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Tribal Council Demands Return Of \$6 Million

By Elrod Bowers
HOLLYWOOD — The Tribal Council, at its Nov. 16 meeting, passed a resolution demanding the immediate and unconditional return of \$6 million in Tribal funds from Prudential Securities. The \$6 million is what remains of the Tribe's original \$27 million reserve fund at Merrill Lynch. The fund was transferred from Merrill Lynch to Raymond James & Associates. The fund, by the time it was transferred from Raymond James to Prudential, had shrunk to \$6 million.

The resolution, requested by Prudential, was approved by the Council in order to release the funds back to the Tribe.

The Council also:
Approved an Owner's Representative Agreement with the Gulf Building Corporation. Gulf will act as the Tribe's on-site representatives at the Hard Rock construction sites in Hollywood and Tampa.

Approved a support agreement with Winterfest, Inc. for the Winterfest Boat Parade, which will be held on Dec. 15 on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Gave conceptual approval for a Veterans' Building on the Brighton reservation. The resolution set a six-month deadline for a survey and other information to be presented to the Council.

Big Cypress Veterans Day Celebration

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — The 14th Annual Veterans Day Celebration was hosted at the Big Cypress Entertainment Complex on Nov. 8. The day dawned with a cool, pleasant breeze as Tribal officials, veterans of war, and guests arrived to honor and remember our Seminole Veterans, along with the nation's veterans.

The annual event was started 14 years ago by Seminole Tribe Board President/Acting Chairman, Mitchell Cypress, the late Roy Nash Osceola and Jacob Osceola.

That year, Roy Nash's son, Herman Osceola, had passed in a tragic helicopter training accident while serving in the U.S. Air Force. The tragedy initiated a discussion among the three men to hold a memorial ceremony on Veterans Day.

At the time, a formal gathering that honored Seminole veterans did not exist, so the memorial service developed into what has now become an annual Tribal tradition.

The date was changed from Nov. 11, because they knew many veterans and guests would be committed to other Veterans Day events.

This year's Veterans Day program was emceed by former Comanche Tribal chairman, Wallace Coffey. This is the second year that Coffey has graced this event with his engaging charm and outstanding sense of humor.

Originally from Lawton, OK, Coffey lives in New Mexico, working as Cultural Resource Specialist at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe.

Coffey is a popular traditional announcer who has emceed pow wows, conferences and concerts all over Indian Country for thirty years. Coffey also holds a Harvard degree in education.

Seminole Tribal officials in attendance included President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Brighton Councilman John Wayne Huff, Sr., Immokalee Council Representative Elaine Aguilar, Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers Sr., Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass, Fort Pierce Council Liaison, Sally R. Tommie and Council Liaison William Osceola.

Also attending the ceremonies were Miss Seminole Mercedes Osceola, Seminole Tribe Director of Anthropology & Genealogy Dr. Patricia Wickman, Seminole Agency Acting

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Students rebuild vandalized Chickee during Florida Cracker Heritage event, Betty Williamson discussed the history of the Seminole Indian mural. See page 4.

PAC Committee Serves Culture, Dinner To Area Educators

By Libby Blake
HOLLYWOOD — Over 100 educators, representing seven private and two public schools, were given a taste of Seminole culture on Thursday, Nov. 15 at the Okalee Village, courtesy of the Parent Advisory Committee. Many of the teachers that attended either were teaching Seminole children in their classrooms now, or had taught Seminole children in the past.

The sharing of culture and foods with the group, which included teachers, administrators, spouses and children, was brought to fruition by PAC Chairman Wanda Bowers.

"I remember years ago, when my kids were little, they used to give these appreciation dinners every year. That was when Christine Nevaquaya was Chairman of PAC. When she left as chairman, they just kind of stopped. When I got elected chairman, I decided I wanted to start it again," said Bowers.

"It must be at least 13 years since I was chairman so I suppose that is when

we had the last appreciation dinner for the kids' teachers," said Nevaquaya.

According to Nevaquaya, the original PAC Committee included Bobbie Lou Billie, Mary Jane Willie, Pat Gopher, Cornelia Osceola, Mildred Bowers, Nevaquaya, and then-Education Counselor, Pepper Harris.

"Since our children spent their day in school, [the PAC Committee] though it would help if the teachers could realize that there are some real cultural differences with Seminole children," said Nevaquaya about the past appreciation dinners.

"The idea of the cultural exchange was to improve relations with the schools. At that time, all of the children were attending public school. We wanted to share some of our heritage, history and culture.

"We served lunch, adding some of the traditional foods like corn sofkee, turtle soup and fry bread. We had Tribal members speak about the organization of the Tribe. Some members talked about



Rosetta Jumper and Victor Billie preparing chicken for the PAC appreciation dinner. The Nov. 15 event attracted over 100 educators.

when the Seminole children first started school at Dania Elementary. We had the alligator wrestling show and even had some teachers that were brave enough to handle the gator for the picture. It was a

lot of fun as well as educational for us all. "We probably had the cultural exchange for about five years. The last

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L-R: Lawanna Niles, Judybill Osceola, Connie Gowen, Priscilla Sayen.

5th Annual Time Travel Tour: Earthworks Of The Ancestors

By Alexandra Frank
GEORGIA — On Nov. 11-15, Tribal citizens participated in Time Travel Tour: "Earthworks of the Ancestors," the fifth in a series of trips sponsored by the Department of Anthropology & Genealogy, to historic monuments and sites that relate to the history, culture and heritage of the Florida Seminoles.

Dr. Pat Wickman, Anthropology and Genealogy Director, Geneva Shore, Genealogist, and Lisa Mullennix, Administrative Assistant, scheduled the five-day tour.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, a tour bus made the rounds of 3 reservations to pick up Tribal citizens at the Hot Meals building parking lot.

There was a total of 43 tribal members from the Hollywood, Big Cypress, Brighton and Tampa reservations. The Tampa residents rode in their own form of transportation to the first stop of the Time Travel Tour, Valdosta, GA, where everyone would eat dinner and spend the night.

Valdosta served as the first night's rest area before the Tour group hit the road to visit 3 state parks featuring history of their Seminole ancestors. There would also be a chance to see the area that was home to the little known existence of the well-established society of

the Woodland and Mississippian Indians.

On the second day, the Time Travel Tour headed northwest of Valdosta to Blakeley, GA, the location of the Kolomoki Mounds State Park. The historic site is 50 miles east of the Alabama state line.

The Kolomoki Mounds State Historic Park is set in the rolling countryside of Georgia. The towns that surround the park are reminiscent of Okeechobee and Clewiston.

The park features a museum built around a burial mound, believed to be that of a chief-priest. Named mound E, an orientation theatre is located on the edge of the mound.

In the theatre, a visitor is able to see a video that covers the history of the mounds discovery and what is assumed to be the lifestyle of the Weeden Island people, who dwelt in this region.

Mound E, a burial mound, was one of the first mounds in the Kolomoki area to be scientifically excavated. The excavated mound is just as the archaeologists left it. Four people were buried in the mound, along with 54 complete pottery items, which were to be used in the afterlife.

In the museum, visitors were
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Pool Hustler "Black Bart" Wins Senior Masters II

By Libby Blake
BILOXI, MS —

Legendary hustler Bob "Black Bart" Ogburn shot the lights out at Steve Mizerak's Senior Masters II, held Nov. 6 - 10 at Casino Magic. The tournament, which had \$40,000 in guaranteed prize monies, drew 57 of the world's best pool players. Because of the response, an additional \$10,000 was added to the pot before the start of play.

A last minute substitute for the ailing George Grasshopper, Ogburn came from the loser's bracket to win the event and take the \$10,000 first prize back to South Florida.

"Legend of the backroom" Bob Ogburn, who frequents Hollywood Billiards, was asked by Big Cypress Councilman David Cypress to replace Grasshopper as the Tribe's sponsored entry. Ogburn drove from St. Simons Island, GA., where he had been visiting friends, and arrived just ten minutes before his first match.

Ogburn, known to only a few by reputation, took players and spectators by surprise by making it to the finals. Vanover, who had put Ogburn in the loser's bracket earlier, was down six games to zip before finally winning a game. In control for most of the match,



Last minute entrant Bob Ogburn defeated Bob Vanover in the finals, 11-6.

Ogburn easily beat Vanover 11-6. (All matches were a race-to-10 except the finals, which was a race-to-11, and played using Pro Express rules.)

The win was Ogburn's first. Also known as "Black Bart" and "Big Bob," Ogburn has shunned the major tournaments all of his life. Ogburn thanked the Tribe and David Cypress for their sponsorship of him and the event after the win.

"I have been a hustler all my life and never went in for all the pictures and attention (of professional events). It was great to come in here and win this one for David and the

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'Tis the Season! The Tribal Christmas Party is Friday, December 21, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. at the Broward Convention Center. Be there with bells on!

Ground Zero (New York City)

By Patsy West

Much of the nation's history will be written differently after the events of September 11. That is the effect that such climactic events have, yet life moves on.
 Since I wrote for the last issue of the Tribune, I have been on Ground Zero, Manhattan.
 Ground Zero is not as powerful now as it was when the remains of the Twin Towers loomed in the air and the bucket brigades toiled below in their efforts to locate survivors.

Now that the number of workers has diminished, it looks like the last remains of a demolition site, smoking gently in the breeze as white papers fall, like a flock of egrets, from a damaged building nearby.

Interestingly, the site evokes a more positive feeling now, of rebirth, whether reflecting on the nation's patriotic unity or the positive energy of looking forward to the vast new construction project, which will come. A project in which, not only our country, but the entire world, will take note, as it rises, like a phoenix, from the ashes between the adjoining skyscrapers.

But, until that time, crowds will continue to press against the gated perimeters to visually and emotionally process the emptiness of what had been and the memorial of flowers. Without a doubt, Twin Towers, the nothingness of where it once stood, is now the nation's most viable tourist attraction.

I was on site, looking over the plastic-wrapped chain link fence amidst the vast quantities of dead and fresh flowers wedged in the links, wearing expendable clothes and shoes and a 98% effective dustmask on the site.

Although a sympathetic policewoman at the outer checkpoint had let myself and three colleagues through, we had to pass through yet another checkpoint down the block. We were the only people on a surreal street, walking in the ashes. Ashes containing deadly asbestos and other toxic compounds.

I had never been to a war zone before. It was quiet now, save for the distant rumble of a bulldozer. We provided the only color in an otherwise black and white landscape. It was late afternoon, after the sun had long ceased to shine through Manhattan's thicket of skyscrapers, when we arrived at our colleague's apartment building, the closest residences to Ground Zero.

The narrow Lower Manhattan street, a hangover from the Dutch period, could have been most any city in Europe wearing its thick coating of grey. The tiny 12-story Foundation Building, which hearkened back to some forgotten past, had escaped demolition during Urban Renewal some 25 years ago, when far grander edifices were raised in the name of progress. Now it stood alone.

All twelve stories were coated in grey ash, papers containing stock reports, and correspondence when the windows blew in from the Twin Towers' blast. It was Hollywood at its best as a spotless, vibrant building had been made to look like a veteran derelict.

Hesitant to take the elevator (which probably worked just fine), we chose to climb the 10 flights of stairs on our own amid an overpowering scorched smell. The stairs, the smell, and the confining mask made me feel claustrophobic and I wanted to rip it off, but I knew that it would be worse breathing without it.

The rescue workers had checked the building for survivors as soon as they could. Every door had a hole made by sledgehammer. Every wall next to the doorjam had a corresponding hole punched in the concrete. A large chain was threaded through both holes with a padlock. On the walls outside of all apartments was the message "no victims" spray painted in orange.

Even though I had been told the condition of our colleague's apartment, it was a real shock to see it. Everything was as she left it after she saw the first plane hit the building and fled, but all was now covered in the thick grey ash. By the time we arrived, the open windows in the building had been covered with Canadian particle board.

Our colleague works for a New York museum. She was a major component in an exhibition which opened just days after the strike on the Twin Towers. The exhibition is on pearls, a serene topic reflected in the timeless beauty of this exhibition. Such a major contrast from her apartment!

Among the things she collected were baskets. Some were displayed on a counter, other larger ones were mounted on walls. Woven rugs were supposedly scattered throughout the apartment on the floor, but I never saw them as the debris was too thick.

Her collection of mounds were likewise shadowy images. It boggled the mind how any of this material could be saved, and in fact it probably won't be. The time and expense would be extraordinary and each hazardous material requires a separate, expensive test to be detected, with a greater expense for cleaning.

She has been sleeping at various friends and colleague's lofts and apartments, living out of a meager suitcase of clothes that they have given her. From her computer at work, she keeps in touch with the other tenants, her landlord, her insurance company, the authorities.

She has found herself to be in a grey area, just like her apartment. She is still alive, but the emotional trauma is great. She has lost her community and all of her possessions to a moment of terrorism. She has a home with no way to reclaim it, a locked in rent that she will probably never see again. Since September 11, she is homeless, a victim of war.



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Letters & E-mail

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My Big Cypress Visit Dear Editor,

Hello there, I would like to express my thanks to Lulu and Spencer of the Aviation department. In early October, I had the opportunity to visit Big Cypress through Spencer, I was introduced to the staff and given a small tour of your the reservation by Lulu, and I must say that I was amazed to learn about your history and the way you all take care of one another. Now if the rest of the world could do the same.

Anyways, thanks for the visit and tour of your reservation I will bring pics to remember. Next time I have alot of my family along for a full tour. Thanks to Lulu, I have a better understanding of your tribe and what it means to you. Thank You... I'll be back.

Rudolph Corey James
Trinidad, West Indies

Thank You Dear Editor,

Last week I started working for Family Services at the Brighton Reservation. On Wednesday and Thursday I had the opportunity to attend the Veteran's Celebrations at both Brighton and Big Cypress, I was very touched and proud to have been in attendance.

I got out of the US Army about 25 years ago and this is the first time I have ever had anyone thank me for my service, this is something that will stay with me in my heart for the rest of my life.

I would like to thank the Tribal Officials, Tribal Members and Vets for sharing this time with me.

I look forward to serving the Seminole Community through Family Services and I am thankful for this opportunity.

George W. Robinson, Jr., MS
Brighton Family Services

Tribe Joins Culturally Florida Campaign

By Alexandra Frank

FORT LAUDERDALE – What do opera, the Philharmonic Orchestra, Seminoles, sand and sun have in common? The Culturally Florida campaign! The Culturally Florida Campaign showcases Florida's abundant heritage, arts, and cultural diversity to a worldwide audience.

