Public Safety Officer Jerry Wheeler said building the 45,000 square foot building "has been about a four year process."

"You really have a one stop shop here,"

Wheeler said. "You have a facility you can come to for any public safety need."

"Interestingly three or four different administrations of police and fire departments have also worked through this building's development," he added. "But surprisingly there have been very few changes because it was a great design in the beginning." Wheeler continued.

Named in the honor of community resident Jimmie Cypress, it will house about 25 public safety workers from departments including Fire Rescue, Seminole Police and Emergency Management Dept.

"What he stood for was law and order and it is a great honor to honor him," President Bowers explained.

Fort Pierce Liaison S.R. Tommie emceed the event. She also spoke highly of

the two-term Tribal Council representative and father of Chairman Mitchell Cypress and Big Cypress Tribal Council Rep. David Cypress.

"Jimmie Cypress was a legend in his own time," Tommie explained. "He was a man that was very strong and proud."

The Chairman also recalled memories of his father's diligence and perseverance. He said his father served as a police officer and was also a successful cattle owner in his lifetime, despite only having an eighth grade education.

"He was a go-getter like my brother David and he did not ask too many questions," Chairman Cypress said. "If he wanted something, it had to be done because you only have one opportunity on certain things."

Rep. Cypress then addressed those in attendance, saying: "I want to thank the Council, past and present, for the idea to make this a reality."

Community member and Tribal citizen Jonah Cypress called the structure a welcomed addition in rural Big Cypress.

"This is good for our community and our people here because we are a long ways from town, in most directions," Cypress said. "I am definitely glad to have this facility here. When my late wife had cancer we had to meet the ambulance half way on Alligator Alley, so I am glad they are here now for our emergency purposes."

Echoing these remarks, and emphasizing the community's need for this building, Chairman Cypress highlighted the work of his brother, David, and Big Cypress Board

Rep. Cicero Osceola, in making the Public Safety Complex possible.

"The community needed this place and they asked for it," Chairman Cypress said. "As a leader of this community, David Cypress and Cicero Osceola have really fulfilled the dream that they had."

Tribal Council representatives including Immokalee Liaison Elaine Aguilar, Brighton Rep. Roger Smith and Hollywood Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. also attended the ribbon cutting.

In addition, the building will house a post office building for mail distribution and pick ups on the reservation.

For more information please call (863) 983-2285.

Billie Swamp Safari Named USLBA's Best Clewiston Park

SUBMITTED BY ASHLEY CARTER
U.S. Local Business Association

The U.S. Local Business Association (USLBA) has honored Big Cypress's Billie Swamp Safari as the 2008 Best of Clewiston Award in the parks category.

The USLBA Best of Local Business Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the USLBA identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

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Brighton Youth Attend Sea World Trip

BY VALERIE MARONE
Community Events Coordinator, Brighton Family Services

ORLANDO — Brighton's Youth Prevention program called S.W.A.M.P., or Seminoles Without Addictions Make Progress, and the Brighton Recreation Dept. sponsored a trip to Sea World on Sept. 20 for 50 youth.

This trip provided a drug-free, fun, alternative activity, enhanced socialization skills and was educational as well.

The youth reported enjoying watching the shows and learning about the whales, seals, sharks, otters, and dolphins. There were also a lot of smiles as they boarded and re-boarded the amusement rides, played arcade games, and got wet at Shamu Harbor.



Marisol Gonzalez

Don Depettrillo, Benjamin Driscoll, Jason Allis, Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., Noah Connell and Brian Brown.

Seminole Employees Recognized for Mission Haiti

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — Employees from various Tribal departments attended an ice cream social on Oct. 31 in the Hollywood Headquarters auditorium lobby to recognize the philanthropic efforts of some of the Tribe's own.

Noah Connell, Benjamin Driscoll and Jason Allis of the Emergency Services Dept. received plaques in recognition of their relief efforts with Mission Haiti after Hurricane Gustav ravaged the island nation on Aug. 26.

During their four-day stay in Haiti, the three provided much needed medical assistance to more than 800 people, ranging in ages from 3 days old to 100 years old.

During their visit, the three men saved a 3 day old baby whose mother died during childbirth. The newborn, near-dead, arrived at a makeshift clinic with his family, and thanks to the rescue efforts of the three Tribal employees, the baby lived. In tribute to their heroism, the family decided to name him Noah Jason Benjamin after the three men.

Assistant Director of Human Resources Shelia Elliott said she approached Division Chief Brian Brown and asked if anyone in his department would like to accompany members of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church & Academy of Davie, Fla. on their journey to help those affected by natural disaster. Brown said after he received interest from his employees, he warned them of the dangers they might face once they arrived in Haiti.

"I let them know what to expect and they said [I want to help]," Brown said. "I am very proud of these three men."

According to Connell: "People needed help [and] we had the ability and the resources to help them."

Driscoll, who had never traveled outside the U.S., said his trip was adventurous and exciting. He said he now sees himself as a better person after his experience, and better understands how people in a third world country live without material things, and are simply grateful for anything they receive.

At the ceremony, Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. presented Connell, Driscoll and Allis plaques for their efforts with Mission



Marisol Gonzalez

(L-R) Sam Croup, Marcia Gomulka, Helen Roenfeldt and Pastor Darrell Stuehner from the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church & Academy and Assistant Director of Human Resources Shelia Elliott at the ice cream social on Oct. 31.

Haiti. Rep. Osceola said he was also very proud of them and he thanked the "best employees in the world" — the Seminole Tribe's employees.

"Before casinos, the Seminoles have always been rich we just didn't have any money," he said. "It's not how much you have, it's what you do, how you do it, and how much you do with it that makes you rich."



(L-R) Robin Osceola presents Virginia and Joe Dan Osceola their birthday gifts.

Seniors Attend Birthday Luncheon

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

COCONUT CREEK — Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., along with representatives from the Senior Center, held the monthly birthday luncheon for the Seminole elders at the Fresh Harvest restaurant in the Coconut Creek Casino on Oct. 20.



(L-R) Robin Osceola presents a rose to Priscilla Sayen.

The Hollywood residents took chartered buses to the casino where they received roses before enjoying a buffet lunch.

Rep. Osceola greeted the crowd and said he was happy to see them all in attendance.

As part of the celebration, each individual celebrating a birthday received a special gift.

Coconut Creek Casino Hosts Dual Foodie Events

‘Dinner in The Sky’ Restaurant Dining Launch, Dec. 5-6
Nationally Renowned Chefs Meet-and-Greet, Dec. 12-28

SUBMITTED BY DAN MACKEY
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COCONUT CREEK, Fla. — The Seminole Casino Coconut Creek will wows its VIPs and patrons with Dinner in The Sky to help launch its new Chef’s Table in the casino’s Fresh Harvest restaurant.

Dinner in The Sky is a totally unique and high-flying dining experience that takes 22 guests to a viewing height of up to 180 feet. The renowned Francois Ternes, executive chef, will offer impeccable cuisine while guests will marvel at the views while experiencing this once-in-a-lifetime experience. This will be Dinner in The Sky’s inaugural event in the U.S.

The dining table and seats are connected to a crane, which then performs the lift. The center of the dining table has a walking platform that can accommodate up to five service personnel for the purpose of serving food, beverages, picture taking, conducting a meeting or product launch presentation.

Dinner in The Sky was developed in Brussels, Belgium in 2006 and today has apparatuses in 16 countries worldwide. Entrepreneurs Michael Gallant and Taj Jordan launched Dinner in The Sky in the U.S. in July 2008.

Dinner in The Sky is certified by the German TÜV Rheinland, the most stringent safety test conducted in the world.

Chef’s Table is a new a la carte-style dining option at Seminole Casino Coconut Creek’s Fresh Harvest buffet restaurant. Patrons will choose from an array of fabulous dinner creations by Chef Ternes, such as Iberico Ham de Bellota and char-grilled, dry-aged Wagyu New York steak.

For more information, please visit www.dinnerintheskyevents.com.

As part of its annual “Sweet Dreams” event, held Dec.12-28, the Seminole Casino

Coconut Creek will host four famous chefs: Ted Allen, Queer Eye for the Straight Guy Emmy winner, judge on Iron Chef America, and star of the new Food Network show, Food Detectives; Keegan Gerhard, award-winning pastry chef and host of the Food Network series, Food Network Challenge; Jacques Torres, star of Chocolate with Jacques Torres, also on the Food Network, and nationally syndicated television chef, Mr. Food, Art Ginsberg.

and on, Dec. 14, 21, and 28, from 1-5 p.m.

The celebrity chef appearances will be as follows: Ted Allen: Dec. 12, 6-8 p.m., open to public, Dec. 13, 6-10 p.m., public autograph session; “Mr. Food” Art Ginsburg, Dec. 18 from 6-10 p.m., public autograph session; Keegan Gerhard: Dec. 20, 6-10 p.m., public autograph session; Jacques Torres: Dec. 27, 6-10 p.m., public autograph session.

A portion of the proceeds from \$35 admittance will benefit the non-profit Ronald McDonald House of Fort Lauderdale again this year.

“Last year, Sweet Dreams was such a great success for both the casino and the Ronald McDonald House of Fort Lauderdale, we decided to extend the dates this year through December 28 and we also added something new, world-renowned celebrity chefs,” said Casino said General Manager Steve Bonner. “It’s going to be a wonderful event that we’re very proud to offer, and it benefits a great cause. So we invite everyone to experience Sweet Dreams this holiday season.”

There’ll be live-action flam-bé, crepe, and cherries jubilee stations; a chocolate dipping fountain; delectable handmade candies and unique pastries prepared by the chefs of Fresh Harvest restaurant, with delicious pastry samples from the celebrity chefs.



Jacques Torres



Keegan Gerhard



Mr. Food

“Sweet Dreams,” held in the casino’s Nectar ultra-lounge, is a celebration of the holidays, open to those 21 and older, with an array of delicious dessert creations made from scratch. Each television celebrity chef will select a featured dessert from their book this year too. It will be open to the public from Dec. 12-17 from 6-10 p.m.,

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Tribal Delegation Attends AIAANTA Conference

BY JUAN J. CANCEL
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COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho — Tribal citizens and staff of the Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum, Seminole Tourism Dept. and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) recently took a trip to the northwest to attend the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association's (AIAANTA) 10th Annual American Indian Tourism Conference. The Coeur D'Alene Tribe in Worley, Idaho hosted this year's conference.

I was very pleased to be one of the attendees. I am the GIS specialist working in the THPO. GIS stands for geographic information systems, which basically means I make the maps of archaeological, or cultural resource, sites on Tribal lands.

Tina M. Osceola, chief historic resources officer, invited me to attend and present a paper titled "Seminole Geography: Using GIS as a Tool for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices," prepared by my colleague, Dr. Paul N. Backhouse and myself.

Osceola wanted to not only showcase the Seminole Tribe as a leader in Tribal GIS, but also to reach out to other Tribes to help them become capable of doing the same kind of work we do here. New develop-

ments in technology like GIS can help tribes protect their culture for the benefit of current and future members. I was honored to accept the invitation and thankful for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the THPO about the work we carry out.

AIAANTA is a non-profit organization made up of Tribes and Tribal businesses. Its purpose is to aid with training, education, and policies to help tribes develop strategic plans for tourism. Tribal citizens Brian Zepeda and Osceola sit on the AIAANTA Board of Directors.

The Seminole Tribe, a leader in Native American tourism, actively engages in teaching and learning from the experiences of other Tribes. The Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum exemplifies this, and also holds interim accreditation status from the American Association of Museums and will hopefully receive full accreditation to become the first Tribally-owned and operated Native American museum to attain this status.



Camille Ferguson
Tribal Historic Preservation Office GIS Specialist Juan Cancel presents the paper "Seminole Geography: Using GIS as a Tool for Tribal Historic Preservation Offices" at the AIAANTA Conference.

At the conference, the Seminole Tribe hosted a spectacular nighttime event organized by Seminole Heritage Events & Promotions. "The Native American All Star Jam" showcased some of the best Native American recording artists and musicians such as Levi and the Plateros, Keith Secola, Jim Boyd and Micki Free.

The presentation of "Seminole Geography" to other Tribes was the fulfillment of a goal we have been striving to achieve within the THPO. The paper explained many ideas that utilize new technologies to help Tribes in preserving their own cultural historic properties, or archaeological sites.

The paper began by describing what the Seminole Tribe of Florida stands for and how involved it has always been in the geography and environment of Florida. The paper went on to outline the THPO and how we use the technology of GIS to manage the Tribe's cultural resources. I explained the role of the different sections within the THPO and how they each use GIS technology in their day-to-day duties.

A topic of importance discussed in the presentation was the use of GIS technology to manage data in order to aid archaeologists so that they do not disturb areas of cultural importance to the Tribe. I explained some advanced techniques such as historical GIS mapping and using non-invasive ground penetrating radar to find archaeological sites.

In closing, I outlined the THPO's plan to use more advanced GIS and to demonstrate to others within the Tribe the benefits of our system.



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(L-R) Edwin Herrera of Herrera Southwest Designs and Tina Santiago of Tina Santiago Studios display their authentic jewelry and paintings.

American Indian Arts Celebration Reaches 11th Year

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — For the 11th year running, the best in Native American culture took center stage for the annual American Indian Arts Celebration, held on the grounds of the Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum, Nov. 7-9.

Native artisans from across the U.S. participated with the Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum hosting as the title sponsor once again. Authentic art, crafts, dance, music, food, raffles, alligator and critter shows also highlighted the weekend.