On Oct. 29, the Seminole Tribe joined forces with VISIT FLORIDA to promote Florida's rich cultural heritage.

The Tribe was represented by: Billy Cypress, Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum Director; Tom Gallaher, Development and Promotions Coordinator Okalee Museum; and Lee Tiger, Florida Tourism Development Director.

The feeling was to ensure that the Tribe stays in the public eye through ventures such as Culturally Florida. What better way to this task but to join the organization VISIT FLORIDA?

VISIT FLORIDA developed the Culturally Florida campaign, which is sponsored by American Express, the Florida Department of State and a number of convention and visitors bureaus and arts organizations.

The program was developed within 2 years to help enhance Florida's visibility and tourist expenditures by promoting the state's rich heritage and cultural diversity.

Secretary of State Katherine Harris flew in from Tallahassee to give her support to the newly formed campaign. Mrs. Harris expressed the commitment to meet the needs of Florida's communities and her people.

Mrs. Harris said that a revitalization of Florida's unique sense of place is

dependent on its ability to preserve and support the historical and cultural resources.

For the past two decades, Florida has invested more in the development of its historic and cultural resources than any other state. Florida ranks first in the United States in historic preservation funding and third in cultural development funding.

The Culturally Florida campaign offers visitors a riveting new guide to the dynamic cultural heritage of Florida and

and visitors in the tens of millions.

Mrs. Harris's statements acknowledged the importance of Culturally Florida to the state's economy and cemented the program's adoption into the state's legislation.

There is no doubt that the Seminole Tribe will benefit from the Culturally Florida campaign in regards to statewide and international recognition.

In an economy that is still reeling from the Sept. 11 attacks, Tribal ventures will need advertising and an association



(L-R): Billy Cypress, Lee Tiger, Secretary of State Katherine Harris, Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitors Bureau President Nicki Grossman, Connie Gowen, Austin Mott, CEO Visit Florida, Kerry Post, Vice President of New Product Development, Visit Florida, and Tom Gallaher.

opportunities to have an authentic experience of Florida's local culture.

Florida's Department of State, through legislative appropriation, has invested over \$612 million to preserve historic properties open to the public throughout the state, foster Florida's cultural organizations and individual artists and support Florida's history museum's and traveling exhibits, reaching students

with a high caliber program. Linking with Culturally Florida should accomplish these needs.

Due to the foresight of Billy Cypress, Tom Gallaher, and Lee Tiger, the Tribe can only benefit greatly from their involvement in a state-funded program, aimed at sponsoring Florida's rich cultural heritage.



L. Blake

DAR Chapter Regent welcomes Patsy West, Historian and Seminole Tribune contributor. West spoke in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

Native American Heritage Month Patsy West Speaks At DAR Meeting

By Libby Blake

POMPAÑO BEACH — Historian and *Seminole Tribune* contributor Patsy West was the featured speaker at the November meeting of the Fontenada Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held at the Elks Lodge.

Chapter Regent Opal Spencer invited West to speak at the luncheon in honor of Native American Heritage Month. West has written two books on the Seminoles and is currently working on a third. Her latest book, *A Seminole Legend – The Life of Betty Mae Tiger Jumper*, is available at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, and Borders bookstores.

West has also been published in numerous historical and archaeological magazines and papers. West's next book will be on Native American warriors in the twentieth century, including Sam Jones, whom West called, "the greatest Seminole warrior ever."

In 1972, West founded the Seminole and Miccosukee Photographic Archives, which currently has over 10,000 images in the collection. She has served as its director since the founding.

West spoke on how the Seminoles came to be in Florida and their migration into the Everglades. She also explained how the drainage of the Everglades in 1906 changed the way of life for the Seminole from "being a hunter into being a tourist attraction as a hunter to survive."

West also read an excerpt from the first chapter of her latest book in which Betty Mae Jumper writes of almost being killed at birth for being a "half-breed" and how, when she was older, she was able to go away to the Cherokee School in North Carolina.

Mrs. Ivy Stranahan and the local chapter of the DAR, of which she was a member, provided the money and clothes for Betty Mae and two of her cousins to go to the school.

Ms. West briefly explained the patchwork design of Seminole clothing, calling it the "Seminoles' identity." She related a story told to her by Billy Cypress about when he was living and working in Washington, D.C. Cypress told West that he would wear patchwork, "when I wanted people to know I was a Seminole." "Otherwise," he told Ms. West, "people

thought I was a Filipino." After speaking to the group, West opened the floor for questions. Probably the most significant question was asked by Regent Spencer.

"Since the Seminoles don't need money anymore for clothing, housing, schooling, or food, what can we, as a group, do for the Seminoles?" Spencer added that she has been trying to reach the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs, without success, and asked Ms. West whom she could contact.

The Fontenada Chapter of the DAR currently supports two Native American schools – Chemawa Indian School in Salem, OR and Bacone College in Muskogee, OK. They also contribute to the Florida State Society of the DAR for the Ann Wood FSSDAR American Indian Endowment Scholarship Fund, established in March 2000.

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WHO ARE WE? Send us your answers. Results will be published in the next issue of the *Tribune*. Good luck!

Big Cypress News ❖ Achawahyogé ❖ Acenaofv

Veterans

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Superintendent Greg Maddox, and Reverend L.W. Howard from the Faith Chapel Family Worship in Labelle, FL.

Since the September tragedy and the United States involvement in Afghanistan, patriotism has risen to the forefront of many people's lives, encouraging a greater appreciation for our people in the military, past and present.

The Seminole people are no exception and this year's ceremony was a chance to display their pride and support of the nation and its veterans.

After the invocation by L. W. Howard, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Ahfachkee School students.

Singer Henry Battisti poured his heart and voice into "God Bless the USA," a song that has become almost a second anthem for this nation.

Next, in what has become a Veterans Day tradition, Moses Jumper, Jr., read a poem he had written especially for the occasion. His acknowledged his late father, Moses Jumper Sr., and uncle, Howard Tiger, who were two of the first Seminole enlistees in World War II.

Jumper, who has been writing poetry for many years, said, "I write what strikes my heart and flows from my spirit."

Before introducing Mitchell Cypress, emcee Coffey took the opportunity to ask the audience, "What does Osama bin Laden have in common with General Custer?"

"Neither one could figure out were all those Tomahawks were coming from."

President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress rose to make his welcoming remarks and acknowledge special guests. Speaking in Miccosukee, he made the sad announcement of the passing of a Tribal elder, Lillian Johns Bowers of the Brighton Reservation. He asked everyone to remember the family in their prayers.

Cypress said he was very glad that this Seminole Veterans Day event has become a tradition with our Tribe because it is important to remember and appreciate our veterans. It also illuminates the fact that many Native Americans served in the Armed Forces, a fact not known to many."

Cypress welcomed back Wallace Coffey to this year's gathering and acknowledged special guest, Boy Ladd (Winnebago), a decorated Vietnam war hero.

Ladd was instrumental in getting three

Seminole veterans inducted into the Red Feather Society, an organization of Native American veterans.

After Cypress' welcome, emcee Coffey thanked Paul Buster's "Cowbone Band" for providing some of the mood music for the occasion.

Coffey introduced all of the Tribal dignitaries in attendance. Seminole Princess, Mercedes Osceola made her introduction and welcoming remarks in both Miccosukee and English. She thanked the veterans for fighting for freedom and protecting our way of life.

Dr. Patricia Wickman was introduced next. Dr. Wickman took the opportunity to present Mitchell Cypress with a medallion from Lt. Colonel Rich Gallant, Commander of the National Guard, 2nd Battalion, 12th Infantry.

She explained that the Guard has a battalion named after the Seminole, and they feel a kinship to the Unconquered Nation and abiding admiration for their strength as warriors.

The greeting for the men in the Seminole Battalion is a salute and the words, "Seminole sir, never surrender!" Dr. Wickman presented Cypress with a medallion with the Seminole Battalion salute inscribed on it.

The Reverend L. W. Howard, who was introduced next, spoke words of life and encouragement. He reminded everyone that all things are possible with faith in God and the importance of unity.

"Recognize prejudice as an enemy tool, every war has been won by teamwork so remember, United We Stand."

Also present to give remarks was Hendry County Sheriff Steve Worley, and Glades County Commissioner, Butch Cames, who both came with veterans from Post 299 of Glades County.

One of the day's highlights was the playing of a sad, melodious tribute song called "Vietnam, Why Did

You Take My Only Son?" by renowned Native flautist, Sonny Nevaquaya.

A Comanche Tribal member from Oklahoma, Sonny is a veteran who comes from a family of veterans. Nevaquaya has 10 family members who served in Vietnam and uncles who served in Germany and Korea.

Nevaquaya also made a special presentation of a handmade flute decorated with the American flag and a POW flag to Mitchell Cypress. Nevaquaya not

only plays the flute, he makes his own flutes and teaches the art of flute making.

Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers, Sr., entertained the audience with a recounting of his enlistment into the Marine Corps.

In 1968, Bowers was on the verge of being sent home from Haskell Indian Jr. College in Lawrence, KS, because of his less than average progress in academics and above average progress in extracurricular activities.

Bowers knew that he was probably on his way back home, but talked to a counselor to review his options. The counselor introduced him to a Marine recruiter.

"I thought he was going to send me home but as it turned it was the long way home, going through boot camp in San Diego, serving in Japan and Vietnam first," said Bowers.

When the recruiter explained the enlistment options, Bowers chose to go in under the "buddy system," where he and a friend would do basic training and the remainder of their service together.

So he and Donald Mahkewa Jr., a Hopi from Arizona, joined up together. Bowers said that, after basic training, he had no idea what had become of Mahkewa.

The excitement and delight of everyone, Bowers introduced Mahkewa to the audience. After 32 years, Mahkewa had been contacted by Bowers and traveled to Florida from his home in Keams Crayon, AZ.

Mahkewa said that he was selected for radio operator communications training after basic training. By the time he was sent to Vietnam in 1969, Bowers had already been shipped home.

Another highlight was a special ceremony, conducted by Boy Ladd, in recognition of the men and women who gave their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Ladd, a decorated war hero who served in Special Forces in Vietnam, a member of the Red Feather Society and War Bundle Society, spoke of the need for unity in the young right now and our responsibility to teach the young the most sacred ways.

With assistance from Seminole veterans, Ladd opened the ceremony with a prayer, acknowledging the spirits of all who were lost. Sage was burned to cleanse impurities of thought and embrace a feeling of well being. Ladd explained each part of the symbolism and purpose.

There was also an offering of food and drink to the spirits. It was a moving ceremony that brought a hush over the complex as everyone participated in the moment of respect.

Afterwards, students of the Big Cypress Ahfachkee School shared their thoughts on Veterans Day by reading their essays. The students reading this

year were Dylan Osceola, Talisha Leach, Donald Green, Benny Hernandez, and Brittney Buster.

Then, the Seminole Tribe Fire and Rescue workers and Seminole Department of Law Enforcement were presented with a plaque in appreciation of their dedication.

Accepting on behalf of the Fire and Rescue was Ed Moran and Police Chief Tom Hernan accepted on behalf of SDLE. The Seminole firefighters who were recognized were Mary Jean Kroenes, Jeanette Cypress, Danielle Cypress, and Joe Frank.

As the morning ceremonies approached a conclusion, Fort Pierce Council Liaison Sally R. Tommie read a poem that referred to the nation's recent sorrows and our resolve to become united and stand together. She first thanked the Creator for all that we are and have and thanked the veterans for their commitment to keep us free.

As Wallace Coffey read the names of the Seminole Veterans, a receiving line, formed by all the veterans in attendance, encircled the width of the room as everyone passed through the line to thank the veterans.

Afterwards, lunch was served to the community and guests, concluding this year's Veterans Day celebration.

"My Thoughts On Veterans Day"

By Donald Green

Veterans Day is a day of freedom, because of the vets that have served in the past wars. The Veterans long ago made many sacrifices as

the ones who are in Afghanistan are making today. They aren't vets yet because they haven't come back. If they come back. We have some vets here on the Rez, and we especially want to thank those who served before. This Veterans Day is especially important to us because we have a war going on right now in Afghanistan. These soldiers are making great sacrifices right now, and I hope we win. So I am happy to be here to thank our vets that have helped us keep our freedom.

"Veterans Day"

By Talisha Leach

Veterans Day is the day we celebrate our freedom and give thanks for the sacrifice the veterans have made for us. Freedom is that we get to choose whether we want to go to church or what we do for our profession. We have freedom of speech and we have the freedom of how we live our lives.

Veterans Day is a different kind of holiday because we honor the people that have been in the wars and are still alive today. Other holidays celebrate the birth, love and death of people.

I want to thank the Seminole veterans who are here today, for helping us keep our freedom.



David Nunez holds U.S. flag during the Nov. 8 Veterans Day ceremony.

E. Tiger



Miss Seminole Tribe of Florida Osceola shows off the Veterans Day cake with the flags of the United States and the Seminole Tribe.

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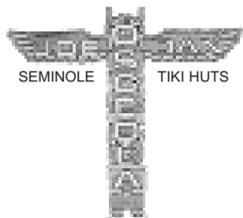
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Okeechobee Homecoming Features Brighton Students

By Barbara Secody

OKEECHOBEE — Nov. 2 was a day to remember as Okeechobee High School celebrated Homecoming.

The day started off with a parade through town as residents and business owners came out to applaud the parade entries as they passed by.

Floats depicting the American Spirit, marching bands, homecoming kings and queens and Mr. and Miss OHS were on hand to boost team spirit for that night's big game against the South Fork Bulldogs.

Several Brighton students participated in the homecoming festivities. Andrew Bowers, son of Kay and A.J. Bowers, was voted Mr. OHS, while Bryan Arledge, son of Arica Buck, was chosen as Freshman Float attendant for the ninth grade football team.

Ninth grader Alysa Willie, daughter of Cindy Rodriguez, a flutist, marched with the band during the parade.

What's New With Jo Leigh "Boogie" Johns

By Michael James

OKEECHOBEE — The last time the Tribune talked with Jo Leigh Johns, she had recently graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University with a bachelor's degree, and was starting a new career with the Tribe as Youth Support Coordinator.

Johns still works in Education as Youth Support Coordinator. However, in August she decided it was time to continue her education and recently enrolled at FGCU to pursue a master's degree in Mental Health Counseling.

Jo Leigh is a full-time student, a full-time mother to 4-year old Kalgary Johns, and a full-time Tribal employee. The amazing thing is that she fulfills each duty with commitment and responsibility.

Johns admits that her responsibilities are, at times, overwhelming, and has decided to go to school part-time in the Spring of 2002. However, her priority is Kalgary and being accessible to the students on the Brighton reservation.

She loves working with kids and is proud to be able to help the students work towards a successful and productive future. Her goal is to continue working with children and adolescents after receiving her master's degree.

In July, Johns was appointed as Director of Women's Breakaway for the Eastern Indian Rodeo Association.

Women's Breakaway is similar to men's calf roping. Both are timed events. In men's calf roping, the cowboys dismount from the horse and tie the calf's hooves together.

In women's breakaway, the cowgirls do not dismount and rope the calf's saddle horns.

Hundreds of well-wishers from Brighton and Okeechobee showed their team spirit as they came out to cheer their home team at the homecoming game that evening. The stands were packed with cheering friends, family and community members as the Brahms easily defeated the Bulldogs.

Seminole players Jarrid Smith and Andrew Bowers of Brighton drew cheers from the crowd and praise from Coach Cary McKee.

"Andrew has done an outstanding job this year as leading receiver, and leads in scoring this season," said McKee.

Jarrid, Brahms' offensive tackle has started every game. "Good thing we will have him for two more years. We are looking for big things from this young athlete," said McKee.

"Both young men do well in school and it should be easy to get them in college."

Johns competed in the Women's Breakaway event in this year's Indian National Finals Rodeo in Billings, MT. Boogie placed fifth overall. Her usual event has been barrel racing, but this year she did not compete in that event.

In all, Johns juggles a busy schedule of class two times a week, a full-time job and practicing her events to at least three times a week. Next year, she hopes to compete in all women's rodeo events.

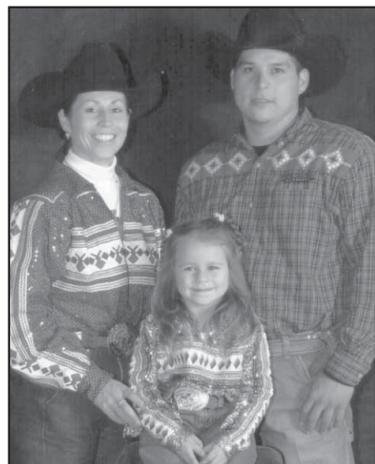
Jo Leigh is constantly evolving. She recently purchased two new stud horses, Own Son of Doc O'Lena and Own Son of Colonel Freckles. These two horses belong to a famous bloodline that can be found out West, but rare to Florida.

Johns hopes that, by breeding these two bloodlines, she will be able to provide a better breed of horses to Florida.

This breeding program would be a family-maintained program, with father, Norman Johns, breaking the ponies. Presently, they are building a new state of the art horse barn.

Although Colonel Freckles is dead, his descendants are known best for their cutting abilities. Doc O'Lena's descendants are best known for their speed and also cutting. As a matter of fact, the horse Boogie uses for barrel

racing, Tually, is a daughter from Colonel Freckles. Lastly, congratulations to Jo Leigh and Wildcat Naha Jumper. They announced their engagement, and plan to be married in a Christmas theme ceremony at their home at Brighton Reservation on Dec. 15. We wish you both all the best in your future together.



L-R: JoLeigh Johns, Kalgary Johns, Naha Jumper. JoLeigh and Naha plan to wed on Dec. 15.



Brighton Salutes Their Veterans

By Michael James
BRIGHTON — On Nov. 7, the community paid special tribute to the Tribal Veterans, both living and deceased, for their service to this country. The ceremony began at 10:30 a.m. with welcoming remarks, followed by an Invocation by Tribal Veteran Wonder Johns. The National Anthem, performed beautifully by Trina Bowers, preceded a recital of the Pledge of Allegiance by the Brighton Seminole Pre-School students. After the Pledge, the Tribal Officials were introduced. Brighton Board Representative Alex Johns, Brighton Council Representative John Wayne Huff, Sr., and President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress participated in the Veterans Day ceremony. The First Indian Baptist Academy also presented essays for the Veterans. After the presentation

from the First Indian Baptist Academy, each Veteran was presented a plaque, t-shirts and jackets, which were given to the Veterans by the Tribal officials. The Chairman's office presented each man with a special bag filled with a variety of items. Lunch, a guest speaker and closing remarks completed the ceremony. The Veterans honored were: Deceased- Fred Smith, Roley Buck, Charlie Gopher, Bert Jones, Lester Gopher and Cecil Johns. Living Veterans are: Sammie Gopher, Billy Micco, Russell Osceola, Sr., Stanlo Johns, Archie Johns, Joe L. Johns, Gary Billie, Jack Smith, Jr., Dan Bowers, Timmy Johns, Eddie Shore, Johnny Osceola, Gopher Johns, David Nunez, Jr., Joseph Tiger, Craig Gopher, John Wayne Huff, Sr., Andrew Bowers, Sr., and Randy Santiago.

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Betty Osceola, Mary Jane Storm and Minnie Doctor also set up tables to display their craftwork, which were available for purchase. Mercedes then introduced the Tribal dignitaries who were present, allowing each to address the group. First to take to the microphone was Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola, Jr.

"When my generation was growing up we knew that when we left the reservation we would have to be able to compete in the non-Indian world. There was not as much racism in the schools as people like my mom and Betty Mae Jumper faced. But the teachers were still suspicious of us and they thought we were being abused because of the scratches on our arms and because we didn't make eye contact with others," said Mr. Osceola. Other dignitaries present included Tribal Ambassador Joe Dan Osceola and Hollywood Board Representative David DeHass. Each welcomed the group to the reservation. During dinner, entertainment was provided by "Native Spirit" dancers William Cypress (Seminole) and Duke Romero (Apache). Raffles were held for various Indian crafts. Each educator in attendance received a special gift bag that included issues of the *Seminole Tribune*, 2000 and 2001 Tribal calendars, literature about the various programs offered by the Tribe to its members, discount coupons for Billie Swamp Safari and Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum, and the Wagon Book by Betty Mae Jumper. Libraries at each school also received books and videos about the Seminoles. Throughout the evening, children were literally pulling their parents by the arms to come and meet their teachers. By the end of the night, it was hard to tell who got more out of the event — the Seminole children or the teachers.

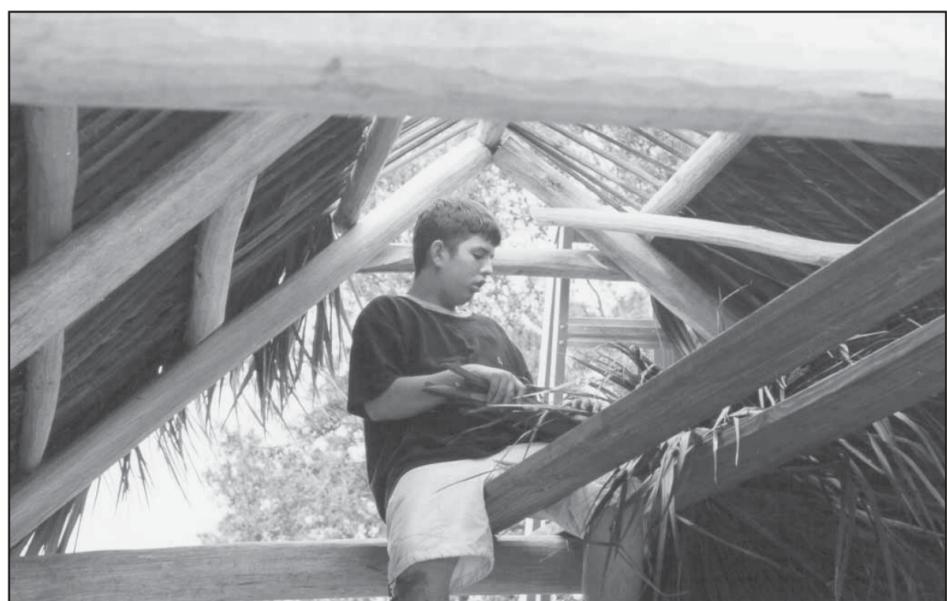
Alex Johns Turns 28



Brighton Board Representative Alex Johns' reaction when he realized it was no ordinary staff meeting.

BRIGHTON — Brighton Board Representative Alex Johns celebrated his 28th birthday on Monday, Oct. 8, 2001. Wife Liz and the Brighton Cattle & Range office gave Johns a surprise party. Linda Daum, Camellia S. Osceola and Don Robertson were instrumental in ensuring the surprise went off without a hitch. Alex was caught totally off-guard, thinking Don was having a mandatory staff meeting. Friends, family and staff feasted on B-B-Q ribs, chicken and all the fixin's. We all hope to see Alex celebrate many more with us here at the Brighton Cattle & Range office.

Attention. If you are between the ages of 14 to 21 and interested in working, contact Timmy Marin, Brighton Reservation Youth & Work Experience Training Program Counselor at (863) 763-3572, ext. 101 at the Education Building or (Nextel #) 634-6524, 2-way ID #55312 for more information.



Almost done. Adam Osceola prepares to pass fans as the students work on the last two rows.

Tribal Students Rebuild A Cultural Symbol During Florida Heritage Cracker Days

By Michael James
OKEECHOBEE — On Nov. 16, TRIBAL students from the Brighton reservation rebuilt the chickee on the Okeechobee High School campus. This summer, the chickee, which was built by Tribal students last year, burned down under mysterious circumstances. Officials have had few leads, and the mystery remains unsolved. However, the eleven students from the Brighton reservation, with great pride, erected a new chickee. Unfortunately, this incident of vandalism was not the only one to be reported. During Homecoming Week, the Okeechobee High School was also vandalized. Trees were uprooted and graffiti written everywhere. The perpetrators placed blame



Seminole students in front of burned chickee with Youth Support Coordinator, JoLeigh Johns.

on the Class of 2001. To refute this claim, the seniors quickly solicited donations from the community to replace the landscaping that was destroyed and helped the Sophomore class rebuild their homecoming float, which was also vandalized. The Seminole students that helped rebuild the chickee were: 9th graders, Brian Aldridge, Nola Gopher, Johnnie Jones, Jr., Adam Osceola, Deanna Osceola and Alyssa Wiles; 10th graders, Jade Braswell, Sharri Jones and Kari Kroepin; 11th graders, Nicki Osceola and Jarred Smith and 12th grader, Andrew Bowers. The rebuilding of the chickee took place during the Florida Cracker Heritage event, which was held at the Freshman campus. Officials agreed there was no better time to have the Seminole students display their pride. There was a Cow Camp re-enactment, Betty Williamson discussed the history of Okeechobee and the Seminole Indian mural, D.R. Daniels demonstrated calf roping, farm animals, traditional cracker cooking by Taylor Holmes and Earl Raulerson and the Hazellief family showed the infamous Cracker Horses.

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D'anna Osceola prepares fans.

Brighton Hot Meal News

By Michael James
BRIGHTON — The Senior Citizens have been keeping a fairly busy during the month of November. On Nov. 3, 15 seniors, escorted by Brighton Council Representative John Wayne Huff, Sr., on a weekend trip to shop, shop, shop. They left aboard a greyhound bus and visited the Kissimmee Flea Market, stayed overnight in the Kissimmee, visited the Webster, Flea Market the next day, stayed the night, and returned on Monday. They returned home with plenty of goodies from the shopping excursion, which is sponsored by the Board every year. On Nov. 14, seniors from the Brighton, Big Cypress and Immokalee reservations were invited to Miccosukee for an early Thanksgiving dinner. Hollywood provided bus transportation. Arriving at Miccosukee early in the morning, the group started the day with 5 games of Bingo. Cash prizes of \$25 and \$50 were up for grabs, as well as door prizes. The winners of the "Bingo tournament" were: first prize-Jenny Mary, a beautiful navy blue, satin skirt. Second prize- Mary Robbins, who won 2 Seminole Indian jackets. Third place- a Trail resident who won a man's Indian shirt.

After Bingo, the seniors enjoyed a beautiful lunch of tossed salad, pumpkin bread, rice with hamburger gravy, corn, macaroni and cheese and fried chicken. The meal was completed with a wide array of cakes and pies, which they enjoyed while engaging in a social hour. Photographers were on hand to capture the celebration and group pictures were taken from each reservation. The seniors returned home around 4:00 p.m. On Nov. 20, Council Representative John Wayne Huff, Sr., treated the Brighton seniors to a Thanksgiving lunch at Luby's in the Lakeshore Mall in Sebring. On Dec. 12, the seniors will make another trip to Miccosukee for an early Thanksgiving celebration, very similar to the Thanksgiving dinner. In other past news, 10 senior citizens went to the Professional Bull Riding in Las Vegas on Oct. 25-29. There were mixed feelings about the trip. While the overall experience was enjoyable, the seating in the arena was not very accessible for some seniors. A separate trip by the seniors, during the same time, seemed to be a bit more enjoyable. The seniors went to Montana and had a wonderful time touring Yellowstone National Park and seeing the snow.

Brighton Recreation News

By Michael James
 The following are the scheduled events for the month of December:
 Saturday, Dec. 1: The Holiday Cheer Pool Tournament, open to all Tribal members and spouses. Pool for youth and adults, sign up begins at 8:00 a.m. the tournament begins at 9:00 a.m.
 Friday, Dec. 7: The Bert C. Jones Memorial Basketball Tournament, Indian only, 35 and over, men and women. The entry fee is \$150.00.
 Saturday, Dec. 8: The Bert C. Jones

Memorial tournament continues with an entry fee of \$200.00
 Saturday, Dec. 15: The men and women's softball tournament is scheduled. The tournament is open to the general public. The entry fee is \$200.00
 The Senior Citizen Shuffleboard Tournament that was scheduled for Nov. 14 has been rescheduled for early January. The time and date of the tournament will be made available later.

Hollywood Community Observes Thanksgiving with Dinner

By Alexandra Frank

HOLLYWOOD — On Nov. 16, Seminole Tribal Members gathered at the gymnasium to for Thanksgiving Dinner, hosted by Hollywood Council Representative Max Osceola and Hollywood Board Representative David Dehass.

Both representatives conveyed their well wishes to everyone during the holiday and stated that this was a day to give thanks for all things made available to each Tribal member.

The meal, prepared and served by Maydell Osceola and family, included turkey, stuffing, vegetables, and pumpkin pie. Also, as an extra gift, each household received a gift certificate to Publix, sponsored by both representatives.



Alexandra Frank
Judy Ann Osceola prepares to enjoy her holiday meal.