The event took place in conjunction with American Indian Heritage Month. Its origins date back to 1915, at the first American Indian Day celebration.

"I like seeing all the native people coming together," 11 year event co-emcee Brian Zepeda said. "Everyone seems to continue to appreciate each other no matter what Tribe or where the other is from."

"It also brings a lot of attention to the native artists through music, poetry, jewelry and give them exposure," Zepeda added.

Several native musicians also performed including: Bill Miller, Casper Lomayevsa, the Great Plains Indian Dancers, the Seminole Stomp Dancers and the Graywolf Blues Band.

Zepeda said the venue's growth in size, popularity and appeal, as well as the public's love of art, keeps them coming back each year. He said the event gives attendees a chance to "see many different forms of art by all our natives."

Ah-Tah-Thai-Ki Museum Executive Director Tina Marie Osceola was impressed with the turnout.

"It has grown a lot also in quality of vendors and performers. It is a sign that we are definitely doing something right," Osceola said. "We have a more concentrated focus now. Every year we try to cater toward something different; this year it is native artists, regardless of the Tribe."

Two week vacationers Jerry and Betty Grogan of Kansas City, Mo., decided to come to the event after seeing a brochure advertisement at their hotel. They said they enjoyed the experience, which enabled Mr. Grogan to sample his first Indian taco.

"I enjoyed the museum and the nature walk," Mrs. Grogan said. "Everyone was very friendly as well."



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Emcee Brian Zepeda tells the audience about all the AIAI events that will take place.



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The opening ceremony performance before the AIAANTA dinner reception.

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Seminole Presentation Highlights Educational Tour

Tribal Citizen Mary Jene Koenes Speaks at Event

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter

EVERGLADES CITY, Fla. — Greater Naples Leadership (GNL) began its 2008-2009 season with a history tour of Collier County on Oct. 22. Beginning its thirteenth year, the mission of GNL is to provide proven leaders with a unique opportunity to learn firsthand about the issues and needs in Collier County.

Each year, GNL accepts a class of approximately 40 highly accomplished men and women, most of whom are retirees and new to the area.

During 10 full day sessions, the group focuses on history, culture, communication, healthcare, education, environment, growth, human services, government and law. Program graduates are encouraged to apply their leadership skills, talent and experience to help more than 200 Collier County non-profit organizations better achieve their goals of community service.

The historic field trip's itinerary included a walk through Old Naples, historical presentations at the Collier County Museum, an ecological dissertation on the Everglades, as well as a background on agriculture and logging in South Florida. Traveling down the Tamiami Trail to Everglades City, the group learned about the tremendous impact the construction of the Trail had on the opening of Florida's last frontier during the past 100 years.

The highlight of the tour was guest speaker Mary Jene Koenes of the Seminole Tribe of Florida. She spoke for 45 minutes at the recently renovated historical Collier County Courthouse in Everglades City, which lies within a few miles of the birth place of numerous Tribal elders. Many historical sites within close proximity have a great deal of significance to Tribal history during the period following the Second and Third Seminole Wars, until recent times.

Captivating her audience, Koenes opened her presentation by speaking in Mikasuki and then carried her listeners on an oral journey beginning with the prehistoric Native American influence on the southeastern portion of North America.



Greater Naples Leadership Program participants congregate in front of the original Collier County Courthouse in Everglades City, Fla., which is on the state's historical roll.



Mary Jene Koenes talks to the Greater Naples Leadership about the history of the Seminole Tribe.

Her comprehensive background of the development of the Seminole culture, its gradual descent down the peninsula of Florida, the Seminole Wars and the eventual occupancy of the Everglades laid the foundation for a discussion on the formation of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Concentrating on the Seminole economy, Koenes provided a brief history of cattle keeping from the Spanish introduction of domestic livestock to the Tribe's highly sophisticated breeding and marketing program which has elevated them to within the top ten producers in the industry.

"White settlers were followed by land speculators and developers, who have changed the Florida landscape forever," said Koenes. "Railroads, highways, cities and water projects have transformed the land and the environment. By the mid-20th Century, Seminoles were adapting to new lifestyles and beginning to earn a living from tourism and seeking local employment."

Koenes added: "Our ancestors were the first farmers in this region and grew their crops on hammocks just northeast of here. With the arrival of commercial farming, many of our people joined the work force in the agricultural industry and today, we grow citrus, sugarcane and vegetables that eventually reach national markets."

Tribal government, education and healthcare topics precluded a brief discourse on smoke shops, bingo and casinos. An invitation to the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Seminole casinos concluded the discussion.

A 30 minute question and answer period followed during which many astute observations came to light. A few inquiries revolved around culture, clan and historical data, but the majority delved into issues of education, income tax, sovereignty, environmental impact and health.

"We have learned a lot about Collier County today, but nothing can compare to the wonderful insight into the Seminole Tribe provided by Mary Jene Koenes," said GNL Coordinator Bill Forbes. "The majority of us associated the Seminoles with casinos and gambling. We knew relatively nothing about their historical background, self sufficiency, citizenship, contributions to the environment and national economy."

Attendee and GNL Board Member West McCann said: "This has been very enlightening and I hope that we will be able to arrange a future trip to the Big Cypress Reservation, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and Billie Swamp Safari. Many of our participants have expressed the fact that today's presentation opened new doors and created a thirst for knowledge."



Mary Jene Koenes (C) with Greater Naples Leadership Board Members West McCann and Bill Forbes in front of the Everglades Courthouse.

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Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith (R) swears in First Grade Student Council Rep. Mallorie Thomas (L) with the help of teacher Jade Braswell (C).

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New Student Council Sworn in at Pemayetv Emahakv

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON — The students of Pemayetv Emahakv got in the spirit of the election process with their own version on Oct. 22.

During the Student Council inauguration ceremony, representatives assumed their positions for first through fifth grade classes.

The Student Council that will represent the 2008-2009 class include: Destiny Elliot, kindergarten representative; Mallorie Thomas, first grade representative; Raelay Matthews, second grade representative; Aiyana Tommie, third grade representative; Joshua Madrigal, fourth grade representative; and Zach Hudson, fifth grade representative.

In its second year at the school, the election helps play a role in furthering the introduction of students to the world of Tribal government and its political system.

Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith co-hosted and emceed. He also assisted with the swearing in of the new Student Council.

"I really hope all the representatives can and will do the best they can do," Rep. Smith said. "If you want to be a leader you have to do what is best for the class."

Addressing his classmates, Chairman Imillakiyo Osceola promised to "represent our school as best as I can."

"This was a complete symbol of what

our school is about," Pemayetv Emahakv Principal Russell Brown explained. "I thought it went very well and I was thrilled to see the number of students participate, especially in the clothing contest."

"We definitely had great support by the parents and families in the community," he added.

Tribal citizen and mother Amanda Smith said she attended the ceremony to support daughter, and first grade representative, Mallorie Thomas.

"A lot of her classmates, both boys and girls, look up to her," Smith said. "She is a pretty good student and she makes me proud."

This will be the second stint for Thomas on the Student Council. She also served as the kindergarten representative in the 2007-2008 school year.

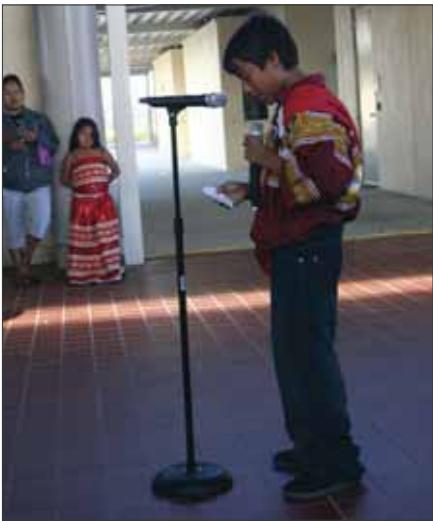
First year kindergarten teacher Christina Duncan said she enjoyed the day.

"It was a wonderful experience for me," she said. "I have felt accepted in this environment and having these types of events are important and enlightening."

The concept for the Student Council election came initially through the Pull-Out Program several years ago, according to Shelly Walker of the Culture Dept.

On this year's schedule, Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith and Brighton Board Rep. Johnnie Jones kicked things

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Student Council Chairman Imillakiyo Osceola addresses the students.

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Charter School Students Honor Seminole Veterans

BY RACHEL BUXTON
Staff Reporter

BRIGHTON — Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School took time out of their scholastic work to honor veterans during their Veterans Day program, held at

the school on Nov. 10.

During the program, the students honored Tribal citizens who served in the military including Dan Bowers, Andrew J. Bowers, Jr., Sammie Gopher, Stan-lo Johns, Timmy Johns, James Billie, Archie Johns Sr. and Billie Micco.



The students at Pemayetv Emahakv walk down the receiving line, shaking hands with Armed Service's veterans from the Brighton community.

Michelle Thomas

The program began with the raising of the American and Seminole flags by the school's Student Council as the National Anthem played in the background.

Principal Russell Brown welcomed all and spoke on the meaning of Veterans Day.

"It's a day to honor those who deserve a lot of recognition for their time and many sacrifices," Principal Brown said.

Imillakiyo Osceola, fifth grader and Student Council Chairman, recited the poem "Native American Vet" written by Moses "Bigg" Jumper Jr.

In addition, four participants in the fourth grade essay contest read their original essays about veterans and soldiers.

"I want to sit with him and hear stories," read Odessa King, referring to spending time with a local veteran.

Eric Garcia read his writing which outlined how he thinks veterans deserve so much more than a single celebration. Fellow students Trevor Thomas and Andrew Dobbs both spoke about how they enjoy doing things such as taking a veteran to dinner or sending items to active duty soldiers overseas.

The program closed with the student body showing their appreciation as they lined up to shake hands and thank the honored veterans.

Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith was unable to attend but sent an important message that Principal Russell Brown read on his behalf.

"I urge students to get to know community veterans and to thank them," Principal Brown said in Rep. Smith's absence.

Ahfachkee School Students Attend Awards Ceremony

Awards Distributed for Academic Achievements During First Nine Weeks of School Year

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Just in time for Halloween on Oct. 31, the Ahfachkee School students gathered together for some tricks and treats at the First Nine Week Award ceremony, held in the Herman L. Osceola Gym.

The First Nine Weeks Awards brought the school together as grades kindergarten through 12th received rewards for their hard work in the classroom.

"It is all positive and they are being recognized for what they have done well," said Ahfachkee fourth grade teacher Orlando Garcia. "It all reinforces what they are doing and encourages the other kids to want to achieve and do better also."

The two awards sessions, separated by grade levels, began with words of encouragement from Chairman Mitchell Cypress.

"Continue to learn and learn who you are," the Chairman said to the kindergarten through fifth grade classes. "In order to continue in our traditional ways, you are the key."

"It is good to have a non-Indian education but you still must know and learn who you are," he continued.

Community supporter Joe Frank of the Bureau of Indian Affairs echoed Chairman Cypress's comments and encouraged the youngsters to take advantage of the educational opportunities the Tribe offers.

"The Tribe has tried to put a lot of effort and resources into seeing you all succeed," Frank said.

Principal Walt Swan said he remains optimistic for the future, as he advised the sixth through 12th grades classes, "We are about tomorrow."

"You are the classes that set the examples for the other younger kids," Principal Swan continued. "Your Tribe needs you to go to college and have resources set up for you to do that."

He also pointed out the positive improvements the school has made and the direction it has headed from years past. The school is just two years removed from an overall school grade point average of 1.89 and no high school graduates.

Recognizing the six current high school students, who have 3.0 and higher GPA's, Swan said these trail-blazers will have an impact toward future progress.

First Nine Weeks Award Recipients

Perfect attendance:

High School: 1. Jalen Cypress. 2. Jose Cisneros Jr.; 8th Grade: 1. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 2. Tequesta Tiger, 3. Tylor Tigertail; 6th Grade: 1. Mika Lopez; 5th Grade: 1. Arnold Billie, 2. Channcy Curry; 4th Grade: 1. Sierra Kirkland, 2. Emily Ortiz; 3rd Grade: 1. Annabelle Whiteshield, 2. Brendan Otero, 3. Terance Hill, 4. Eyan-na Billie, 5. Elisah Billie; 2nd Grade, Ms. Denise Gibson's class: 1. Clayton Milicevic; 2nd Grade, Ms. Rhonda Iglesias's class: 1. Bradin Jim; 1st Grade, Ms. Tamarra Parrish's class: 1. Shane Balentine, 2. Richard Billie, 3. Abigail Tigertail; 1st Grade, Ms. Lindsey Paige's class: 1. Tash-Sho-Tah-Che Jumper; Pre-Kindergarten: 1. Aleah Rodriguez.

Scholar Award (4.0 GPA)

High School: 1. Alyssa Noah; 8th Grade: 1. Alexis Aguilar; 7th Grade: 1. Terri Baker; 1st Grade: 1. Shana Balentine, 2. Brandon Frank, 3. Ricky Rodriguez, 4. Abigail Tigertail, 5. Elise Brown; Kindergarten: 1. Spencer Aguilar, 2. Kamari Ivey, 3. Leo Osceola-Onco; Pre-Kindergarten: 1. Caleb Billie, 2. Ivan Billie, 3. Elijah Cook, 4. Harmony Cypress, 5. Barbara Jimmie, 6. Dacia Osceola.