Dade and Broward Businesses Sponsor Santa's Toy Drive

Santa's Toy Drive is now collecting new unwrapped toys and gifts for children in Dade and Broward counties.

Toys collected in Dade County will be donated to The Florida Department of Children and Families and Children Medical Services. Toys collected in Broward County will go to The Children's Home Society, Family Central and Light of the World Clinic.

Donations are accepted through Dec. 10 at the following locations:

- All State Farm agent and claim offices in Dade and Broward Counties
- Parrot Jungle
- South Motors Auto Dealers (5 locations

in Dade County)
Sawgrass Ford Collision Center (Broward County)
Ramco (2 locations in Dade County)

Other Sponsors include: Hispanic Broadcasting Corp. (Radio Mambi, WQBA, Salsa 98, Amor 107.5), Radio Disney, El Herald Newspaper of Broward County, The Miami Laker News, Safelite Auto Glass, Citizen's Crime Watch of Miami Dade, Miami Lakes Metro Dade Police Department, Volunteer Broward, Hands On Miami, Sawgrass Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors in Broward County.

Potential sponsors are welcome to call the Santa Hotline at (305) 820-3466.

Foster Kids Christmas Toy Drive And Angel Tree

This Christmas, some members of the Hollywood Community are planning to organize a Toy Drive and Angel Tree for the Seminole foster children. With the support of Council Representative Max Osceola, Jr. and Board Representative David Dehass, we plan to have a month long event.

Remember, while the Tribe has become more financially stable, there are some things money can't buy. Many Seminole children within our communities will not have par-

ents with which to celebrate the Christmas holidays.

We are asking for your help to make the holidays a little more pleasant for these children. If you would like to volunteer your time or have a child in foster care that would like to be included, please call Holly Tiger at (954) 585-8920 or leave a message at (954) 989-6840 x1309, Elrod Bowers at (954) 967-3416 or (954) 966-6300 x1265. Also call the numbers listed if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you.



Food Drive at CityPlace to Help Over 1,000 Children

Camp CityPlace has chosen the Dick Webber Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse as the beneficiary of their food drive. On Nov. 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Dick Webber Center will be collecting food and toys by the fountains in CityPlace. The children who attend Camp CityPlace will be asked to bring non-perishable food to help the Dick Webber Center's neediest clients.

The Center serves over 2,000 families annually and works to prevent child abuse and neglect through parenting, support, and case management.

Danielle Johnson, the coordinator of the drive, hopes that this holiday season the community will open their hearts to help families in their own community. Even in the wake of the destruction of Sept. 11, the Center continues to prevent child abuse and help parents raise loving and responsible children.

Donations can also be dropped off at one of the Center's 11 drop off locations in Palm Beach and Broward.

Otter Clan Meeting Held



Dorothy Tucker, President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypres, Peggy Osceola, Connie Gowen, and Big Cypres Councilman David Cypres were a few of the Otters who attended the Otter Clan meeting, held at Troy Tiger's property on Nov. 17. Jack Motlow started the meeting off with a few words at 10:00 am. Lunch was catered by Betty's restaurant. There were visitors from as far away as Brighton went well into the afternoon.

Governor Candidate Visits Tribe

HOLLYWOOD — On Nov. 13, President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypres welcomed gubernatorial candidate, State Sen. Daryl L. Jones (D-40). Jones, who announced his candidacy on June 19, was the first Democrat to officially enter the 2002 race for governor.

Jones said his campaign will focus on five issues: education, economic development, health care, public safety, and the environment.

During his visit to the Tribal headquarters, Jones met with President/Acting Chairman Cypres and was given a tour of the facility by Executive Administrative Assistant Sally Tommie.



L-R: President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypres, State Senator Daryl L. Jones.

"Visiting the Tribe has been very educational for me," said Jones, "to come and learn how the Tribe benefits the rest of our community."

"It's been very worthwhile for me to be here."

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Your Money – The Dangers of Co-Signing

By Ken Goosens
[Editor's note. Ken Goosens works for the Tribe in Housing Finance and Coosens Tribal members on loans and their credit. The opinions he expresses are his own.]

What would you do if a friend or relative asked you to "co-sign" for them or a child asked to take over a bank account of yours?
 Maybe your son is signing his first lease, and the landlord won't rent to him unless someone co-signs the lease. Perhaps your mother has poor credit because she was sick and couldn't work. But now she needs a car, and the lender won't take her unless someone co-signs for the automobile loan.

You might have a bank account you shared with your child, where you deposited all the child's money. Now that the child is 18, should you let the child take over the use of that bank account?

These requests can be difficult to turn down, because we want to help our friends and family. "I'll pay all the bills," the other person assures us, "I just need your signature." It all sounds harmless, but it isn't. Here's what can happen all too easily.

Your sister gives the car up on your lawn and gives the keys to you. She doesn't want the car any more, which she says has been giving her one mechanical problem after another and needs repairs. You chide her for barely ever changing the oil and protest that you can't afford the payments on another car.

But, since you co-signed for the automobile loan, you owe all the money left to pay on the car. So you call the lender and tell them to take the car back. But the value of the car they repossess is not enough to cover the loan left, so the lender bills you for \$1,600. Your sister won't pay for that lemon and you refuse to pay on a car that's not yours. So the bill goes into collection.

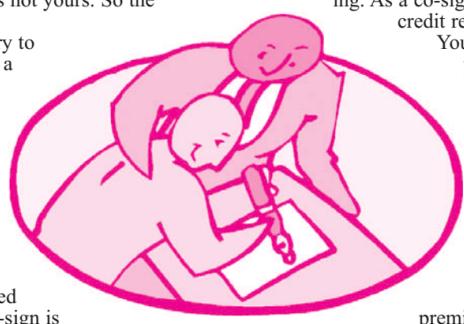
Later, when you try to get a mortgage loan to buy a house, the lender says he won't consider making a decision until you first clear up all your delinquent debts. Only now, with fees and interest, the bill is \$2,800. So, you bite the bullet and start paying \$400 a month for a car you never used.

You may be harmed even when the loan you co-sign is actually current. Suppose you insist on paying all your bills on time and in full. Your credit history is perfect. Or so you think. But when a lender runs your credit history report, you credit score is below what is needed.

How can this be? The lender explains that you've been a month behind on automobile payments eight times during the last year, and that single item

alone pulls your credit score down.
 "But that's not even my loan!" you protest. "I just got that for a friend. It's not fair that someone else's late payments count against me. I paid all the bills I was responsible for."

Welcome to the wonderful world of co-signing. As a co-signer, that debt goes on your credit report because it's your debt. You are obligated to make the payments under the contract if the other person fails to. But you are also responsible for the debt's being paid on time and in full every month. Co-signing puts your good credit at risk and in the hands of another person whose actions you do not control.



Think about the basic premise of co-signing for loans. A professional lender, experienced in dealing with hundreds or thousands of people, finds this person too risky to accept. Before shouldering that risk and putting your money and credit on the line for that person, ask whether you really know better than the professional that the other person will pay the debt responsibly.

The danger of co-signing applies not just to

loans, but letting your name be on an account with another person really using it. Suppose the other person overdraws a bank account or fails to pay some service charge – unbeknownst to you, because the account statement goes to the other person.

Once the bank reports a delinquent loss on that account with the other person, you might find your other accounts frozen. Your ATM card is confiscated by the automatic teller. A grocery store refuses to accept your check. You have no idea why because the problem was not even something you did.

I'm not saying you should never co-sign. I've done it once for a married daughter with a full time job, with no problem. But helping others is one thing and harming yourself is another.

Before you put your good name on the line for someone else, ask whether you really want to set yourself up to be blindsided by someone else's fiscal ignorance, inexperience, irresponsibility, and problems.

Many people have regretted letting their financial reputation be subject to the bad luck or bad choices of other people. One thing you might do to lessen the risk is to insist that you get account statements and that the other person first pay you so that you in turn pay any bills.

That way you at least know whether the bills are being paid in full and on time.

DSO News

We're adding art to the DSO Building! If you are interested in displaying your artwork on the 2nd and 3rd floor area of the DSO Building, or would like to donate artwork, plants, etc. Please call Michael Kelly (Library) or Mabel Osceola (Culture) at the DSO Building at 989-6840, ext. 1226 or x1227.

We are requesting original artwork, please. Watercolor, oils, pen and ink, acrylic, prints, mixed media, crafts, photography, etc.

We would like to set up individual exhibits for artists as soon as possible. Artists may display their artwork for one or more months at a time. Supply a price list and artist information sheet to Michael Kelly.

Help us bring Seminole art and culture to the DSO Building.

Michael Kelly will teach the art of papier mache on Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. for seniors at the DSO Library, 2nd floor. All art supplies are included, courtesy of the Culture Department.

Michael Kelly is a papier mache artist and teaches classes throughout the state of Florida. He has appeared on PBS public television, Deco Drive (FOX TV), WAMI TV, the Miami Herald, Sun-Sentinel, Naples Daily News and many local newspapers. Stop by the library and say hello. Thanks!

New extended hours policy. Students who arrive at the DSO Library between the hours of 2 and 3 p.m. may stay until 5:00 p.m. If they would like to stay for the extended hours, they must first go home for dinner and then return to the Library.

Call to Action! The Chickee Christian Academy students need to raise a minimum of \$3,000 to publish the 2002 yearbook. To help, become an Ambassador Advocate by doing one or more of the following:

- Have your name listed on the Ambassador Advocates pages in the yearbook for a donation of \$20.00 for each name listed, which may include names of children, in memoriam, etc.
- Advertise your business or ministry by purchasing a 1/8 page (business card size) ad for a donation of \$50.00. The ad may extend "Best Wishes" to the Chickee Christian Academy, or to that special student in your life.

Submit a list of businesses, friends, family members, etc., from which we can establish a database of contacts to approach to support our fund drive.

Volunteer your service by contacting people you know. Come by the school for further details.

The Chickee Christian Academy has until the first week of March to pay all fees and submit all materials to the publisher for a June 2002 delivery date. For more information, call (954) 894-5651.

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Time Travel Tour

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able to preview excavated items such as pottery, and flint items used for arrows, knives, or even spearheads. What on display were models depicting what the surrounding area near the mounds may have looked like when the city was in its prime.

There are also models of what the Weeden Island Indians may have lived like as well as the type of structure their homes and/or buildings may have resembled.

The site was first researched in 1948. From 1949 through 1952, scientific excavation of the mounds were conducted. Dr. William H. Mounds directed the work and received assistance from the local people.

There were many prized artifacts discovered from this important site in Georgia's history or, for that matter, in the

ing the Kolomoki and their mounds may never be discovered. The Kolomoki people were portrayed as talented individuals who used the available natural resources to their benefit.

They were expert craftsmen in pottery making and skilled at shaping flint to make arrowheads, knives, scrapers and fishing hooks. They fashioned a hoe out of wood and flint to turn the dirt in order to plant squash, corn and beans. They even made blowguns and darts, possibly used for hunting or even warfare.

The Kolomoki people were also involved with ornament making, geared towards religious and ceremonial items. Weaving was also another specialty of the Kolomoki people, they created baskets and nets, no doubt used for fishing.

Ceremonies were conducted by the Chief-Priest, who also directed daily activities. Upon his death, a burial mound was built for the chief and his servants, and sand offerings brought there to honor him.

day of the trip. The tour participants spent the next two days at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, just east of downtown Macon. In this area was the Time Travel Tour's next stop: the Ocmulgee National Monument.

The one noticeable difference between the Ocmulgee National Monument and the Kolomoki Mounds State Historic Park is Ocmulgee's close proximity to the urban area of Macon.

The national monument was situated near Highway 16, and was a mile from the hotel. It was a cold November morning when the participants were driven to the park and dropped off at the museum, located near the mounds.

At the museum, a 17-minute video was shown to participants, who also looked at the various display cases, which contained artifacts found in the Ocmulgee mounds and surrounding area.

One display caught the eye of Happy Jones, who lives on the Brighton Reservation. The display case held a small model of what the "Green Corn Dance" ceremonial grounds look like.

Happy Jones commented on the depictions made in the model, many were accurate, except for one little flaw that was fixable. Jones's comments were noted by the tour guide, Sheila Flowers.

Mrs. Flowers stated that any corrections needed would be done, especially since the depicted ceremony was a part of Seminole culture, and who would know better about the ceremony than Tribal citizens?

Ocmulgee boasts 7 mounds that are in close proximity to one another, much like the mounds at Kolomoki. The distinct difference is that at Ocmulgee an Earth Lodge is still intact. The Earth Lodge is believed to be the site the Mississippian village dwellers used to meet in council and during religious ceremonies.

The Mississippians are said to have inhabited the area between 900 and 1200 A.D. They were a part of a distinctive culture, which appeared about 750 A.D. in the middle Mississippi Valley and, during the next seven centuries, spread along riverways throughout much of central and eastern United States.

The Mississippians lived a much more complex way of life that seeped into the region. It is here that they left behind eight earthen mounds and the remains of the ceremonial earth lodge.

The Earth Lodge did undergo reconstruction in the 1930's over the original clay floor, dated at 1,000 years old. The clay floor has a circle of low clay with individually molded seats and a platform in the shape of a raptorial bird with a "forked eye."

This symbol is the earliest example of elaborate motifs typical of the Mississippian period's southeastern ceremonial complex. Much like the Kolomoki mound, the Ocmulgee mound features a Great Temple Mound. It is recorded to be biggest Mississippian mound located in Macon.

The mound faced an ancient Mississippian town, with one side dropping 90 feet into the river flood plain. Not much is known about the mound, only that it was constructed in several stages.

The last two stages had an ascending ramp, the highest part of the last stage was encircled by a low earthen wall. There were rectangular wooden structures on top that are believed to have been used for important ceremonies.

There is a low west platform facing the Funeral Mound, it may have been connected to an earlier mound stage.

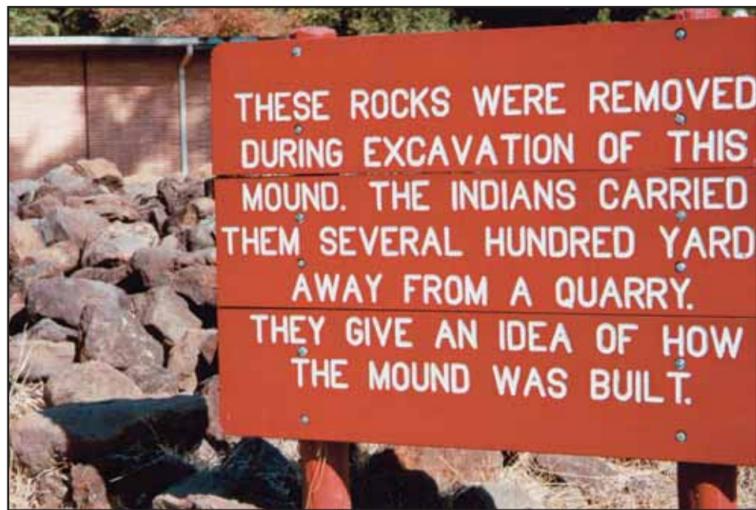
Both the Great Temple Mound of Ocmulgee and the Temple Mound of Kolomoki stand over 50 feet in height. The people who inhabited the surrounding village constructed them.