Honor Award (3.5-3.99 GPA)

High School: 1. Demi Garza, 2. Dawna Cypress; 8th Grade: 1. Tylor Tigertail, 2. Ricky Joe Alumbaugh, 3. Bionca Acosta; 7th Grade: 1. Justin Roff; 6th Grade: 1. Leanna Billie; 5th Grade: 1. Chloe Hendrickson, 2. Channcy Curry, 3. Joell Frank; 3rd Grade: 1. Dayra Koenes, 2. Brendan Otero, 3. Ryanne Pratt, 4. Annabelle Whiteshield, 5. Cartaya Billie; 2nd Grade: 1. Charles Alexander, 2. Chaska Osceola, 3. Evanne Pratt, 4. Marley Billie-Herrera, 5. Jack Aguilar, 6. Cassandra Alexander, 7. Eliza Billie, 8. Katesa Kirkland, 9. Clayton Milicevic, 10. Alyssa Osceola, 11. Emmitt Osceola; 1st Grade: 1. Klyen Jumper, 2. Carlee Billie, 3. Leilani Gopher, 4. Precious Jimmie, 5. Thoya Robbins, 6. Ezekiel Roberts, 7. Alena Stockton; Kindergarten: 1. Brandi Osceola, 2. Valhollly Frank, 3. Liberty Robbins; Pre-Kindergarten: 1. Gabriel Hendrickson-Porter, 2. Aleah Rodriguez.

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Pre-kindergartener Timothy Tigertail after receiving his award.

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AHFACHKEE SCHOOL



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Orlando Garcia (Back Row, Left) joins Chairman Mitchell Cypress (C), Ahfachkee School Principal Walt Swan (R), and members of his fourth grade class at the ceremony.

Awards

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Culture Awards
Pre-Kindergarten: Athena Bert; Kindergarten Willie Smith; 1st Grade: Brandon Frank; 2nd Grade: Alyssa Burnett-Oscoela, Marley Herrera; 3rd Grade: Dayra Koenes; 4th Grade: Sierra Kirkland; 5th Grade: Joellie Frank; 6th Grade: Candelario Landin; 7th Grade: Dare Rick McInturff; 8th Grade: Shawna Billie; High School: Randy Oscoela, Jessica Oscoela.

Special Recognition from Culture for Reciting the Seminole Pledge
1. Dayra Koenes, 2. Cartaya Billie, 3. Jazmine Billie, 4. Eyanna Billie, 5. Brendan Otero, 6. Gloria Brooks

Staff recognized for Culture Award
Tobe Smith, 2. Ivette Lopez



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(L-R) Yenli Flores of the Human Resources Dept. congratulates Elijah Cook on his improved efforts.



Chris C. Jenkins
Ahfachkee's new Student Council: (L-R) Vice President Tia Osborne, President Alec Cypress and Secretary/Treasurer Bianca Fernandez.

Three-Member Ahfachkee Student Council Takes Office Alec Cypress, Tia Osborne, Bianca Fernandez Lead School

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — A new tradition emerged for the students at Ahfachkee School on Oct. 17. For the first time in the school's history, the students voted for council representatives on their campus. With the continued growth of the school, the idea has been at least a year in the making, according to Dean of Students and Student Council Advisory Board Member Dominique Troadec. "The idea was to make them accountable as students," he said. "They will have a say now to know what is going on." The three-member Student Council, consisting of President Alec Cypress, Vice President Tia Osborne and Secretary/Treasurer Bianca Fernandez, will be governed by its own by-laws, rules and procedures; similar to the Seminole Tribal Council. The students will elect representatives annually during each new school year. The process began with student and

staff discussions. Ahfachkee staff then sought the overall interest of the students and challenged them to take on the leadership needed for the idea to be a success. The candidates then had interview sessions. The final stage involved campaigning, concluding with sixth through 12th grade classes voting. School Principal Walt Swan said the students "are the ones who really opened this up." "Rather than sit around and complain, they stepped up and did something," Principal Swan explained. "I am excited that they now have some student representation because they really have not had it." As the new Student Council assumed their roles, the three admitted they have a lot of work ahead of them. "I did not realize how big this all was until I began to go to all the meetings, etc.," President Alec Cypress said. "Everyone is definitely watching now, so knowing what you are doing and being able to accept the consequences for your actions is

important." "Hopefully I can live up to the expectations and be a good leader," he added. Echoing the president's remarks, Vice President Tia Osborne added, "I just want to be myself and be a good example for all the kids." With the three taking on new duties, Troadec admitted "I have already seen a change in the students." In addition to Troadec, the Student Council Advisory Board staff also includes teachers Angela Proctor and Julius Gray. BC Board Rep. Cicero Oscoela said he has always supported the Student Council idea. "This was a good idea to get the students together and learn and introduce our government more," said Oscoela. "I think it will open up the doors a lot along the organizational lines." "They are setting precedence for all the other students in the future," Rep. Oscoela added.

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NATIVE BOOK REVIEW BY RAMONA KIYOSHK

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In *Enduring Harvests: Native American Foods and Festivals for Every Season*, author E. Barrie Kavash takes readers to various Native communities in the U.S., Canada and South America, visiting local special events and writing about the foods that create the memorable climax to the day.

The book covers 12 months, beginning in September with the autumn harvest, moving through winter, into spring and then summer. The solstices, important times for America's indigenous people, reaffirm their place in the grand scheme of Creation, also receive special mention.

According to the our indigenous oral history keepers, every Tribe across the North American continent had one thing in common: A belief in a supreme power that guided the seasons and life cycles, and bound all creatures in a divine circle of life.

Wind, water, air, the forests and all the beasts belonged to this sacred mosaic and humans were on the same tier as all other life. All creation was interdependent and all worthy of the same respect. Every act in the daily routine was a sacrament. Birth, death, marriage, coming of age, naming, and thanking the Creator for each new day all have a special ritual or prayer.

Today, ceremonies are still a focus of our culture. And no ceremony is complete without a great Thanksgiving feast.

As times changed, the original Native American ceremonies were still observed, but the reasons behind them began fading into time. New events came about. Veterans Days, rodeos, fairs, markets, and even things like hockey or lacrosse playoffs became cause for celebrations. Powwows, once very special trading and social events, have evolved into marketplaces and cultural showcases.

Christmas in Indian Country is a special time, with many communities combining solstice celebrations with Christian traditions. In Pueblo Country, the Posada is a pageant depicting the search for shelter by the Holy Family in Bethlehem and the Luminaria are lighted candles leading to doorways, symbolizing a welcome for the Baby Jesus.

On Hopi mesas, feasting, dancing and prayers take place as that ancient Tribe celebrates the Winter Solstice. Some fine recipes, including Hopi Rabbit Stew (page 115) and Spicy Hot Chocolate (page 119), are perfect fare for the hungry festival-goers. Desert nights can get very chilly.

The Miccosukee Arts Festival and Miccosukee Everglades Music & Crafts Festival, taking place Dec. 26-Jan. 4 in Miami, will showcase the arts, crafts, culture and cuisine of the Florida's indigenous people. A Patchwork Fashion Show, airboat rides, paintings, carvings, beadwork and alligator demonstrations offer a welcome diversion for northern visitors seeking a relief from the cold.

For music lovers, accomplished indigenous musi-

cians perform on the same stage as industry stars. Alligator delicacies, fried bread and other local indigenous foods will be available. A recipe for Alligator Sauté (page 121), which sounds healthy, delicious and satisfying, may get you in the mood for the event.

In mid-February, the annual four-day Seminole Tribal Fair, Powwow and Rodeo offers an exciting depiction of the Seminole and Miccosukee people, historically and today. Families prepare for this major cultural and commercial event yearlong, by sewing, cooking and sprucing up their dancing and drumming expertise. As well, rodeo skills are showcased while ranchers, farmers and citrus growers prepare to present their best products. A recipe for Alligator-Crawfish Jambalaya (page 165) sounds delicious and smacks both of Bayou and Everglades inspiration. It is a global village after all.

This chapter on the Seminoles also features a sidebar on Florida's Gatorland Farm, where alligators, no longer on the endangered list, are bred for food and fashion. Gator meat is considered seafood and can be served up in a variety of delicious ways. Gatorland Farm is a popular tourist and educational destination and the subject of numerous TV specials.

Reading through the recipes, you will note that some ingredients are not Native American at all. However, we live in a global village and one can't fault a chef for discovering things that work just as well or better and adapting them. Worcestershire sauce, Neufchatel cheese, coconut milk? If I remember correctly, my mother made fry bread from water, baking powder, flour and lard. There was never milk in our house. The fry bread recipe in this book is more nutritious.

The author, E. Barrie Kavash, a European, claims to have descended from a long line of Native American blue bloods, citing the Princess Pocahontas as an original ancestor. Her commitment to preserving knowledge is manifest in this collection of recipes and celebrations.

Kavash holds many titles as a "distinguished authority on Native plants, fungi, cultures, healing, spirituality, shamanic dream work, storytelling, and cuisines. She is an ethno-botanist, a master herbalist, a culinary historian, author, botanical illustrator and a research associate, according to her website, <http://www.kavash.com/bio.htm>.

The recipes in this book are easy to follow, and apparently have been kitchen-tested. I would like to have seen color photos of the finished recipes and snapshots of some of the events. Indian Country is a picturesque place and photography sells cookbooks. However, *Enduring Harvests* is a fun way to learn about Native America's wonderful cultures and cuisines.

The bounty in indigenous America is endless: Game, fish, fowl, corn, squash, potatoes, beans and wild onions. Berries, fruits and nuts are plentiful. You may just be motivated to whip up a delicious stew or casserole. If you are into desserts, the Native Americans do magic with berries, maple syrup and a variety of fruits and nuts. You are allowed to top yours off with your favorite scoop of ice cream from the local supermarket.

❖ Inauguration

Continued from page 1B

off in early September speaking to the student body. They discussed their jobs and roles on both the Tribal Council and Board.

Student petitions came next for those candidates interested in running, followed by speeches given in their respective classes. Nine children ran for chairman, 11 for kindergarten rep., five for first grade rep., seven for second grade rep., four for third grade rep., eight reps. for fourth grade, five for fifth grade rep., and six for sixth grade rep. Campaigning and voting wrapped up the final stages of the election process.

In addition to the inauguration, more than half the



Chris C. Jenkins

Joshua Madrigal, fourth grade representative, addresses his classmates after being sworn in.



Chris C. Jenkins

Principal Russell Brown with the second grade clothing contest winners: (L-R) Lance Howard, Kano Puente and Conner Thomas.

student body participated in a traditional clothing contest. The winners were: Kindergarten: Girls: 1. Alonnie Gore, 2. Ryanna Osceola, 3. Caylie Huff; Boys: 1. Ramone Baker, 2. Heith Lawrence, 3. Jagger Gaucin; First grade: Girls: 1. Bevy Billie, 2. Jacee Jumper, 3. Mallorie Thomas; Boys: 1. Ozzy Osceola, 2. Hunter Howard, 3. Jahbahn Arnold; Second grade: Girls: 1. Keely Billie, 2. Krysta Burton, 3. Alicia Fudge; Boys: 1. Lance Howard, 2. Kano Puente, 3. Conner Thomas; Third grade: Girls: 1. Cady Osceola, 2. Aiyana Tommie, 3. Sunnie Bearden; Boys: 1. Dyami Nelson, 2. Jvess Baker, 3. Elijah Billie; Fourth grade: Girls: 1. Rylee Osceola, 2. Bethany Billie, 3. Odessa King; Boys: 1. Drayton Billie, 2. Ruben Burgess, 3. Trevor Thomas; Fifth grade: Girls: 1. Kalgary Johns, 2. Rumor Juarez, 3. Tyra Baker; Boys: 1. Jayce Smith, 2. Rayven Smith, 3. Jaron Johns.

Tribal Education Dept. Hosts Fall Bash

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Education Dept. held a Fall Bash for the Hollywood community at the Hollywood basketball court and parking lot on Oct. 17.

Education Director Emma Johns said her department selected the event's theme, "Bring Your 'A' Game," because the Tribal youth enjoy sports so much. Johns said they decided to use the popular catch phrase throughout the Initiatives Award events held at about the same time at the Fall Bash.

A mock Sumo wrestling station and a jousting mat delighted the students throughout the evening. Some students also enjoyed cotton candy and popcorn.

Representatives at the Education Dept. plan to continue with initiative-related events throughout each reservation. For more information please contact each reservation's education advisor.



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(L-R) Francisco Rodriguez and Rhett Tiger square off on the jousting mat at the Fall Bash.

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Enanjoy Young from the 2-year-old class throws the ball to his partner in one of the obstacles set up for the children.

Preschoolers Attend Get Fit Field Day

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Seminole Fitness Dept. held the bi-monthly Preschool Get Fit Field Day at the Hollywood ball field on Oct. 20.

Preschoolers and their teachers began the day by stretching and then rotating to different activity stations set up in an obstacle course format.

Event organizers designed the activities to build hand-eye coordination and help the children interact with others. In addition, the activities at each station aimed to promote the children having a healthy and fit lifestyle.

Youth Fitness Coordinator Gina Allardye said the Fitness Dept. tries to schedule at least one fitness day a month, though sometimes bi-monthly, at each reservation. She said the department also plans to have Senior Get Fit Field Day activities in the future.

For more information please contact the Fitness Dept.

IPM: Safe Pest Management

BY CARTER ELBON
Environmental Health Dept. Program Manager

[Editor's Note: Carter Elbon works for the Environmental Health Dept. Additional information was obtained through the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development's "Healthy Homes Initiative."]