It is estimated that about 2 million basket loads of earth were used to build the Temple Mound of Kolomoki, which is 56 feet in height. The Great Temple Mound of Ocmulgee was 50 feet in height and may have used 1,785,714 basket loads of earth.

A basket load measured at 1 cubit foot of earth. It was pointed out that the construction of the mounds did not involve any type of forced labor.

After visiting the Great Temple Mound and the Earth Lodge Mound, the tour participants were treated to lunch served on the park grounds. During lunch, Sheila Flowers brought out artifacts that had been retrieved from the area during the excavation process.

Tribal citizens viewed stone



Alexandra Frank

This sign is right in front of the Kolomoki Museum, the rocks in the foreground weigh as much as 50 pounds and heavier.

objects carved into symbols representing animals and people. A well-kept legging and sash with a bag was shown to Tribal members so they could see how the items were constructed by hand. All of the items were beaded with a flower motif. The material and beads impressed many of the seamstresses and bead workers in the tour group.

A special occasion occurred during the lunch. Unbeknownst to Pat Wickman, a surprise birthday party was planned by Lisa Mullenix, Geneva Shore, and members of the museum staff.

While lunch was being set up, Lisa passed around a birthday card to all in attendance, right under Pat Wickman's nose. It was a great moment as Pat was honestly caught off guard when the birthday cake brought in and everyone started

Swamp, which once served as a source of lumber and raw turpentine.

Although there were items reminiscent of Seminoles, such as the cypress-made canoe and chickee, the guides were not very knowledgeable about the Seminole or their culture.

The park offers a gift shop and country store, which were both hit hard by those who saved money for the rest of the tour.

It was the next to the last day of the Time Travel Tour and time to head to the final destination: Fernandina Beach, FL. The day spent at the Okeefeenokee State Park had been overcast, which meant it was overcast all the way down to Fernandina Beach.

There, the tour participants stayed at the Hampton Inn and Suites, located right on the beach. Some participants wanted to do some more shopping, but a hard northwest wind kept most indoors. This wasn't too bad, since a buffet-style dinner was offered to the tour group at the hotel.

Dinner was a little quieter than before because the Tampa crew headed home right after the Okeefeenokee State Park visit.

After all was said and done, everyone had a good time on the tour and learned about their ancestors, who had established a lively society in the state of Georgia.

The study of two cultures advanced enough to create societies lasting over several centuries and setting up a society complex in political structures and religious structures will continue in the future.

It seems more extensive research about the Native American tribes surrounding Georgia should be conducted. As pointed out by Pat Wickman and a tour guide of the Kolomoki Mounds State Historic Park, archaeologists and scientists have always largely ignored these societies.

At times, Dr. Wickman had to interject on facts that the museums were passing on as information from universities and speculation by archaeologist about findings made at the mound sites.

There was wording used to describe certain individuals who may have held power in those societies that Dr. Wickman felt was not appropriate.

Dr. Wickman tried, at certain points during the tour, to see if words used by the museums were familiar to Tribal citizens. It seemed some words might have some similarity to words used today, but due to the "passing" down of some of those questioned words, they were either mispronounced or forgotten.

The Time Travel Tours are a great way of seeing how historic sites pertaining to the Seminole are presenting information to the general public. I encourage you to participate in one of the tours, you can learn interesting facts about societies and their cultures. The information obtained from historic sites can benefit all native peoples of this continent.



Alexandra Frank

Pat Wickman, Agnes Bert and Onnie Osceola surprised everyone by climbing the steps that lead to the top of the Great Temple Mound at Ocmulgee National Monument.

southeastern region of the United States. These items were on display at the museum. From these items emerged details of how this ancient community developed.

The Kolomoki Mounds are believed to have been inhabited between 250 and 900 A.D. and supported a community of 1,500 to 2,000 people. Their occupation of this area was continuous for about 650 years.

It is here that the discovery of temple mound "A" was made. Mound A is believed to be the home site of the Chief-Priest and the same location where he conducted religious ceremonies.

There was a plaza in front of the mound that served as a meeting and ceremonial area. Also discovered were several village sites of different ages around the plaza area. There is evidence of Kolomoki, Weeden Island and Lamar tribal cultures found in this area.

These tribes each built the mounds for a different purpose. There are two burial mounds D and E. As mentioned before, mound E is enclosed in the museum. Mound D is considered the larg-

Pottery and other sacred items were put in and around the grave. During the funeral ceremony, several people were sacrificed to accompany the Chief on his trip to the afterlife.

As mentioned earlier, artifacts found at mound E included the Chief's ashes, shell beads and ear ornaments. There were three male sacrifices placed around the burial pit with their heads pointing east. There were trophy skulls placed at the edge of the pit and mourning pottery was placed at the eastern edge of the mound.

The Kolomoki people had lives rich in culture and diversity in their everyday tasks. It is still unknown why the mounds and the surrounding area were abandoned after so many centuries of occupation.

It had been believed that the Cherokee or Creek nations were the descendants of the Kolomoki dwellers. To this day, neither tribe has officially claimed to be their descendants.

After the tour of the Kolomoki mounds and a southern style lunch of fried chicken and corn cakes, provided by



Alexandra Frank

Connie Gowen points out some important features depicted in a model of a "Green Corn Dance" ceremonial ground.

er of the two. Mounds F and H were used for various ceremonies.

Some of the mysteries surround-

Earlene Easom, the second day of the Time Travel Tour ended.

It was time for the tour to make its way north to Macon, GA, for the third

Tampa Indian Day Celebration

By Gary Padgett

TAMPA — On Sept. 21, the Tampa Community held their annual Indian Day Celebration. This year's Celebration included competitions in 9-ball, Horseshoes, and Log Peeling.

Women's 9-Ball: 1) Andrea Holata 2) Carol Foret 3) Colleen Henry 4) Joannie Henry
Men's 9-ball: 1) Ramsey Had o 2) Jessie Jimmy 3) Bobby Henry 4) Ronnie Doctor.

Men's Horseshoes: 1) Phillip Smith 2) Danny Santiago 3) Gary 4) Jerry Henry.

Women's Horseshoes: 1) Tina Smith 2) Barbara Sisneroz 3) Myra Simmons 4) Carol Foret.

Men's Log Peeling: 1) Jerry Henry, 3:36 2) Jimmy Osceola, 4:30 3) Ronnie Doctor, 5:13 4) Ramsey Harjo, 5:30.

Women's Log Peeling: 1) Andrea Holata, 3:13 2) Myra Simmons, 3:20 3) April Baker, 3:47 4) Carol Foret, 4:29.

Richard Henry, Tampa Liaison, would like to thank Alex Johns and John Wayne Huff for their help in supporting this event. Congratulations Tampa Community on another successful Indian Day Celebration.



Winners of the Women's Log Peeling competition: Andrea Holata, Myra Simmons, April Baker, and Carol Foret.



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Brighton Athletes Excel In Sports, Academics

By Barbara Secody
BRIGHTON — The Seminole Tribe is proud of the accomplishments of many young people who have gone that extra mile in sports or academics, but once in awhile, you will find students who have excelled in both. Two such young men are Jarrid Smith and Andrew Bowers of the Brighton reservation.

Jarrid, the 16-year old son of Camellia Smith-Osceola of Brighton and Curtis Osceola of Hollywood, is a sophomore at Okeechobee High School. Smith, who maintains a 3.0 average, is one of the Brahman's star players.

Recently named "Gatorade's Will-To-Win - Athlete of the Week," Smith has chalked up quite a few accomplishments this year, excelling in football and basketball, as well as attending two honors courses in history and English.

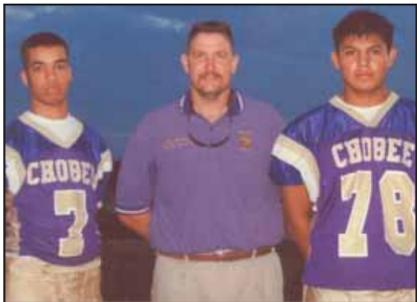
Before moving from Hollywood to Brighton, Jarrid attended McFadden Tech in Davie. He moved to Brighton, where he transferred to Okeechobee High School in the ninth grade. Smith enjoys hanging with friends when he has the time, but keeps busy with sports and school.

Jarrid plans to attend college, but has not selected his major yet. He plans to pursue something in the field of computers or electronics.

Camellia is very proud of her son, and credits her father, the late Fred Smith — with instilling the values in his grandson.

Smith, who served as Tribal President for many years — was highly respected by his people. He spent a great deal of time with Jarrid and taught him valuable lessons in life and how to be a good person.

Jarrid has learned well, and his mom states that, although he really misses his grandfather, she knows that her father



Andrew Bowers, Brahman's Coach McKee, and Jarrid Smith.

would be proud of who Jarrid has become.

Jarrid says that — for now — he has no desire to pursue a political career. He has set his goals and priorities to complete his education and enjoy playing sports. He credits his mom and grandfather for his success in life and, when asked what advice he would give to other young people, he says, "don't give up,

don't do drugs and stay in school."

Andrew Bowers, the son of Andy and Kay Bowers, is another young Seminole who has accomplished many of his academic and athletic goals. As a senior, he was chosen as Mr. OHS this year.

With Andrew's tenure at OHS nearly over, he has plans to attend college — hopefully at Florida State. As the Brahman's wide receiver, he has made a name for himself and hopes to continue playing football in college. Bowers also plays center field in baseball and plays shooting guard in basketball.

Although Andrew is sports-oriented, he still places emphasis on a good education. Good grades are Bowers' top priority, and while he has many friends and enjoys socializing, he has also set goals for his future, which means a lot of hard work.

Andrew credits his work with his success in sports and academics and for setting a good example for him to follow. He states that his parents have always been supportive of him, and he always wants them to be proud of him.

These young men are a shining example of outstanding youth leadership and have made the Seminole Tribe and their families proud of them. Congratulations to both of them on their accomplishments and good luck to them in future endeavors. Give a big pat on the back to their parents, who have supported and helped them into the fine young people.

Veterans Day Pool Tournament

By Libby Blake

CLEWISTON — Seminole Tribe of Florida President and Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress sponsored a pool tournament on Sunday, Nov. 4 at the R & R Lounge to honor all veterans. Randy Coyle and Reina Blissett, owners of R & R Lounge, co-sponsored the event.

Contests were held for men



Mitchell Cypress, caught stealing a piece of cake at the R&R Lounge Veterans Day Pool Tournament.

and women in 8 — ball, 9 — ball and Scotch doubles 8 — ball. Entry fee was \$20 per person in the singles division and \$20 per team in the doubles division. Over 60 men and women turned out to compete.

Big Cypress Recreation Director George Grasshopper and Libby Blake served as tournament directors. Results were as follows:

8 — Ball

Men: 1st place — Raymond Garza, 2nd place — Benjamin Callins, 3rd place — Jason Grasshopper, 4th place — Frank Lasagna, 5th place — David Cypress, 6th place — Corey Penrod.

Women: 1st place — Reina Blissett, 2nd place — Krissy Zack, 3rd place — Juanita Osceola, 4th place — Dale Grasshopper, 5th place — Elisha Huson.

9 — Ball

Men: 1st place — Corey Penrod, 2nd place — Jeremy Bowling, 3rd place — Howie VanPelt, 4th place — Glen Olson, 5th place — Earl Highsmith.

Women: 1st place — Elisha Huson, 2nd place — Virginia Billie, 3rd place — Libby Blake.

Scotch Doubles: 1st place — Glen Olson/Elisha Huson, 2nd place — Jeremy Bowling/Krissy Zack, 3rd place — Howie VanPelt/Juanita Osceola, 4th place — Corey Penrod/Aanita Nunez, 5th place — Kiel Jumper/Patty Suarez, 6th place — Randy Coyle/Reina Blissett.

Masters

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Seminole Tribe," said the "well over 50" Ogburn.

Vanover, who had come to the finals undefeated, had to settle for runner-up, a position he's been in five times now. "If I would have asked me before I left Dallas if I would be happy with second, I would have said yes. But after coming all the way through this from the winner's side I'm a little disappointed," said Vanover after receiving the second place trophy and a check for \$6,000.

Vanover hails from Dallas, TX, where he has been Texas State 9-Ball champion nine times. He is also a former BCA Seniors champ and has played regularly on the Seniors Tour.

"King James" Jim Rempe, of Scranton, PA, took third place after suffering two losses — 10-6 and 10-5 — to

Ogburn asked Rempe to "rack the balls with the one on the spot." A "friendly" discussion of the rules on racking ensued, and Rempe contended that the one ball only had to touch the spot. Ogburn graciously conceded and racked the balls in the same manner as Rempe.

After two of the Rempe-favored racks, with the score Ogburn 4 — Rempe 2, Rempe asked tournament director Scott Smith to rack the balls for the rest of the match.

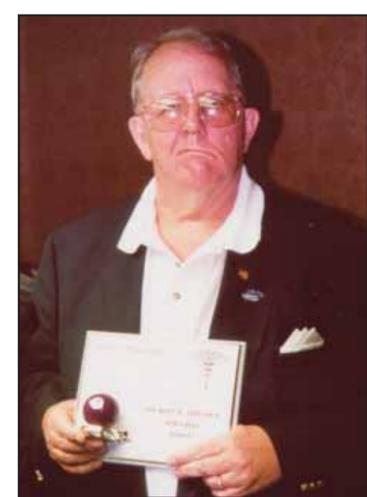
With Ogburn leading 9 — 5, Rempe had a chance to keep the pocket going when Ogburn failed to match a ball on the break. Rempe ran out one through eight but missed the nine ball, leaving Ogburn an easy tap-in to win the game and the match.

Rempe, a Meucci cues staff player, holds 93 world class titles in billiards including a win at the Senior Tour stop in Tulsa. His world champion titles have been won in 9-Ball, 8-Ball and one pocket. Because of Ogburn, he was unable to add the Mizerak Masters II to the list.