Are you aware that many pesticides for home use are toxic or that there are alternative pest management methods that limit the use of toxic substances? And that mice, cockroaches and cockroach "dust" can trigger asthma attacks?

Integrated pest management (IPM) is a way to remove pests like cockroaches, mice and rats from a home. IPM is a practical sense approach that denies pests food, water, shelter and entry into the home by the use of baits, gels, traps and borate powder.

The practice of IPM is safer than many other methods of pest control because it does not use as many harmful pesticides as traditional pest control. Avoiding pesticides is especially important in homes and schools. Pesticides can contain long lasting, toxic chemicals or lung irritants that cause asthma attacks. Children are among those most vulnerable to exposure.

IPM is better at keeping roaches and other pests away for long periods of time compared to spraying of pesticides or other chemicals. Integrated Pest Management works by addressing the cause of the problem and taking a long-term approach to reducing pests. Using pesticides can cause pests to build up resistance to the chemical so that the chemicals do not work as well over time, and do not stop the pests from coming back to your home.

Pay attention to where there are pests in your home, how they enter, how they leave, the time of day of activity, and how many there are. By watching and tracking these pests in your home, you can better decide what action to take.

Keeping a clean house is the best way to keep pests out. Some important things to pay attention to include: Cleaning up food and drink spills right away; removing clutter, such as cardboard boxes or papers, so pests have fewer places to hide and breed; and putting food in tight containers, such as plastic with tight lids.

Do not leave open containers of food on counters or in cabinets. Put pet food dishes away overnight; keep trash in a closed container and take it out frequently, and every day if possible. Do not let trash pile up outside and fix plumbing or other water leaks. Pests need water sources to survive.

Seal cracks and holes with caulking gun around baseboards, shelves, pipe chases, sinks, and bathroom fixtures and use a vacuum to clean up found insects and droppings. This will tell you if the pest problem is old or new.

Use roach baits properly and only if necessary. Place-ments of baits are to be out of the reach of children and pets. Remember to keep these tips in mind: Put baits close to the pests' hiding or living places. It must be closer than other sources of food. Good spots for baits are next to walls, baseboards, under sinks, in cabinets and near plumbing fixtures. Place baits in areas of roach activity and do not spray pesticides. This will keep the pests away from the baits.

If you have taken all the described above steps and still have a problem, you may need a licensed pest control professional for help.

For more information, please contact the Environmental Health Program at (954) 962-2009.



Photo Submitted by The Seminole Health Dept.

Team Seminole walk participants included: Mary Lou Alvarado, Almira Billie, Barbara Billie, Dannee Billie, Loraine Billie, Louise Billie, Tiffany Billie, Agnes Bowers, Dan Bowers, Rosetta Bowers, Joyce Cleavenger, Candy Cypress, Suzanne Davis, Isabelle Garza, Diane Hall, Steven Hannahs, Mable Jim, Emilia Jumper, Marilyn Jumper, Phillip Jumper, Teresa Jumper, Grace Kooztz, Donelda Mercer, Rodni Mercer, Marjorie Meredith, Chaska Onco, Michael Onco, Carol Osceola, Symphany Osceola, Charlotte Porcaro, Harley Roberts, Suraiya Smith, Betty Tigertail, Chantal Vallee, Cathy Cypress, Darin Kooztz, Bridgette Kooztz, Tauni Cypress, Rainey Cypress, Kamoni Smith, Clint Billie, Boomer Factor and Leo Onco.

Team Seminole Attends 'Step Out to Fight Diabetes' Walk Event Coincides With National Diabetes Awareness Month

SUBMITTED BY
The Seminole Health Dept.

FT. LAUDERDALE — About 40 members of Team Seminole participated in the Step Out to Fight Diabetes Walk, held Oct. 18 at the Bank Atlantic Center. Lead by team captain Edna McDuffie, the walkers attended the 2.5 mile walk to show their commitment in the fight against diabetes.

For the past seven years, Team Seminole has participated in the American Diabetes Association-sponsored walk to help raise awareness about diabetes.

Diabetes, a disease that disproportionately affects Native Americans, and other minorities, is steadily on the rise. Many health care professionals believe that this rise in Type 2 diabetes, is directly connected to the rise in obesity and sedentary lifestyles (people moving less).

Team Seminole's mission is to not only raise awareness about diabetes and its effects on health at this once a year event, but to also inspire Tribal citizens to make regular physical activity a part of their everyday routine.

Diabetes is a disease that affects how the body is able to process the sugar it receives from food. Normally, your body would release a chemical called insulin, that helps your body to get the sugar from foods, into cells where it can be used by the body for energy. When a person has diabetes, they don't have enough or any insulin to get the sugar to the cells so the sugar builds up in the blood causing many complications.

Exercise, like walking with Team Seminole or at least 30 minutes a day on your own, actually helps your body to burn off the excess sugar. That's why exercise is not only important for people with diabetes, but also important for

people trying to prevent diabetes.

To join Team Seminole on one of its health awareness walks, or to find out about walks in your community contact Edna McDuffie at (863) 983-5798.

Health Dept. Walk Schedule

December

American Heart Walk, Fort Myers - December 13

January

Rez Rally (All Reservations) - TBA

February

Field Day 5K - Brighton - TBA

March

March of Dimes - Okeechobee - March 7
American Heart Walk - Nova Southeastern University - March 14
ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease) Walk - Sunrise - TBA

April

Easter Seals Walk - Markham Park - Ft. Lauderdale - TBA

May

Cystic Fibrosis Walk - Fort Myers - TBA

July

Firecracker Walk (All Reservations) - TBA

September

Indian Day Walk (All Reservations) - TBA

On Going

Brighton: Walk About - Monthly
Big Cypress: Walk Around - Monthly
Hollywood: Weekly Walks - Weekly
Immokalee: Walk This Weigh - Weekly



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Team Seminole Captain Edna McDuffie addresses the event attendees.

THE HEALTHY SENIOR BY FRED CICCITI

[Editor's Note: Fred Cicciti is a syndicated columnist who writes about issues concerning senior citizens' health. The opinions he expresses are his own.]

This is the first part in a three-part series on breast cancer, parts two and three will appear in the Dec. 26, 2008 and Jan. 30, 2009 issues, respectively.

If you would like to ask a question, please write fred@healthygeez.com. All Rights Reserved ©2008 by Fred Cicciti.

Breast cancer is second — behind lung cancer — as the leading cause of cancer death in women. The chance of developing invasive breast cancer at some time in a woman's life is about 1 in 8.

The female breast is composed primarily of milk-producing glands (lobules), ducts that connect the glands to the nipple, and soft tissue. Breast cancer is a malignant tumor that has grown from breast cells. Nearly all breast cancers start in the ducts or lobules of the breast. The cancer can spread (metastasize) to other parts of the body, but it will continue to be defined as breast cancer.

There are many forms of breast cancer. Infiltrating ductal carcinoma (IDC) is the most common form. It starts in a duct, then breaks through the duct wall and invades the tissue of the breast. At this point, it can metastasize through the lymphatic vessels and the bloodstream. About 80 per-

cent of invasive breast cancers are infiltrating ductal carcinomas.

Lymph plays a major role in breast cancer. It is a fluid that carries immune-system cells through lymphatic vessels. Lymph nodes are small collections of these cells in the vessels. Almost all lymphatic vessels in the breast connect to lymph nodes under the arm.

Cancer cells that enter lymphatic vessels can spread and begin to grow in lymph nodes. This is why doctors check the lymph nodes to see if breast cancer has spread.

Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) is the most common type of noninvasive breast cancer. The term "in situ" means the cancer is confined to its original site. DCIS denotes that the cancer cells are inside the ducts but have not spread through the walls of the ducts into the surrounding breast tissue. About 20 percent of new breast cancer cases will be DCIS. Nearly all women diagnosed at this early stage of breast cancer can be cured.

There are many risk factors for breast cancer. The risk rises with age. About 77 percent of women with breast cancer are older than 50 when they are diagnosed.

Breast cancer risk is higher among women whose close relatives have the disease.

A woman with cancer in one breast is at high risk of developing a new cancer in either of her breasts.

Women who started menstruating before age 12 or who went through menopause after age 55 have a slightly higher risk of breast cancer.

Having multiple pregnancies and becoming pregnant at an early age reduces breast cancer risk.

Long-term use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) after menopause increases your risk of breast cancer.

Drinking alcohol is linked to an increased risk of developing breast cancer. Obesity is a breast cancer risk, especially for women after menopause. Evidence is growing that exercise reduces breast cancer risk.



SEMINOLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Gun Safety Tips for Those with Young Children

SUBMITTED BY
The Seminole Police Dept.

Children are very likely to be curious about any weapon you have in the home. They see guns used on television and in movies on a regular basis, and this sparks a great interest.

If a child gets their hands on a gun it can easily lead to tragedy, so it is essential to keep all weapons hidden and well out of their reach.

Although the point of having any security weapon is to keep it accessible in case it's needed, the presence of young kids does change everything. A responsible adult without children may be able to keep a loaded handgun in a drawer for emergency situations, like a home invasion, with no problem. However, when that

adult becomes a parent, they must consider new possibilities, including that of a curious youngster finding the gun and thinking of it as a toy.

Every parent should be certain that any gun they own is kept unloaded at all times. Most experts suggest storing the bullets in a separate, concealed location. Whenever possible, it is ideal to keep a gun in a locked drawer or cabinet, to which the adult has the only key.

As children get older, parents may want to sit them down and discuss how dangerous a gun can be, and explain why only adults should handle them. Teach them about safety techniques, and make sure they realize it is never safe to point a gun at anything they do not intend to shoot. Remember, every gun is a loaded gun, and is therefore, dangerous.

SPD: Coming to a Reservation Near You For Community Meetings

SUBMITTED BY
The Seminole Police Dept.

Since returning to the Seminole Police Dept. (SPD), Chief William Latchford wants to continue to provide excellent service to the community by having open communication with community members. The chief wants to find ways for SPD to better partner with and serve the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the residents of each community.

Topics will include, but are not limited to: Summary of how the police department has developed and its structure, community problems, drug issues, crime prevention activities, and what SPD can do to better serve Tribal citizens.

Members of the department will deliver meeting notices to the homes of community residents and Chief Latchford will facilitate the forum, which will take place at a later date.

Please assist us with making your SPD a leading law enforcement organization and the best for the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Seminole Police Department Adopts New Logo

BY WILLIAM R. LATCHFORD
SPD Chief of Police

The Seminole Police Department (SPD) is changing its patch. SPD recognizes a successful partnership requires a commitment to the people of the Seminole Tribe of Florida whom we serve. Therefore, at no cost to the Tribe, by using forfeiture funds, SPD will adopt the Seminole Tribe of Florida Seal as its new department logo.

Members of the Seminole Police Dept. now proudly wear the Seal of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.



Keeping Your Family Safe this Holiday Season

SUBMITTED BY
The Seminole Police Dept.

The members of the Seminole Police Department wish you and your family a happy holiday season and a happy New Year. As you and your family celebrate the holidays please be safe; take a couple of minutes to review some safety tips for the holidays.

1. When in a public facility always supervise your children, and always accompany young children to the restroom. Make certain your children know to stay with you at all times while shopping and always check first with you or the person in charge before they go anywhere. It is important to know where your children are and who they are with at all times.

2. If older children become separated from you while holiday shopping, have them meet you in a pre-designated spot such as the sales counter of the store you were in or the mall's information booth. For younger children teach them to look for people who may be sources of help within the store or mall such as a uniformed law-enforcement or security officer, store salesperson with a nametag, person with a name tag who is working in the informa-

tion booth, or a mother with a child. They should never leave the store/mall or go to the parking lot to look for you or your vehicle.

3. Make an outing to a mall a "teachable" experience in which children practice checking with you, using pay or cell phones, locating the adults who may be able to help if they need assistance, and, for older children, going to the restroom with a friend.

convenient "babysitter" while they are holiday shopping. Never leave children in a toy store or specialty stores expecting store personnel to supervise and care for your children. They are not trained in this role, and it is not a function of their employment.

5. If you allow your older children to go to the mall or other activities without you, they need to take a friend. It's more fun and much safer. Older children should check-in with you on a regular basis while they are out. Make certain a clear plan is in place to pick them up including where, what time, and what to do in case of a change in plans.

6. Nothing takes the place of your supervision when you are in a public place with your children. If you are going holiday shopping and feel you will be distracted, make other arrangements for the care of your children. It's easy to get distracted with all the sights, sounds, and crowds of holiday shopping, so make certain your children stay with you at all times.

Practice having them check first with you before going anywhere within a mall or store. Remember, allowing your children to wear clothing or carry items in public on which their name is displayed may bring unwelcome attention from inappropriate people looking for a way to start a conversation with your child.

4. Parents and guardians should not leave children alone at public facilities such as video arcades, movie theaters, or playgrounds as a

For more information about child-safety topics, please contact the Seminole Police Department or The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children at www.missingkids.com.





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Sports

World Extreme Cagefighting Brings in Crowd at Hard Rock Live

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — Another of the best up-and-comers in mixed martial arts (MMA) made an extreme debut invading the Hard Rock Live on Nov. 5.

World Extreme Cagefighting (WEC) gave MMA fans eight action packed fights with the main event broadcast live on the VERSUS cable network.

Faber vs. Brown featured "The California Kid" Urijah Faber (21-1-0) defending his featherweight title against Coconut Creek's own Mike Brown (19-4-0).