Fourth place went to Dick Lane, Dallas, TX. Lane is CEO of Click's Billiards Rooms — a chain of pool halls in Texas. Lane's accomplishments include three-time South West Tour Player of the Year, a past winner of the Willard Open 9-Ball Tournament and runner-up at the Straight Pool U.S. Open.

Fifth and sixth places were taken by "Nacho Man" Claude Bernatchez of Quebec, Canada and "Little Joe" José Parica of West Covina, CA. Parica, who came the United States in the 1970's, was the first in a long list of world class players from the Philippines.

"The Rifleman" Buddy Hall, Seffner, FL, and Judex James, Peoria, IL, placed in seventh and eighth spots. Hall, whose nickname denotes his straight shooting, has been a championship player



Mizerak displays his "purple heart" award, given to him by tournament players.

for three consecutive decades with over 50 professional titles. He was inducted into the BCA Hall of Fame last year and represented the U.S. at the 6th World Games in Akita, Japan in 2001. Hall was the winner of the 1st Annual Southwest Florida Open 9-Ball tournament, held in August at Art's Place in Naples, which was sponsored by Naples Representative O.B. Osceola, Jr.

Finishing ninth through twelfth were Fred Congleton, Howard Vickery, Jim McDermott, and South East Florida's Al Koklyns, who plays on the Classics team in VNEA league events. Vickery placed third at last year's Masters event, held at the Seminole Tribe's Four Points Sheridan on the Tampa reservation. McDermott, Tulsa, OK, owns two billiard rooms — including Magoos', a pool-room popular with Native Americans in the area.

Winnings were paid to the top 32 places and were as follows: 13th — 16th Frank Tullos, Ray Martin, Billy Wells, and Bob Warmington; 17th — 24th Andy Tennent, Paul Blanchard, John Wilds, John Galloway, Mike Lewis, C.M. Lee, Jim Ditoro, and Wayne Catledge; 25th —

lined since suffering a stroke earlier this year. "This is the first tournament I've missed in over 35 years," said a sad, but appreciative, Mizerak.

Comments such as, "Tournaments and events like this could never happen if it weren't for Steve," and "Who else could put together an event like this with the money being paid out except Steve Mizerak," were heard throughout the tournament rooms during the event.

Mizerak brought together the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Casino Magic, Brunswick Tables, Masters Chalk, Simonis Cloth and Centennial Balls as tournament sponsors. Many left the event wondering who would be able to take over were something to happen to Mizerak.

Steve's website states, "Steve's jovial personality and gregarious manner certainly complements his skill as the leading and most prominent pocket billiards player in the world today. There has never been a mass communications effort that did more for pool than Steve Mizerak's Miller Lite Beer Commercials." To learn more about Steve Mizerak and the Senior Tour, visit his website at www.themiz.com.



L-R: Bob Vanover, Bob Ogburn, Steve Mizerak, Tournament Director Scott Smith, Councilman David Cypress, Randy Epperson, Ed O'Leary.

Ogburn. Rempe had commented earlier, during a match between Ogburn and José Parica, that he "hope (d) Parica wins because Bob is a better shot and I'd rather not have to play him."

Frustration was evident on Rempe's face after suffering his first loss to Ogburn. It became more pronounced during their second match-up, when



L-R: Nine-time Texas State 9-Ball champion Bob Vanover placed second. Legendary hustler Bob "Black Bart" Ogburn came out of the losers bracket to finish in First Place.



By Ernie Tiger

Because of the falling temperatures, the fall deer rut is moving in fast. Now is a good time for deer hunters to

take advantage of the buck's abnormal behavior.

Hunters who have done their pre-season scouting will get their best chances at the trophy bucks during the fall deer rut, which happens every year about this time.

In the deer rut, the buck's mating instincts peak during the first cold fronts in November, which provides hunters with the rare opportunity to take a clean shot during open or muzzleloader season.

The white-tail deer, who usually stay within their marked territory, become nomadic during the rut season. Especially the bucks, who will travel great distances in their pursuit of a mate.

The Big Cypress Reservation, which is one of the least-hunted areas in the Everglades, provides good hunting for Seminole Tribal members and those lucky enough to be accompanied by a member. On the B.C. reservation, deer are not pursued at the same rate as in areas surrounding the Reservation.

When the occasional swamp buggy passes through or around their bedding areas,

the deer's navigational path only changes the next morning on the reservation. More often than not, the buggies belong to hog hunters, which only leaves the deer to find a different way to their usual feeding grounds.

Deer are usually easier to locate at this time than later in the season. When the rut is over, most bucks will return back to their usual territory.

When the first cold fronts move in during the first weeks of November, 30-mile per hour gusts pushing through the open fields and thickets are not uncommon. This usually makes ground hunting with a bow, or any type of hunting for that matter, second choice for me. Personally, I feel this is the time to take advantage of the excellent fishing to be found on the Fort Lauderdale coast at this time of year.

The fall bait run will produce many exciting tugs with some of Florida's most sought-after table fair game fish including the Spanish Mackerel and the Pompano. This year, these fish have been most plentiful on the strongest high tides during the full moon phases. Although I have many "the one that got away" stories, I'll spare you readers the details.

Rather, I would like to urge all Outdoor enthusiasts: Tribal or non-Tribal, to please send in pictures and hunting and fishing stories, as well as updates in their area, no matter what state. Contact: Ernie Tiger at the Seminole Tribune at (954) 966-6300 x1261.



Ladies, don't know what to buy for your outdoorsman for Christmas morning? It seems like he already has every gadget known to man for any outdoor situation?

Although there are many stores in the area that offer products for outdoorsmen, no store can match the variety or supply of products at Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, located near I-95 on Griffin Road.

While their prices might not be the most competitive around, Bass Pro Shops have something in their store for just about every outdoor hobby. From scuba diving to hiking some of the most treacherous mountains in the best quality gear available.

If, for some reason, you wait until the last minute to shop, like I usually do, and the stores are out of that certain product, there are other stores in the surrounding Hollywode area that offer top of the line products at bargain prices.

I have selected a few of my favorite picks for specialized products in the area, which I hope will help you find that special gift.

Hinkles Bait Shop offers a wide variety of fishing baits that are commonly used in the surrounding areas during tournaments. Some of the products in the store are specialized baits, which have not yet been released to the public, by individuals who are just getting started in the fishing industry.

Also, used rods and reels can be found in the store for those of you who are just getting your feet wet. 5790 Griffin Road, Davie Florida 33314 # (954) 583-2189

Army Surplus offers a wide range of affordable hiking gear including

tents, hiking packs, camping stoves, boots and military fatigues of different colors. On Davie Road Extension.

Still don't know what to buy? Let me guess, your significant other is already an established fisherman or hunter and most of the products you're thinking of buying, they already own, right?

Luckily for you, most fishing products wear out fast and need replacement, especially fishing line, fishing baits and, of course, clothes.

Most sporting stores are more than happy to talk about what's working and what's not. So don't be afraid to ask questions, because even the professionals do.

Hunters or hikers who are in the field often are always in need of a new pair of boots, pants or just a good jacket. The most needed product in Florida is mosquito repellent.

Still having problems? Well, here is a list of Christmas gift ideas that your hunter or fisherman will definitely smile about. Keep in mind, there are many varieties of each these products, so compare prices.

Gift Certificate to Outdoor World Camouflage mosquito-proof outfit (both) Columbia Rain Suit (fisherman) Stren brand 12 lb. fishing line (fisherman) Knife or filet knife (both) Binoculars (both) Sunglasses *with uv protection (fisherman) Rocky, Magnum, and Redhead brand hunting boots or Plano brand offshore fisherman boots (both) Boga Grip fish scale (fisherman) Lures or rubber baits

Casino ❖ Esh-te-may-bee Cheke

Holiday Happenings At Seminole Casino-Hollywood

December is the month for festivities all month long in Hollywood. There will be drawing drawings in bingo from Dec. 19-23. We will give away 10 gifts for the matinee session, 20 gifts for the Evening session and 10 gifts for the night owl session each day. We will also be starting cash drawings in poker during the month of December. Instead of the T-Shirts, hats, and golf balls that we have been giving away we will be holding five drawings a day for cash, because nothing says "Happy Holidays" like cold hard cash!

But that's not all we have planned for December, we will have casino-wide drawings twice during the month. We have a drawing for cash on Dec. 6 starting at 1:00 p.m. and we will be drawing for

\$500 dollars every other hour until 11:00 p.m. when we will draw for \$5000. That's a pretty nice drawing, but wait until you see what we have planned for Dec. 27. We will hold cash drawings for \$500 every other hour starting at 1:00 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. we will hold our grand prize drawing for a brand new car! That's right, ride into the New Year in style, courtesy of the Seminole Casino-Hollywood.

How do you enter these drawings? That's easy, buy in in poker, Lightning Bingo, Buy a pack in bingo, or cash out a machine at \$50 or more and you get a ticket for our drawing held that week. So come and play often. The more you play, the more chances you will have to win. See you in December!

Upcoming Events at the Coconut Creek Casino

The excitement does not stop at the Coconut Creek Casino beginning with:

Nov. 28, Wed. - Private Party hosted by and at the Coconut Creek Casino for the Florida State H.O.G. Rally with over 1,000+ Harley members with live entertainment by the Fabulons.

Nov. 29, Thurs. - Center Stage from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Al & Selena performing Top 40 Hits.

Dec. 1, Sat. - 2nd Annual Bikers Bash, private party hosted by and at the Coconut Creek Casino for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Broward County with live entertainment, Silent Auction and some of the finest Harley Motorcycles in Florida.

Dec. 1, Sat. - Center Stage from 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Midnight Siren performing their Top 40 Hits.

Dec. 2, Sun. - Center Stage from 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. Michael & Company performing Top 40 Hits.

Dec. 7, Fri. - Coconut Creek Casino will be participating in the 8th Annual Sun-Sentinel Music Fest.

Dec. 16, Sun. - Back by Popular Demand, "Holiday Memories of Elvis" performed by Chris MacDonald Center Stage from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Drawings throughout the afternoon, starting at 1:30 p.m. Chris will take you back to the early years, with songs from the 50's & 60's, the movie career, the comeback special and the Las Vegas years. This is a young, lean Elvis who draws the audience into

Rodeo ❖ Ko-waa-ye Esh-ham-pa-léèsh-ke

Brighton Reservation Hosts Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo

OKEECHOBEE-On Nov. 10-12, Brighton hosted the PRCA Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo. **Bareback Riding**- First Round: 1) Aaron C. Burch, 79 2) Jack Sims, 78 3) Phil Smith, 77 4)(tie) William R. Pittman II, 75 5)(tie) Phil Broome, 75 6)(tie) Chad C Hughes, 75.

Second Round: 1) Chad Klein, 78 2)(tie) Ron C Leger, 75 3)(tie) Kirk Richard, 75 4) William R Pittman II, 74. Third Round: 1) William R Pittman II, 85 2) Aaron E Hudson, 82 3) Ron C Leger, 81 4) Chad Klein, 78. Average: 1) William R Pittman II, 234 2) Chad Klein, 228 3) Kirk Richard, 225 4) Aaron E Hudson, 224.

Bull riding- First Round: 1) Jake Baker, 85 2) Brent J Vincent, 84 3) Stu Sellars, 81 4)(tie) Jason Brumley, 80 5)(tie) Randall Hinote, 80. Second round: 2) Jake Baker, 81 3) Chad Phipps, 77 4) Blue Rodriguez, 75. Third Round: Stu Sellars, 89 2) Will Hines, 80 3) Brent J Vincent, 79 4) Tyler Fowler, 78. Average: 1) Stu Sellars, 240 2) Brent J. Vincent, 233 3) Jake Baker, 166 4) Tyler Fowler, 161.

Calf Roping- First Round: 1) Tim Pharr, 8.3 2) Herbert P Theriot, 8.4 3) Doug Pharr, 9.0 4) Jade Conner, 10.6. Second Round: 1) Herbert P Theriot, 8.9 2) Rabe Rabon, 10.1 3) Ryan Gibbs, 11.7 4) Rand Cory, 12.0 Third Round: 1) Tim Pharr, 8.2 2) Todd Gould, 8.5 3)(tie) Glenn M Breaux, 9.9 4)(tie) Spunk Sasser, 9.9, 7; 5)(tie) Jeff Clair, 9.9 Average: 1) Herbert P. Theriot, 29.6 2) Glenn M Breaux, 35.4 3) Jeff Clair, 36.3 4) Rand Cory, 38.1

Saddle Bronc Riding- First Round: 1)(tie) Jermiah Diffie, 77 2)(tie) Mike Johnson, 77 3) Cody Martin, 76 4) Cody Demoss, 74. Second Round: 1) Jim Burnette, 81 2) Cody Demoss, 77 3) Lane Barber, 74 4) Josh Hunt, 73. Third Round: 1)(tie) Cody Martin, 76 2)(tie) Jermiah Diffie, 76 3) Lane Barber, 68 4) Cody Demoss, 67. Average: 1) Jermiah Diffie, 223 2) Cody Demoss, 218 3)(tie) Jim Burnette, 152 4)(tie) Cody Martin, 152.

Steer Wrestling- First Round: 1) Ivon Nelson, 3.8 2) Herbert P Theriot, 4.1 3)(tie) Jayson

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Schoenfeld, 4.4 4)(tie) Scott Owens, 4.4 Second Round: 1) Hardy Dymmek, 3.8 2) Buckshot Tallant Jr, 4.5 3) Ivon Nelson, 5.0 4) Jayson Schoenfeld, 5.4 Third Round: 1) Rodney Burks, 3.9 2)(tie) Spunk Sasser, 4.7 3)(tie) Ivon Nelson, 4.7 4) Scott Owens, 4.8 Average: 1) Ivon Nelson, 13.5 2) Spunk Sasser, 18.4 3) Darby Hunt, 20.0 4) Scott Owens, 24.2

Team Roping- First Round: 1)(tie) Jimmy Tanner, Brad Culpepper, 5.3 2)(tie) Josh McMillan, Ashlee Swedenburg, 6.0 3)(tie) Mikey Fletcher Jr, Jake Parrish, 6.0 4)(tie) Dustin Buchanan, Ross W Lowry, 6.8 Second Round: 1)(tie) Adam G. Toole, Jason Hill, 5.0 2)(tie) Brad Culpepper, Jimmy Tanner, 5.4 3)(tie) Ashlee Swedenburg, Josh McMillan, 5.6 4)(tie) Kyle Lawrence, Nelson R Linares, 5.7 Third Round: 1)(tie) Dustin Buchanan, Ross W. Lowry, 4.7 2)(tie) Mikey Fletcher Jr, Jake Parrish, 5.8 3)(tie) Bay Allen Davis, Chad Agner, 6.1 4)(tie) Josh McMillan, Ashlee Swedenburg, 6.6 Average: 1) Brad Culpepper, Jimmy Tanner, 17.8 2) Jake Parrish, Mikey Fletcher Jr, 18.0 3) Josh McMillan, Ashlee Swedenburg, 18.2 4) Adam G. Toole, Jason Hill, 23.6

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As a special "thank you," everyone at Brighton that helped out at the Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo were given a trip to attend the NFR in Las Vegas, Dec. 6-10. Good Job!

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Robert Tree Cody (Thunder Bear), age 50, Musician, Composer, Pima/Maricopa, knows the importance of keeping the story alive. He is one of the many people the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian can call friend and supporter. He knows that he is helping to preserve the rich culture of his people. **Preservation for generations.** He knows that someday his great-granddaughter will thank him.

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Big Cypress Red Ribbon Week

BIG CYPRESS — The Red Ribbon Week activities kicked off with a community dinner at the gymnasium to hand out red ribbons. Councilman David Cypress graciously sponsored the dinner. Red Ribbon Week activities included:

The B.C. Health Clinic put on a breakfast at the clinic, where more red ribbons were distributed.

Board Representative Paul Bowers hosted a luncheon at the community center.

The community members participated in a walk from Sadie's bridge to the ballfield, where they then competed in horseshoes, volleyball and kickball. President Mitchell Cypress sponsored a lunch to top off these activities.

B.C. Family Services enjoyed

working with the young people during these Red Ribbon Week festivities. Michael Onco particularly expressed pride in the entries for the poster contest. Mike brought the winning posters to the new Family Services office Monday morning, where he displayed them in the lobby. The community is encouraged to stop by Family Services to see these award-winning drawings.

Big Cypress Family Services would like to thank all of the Tribal leaders for sponsoring the meals for Red Ribbon Week festivities. We would also like to thank the Recreation Staff and the Health Education Staff for all their work. The meals and activities were the key elements in making this year's Red Ribbon Week a great success.

Hollywood Red Ribbon Week

By Tina Mennella

HOLLYWOOD — Get together with friends. Watch a happy video. Learn something new. These were a few ideas on a poster called "101 Things To Do Instead of Drugs." The poster was part of Red Ribbon Week, which was commemorated in many schools across the country.

The Family Services Program at the Hollywood Reservation held its own celebration of Red Ribbon Week, which promotes the importance of living a drug-free life.

Red Ribbon Week was originally created to honor Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a United States law officer who was killed while trying to stop a drug gang. Red Ribbons were hung on trees to remember his sacrifice. The red ribbon now signifies a pledge to be drug-free.

On Oct. 23 and 25, Family Services hosted events that were attended by children and their parents. Everyone

signed a big banner to pledge to live a drug-free life. Red ribbons were worn and valuable information given out about how to talk about drugs with your children, drug-free ways to cope with stress and the things one could do instead of drugs.

The importance of living a balanced life was discussed. This includes taking care of your health and mind. FSP stressed that drugs only get in the way of one's dreams and lead to a dead end. It is important to remember that, although it's not easy to cope with stresses and problems of life, using drugs will only add to the problem.

Hollywood FSP enjoyed sharing these events with the children and community members. In addition to the educational stuff, there was also a pizza party on both days and face painting on the second day. FSP would like to give special thanks to the Hollywood representatives for their generous support.

Immokalee Red Ribbon Week

IMMOKALEE — The Immokalee Reservation, working together as a team, is celebrating Red Ribbon Week for an entire month. David and Maria Billie, of the Recreation Department, scheduled a series of four classes for the youth to hone their prevention skills.

Billie Napper, of Family Services, is providing the classroom portion of the classes to assist the youth in learning about substance abuse, learning how to work together as an extended family, and learning how to improve their communication skills, interpersonal skills, and negotiating skills.

Billie is currently negotiating with the Health Department to provide at

least one session on living a healthy lifestyle. The Recreation Department and Board Representative Norita Yzaguirre are working together to provide refreshments for the group.

The first class had a total of 20 youngsters who pledged to maintain a drug and alcohol free lifestyle. Gail Boone worked with Billie and Maria to encourage the young people to participate in the class activities.

Billie is also going to the reservation's preschool to discuss how to "Just Say No" with the preschoolers. "Just Say No to Drugs" was the theme of the "goodie" bags provided to the children at the Halloween Festival.



Mable Haught finished fourth in the Oct. 19 Brighton Family Services Sobriety Walk.

Brighton Family Services Hosts Sobriety Walk

BRIGHTON — On Oct. 19, Brighton Family Services hosted a Sobriety Walk in celebration of Red Ribbon Week. The 5-mile walk started at 6:30 a.m. at the Field Office.

There were nine walkers in all, the walkers was awarded with healthy breakfasts, t-shirts, water bottles and "goodie bags." There were also cash awards given to the top five finishers.

They were as follows: 1) Shawn

John 2) Laverne Thomas 3) Elton Shore 4) Mable Haught 5) Sandy "Sadd" Billie, Jr.

Emma Johns and Karla Hildebrand would like to especially thank those who attended and helped make their first sobriety walk a success. It takes this type of dedication shown by all of the walkers to continue striving for a drug and alcohol-free community.

IHS Director Speaks At Dedication

Michael H. Trujillo, M.D., M.P.H., M.S., Assistant Surgeon General and Director of the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), gave the opening address at the dedication ceremony for a new health care center for the Colorado River Indian Tribes.

"This center will help ensure a healthier future for members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes, and its creation reflects our successful efforts to work together to expand access to health care," HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said. "No health organization can meet the needs of the entire population alone; community involvement is vital to ensuring a successful health care delivery system."

The construction of the Parker Health Care Center represents a major partnership effort between the Colorado River Indian Tribes and the Indian Health Service. The Tribe is the second tribe in the IHS Phoenix Area to construct a facility under a P.L. 93-638 (the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, as amended) construction management grant.

A unique aspect of this project is that the Colorado River Indian Tribes provided approximately \$1.5 million to build the inpatient portion of the new facility, which will be transferred to the IHS. Congressional appropriations provided \$21.6 million for the facility.

The Tribe and the IHS began planning for the new clinic, which contains almost 7,000 square meters, in 1984. The new

facility will replace a 2,838 square-meter facility that was originally built in 1930.

"This center is a monument to the spirit and perseverance of the members of the Colorado River Indian Tribes," said Dr. Trujillo. "Their commitment to improving the health of their people and their tireless efforts were critical to the success of this project. For years to come, this center will serve the health care needs and help raise the health status for their tribal members, their children, and their children's children."

The new health care facility will support a health care delivery program for a projected user population of 6,239 and 29,780 outpatient visits annually. The new facility has 17 inpatient beds, a 24-hour emergency room, and space for a full range of ambulatory and community health services.

The Indian Health Service is the principal federal health care provider and health advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native people. It is composed of 12 regional offices and a system of 49 hospitals, 221 health centers, 120 health stations, and 170 Alaska village clinics. It works with tribal and urban programs to provide health services to approximately 1.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to more than 560 federally recognized tribes in 35 states.

For more information on this topic, contact Dianne Hammack, IHS Public Affairs, at 301-443-3593. Additional information about the IHS is available on the IHS website at <http://www.ihs.gov> and <http://info.ihs.gov>.

Diabetic Support Day Cruises Into Fitness

By Jeanne Hatfield, Health Director

Diabetic Support Day is a day to have fun while learning about importance of nutrition and exercise.

Council Representative Max Osceola, Jr. and the Health and Recreation Departments host this event every other month.

In October, we had a wonderful time, going down to the Bayside Market Place in Miami. The day started off by walking around the mall following Jeanne Hatfield, Health Educator, to get the blood flowing and the hearts pumping.

For lunch, we went to the Hard Rock Café, where Nutritionist Jennifer Duncan went over all of the healthy meal selections and ordering techniques.

It was a great lesson about dining out. After getting our bodies fueled up with some great nutritious meals, we went on a "sight-seeing" cruise where we saw fabulous places in downtown Miami such as Millionaires' Row and Key Biscayne.

The day was not only educational, but fun-filled as well. Lawrence Osceola and Everett Osceola from Broadcasting filmed the one-day event. They will be airing the segment on the Broadcasting Channel soon, so look out for it!

In December, we will be having our next Diabetic Support Day, when we visit the Sawgrass Mills Mall in Sunrise. This will be a great opportunity to exercise, as we walk from one end to the other of the gigantic mall.

We will also be learning some more about nutrition when we have lunch at the Rainforest Café. Please look for our adver-

tisement on the Broadcasting Channel.

If you have any questions, or would like to learn more about this event, please call Suzanne Davis or Jeanne Hatfield at (954) 962-2009. We hope to see you there!



(L-R) Front row: Scarlett Young, (hiding) Barbara Billie, Everett Osceola, Susan Davis, Diabetic Coordinator, Vivian Delgado, Jennifer Duncan, Nutritionist. Back row: Jeanne Hatfield, Health Educator, Joe Billie, Angel Delgado, Bo Young and Lawrence Osceola.

November Is National Diabetes Month

By Jennifer Duncan, Registered and Licensed Educator/Nutritionist

Approximately 16 million people in the United States have diabetes. 90-95% of people with diabetes have Type 2. This type of diabetes results from insulin resistance—the body either fails to make enough insulin or fails to properly use insulin. In many cases, this type of diabetes can be controlled through losing weight, as well as improved nutrition and exercise. If not, people may need oral medications or insulin to control the diabetes.

If diabetes is not well controlled, there are many complications that can arise. These include:

Blindness—diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness in people 20-74 years of age.

Kidney Disease—10-21% of all people with diabetes develop kidney disease.

Heart Disease and Stroke—people with diabetes are 2-4 times more likely to have heart disease and stroke.

Nerve Disease and

Amputations—each year, 56,200 people lose their foot or leg to diabetes.

Take care of your health:

- If diabetic, keep blood sugar levels close to normal
- Control your weight
- Eat a healthy, well balanced diet
- Get regular exercise
- Have regular checkups
- If diabetic, check your feet every-day for minor cuts or abrasions
- Do not smoke.

Caring For Your Childrens Teeth

By Alexandra Frank

Did you know that taking care of your teeth during pregnancy can lead to a healthy set of teeth for your child? The Seminole Tribe's Dental Department, under the guidance of Dental Program Director Michael Sofianos and Dental Assistant Kerri Cook-Descheenie, relayed this surprising piece of information at a Nov. 1 class for parents.

The Pre-School department served as the meeting place for the class on caring for your child's teeth. Parents were asked to fill out a short questionnaire at the beginning to test their knowledge about dental care for children.

A video was shown answering some of the questions asked on the questionnaire. The Lummi tribe from Washington State produced the video.

Dr. Sofianos pointed out important information about "baby bottle tooth decay" and some of the factors that contribute to the degenerative disease. One factor is a baby bottle given at bedtime can cause drinks to puddle around the "primary teeth," starting the disease.

Mrs. Descheenie gave tips on how to combat the disease and warned that, although the child should be weaned off of the bottle by the age of one, sipper cups do not totally protect the child from baby bottle tooth decay.

A parent should consider giving water to a child at bedtime because milk, sports drinks, soda, and even juices can lead to the decaying process. A pacifier or soft toy should be given in

place of the bottle to help in the weaning process.

If a parent does not follow the suggestions, the resulting tooth decay can cause problems for a child, such as: pain, not eating properly, suffering speech problems, having emotional problems, and damaging permanent teeth.

Here are a few more tips to help in the prevention of tooth decay:

Get into the habit of wiping the child's gums or primary teeth with a soft wiping cloth or especially made toothbrush daily. Wiping your baby's mouth with a soft wiping cloth with non-fluoridate toothpaste should begin around 5-6 months of age.

Use toothbrushes in various styles and colors to take advantage of your child's curiosity for brightly colored objects and new shapes. It also encourages the child to want to feel the bristles of a toothbrush in their mouth.

Another question asked was "when is it a good time to begin flossing a child's teeth?"

Dr. Sofianos suggested that 2 years is a good age to start flossing. Any younger can pose a hazard for both the parent and the child.

The dental department is planning to have more classes, geared towards children older than 2 years. Most of the classes will be held in the Pre-School area, so make plans to attend.

Keeping informed about your child's dental care can help prevent unnecessary dental problems in the future.

Babysitting Class Held For The Community

By Jeanne Hatfield

On Oct. 20 and 27, the Health Education Program, led by Jeanne Hatfield, was pleased to provide a very successful babysitting program for the community.

This program consisted of two Saturday classes, taught by Health Education staff and the American Red Cross Representatives.

These facilitators shared their own insights and taught many fundamentals every babysitter should know.

The students learned many necessary skills, such as the proper techniques for changing a diaper and feeding an infant, as well as being trained in CPR and First Aid.

Every student who attended was very eager to learn and able to get hands-on training.