As the champ and odds-on-favorite, Faber came in undefeated in the WEC, winning all six of his match-ups. Brown came in with just four in the league, going 2-1 overall. With a contrast in styles, Brown is best known for his wrestling and boxing in the ring, while Faber blends a combination of submissions, takedowns and hand speed against his opponents.

Either way, the final result came in short time. Brown gained momentum from a frenzied crowd of more than 5,200 to take out Faber at the 2:23 mark of the first round by a TKO due to strikes. Brown made his move off a gamble by Faber, who used a sweeping elbow that connected, but failed to hurt Brown. Once on the mat Brown pounced, pounding him with strikes before the fight had to be called.

Afterwards, a confident Brown said the support and training allowed him to become the new champ.

"I have trained with the best team in the world and all I have to do is train the way I do in practice and I can beat anybody in the world," he said.

Faber maintained an upbeat and gracious attitude. "I made a small mistake and he capitalized on it," Faber admitted. "I was a little too careless in there, but I will be back."



The referee announces a victorious Mike Brown.

Tom Craig

Other action included: undefeated WEC middleweight champion Paulo Filho and number one middleweight contender Chael Sonnen squaring off in a rematch from last December. Sonnen picked up the win by a unanimous decision against an unprepared Filho in three rounds.

In featherweight action, Leonard Garcia and Jens Pulver went toe-to-toe with Garcia, coming out with an impressive win by a TKO against the legend due to strikes at the 1:12 mark in the first round.

In middleweight action Jake Rosholt and Nissen Osterneck both put their undefeated records on the line with Rosholt going on to win by a stoppage due to strikes at the 3:48 mark in the second.

Donald Cerrone stayed undefeated with a win by a unanimous decision in three rounds against Rob McCollough.

David Avellan and Aaron Simpson also squared off with Simpson winning by an impressive KO at 18 seconds of the first round.

In the Danny Castillo versus Rafael Dias match-up, Castillo won by a TKO stoppage at 2:54 in the second round.

Carmelo Marrero picked up his 10th win in his match-up against Steve Steinbeiss by a split decision in the third round.

Jose Aldo also got his 12th win scoring a 45 second TKO against Jonathan Brookins.

Seasoned veteran

Yoshiro Maeda also took on Rani Yayha with Yahya coming out the victor by choke submission by guillotine at 3:30 in the first round.

Founded in 2001, WEC has become recognized as one of the premier leagues in the U.S. It features several athletes in the sport of mixed martial arts and is headquartered in Las Vegas.

Members of the Tribal Council also enjoyed the action including: Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Fort Pierce Liaison S.R. Tommie and Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr.



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(L-R) "The California Kid" Urijah Faber braces for a strong right from Mike Brown.

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Bad Boys of Boxing Invade Hard Rock Live

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — Two of boxing's most compelling fighters went back to work with mixed results on Nov. 11 at the Hard Rock Live.

Glen Johnson and James McGirt Jr. headlined a night of action featuring five other bouts co-presented by Seminole Warriors Boxing and DiBella Entertainment.

Of the two, McGirt (19-1, 9 KO's) of DiBella Boxing had the most to gain. The 25-year-old Vero Beach native, and son of former champion Buddy McGirt, looked to continue his move up the middleweight ranks. In late July he picked up a unanimous decision win facing Raymond Joval.

Up-and-comer Marcus Upshaw (8-3, 3 KOs) had his own plans, however, and went toe-to-toe with McGirt for 10 rounds.

In a decidedly pro-Upshaw crowd, both would have their moment to shine, with McGirt seizing the momentum first. He would catch Upshaw early in the first sending him down with a strong left. After an eight count, the underdog Upshaw rebounded.

Landing good shots throughout, the crowd would enjoy a back and forth between both. Upshaw then made his move late in the 10th inside the 30 second mark of the match sending McGirt down. He would receive an eight count as well.

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A disputed and controversial majority draw, 95-93, 94-94, and 94-94, would be the final result. The performance could definitely hurt McGirt in his bid to continue his climb up the ladder in a stacked middleweight division.

The crafty, skillful and still youthful Warriors represented Glen "The Road Warrior" Johnson (47-12-2, 32 KOs) also returned to the ring. It was his first appearance back since his controversial 12 round unanimous decision loss at the hands of light heavyweight World Boxing Champion Chad Dawson in April. He faced Aaron Norwood (26-10-2, 13 KOs).

In the end, the fight proved to be a tune up for Johnson allowing him to pick apart and hone his skills on an underequipped Norwood with a fourth round TKO.

"It is what it is for the opponent I had," Johnson explained after his win. "We are looking for bigger opponents in the future who will step up."

Seminole Warriors
Boxing Executive Director
Leon Margules agreed.

"I think he did what he

was supposed to do," Margules said.

Powerful super middleweight Edison "Pantera" Miranda (30-3, 26 KOs) also had an originally scheduled comeback match. He withdrew from his bout versus Emmanuel Esparza due to an undisclosed illness. His last action came in a disappointing loss to Arthur Abraham in a June rematch.

Other action included a very entertaining superbantamweight match-up as Dat Nguyen moved to 14-1 against a competitive Carlos Diaz by unanimous decision in eight rounds.

Among junior welterweights, Kenny Galarza remained perfect over Sebastian Hamel with a second round TKO. The newest Warriors addition Danny O'Conner also squared off against Anthony Woods. O'Conner moved to 2-0 via unanimous decision in four rounds.

"He is a very exciting action fighter," Margules commented. "He can be a John Duddy type attraction, but he is more talented."

In lightweight action, a debuting Kelvin Galarza picked up a unanimous decision win against Jareem Bryant.

Heavyweights Wilmer Vazquez and Jerry Butler went six rounds ending with a draw.

Tribal Council Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Board President Richard Bowers Jr. and Big Cypress Council Rep. David Cypress enjoyed the action ringside.



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Warriors newcomer Danny O'Conner (R) unloads a powerful shot on an over-matched Anthony Woods (L).



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(L-R) Marcus Upshaw and James McGirt Jr. land strong shots on each other in their majority draw bout.



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(L-R) Glen Johnson hits Aaron Norwood with a left cross, en route to his easy win.

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Red Ribbon Week C



Big Cypress Cattle and Range's "Don't Bull with Drugs" float makes its way down the parade route along Josie Billie Highway during the annual Red Ribbon Week parade, held Oct. 23 in Big Cypress.

Chris C. Jenkins



Marisol Gonzalez

Members of the Hollywood Reservation took their anti-drug message to the streets on a walk through the community.

◆ Red Ribbon

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need to educate them when they are young," Rep. Osceola said.

Rep. Wilson said the youth performance night is her favorite part of Red Ribbon Week. She also expressed the importance of coming together for this cause.

"The community needs to come together more to prevent and help others," Wilson said.

The Door Decorating Contest winners were announced before the performances. The Education Dept. took top honors with SPD and Family Services rounding out the top three, respectively.

Performances of the evening included singing, storytelling, flute playing and even a Kung-Fu show performed by the students of Nee's Kung Fu.

Hollywood's Red Ribbon Door Decorating Contest Winners



Julie Bennett Barrow

First Place - Education Dept.



Julie Bennett Barrow

Second Place - SPD



Julie Bennett Barrow

Third Place - Family Services Dept.

Big Cypress Community Attends Annual Red Ribbon Week Parade, Other Events

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS

Staff Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Tribal community members, employees and guests joined together to celebrate the tradition-based Red Ribbon Week festivities on Oct. 22-24.

As one of the oldest and largest drug prevention programs in the country, the BC campaign held several activities in support of the week. This year's anti-drug theme was "Step It Up."

"I think it is cool that they are teaching us about being drug free," first year Ahfachkee eighth grader and Tribal citizen Tyler Cypress said. "It is a good thing because it will keep us from doing drugs later in life."

A community parade, a poster and door contest, a dance, and games such as Frisbee™ golf and hockey, all highlighted the activities.

Contest winners included: Poster Contest: 1. Sabre Billie, 2. Eliza Billie, 3. Les Gopher; Essay Contest: 1. River Dillon, 2. Savanna Tiger, 3. Sarah Osceola; Best Decorated Department Door: BC Tribal Council Office; Best Decorated Department Float: BC Tribal Council Office.

The week commemorates the sacrifices made in the battle against illegal drug use in America. Its purpose and goals are to seek commitments for drug prevention and to educate and inspire for drug free communities.

Community resident Mike Onco said he and wife, Jamie, have faced and overcome their own ups and downs involving alcohol. He said they both, now sober, have turned their lives around participating in their first parade this year.

"It is a lot different now ... We did it for our kids," Onco said. "Basically, now we try to keep ourselves busy."

Onco explained that the change has been significant from a health and fitness standpoint.

"I feel better health wise," he said. "I have more energy and I am able to get more things done now."

Tribal citizen and aspiring hip-hop emcee Stephen Billie also has faced and conquered many demons. Bouts with drug and alcohol abuse have affected his views on life at an early age.

"It is a blessing that I am still alive here today," Billie openly expressed. "I know I could easily be dead."

A performance by Oklahoma natives and Pawnee-Seminole Nation motivational speakers, performers and DJs Brian Frejo and sister, Happy, helped end the week.

"The power of the vision and making good choices for yourself and seeing those choices clearly to

achieve your goals are important," Brian Frejo said. "The enemy of drugs is attacking our communities and it is time to step up and fight it."

"I told myself I am going to do something different and I made the choice to be drug and alcohol free," he added.

National Red Ribbon Week takes place Oct. 23-31 each year. Founded in 1985 it celebrates the life and legacy of Drug Enforcement Administration agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena. While working undercover in Mexico, the 37-year-old investigated a major drug cartel, believed to include members of the Mexican army, police and government. He was kidnapped, tortured and murdered.

In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin each year. Coalitions then began to form elsewhere modeling and embracing his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions also adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory — a red ribbon.

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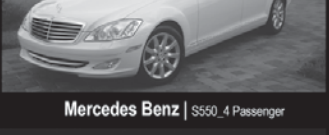
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Entertainer Happy Frejo (C) talks to Immokalee youth about drug and alcohol awareness.

Unity in the Community to Combat Drug Use Immokalee Commemorates Red Ribbon Week

BY JUDY WEEKS
Freelance Reporter

IMMOKALEE — Unseasonable rains didn't dampen the spirits of the Immokalee community as they adjusted their schedule to celebrate Red Ribbon Week. Originally planned to encompass a week of family events, changes were made to include the following week with the overwhelming support of the community.

The Family Services Dept. hosted an Open House/Kick Off Luncheon on Oct. 20 with 90 adults in attendance.

Although Family Services has occupied its new facilities for more than one year, they never officially held an Open House to welcome the Immokalee residents. Site Supervisor Annette Fiedler introduced herself and discussed the mission of her department and the various aspects of its resources.

Prevention Specialist Fred Mullins outlined his service programs and extended an invitation to attend the numerous family events planned for Red Ribbon Week.

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(L-R) Dennis Gonzales, Susan Davis, Jillian Rodriguez, Rhonda Nunez, Alicia Gamez and Juanita Martinez show off the beautiful cakes that they prepared for Red Ribbon Week in Immokalee.

"Our theme is 'Unity in the Community Against Drugs,'" Mullins said. "The purpose of Red Ribbon Week 2008 in Immokalee is to create positive family memories which help to shape our future."

"Family Services is more than a crisis department," continued Mullins. "Like the Seminole Police Department, our doors are open 24 hours a day/seven days a week. We are just a phone call away and prepared to assist your needs in an efficient and confidential manner at any time."

Speaking on behalf of the Health Dept., Shannon Brown reiterated Mullins' open door policy and pointed out that when it comes to health, prevention is a positive road toward a successful lifestyle.

Seminole Police Department (SPD) Chief William Latchford talked about the founding and purpose of Red Ribbon Week.

"SPD is committed to joining you in taking a stand against drugs and alcohol," he said. "Red Ribbon Week offers awareness, but we are prepared to join you in the year round fight for a drug and alcohol free community."

Despite the cancellation of the planned outdoor activities due to rain, community members rallied at the gym on Oct. 22. Wearing their red Hawaiian shirts, they created a formidable army as they marched through the reservation delivering a message of hope, responsibility and zero tolerance for drug, alcohol and physical abuse.

Ribbons, bearing the names of lost loved ones, adorned the remembrance cross in front of the youth center offering a sober reminder of the casualties of the battle being fought daily against abuse. Participants lined up to sign the pledge banner on the wall of the gym as they volunteered to join the fight.

Tribal elder Louise Motlow talked about the importance of building a strong drug and alcohol free future for the Seminole Tribe. She then offered a prayer of strength for her fellow Tribal citizens.

Immokalee Council Liaison Elaine Aguilar said: "Our ancestors committed their lives to making it possible for you to be here today. Now you must make that same commitment for your children and grandchildren."

Brighton Tribal citizen Norman "Skeeter" Bowers was guest speaker for the occasion. He provided a very graphic and emotional testimony about the life of despair that accompanies drug and alcohol abuse.

"Drug counseling, rehab and the strong sup-

port of family and community have helped me turn my life around," he said. "My message for you is that life is filled with the unexpected. We must learn to adapt in order to continue on the right path. Don't be afraid to ask for help."

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(L-R) Raymond Yzaguirre and Cassandra Jimmie lead the Red Ribbon March.



(L-R) Family Services Dept. Prevention Outreach Worker Jodi King, Norman Bowers and Brian Frejo.

Eric Bricker

Bowers, Trejo Connect on Youth Prevention During Red Ribbon Week Festivities

BY ERIC BRICKER
Family Services Dept.

Native American performer and motivational speaker, Brian Frejo (Seminole/Pawnee) came to the Brighton, Immokalee, and Big Cypress Reservations during Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 20-24. Frejo's unique blend of urban hip hop DJ skills, coupled with his cultural anti-drug motivational message, made him a natural choice to participate in Red Ribbon Week.

Tribal citizen Norman Bowers first suggested Frejo as a candidate for Red Ribbon Week earlier this year.

Like a professional tour manager, Bowers gathered support from the Brighton Tribal Council Rep. Roger Smith's office, Chairman Mitchell Cypress, the Immokalee Youth Ranch, the Big Cypress Recreation Dept., and the Family Services Dept. in order to plan the engagements, which would also include performances by Tribal citizen and rapper, Stephen "SCB" Billie.

Frejo spent four days in Florida for Red Ribbon Week. During his stay, he met with students at the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School in Brighton, and

highly motivated to contribute to Red Ribbon Week's event line-up. He openly chronicled some of his troubles as a youth, and he shared his concerns about some of the young Tribal citizens currently experiencing the same kinds of problems he experienced in the past.

"There's a lot of peer pressure, and that's where we lose kids through drinking and using drugs," Bowers said. "They start missing out on school and they don't follow their dreams."

He said this very issue sparked his interest in getting Frejo to bring his powerful messages to the Seminole Tribe's events.

Frejo grew up in a suburb of Oklahoma City, off of the reservation. Throughout his childhood, his father worked in the T-shirt vending business and Frejo would travel with him to the various pow-wows and other events where his father would sell shirts.

As a result, Frejo observed pow-wow dancing at a very early age, and found that he could easily perform in front of an audience. During that time he said he experienced his calling to become a performer.

"We have dreams and visions for a reason," he said. "Young people need to know that this is part of our culture, and they need to pay attention to these things."

Frejo's youth was filled with many challenges, including seeing the effects of alcoholism both in his community, and within his own family. He said he watched a lot of young people in his community turn to drinking and drugs.

However, Frejo said he persevered because he somehow knew abusing alcohol and drugs would rob him of his opportunity to follow his dreams of becoming a professional entertainer. During his senior year of high school, his parents divorced as a result of his father's drinking. Brian recognized this as yet another sign that alcohol could only bring him down.

Frejo now describes himself as a "cycle breaker."

"If I had made the choice to abuse alcohol, I would not be here now," he said.

After high school, Frejo went to the University of Oklahoma, where he studied acting.

"It took me four years to get my first acting job on 'Unsolved Mysteries,' but it finally happened," Frejo said of his first appearance on a major television show.

He went on to get acting roles in the films "Last of the Mohicans," "Under Siege" and "Geronimo."

"I was always proud to identify myself as a Native actor, just like I am proud to identify myself as a Native DJ," Frejo said of his career path.

Upon returning to his community from filming "Last of the Mohicans," Frejo accepted a speaking engagement from some students at a local school, saying "that was the first time that I realized that I could be a role model." As time passed, Frejo said he realized he had an important message he needed to address to the young people of his community.

He described an event that took place in high school when he had an altercation with his basketball coach. The coach benched Frejo during a tournament due to favoritism shown to some of the far-less talented players on the team. He said he felt compelled to walk off the team.

Upon explaining this to his father, Frejo said his dad stated simply: "Anyone can just quit." Despite his father's drinking problems, Frejo said he could respect the point that his father made, so he stayed on the team. He said he learned from the experience that success would require perseverance.

"Live your life doing what you love to do and no one can take that from you," Frejo said.

In 2000, he founded his company, Created for Greatness and Culture Shock Camp. Since that time, Frejo has performed at nearly 200 Indian reservations and urban Indian communities in addition to numerous colleges and Native American conferences.



Gordon Oliver Wareham

Steven "SCB" Billie performs for the audience.

with students from the Ahfachkee School in Big Cypress. He also performed for the Brighton, Immokalee and BC communities.

On Oct. 21, staff members transformed the Big Cypress gymnasium into a Los Angeles-style night club with the assistance of light and sound system experts, Kenny Jo Davis and Gabriel Acosta. Frejo rocked the gym with his unique DJ style of Native-inspired bass rhythms, while "SCB" mesmerized fans with his dynamic stage presence and lyrical magic.

True to the spirit of Red Ribbon Week, SCB's original raps contain messages of regret from his turbulent past, and the painful loss of close friends and family due to substance abuse.

The evening ended with performances by Frejo's sister, Happy, a singer/songwriter and professional dancer. She played some original music before coming out onto the dance floor to interact with some of the Tribal youth.

Bowers, a strong believer in youth prevention, was

BRIGHTON



Pemayetv Emahakv Red Ribbon Week Door Decorating Contest

Mrs. Sarah Williams' fourth grade class won the Pemayetv Emahakv Charter School Red Ribbon "Say No to Drugs" door decorating contest.

The class enjoyed a pizza party as part of their prize.

This year's national Red Ribbon Week campaign theme was "Ask Me, See Me, Be Me, I am Drug Free."

Michele Thomas

The winning class: (Left Side, Standing, L-R) Drayton Billie, Martina Herrera, Josh Madrigal, (Kneeling, L-R) Demetruis Clark, Odessa King, Jaden Puente, Crysten Smith, (Right Side, Standing, L-R) Kelton Smedley, Courtney Gore, Erik Garcia.



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HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS



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(L-R) Esmeralda Billie and Cassandra Jimmie steal the show at the Immokalee Halloween Party.



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Candace May Davis transformed into a beautiful lady bug.



The Immokalee preschoolers trick-or-treat at the Administration Building.

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J.P. Rodriguez scratches his head as he tries to decide which one of these laughing strangers is his mother.

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niest: 1. Rick Burgess-Old Lady, 2. Susan Davis-Homey, 3. Gabe Acosta- Pimp; Best Costume Overall: 1. Patrick Peck-Dr. Brown, 2. Juanita Martinez-Evil Clown, 3. Ali Colon-Persaud-Sexy Pirate.

A community pumpkin carving contest drew contestants of all ages. Entries varied from the traditional jack-o-lantern style to some very complicated scenes carved into the pumpkin's surface. The more sophisticated artists made use of makeup, hats and jewelry in their original creations.

The 10 preschool entries in the pumpkin carving contest were all determined to be first place winners in their category. Ages 5-10: 1. Marina Garcia, 2. Crystal Garcia, 3. K.J. Davis; Ages 11-13: 1. Alexis Jimmie, 2. Jade Tapia, 3. Vanessa Billie; Ages 14-17: 1. Cassandra Jimmie, 2. Jessica Osceola, 3. Mela Billie; Ages 18-54: 1. Susan Davis, 2. Noemi Escobar, 3. Cecelia Pequeno; Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow.

The parking lot of the Administration Building was converted into a Trunk or Treat extravaganza on the afternoon of Nov. 1, prior to the Halloween Bash at the Gym. Trick-or-treaters filled their sacks to overflowing in typical Halloween fashion.

Later that evening, the partygoers slipped into the ethereal world of the unknown. Mustering their courage, they made their way through the haunted entrance of the gymnasium into the smoke filled, strobe lighted cavern full of spider webs, skeletons, bats and monsters.

Activity booths lined the walls with air brush tattoos, face painting, balloon characters, photo dog tags, arts and crafts and a magician. Elaborately decorated alcoves provided a background for numerous photo opportunities.

Beautiful, creative entries in the cake decorating contest filled three long tables and drew a lot of interest as the crowd awaited the results: 1. Three tiered jack-o-



Judy Weeks
Nehemiah Persaud yells "Moo" to the audience, and takes first place for the cutest little cow in his herd.

lantern and spider laden tower by Juanita Martinez, 2. Charlie Brown's Halloween by Sylvia Marrero, 3. Laughing clown by Vanessa Aguilar, 4. Black cat by Susan Davis.

The Immokalee 4-H Program held a 50/50 raffle to benefit their projects. Mondo Nunez won the grand prize.

This year's Halloween costume contest was divided into four categories with six age groups in each. The costumes ranged from store bought to homemade and demonstrated a great deal of ingenious creativity.

Meanwhile, the seniors took advantage of the current political atmosphere and gave the politicians a run for their money. The costumes that brought the biggest laughs were the little calf, a construction worker in the port-a-john and a buxom housewife. Among the most decorative were the Aztec princess, Little Bo-Peep, a miniature pink poodle, a lady bug and a gossamer butterfly. The costume contest winners were as follows:

Cutest
0-3: Boys: 1.Nehemiah Persaud, 2. Gage Osceola, 3. Jayden Garza; Girls: 1. Missy Mata, 2. Ali McInturff, 3. Hayden Alvarado; 4-7: Boys: 1. K.J. Davis, 2. Ahmad Cummings; Girls: 1. Caniah Aguilar, 2. Makayla Mata, 3. Candace Mae Davis; 8-12: Boys: 1. Jon Jimmie, 2. Edward Aguilar, 3. Jon Davis; Girls: 1. Cartaya Aguilar, 2. Destinee Jimmie, 3. Lauren Posada; 13-17: Girls: 1. Mela Billie, 2. Cassandra Jimmie; 18-54: Men: 1. Manuel Garza, 2. Randy Osceola, 3. Juan Tapia; Women: 1. Crystal Garza 2. Josie Davis, 3. Ali Colon-Persaud; 55 and Older: 1. Mary Sanchez, 2. Martha Billie.

Funniest
0-3: Boys: 1. Josiah Arteaga; Girls: 1. Madison Martinez, 2. Gia Jackson, 3. Denise Gonzales; 4-7: Girls: 1. Shyanna Escobar; 8-12: Boys: 1. Jon Jimmie, 2. Kenny Joe Davis Jr., 3. Jon Davis; Girls: 1. Vanessa Billie, 2. Alexis Jimmie, 3. Ashley Faz; 13-17: Boys: 1. Christopher Briscoll; Girls: 1. Cassandra Jimmie, 2. Mela Billie; 18-54: Men: 1. Kenny Joe Davis Sr., 2. Randy Osceola; Women: 1. Susan Davis, 2. Amy Garza, 3. Nina Frias; Seniors: 1. Nancy Motlow, 2. Martha Billie, 3. Alice Clay.

Scariest
0-3: Boys: 1. Noe Arteaga, 2. Angelo Colon Jr., 3. Pedro Martinez; Girls: 1. Kenna Martinez, 2. Denise Gonzales, 3. Gia Jackson; 4-7: Boys: 1. Carlito Bermudez, 2. K. J. Davis, 3. Kaden Grimaldo; Girls: 1. Shyanna Escobar, 2. Carleze Bermudez, 3. Jaliyah Arteaga; 8-12:



Judy Weeks
This adorable little pink poodle is Denise Gonzales.



Judy Weeks
(L-R) Seniors Nancy Motlow and Rachel Billie hand out cupcakes to the preschoolers at their Halloween party.

Boys: 1. Kenny Joe Davis Jr., 2. Damian Escobar, 3. Ethan Aguilar; Girls: 1. Gherri Osceola, 2. Ashley Faz; 13-17: Boys: 1. Christopher Briscoll; Girls: 1. Jessica Osceola, 2. Mela Billie, 3. Jessica Lopez; 18-54: Men: 1. Kenny Davis, 2. Allen McInturff, 3. Peter Martinez; Women: 1. Cecelia Pequeno, 2. Lorena Arteaga, 3. Susan Davis, Seniors: 1. Delores Jumper, 2. Alice Billie, 3. Rachel Billie.

Most Creative
0-3: Boys: 1. Pedro Martinez; Girls: 1. Remy Rodriguez, 2. Jaleeza Clay, 3. Denise Gonzales; 4-7: Boys: 1. K. J. Davis, 2. Ezekiel Roberts; Girls: 1. Randeau Osceola; 8-12: Boys: 1. Damian Escobar, 2. Jonah Alvarado; Girls: 1. Rande Osceola, 2. Destinee Jimmie, 3. Aaliyah Mora; 13-17: Boys: 1. Spencer Jock, 2. Christopher Briscoll; Girls: 1. Cassandra Jimmie, 2. Whitney Osceola, 3. Jessica Osceola; 18-54: Women: 1. Sylvia Marrero, 2. Susan Davis, Seniors: 1. Martha Billie, 2. Nancy Motlow.

HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS

Hollywood Commemorates Halloween Holiday

BY MARISOL GONZALEZ
Staff Reporter

HOLLYWOOD — The Hollywood community held their annual Halloween Fall Festival on the ball field on Oct. 31.

Among the festivities, a costume contest and pumpkin carving contest took place. The Recreation Dept. continued with the carnival-theme with a haunted house set up at the Teen Center. Other activities included a dunk tank, old fashioned trailer jail and a hay ride.

Hollywood departments also joined in on the fun setting up different booths holding various activities for the children.

Hollywood Halloween Contest Results

Costume Contest

Costume Contest
Ages 0-1: Scariest: 1. Eva-Ray Stewart, 2. Betty-Lynn Osceola, 3. Presleigh Osceola-Hahn; Prettiest: 1. Xiya Osceola, 2. Tiyan Anderson, 3. Maya Bowers; Most Original: 1. Chloe Huggins, 2. Christian Shaffer, 3. Anthony Gopher Osceola; Princess: Mary Sally Osceola, Prince: Hinton Anderson Jr.

Ages 2-5: Scariest: 1. Sugar Foot Stewart, 2. Franklin Primeaux, 3. Theron Osceola; Prettiest: 1. Bailey Latchford, 2. Mary Cypress, 3. Petra Battisti; Most Original: 1. Clarice DeMayo, 2. Alyssa Jean Bowers, 3. Rainbow Jackson; Princess: Jahniyah Henry. Prince: David Merrick Nelson.

Princess: Jannigan Henry, Prince: David Wenick Nelson.
Ages 6-9: Scariest: 1. Brent Frank, 2. Elizabeth Frank,
3. Kyriel Josh; Prettiest: 1. Xiora Osceola, 2. Kaiya Drake,
3. Raylene Stewart; Most Original: 1. Grant Osceola, 2.
Teijo Smith, 3. Sheldon Osceola; Princess: Skyla Osceola,
Prince: Julian Bonilla.

Ages 10-12: Scariest: 1. Daniel Rodriguez, 2. Tyson Osceola, 3. Terrell Primeaux; Prettiest: 1. Raevin Frank, 2. Tia Billie, 3. Leisset Baker; Most Original: 1. Kenzie Motlow, 2. Carson Knaby, 3. Marsha Osceola; Princess: Jade Young, Prince: Donte Tiger.

Ages 13-15: Scariest: 1. Jonathan Frank, 2. Kaylan Osceola, 3. Dominique Motlow; Most Original: 1. Justin Frank, 2. Maleah Isaac; Princess: Arian Osceola, Prince: Trevor Osceola

Ages 16-17: Princess: Braudie Billie, Prince: Roy Stewart.

Ages 18-49: Scariest: 1. Ashley Harjo, 2. Mary Ann Doctor, 3. Lee Stewart; Prettiest: 1. Tasha Osceola, 2. (tie) Michelle Doctor and Symphoni Jumper, 4. Sherri Micco; Most Original: 1. Spencer Battiest, 2. Steve Osceola, 3. Max Osceola III; Princess: Francine Osceola, Prince: Bobby Frank.

Ages 50 and Older: Scariest: 1. Lawanna Osceola, 2. Mabel Doctor, 3. Agnes Motlow; Prettiest: 1. Maydell Osceola; Most Original: 1. Ruggy Jumper, 2. Joe Dan Osceola, 3. Paul Buster; Princess: Cornelia Osceola, Prince: Lawrence Osceola; Queen Cross-Dresser: Leslie Osceola; King Cross-Dresser: Jackie Osceola.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Youth: 17 and Younger: 1. Letitia Foster, 2. Justin Frank, 3. Jonathan Frank; Adult: 18-49: 1. Natoshia Osceola, 2. Matthew Osceola, 3. Allison Osceola; Seniors: 50 and Older: 1. Cornelia Osceola, 2. Elsie Bowers, 3. Maydell Osceola.



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(L-R) Scarlett Jumper, third place, Hollywood Tribal Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr., Lawanna Osceola Niles, second place, and Maydell Osceola, first place winner in the senior women's costume contest.



Marisol Gonzalez

Community members travel on the hay ride at the annual Fall Festival.



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First place in the prettiest category for the 10-12 age group. Raevin Frank.



Marisol Gonzalez:

Lawrence Osceola places first in both the costume and pumpkin carving contests, held at the Senior Center.



Marisol Gonzalez

Presleigh Osceola-Hahn, who placed third in the scariest infant category, with mom, Mercedes.



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Wilmeth DeHass competes and takes first place in the senior Pie Eating Contest.



Marisol Gonzalez

Spencer Battiest, winner of most original in the 18-49.

Seniors Halloween Party

Hollywood Council Rep. Max B. Osceola Jr. joined dozens of seniors for their annual Halloween party at the Senior Center on Oct. 30.

The festivities included a costume contest, pumpkin carving contest and a pie eating contest. Between contests the seniors played bingo, received door prizes and had lunch.

Winners were: Costume Contest: Men: 1. Lawrence Osceola, 2. Joe Dan Osceola, 3. Wilmet DeHass; Women: 1. Maydell Osceola, 2. Lawanna Osceola-Niles, 3. Scarlett Jumper; Participation: Dorothy Tucker; Pumpkin Carving Contest: Men: 1. Lawrence Osceola, 2. Joe Dan Osceola, 3. Paul Buster; Women: 1. Cornelia Osceola, 2. Bobbie Billie, 3. Juanita Osceola; Participation: Wilmet DeHass, Johnny Tucker, Elsie Bowers, Maydell Osceola, Dorothy Tucker and Rusty Tiger; Pie Eating Contest: Men: 1. Wilmet DeHass, 2. Paul Buster, 3. Jimmie Osceola; Women: 1. Lawanna Osceola-Niles, 2. Jennie Billie, 3. Juanita Osceola.

Preschoolers Celebrates Halloween

The Hollywood preschoolers celebrated Halloween while trick-or-treating and clowning around with Oopsy the Clown on Oct. 31.

The preschool children, led by their teachers, first visited the Hollywood Gym, and then made their way to the auditorium lobby. They collected many treats from various Hollywood departments. The children donned their finest costumes, ranging from princesses and princes to superheroes and movie characters, to commemorate the holiday.

Later that afternoon, they gathered for a preschool Halloween party with Oopsy the Clown.

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HALLOWEEN CELEBRATIONS



After each entrant finished decorating their pumpkin, they lined them up for judging in either the 0-5, 6-10 or 11-17 age categories. Lazzlow Billie, Gloria Brooks and Sabre Billie took the top spots, respectively.

Chris C. Jenkins

Big Cypress Youngsters Participate in Annual Halloween Pumpkin Painting Contest



Second place winner in the 11-17 age category, Kaitlin Osceola, puts on the finishing touches.

Chris C. Jenkins

BY CHRIS C. JENKINS
Stann Reporter

BIG CYPRESS — Community youth got a chance to test their decorating and painting skills and have some fun Oct. 30.

Youth and teens, ages 3-17, came out to the Herman Osceola Gym for the annual Pumpkin Painting Contest. The contest featured three age categories with prizes awarded to the top three contestants.

Megan Otero said she was definitely surprised to hear her son, Lazzlow Billie, 3, came in first place in his division.

"I knew he was athletic and could run and stuff, but I had no idea he was artistic also," Otero said. "I am so proud of him."

Third grader Kevin Ivy also participated along with his little sister, Kamari, a kindergartener. He painted his pumpkin as a clown.

"I enjoyed painting and it was really fun," Ivy said.

The Pumpkin Painting Contest results were as follows: Ages 0-5: 1. Lazzlow Billie, 2. Isadora Jumper, 3. Harmony Cypress; Ages 6-10: 1. Gloria Brooks, 2. Shana Balentine, 3. Eyanna Billie; Ages 11-17: 1. Sabre Billie, 2. Kaitlin Osceola, 3. Rashaun Jim.



First grader Elise Brown concentrates on decorating.

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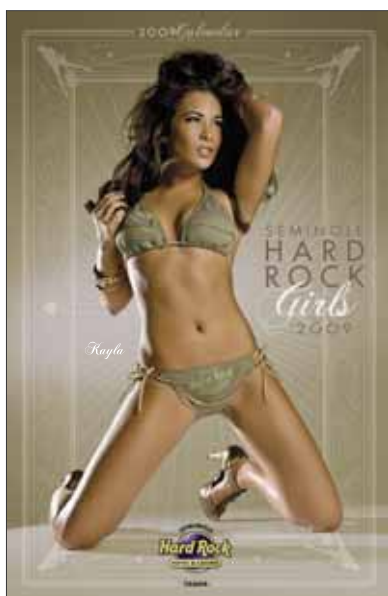
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Tampa, FL – Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino announced today that proceeds from calendar sales at the 2008 Seminole Hard Rock Girls Calendar Launch Signing will benefit The Spring Of Tampa Bay. Calendars are \$10 launch day only and the party is from 1 pm - 8 pm Monday, December 1st at the Lobby Bar. All the girls featured in the calendar will be on hand to sign the calendar and also take photos with guests.

Join the 2009 Seminole Hard Rock Girls at the Lobby Bar and help us sell their third annual calendar - all for a great cause! After launch day, the calendar goes to normal retail price of \$14.99 and can be purchased exclusively at the Seminole Hard Rock Retail Store. You can also see the girls at various community events throughout the year. For more information, please call Gina at 813.627.7771 or 813.695.4819.

About The Spring of Tampa Bay:

The Spring aims to be the premier provider of domestic violence services and a positive force for social change, creating a 'zero tolerance' attitude toward domestic violence in Hillsborough County. Since 1977, The Spring has provided sanctuary and services to more than 30,000 abused adults and their children. The Spring is the largest of Florida's 41 certified domestic violence shelters and the first in the United States to have an accredited school on site.

About the 2009 Seminole Hard Rock Girls Calendar: The 2009 calendar was shot on site at Seminole Hard Rock in Tampa. The team that put the entire calendar together including hair/makeup, styling and photography is comprised of talented artists and Seminole Hard Rock Tampa staff including Chad Martel, Leticia Cline, Kristina Adams, Travis Kelly, 1 Trick Pony Creative Agency, and Robyn Ashford Macy, owner and founder of Vin 1 Bikinis. All the bikinis in the calendar are custom-made from Seminole Hard Rock Tampa T-shirts. All the ladies featured in this tasteful calendar which is themed "Queens of Rock," playing off of a card theme, are Seminole Hard Rock Tampa employees.

About Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Tampa: Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Tampa, Fla. is Florida's ultimate entertainment destination with 170,000 square feet of non-stop gaming action casino featuring Blackjack, Texas Hold 'Em Bonus, Asia Poker, Baccarat, Pai Gow Poker, 3 Card Poker, Let it Ride Poker and Mini Baccarat now in play along with 3,200 of the most popular slot machines plus Florida's largest and smoke-free poker room, with 50 live action tables dedicated to Texas Hold 'Em, Omaha Hi-Lo and Seven Card Stud. For the third year in a row, the American Automobile Association (AAA) has awarded this 250-luxury room hotel its prestigious Four Diamond rating. Enjoy a variety of critically-acclaimed restaurants and bars, including Tampa's premier steak house Council Oak Steaks & Seafood and Fresh Harvest for a seven live-action kitchen dining experience. Garage parking is free and valet parking is also available. The hotel & casino is located off I-4 at North Orient Road and Hillsborough Avenue, between I-75 and I-275, about 10 minutes east of downtown Tampa. For more information, call 813-627-ROCK(7625), 1-800-937-0010 or visit www.hardrockhotel-casinoatampa.com.

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Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday Josie!
Love,
Mom & Dad

Happy birthday to Miss Lila Jean Osceola on Nov. 21. Well, you're how old? Just kidding!
You and I have always been best friends. You're real and that is why they be hatin'. Live your life. You deserve to be happy. I love you truly and always remember as time passes on, wounds heal.

Much love, Your sis,
Carolee Anderson

Happy birthday to my mom, **Terrijo Nelson**. Mom, I wanted to do something real special for you and let the (954), (863) and (941) area codes know just how special you are to me.

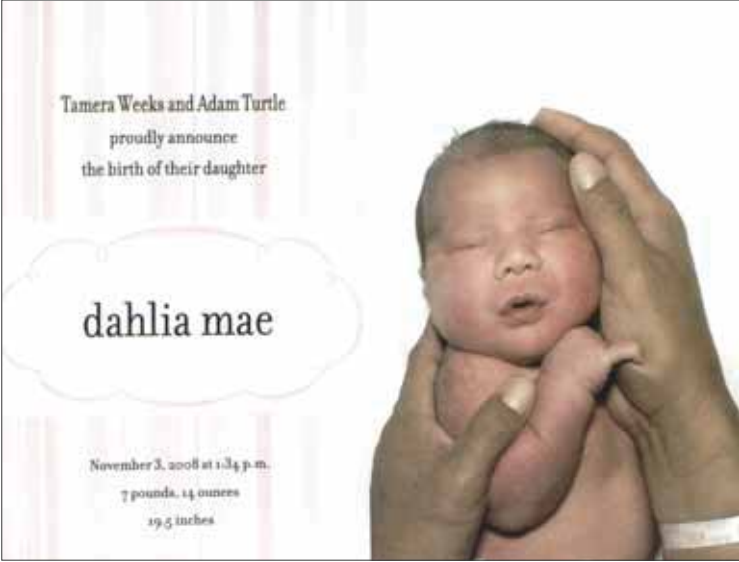
My mom is the greatest and she amazes me every day of my life. She is a wonderful grandmother on top of being my best friend and my mother. I have thanked God every night for you since I was 4 years old and you're always in my prayers. I love you, Mom. I love you!

Love always, Your daughter,
"Care Bear" (Carolee Anderson)

Happy birthday to my grandma, **Terrijo Nelson**. I love you very much. You're the best grandma ever!

Love,
Ricky Williams

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Remember Who You Are

The Seminole Tribe will always be a powerful force,
For those who have gone astray,
please come back to the source.
Never forget who you are.
It's good to learn new things.
But don't let your heart stray too far.
Never be ashamed of your own kind.
Just lend a helping hand, and everything will be just fine.
They say we are successful, but I sometimes doubt.
I get sad when I think about the language, and "maybe" the blood is dying out.
Let's all come together.
And show the young ones, that we can remain this way forever.
Our hearts are so strong I can feel their power.
Let's all take a step forward, and let the Seminole Tribe bloom like a beautiful flower.
The voice of the Unconquered can be heard anywhere.
But please, don't go to the white man's newspaper, and put our people out there.
Let's keep this amongst our people.
And don't you ever forget, as Seminoles we are all equal.
Take heed to the powerful voice of a Seminole warrior.

Last of a dying breed,
Myron Cypress
Otter Clan



Native Pride

The way of the warrior is the only life I know.
The life of the struggle,
Ain't nothing new to a Seminole.
The love for our people is what keeps us going and going,
We are like the river of life,
That will never stop flowing.
Survivors is what describes us best,
Warriors are how we are known to all the rest.
Great warriors have come, great warriors have gone.
But the Seminole Tribe will always stand tall and hard.
We've been through a lot of bad times,
But our Creator has always blessed our hearts.
A lot has happened since I was a young brave,
The whites moved in like a giant wave,

Creating hatred between our races,
Life was hard but we always kept a smile upon our faces.
We walk the same speed and never leave anyone behind,
Then try to reason with us,
But the white treaty of truce, we will never sign.
We are warriors, we are self-made,
So choose your words wisely,
Because our hearts ain't never pumped Kool-Aid.
We're proud to be Seminole and stand tall and strong.
Livin' a life proud and free,
Is where the Seminoles belong.

Only Me,
— *Myron Cypress*
Otter Clan

This One Is For My Wife Mrs. Salena Cypress I Love You

I love you with all my heart.
Baby, I will always be there,
Until death do us part.
You brought out a side of me,
That I never knew existed.
You are the only woman for me,
So please, don't get it twisted.
Your radiant smile,
Your passionate kiss,
The sound of your voice
Always send my heart in bliss.
Salena, I love you so much.
Baby, I crave the warmth of your touch.

You give me a feeling of happiness
That I feel deep down in my soul.
Especially when I'm wrapped in your arms,
And let my love for you take its toll.
You bring me peace,
You show me love.
Baby, you are a blessing
Sent from the heavens above.
You are my angel and I will never let you go.
I say "I love you" proudly,
So the whole world can know.
Baby, you are the one for me,
And I'm the one for you.
So all that's left to say is,
I will always love you, boo.

Only Me,
— *Myron Cypress*
Otter Clan

This Is For My Daughter Who Barely Got A Chance at Life, I love You Baby Girl, God Took You Too Soon

How can I go on with my life, knowing that you won't be there?
Baby girl, I love you,
I know we would've been an unbreakable pair.
My life no longer rings joyful bells.
Just knowing that I can't see your little face, or smell your little baby smell.
God took you too soon
I wish you could've stayed
Sadness fills my heart,
My life will never be the same.

I wish I could've heard and felt,
When you gave me a hug and said "I love you, Dad"
Baby girl, I wish I was there for you,
"Damn. My bad"
I know you're looking down on us with a smile on your face.
And even though it hurts so much
I know you're in a better place
Daddy loves you with all his heart
If I had it my way
We will never be apart
One day we will meet,
And a father's love you will finally witness
Baby girl, I love you so much
You will always be daddy's little princess.

Much Love,
— *Myron Cypress*
Otter Clan

Life is Crazy

Life is crazy but that's the price one pays, what used to be a game then with the court ain't no more today.
Brother if you need any motivation to do right look at me, living amongst our people is the place to be.
Being around all this ignorance just ain't where it's at, foolish whites & silly blacks.
You finally have that opportunity to live your life, I sincerely hope you settle down with a native queen & make her your wife.
Brother but only you can make great things happen for you, at the same time surround yourself with great people & stay free of this blue.
It does help your decisions some being around those that do good, they lead by example & brother I know you too could.
I always looked up to you & our older brother as well, I still do just stay free of this hell.
Family & true friends have missed you they're happy you're home, I'm sure your kids would like you to be there too even if they are grown.
Like Biggie said "One More Chance" but not in this lifetime, but it's no ones fault but my own that I can't be there for mine.
Brother these days living is so much easier for the Tribe, so the odds of you succeeding are on your side.
Use a fine tooth comb to choose your friends, because now every race wants to be down with the Seminole Tribe for the dividend.
I'll always remember the younger days having fun, playing basketball & football trying our best to win every one.
Brother I won't forget you & I always wish you well, maybe one day in time from you I'll get some mail.
But if I don't it's all good I understand, 99 98 9999 by a few I already a forgotten man.
Life is crazy but that's how it is when you live by the gun, this Seminole warrior will always represent the Unconquered Ones.
Brother, give Momma a hug & tell her I love her.

— *Ike T. Harjo*
Panther Clan

Public Notice: Triennial Review of Tribal Water Quality Standards

Submitted by the Environmental
Resource Management Dept.

Section 303(c)(1) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that a state or Tribe shall from time to time, but at least once every three years, hold public hearings to review its water quality standards (WQS) and, as appropriate, modify and adopt standards.

On Sept. 22, The Seminole Water Commission (SWC) evaluated the appropriateness of the designated uses of Tribal waters, the criteria that support these uses, and other water quality policies and procedures. The SWC is recommending changes to the Seminole Water Quality Code as follows (recommended by EPA). The changes are reflective of updated science and increased protection of human health.

A public notice period shall commence on Nov. 28 for a period of 60 days. During this time, any questions or concerns regarding this amendment to the Tribal Water Code should be directed to the Seminole Water Commission in writing, addressed to: Seminole Water Commission, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33024.

Public comment will be addressed at the February 2009 meeting of the Seminole Water Commission.

Comparison of the Numerical Criteria from Table 12 of the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Water Quality Standards with EPA's National Recommended Water Quality Criteria dated 2006									
	Water Quality Criteria								
	Class 1		Class 2-B		Class 2-C		Class 3		
Parameter	Existing	Recommended	Existing	Recommended	Existing	Recommended	Existing	Recommended	
Arsimony	<14.0	5.6	<4300	640	<4300	640			
Arsenic (trivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	1.18	2.2	71.28	51	71.28	51			
Benzene	exp(0.7852)(m)(3.48)	exp(0.7405)(m)(4.719)	exp(0.7852)(m)(3.48)	exp(0.7405)(m)(4.719)	exp(0.7852)(m)(3.48)	exp(0.7405)(m)(4.719)	exp(0.7852)(m)(3.48)	exp(0.7405)(m)(4.719)	
Cadmium ⁽⁵⁾	0.25	0.23	4.42	1.6	4.42	1.6			
Carbon Tetrachloride	exp(0.819)(m)(1.581)	exp(0.819)(m)(1.581)	exp(0.819)(m)(1.581)	exp(0.819)(m)(1.581)	exp(0.819)(m)(1.581)	exp(0.819)(m)(1.581)	exp(0.819)(m)(1.581)	exp(0.819)(m)(1.581)	
Chromium (trivalent) ⁽⁵⁾	exp(0.8543)(m)(1.468)	exp(0.8543)(m)(1.468)	exp(0.8543)(m)(1.468)	exp(0.8543)(m)(1.468)	exp(0.8543)(m)(1.468)	exp(0.8543)(m)(1.468)	exp(0.8543)(m)(1.468)	exp(0.8543)(m)(1.468)	
Copper ⁽⁵⁾	0.057	330	3.2	7100	3.2	7100			
1,1-Dichloroethylene (1,1-Dichloroethene)	4.6	4.6	1580	590	1580	590			
Dichloromethane (methylene chloride)	0.11	0.11	9.1	3.4	9.1	3.4			
2,4-Dinitrobenzene	< 0.00000014	0.000000005	< 0.00000014	5.1E-09	< 0.00000014	5.1E-09	< 0.00000014	5.1E-09	
Dioxin (2,3,7,8-TCDD)	4.3	4.3	360	140	360	140			
Bromofom	0.41	0.4	34	13	34	13			
Chlorodibromomethane	0.27	0.55	22	17	22	17			
Methyl Bromide	48	47	4000	1500	4000	1500			
Dichlorodifluoromethane	8900	None	570000	None	570000	None			
Hexachlorobutadiene	0.44	0.44	50	18	50	18			
Nickel ⁽⁵⁾	exp(0.846)(m)(1.1645)	exp(0.846)(m)(1.0584)	exp(0.846)(m)(1.1645)	exp(0.846)(m)(1.0584)	exp(0.846)(m)(1.1645)	exp(0.846)(m)(1.0584)	exp(0.846)(m)(1.1645)	exp(0.846)(m)(1.0584)	
2,4-D Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	70	100	14000	None	14000	None			
Adrin	0.00013	0.0000049	0.00014	0.00005	0.00014	0.00005			
Beta-hexachlorocyclohexane (B-HCH)	0.014	0.0091	0.046	0.017	0.046	0.017			
Chlordane	0.00058 ⁽¹⁾	0.0008	0.00059 ⁽²⁾	0.00081	0.00059 ⁽²⁾	0.00081			
Dichlorodiphenyltrichloro-ethane (DDT)	0.00059 ⁽¹⁾	0.00022	0.00059 ⁽²⁾	0.00022	0.00059 ⁽¹⁾	0.00022			
Dieldrin	0.00014 ⁽¹⁾	0.000052	0.00014 ⁽¹⁾	0.000052	0.00014 ⁽¹⁾	0.000052			
Endrin	0.0019 ⁽²⁾	0.056	0.0019 ⁽²⁾	0.056	0.0019 ⁽²⁾	0.056			
Heptachlor	0.0023	0.038	0.0023	0.038	0.0023	0.038			
Heptachlor (p benzene hexachloride)	0.00021 ⁽¹⁾	0.000079	0.00021 ⁽¹⁾	0.000079	0.00021 ⁽¹⁾	0.000079			
Lindane (p benzene hexachloride)	0.0039	0.0026	0.013	0.0049	0.013	0.0049			
Lindane (p benzene hexachloride)	0.01	0.0091	0.046	0.017	0.046	0.017			
Lindane (p benzene hexachloride)	0.019	0.98	0.063	1.8	0.063	1.8			
Parathion	0.04	0.013	0.04	0.013	0.04	0.013			
Toxaphene	0.0002	0.002	0.0002	0.002	0.0002	0.002			
Phenolic compound: 2-chlorophenol	120	81	400	150	400	150	400	150	
Phenolic compound: 2,4-dichlorophenol	93	77	790	290	790	290	790	290	
Phenolic compound: 2,4-dimethylphenol	540	380	2300	850	2300	850	2300	850	
Phenolic compound: 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol	13.4	13	765	280	765	280	765	280	
Phenolic compound: pentachlorophenol	0.28 ⁽¹⁾	0.27	8.2 ⁽¹⁾	3	8.2 ⁽¹⁾	3	8.2 ⁽¹⁾	3	
Phenolic compound: 2,4,6-trichlorophenol	2.1	1.4	6.5	2.4	6.5	2.4	6.5	2.4	
Phenolic compound: 2,4-dinitrophenol	0.0697	0.0697	14.26	5.3	14.26	5.3	14.26	5.3	
Bis(2-Ethylhexyl) Phthalate	1.8	1.2	5.9	2.2	5.9	2.2			
Butylbenzyl Phthalate	3000	1500	5200	1900	5200	1900			
Diethyl Phthalate	23000	17000	120000	44000	120000	44000			
Dimethyl Phthalate	31300	270000	290000	1100000	290000	1100000			
Dibutyl Phthalate	2700	2000	12000	4500	12000	4500			
Polychlorinated Biphenols (PCBs)	0.000044 ⁽¹⁾	0.000064	0.000045	0.000064	0.000045	0.000064			
Anthracene	9600	8300	110000	40000	110000	40000			
Benzo(a)Anthracene	0.0028	0.0038	0.031	0.018	0.031	0.018			
Benzo(a)Pyrene	0.0028	0.0038	0.031	0.018	0.031	0.018			
Chrysene	0.0028	0.0038	0.031	0.018	0.031	0.018			
Dibenzo(a,h) Anthracene	0.0028	0.0038	0.031	0.018	0.031	0.018			
Fluoranthene	300	130	370	140	370	140			
Fluorene	1300	1100	14000	5300	14000	5300			
Indeno(1,2,3-cd) Pyrene	0.0028	0.0038	0.031	0.018	0.031	0.018			
Pyrene	960	830	11000	4000	11000	4000			
Acenaphthene	1200	None	27000	None	27000	None			
Benzo(k)Fluoranthene	0.0028	0.0038	0.031	0.018	0.031	0.018			
Benzo(b)Fluoranthene	0.0028	0.0038	0.031	0.018	0.031	0.018			
Silver ⁽⁵⁾	exp(1.72)(m)(4.52)	exp(1.72)(m)(4.59)	exp(1.72)(m)(4.52)	exp(1.72)(m)(4.59)	exp(1.72)(m)(4.52)	exp(1.72)(m)(4.59)	exp(1.72)(m)(4.52)	exp(1.72)(m)(4.59)	
1,1,2,2-Tetra-chloroethane	0.17	0.17	10.8	4	10.8	4			
Tetrachloroethylene; (1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethene)	0.8 ⁽¹⁾	0.69	8.85 ⁽¹⁾	3.3	8.85 ⁽¹⁾	3.3			
Thallium	1.7	0.24	6.3	0.47	6.3	0.47			
Trichloroethylene (Trichloroethane)	2.7 ⁽¹⁾	2.5	80.7	30	80.7	30			
Zinc ⁽⁵⁾	exp(0.8473)(m)(0.7614)	exp(0.8473)(m)(0.584)	exp(0.8473)(m)(0.7614)	exp(0.8473)(m)(0.584)	exp(0.8473)(m)(0.7614)	exp(0.8473)(m)(0.584)	exp(0.8473)(m)(0.7614)	exp(0.8473)(m)(0.584)	
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