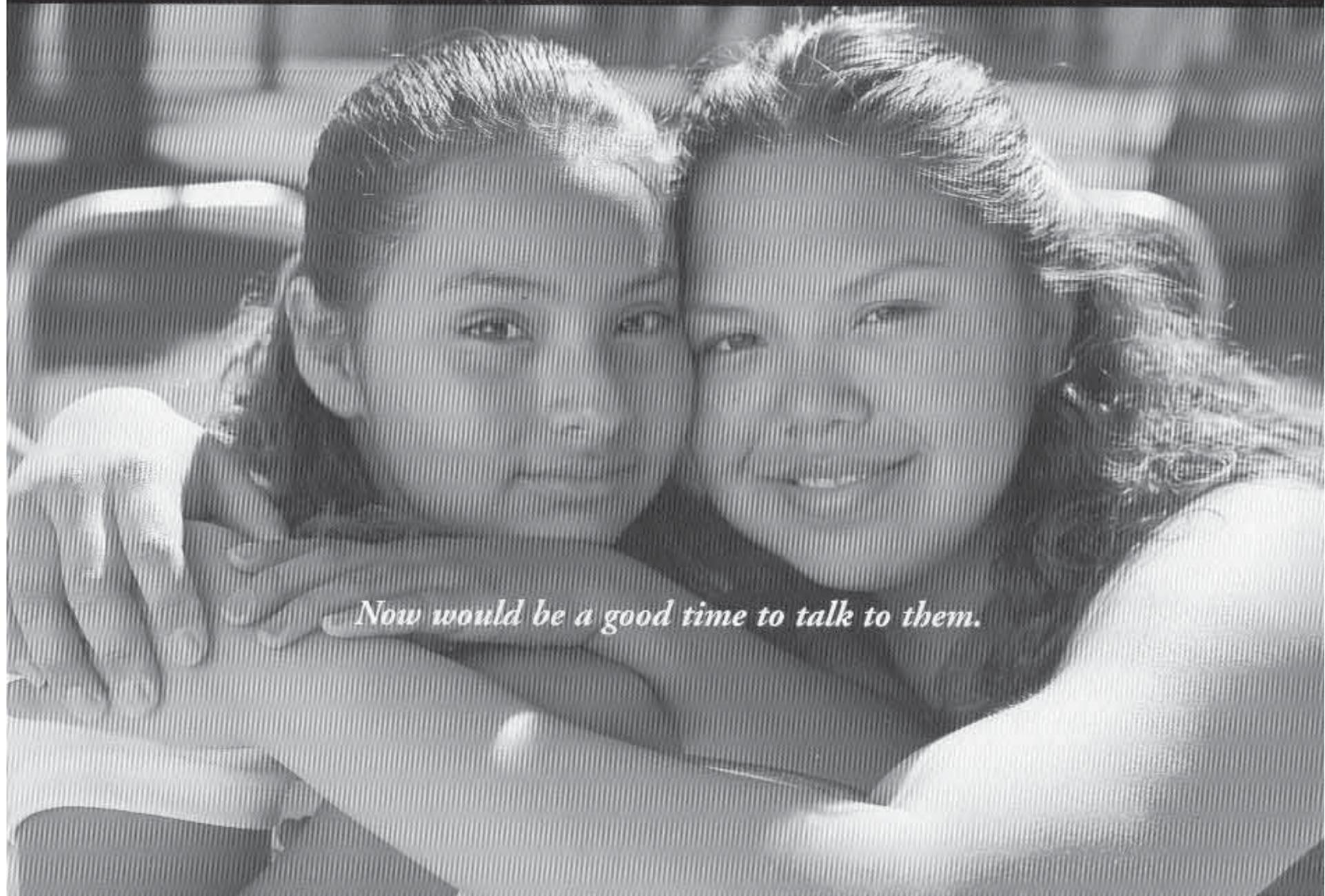
During these classes, the students learned what it takes to be a safe, responsible, and successful babysitter.

Upon completion of the program, each student received official certification by the American Red Cross.



Kneeling: Kurya Kippenberger, second row (L-R): Leticia Foster, Heather Kippenberger, and Jessica Turtle. Third row: Atlanta Johns, Jeanne Hatfield, and Rachel Robbio.

In five minutes they will be on a school bus.
Somebody on the bus may ask them if they want to try drugs.



Now would be a good time to talk to them.

Who is your child's best friend? What does your child do for fun? What did your child do at school today? Does your child know about drugs? These are a few simple things that a parent should know about their child. Take the time to become involved with your children and communicate to our youth that drugs are not a part of our Native cultures.

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

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Happy Birthday • Heech-ka-ta-hon-ka En-neh-ta-ke Sha-faach-kee-ke

Notices



I would like to take the opportunity to wish a very Happy 29th Birthday to my one true: Michele Cypress, on Dec. 11th.

Also, I want you to know that I Love You, Chingos, that I'll always be here for you, no matter what.

For you no matter what, together we can accomplish anything. We got three years down, and many more to go. Happy Birthday!

Much Love,
Ernesto Castillo Jr.!



Nov. 9, 2001. Happy Birthday Coowahcooche "John Rhodes McKinley Osceola."

"Big 2" We have love you lots. Have fun on this day and please, don't be a "terrible two" take it easy on us. One love, Grandma Doris, Great Grandma Peggy and Grandpa Bear.

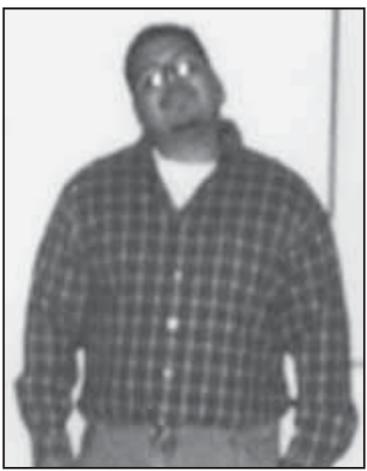
11-9-01. Happy Birthday to my baby Boy John-john. I love you and Miss You everyday I'm away from you. Remember Mama loves ya! From, Bio-mom Kim.

Happy Birthday John-john! We love you lots, Brother & Sisters Denise, Dom, and Letitia.

Happy Birthday to my daddy Leo. Love, Chaska Nodin Osceola

Happy 8th Birthday to Tana Wind Bear Osceola on August 27. Chaska, Jamie, Leo, Maranda, Dad, Grandma Teresa and Papa Joe

Happy Birthday to "Ah-tah-thay-gee" Kyrell Josh born November 19. You are three years old now and we love you more now then the day you were born. Hugs and kisses from all of us who love you more than you will ever know.



I would like to wish a very Happy 25th Birthday to my man Michael L. Onco, Jr. on August 5. I love you so much. I am going to say "Yes." I will marry you. Love you, Jamie Roberts Osceola

Happy Birthday to my fiancé Douglas Osceola born 11-19-69. Love you lots, Misty.

Happy Birthday to "Big Doug" from the Otter gang. Hope you had a good one. One Love, Doris and Kids.

Birth Announcement



Welcome **Maleah Kelsey Smith**, born on October 2, 2001 at 12:53 p.m., weighing at 8 lbs. and 6 oz. And 20 1/2 inches long. Proud parents are **Jason Smith** from Cherokee, North Carolina, and **Mary Ann Doctor** from Hollywood. Proud grandparents are **Mary Smith** from Cherokee, North Carolina, **Virgil Doctor** and **Colleen Osceola** from Hollywood. Proud great-grandparents are **Helen Jackson** in Cherokee, North Carolina and **Minnie Doctor** from Hollywood.

Deadlines

December 14 Issue
November 30

January 11, 2002 Issue
December 28

February 1, 2002 Issue
January 18, 2002

Engagement

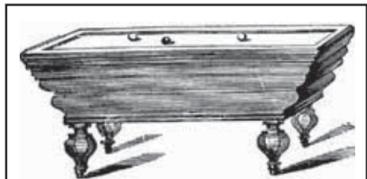


Congratulations to Douglas M. Osceola and Misty Daniels on their recent engagement.

Call To Action!
The Chickee Christian Academy students need to raise a minimum of \$3,000 to publish the 2002 yearbook. To help, become an Ambassador Advocate by doing one or more of the following:
Have your name listed on the Ambassador Advocates pages in the yearbook for a donation of \$20.00 for each name listed, which may include names of children, in memoriam, etc.

Advertise your business or ministry by purchasing a 1/8 page (business card size) ad for a donation of \$50.00. The ad may extend "Best Wishes" to the Chickee Christian Academy, or to that special student in your life.
Submit a list of businesses, friends, family members, etc., from which we can establish a database of contacts to approach to support our fund drive.
Volunteer your service by contacting people you know. Come by the school for further details.

The Chickee Christian Academy has until the first week of March to pay all fees and submit all materials to the publisher for a June 2002 delivery date. For more information, call (954) 894-5651.



Attention All Pool Players
The Immokalee VNEA Winter Pool League started Monday Nov. 26 at the Immokalee Pool Barn. Only six teams signed up on opening night. Deadline for team sign up is Monday Dec. 3.
Teams, consisting of five players - men or women or combination, will play a 16-week schedule. A mini-tournament will be held on the eight week. Dues are \$25 per team per week. No league on Monday Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) or Monday Dec. 30 (New Years Eve).
For more information call League President/Secretary Maria Billie at (941) 658-2040 or (941) 658-0020, Vice President George Grasshopper at (863) 983-9659, or Treasurer Libby Blake at (954) 967-3416.

Assistance For Native American ("ANA") Grants
ANA has funding available for its Native American language programs. The grants have been broken down into two categories 1) planning and 2) design and implementation.
ANA has \$2 million available for both categories. Category I grants will be up to \$60,000; Category II grants will be funded up to \$150,000.
Applications are due by April 5, 2002 with a project start date of September 30, 2002. Applicants should develop projects that begin after September 30.



December 8 Party at Okalee Village.
Anyone who is interested in seeing over 25 of South Florida's best D.J.'s, log on to www.electricpowwow.com or call 460-5908 for more information.

One Love

*I still love you,
But you've broken my heart,*

*Should I weep till I fall asleep?
Or pick up the shattered pieces
And make a new start.*

*I am lost,
Without direction or cause
For a moment I pause.*

*Should I try to regain focus?
Be a man,
And admit to my flaws.*

*And watch you walk happily
With your new love,
Decking the halls.*

*Or let my rip the page
With my vicious claws.*

*I never meant to be such an ass,
But you've gotta understand my situation,
I'm from the rez's most under class.*

*It's a shame I took the drugs and booze
over a wonderful past.*

*You must admit,
We had some times.*

*The lord opened up the Heavens
And let the bright light shine.*

*We once laughed together,
Now each time we make eye contact
We wanna kill each other.*

*We have a bond that can't be broken,
You're my baby's mother.*

*Through thick and thin,
We always prevail.*

*For you and the kids,
I will crawl through hell.*

*I love you boo,
It isn't hard to tell.*

*If in life I succeed or fail,
On you and the children,
I shall never bail.*

*Feel these words,
As I silently yell.*

One Love.
By: Markell Billie

Wedding Announcement



Congratulations to Brandi and Gavin Williams, who were recently married on Oct. 28 in Las Vegas.

Brandi Jones is the daughter of Mingo and Linda Jones of the Hollywood Reservation.

Gavin Williams is the son of Annie Mae Williams and (the late) Johnson Williams. He is a member of the Choctaw Tribe from Mississippi.

Brandi and Gavin have been seeing each other for the past four years and have two beautiful children, daughter Mi-lyn, and son Brandon.

They will reside on the Hollywood Reservation.

Congratulations on your wedding day, Oct. 28, 2001 to Brandi and Gavin Williams from your one and only sister Cassandra, Daniel Jr., Francisco

Congratulations to our sister Brandi and our new brother-in-law Gavin Williams. From your brothers, Konrad and Lorenzo Jones.

Happy 20th Anniversary (Nov. 10) to Mingo and Linda Jones and also Happy Birthday to Mom Linda from your children and grandkids.

2002 Tribal Fair Poster Contest

- Poster Contestant Groups:**
Group One: Kindergarten, First Grade
Group Two: Second Grade, Third Grade, and Fourth Grade
Group Three: Fifth Grade, Sixth Grade, and Seventh Grade
Group Four: Eighth Grade, Ninth Grade, Tenth Grade
Group Five: Eleventh Grade, Twelfth Grade

Entries due: At Parent Advisory Committee designated location on or before December 27, 2001.

Dates: Contest begins September 1, 2001, Contest ends: December 27, 2001 and Judging will take place on January 10, 2002. Three judges selected specific to reservation/area.

Display: All winners displayed at the Tribal Fair 2002.

All non-winners displayed on specific reservation/area preferably at the local Tribal Library.

Winner featured in The Seminole Tribune.

Theme: Education - What It Means To Me.

Participants: Members of the Seminole Tribe of Florida, Hollywood Reservation, Big Cypress Reservation, Brighton Reservation, Immokalee Reservation, Tampa Reservation and Non-Residents.

Contest: Standard poster board size.

Media: Collage, Poem with artwork, Painting, Pen and Ink Sketches, WaterColors, Mixed Media.

Judging: Visual Affect, Creativity, Layout/Organization and Copying/Reproduction will not be judged.

Awards: 1. First Place will receive \$100.00, 2. Second Place - \$75.00, 3. Third Place - \$50.00, 4. Honorable Mention - \$20.00 plus medallion, 5. Honorable Mention - \$20.00 plus medallion, 6. All non-cash awarded participants - ribbon "For Participation"

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Job Title: Accountant
Open Date: 10-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Corporate Board Accounting, Hollywood
Salary: \$38,200 annually w/ benefits

Job Title: Alligator Wrestler
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Okalee Village

Job Title: Commission Officer
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Gaming
Salary: \$28,000 annually w/ benefits

Job Title: Community Outreach Coordinator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Health
Salary: \$29,100 - 35,600 annually w/ benefits

Job Title: Database Administrator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Information Systems
Salary: Negotiable

Job Title: Executive Administrator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: President's Office
Salary: Negotiable w/ benefits

Job Title: Foster Care Worker (1)
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Health
Salary: Negotiable w/ benefits

Job Title: Maintenance Worker/Janitor
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Okalee Village
Salary: \$14,560 with benefits

Job Title: Medical Receptionist
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Health
Salary: \$18,740 annually w/ benefits

Job Title: Medical Records Assitant
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Health
Salary: \$ 26,000-32,000 annually w/ benefits

Job Title: Office Clerk
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Secretary Treasurer
Salary: \$20,000 annually w/benefits

Job Title: Office Clerk (P/T)
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Utilities
Salary: \$8.00 per hour w/ benefits

Job Title: Patient Services Coordinator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Health
Salary: \$21,840 annually w/ benefits

Job Title: Payables Disbursement
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Accounting
Salary: \$18,740 annually w/ benefits

Job Title: Plumber
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Housing / Construction
Salary: \$24,960 annually w/benefits

Job Title: Secretary II
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Health
Salary: \$26,000 annually w/benefits

Job Title: Senior Admin. Assistant
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Radio Adjusting Co.
Salary: Negotiable

Job Title: Snake Handler
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Okalee Village
Salary: \$20,800 with benefits

Job Title: Surveillance Operator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Gaming

Job Title: Transporter
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Hollywood, Health
Salary: \$18,720 annually w/ benefits

Big Cypress

Job Title: Water Quality Sampler I
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Big Cypress, Water Resources Department
Salary: \$18,500 annually w/benefits

Job Title: ARNP
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Big Cypress, Health
Salary: Negotiable with benefits

Job Title: Bus Driver
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Big Cypress, Ahfachkee School
Salary: \$12.50 per hour

Job Title: Cook
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Ahfachkee School
Salary: \$9.00 per hour

Job Title: Community Health Representative
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Big Cypress, Health
Salary: \$18,700 w/ benefits

Job Title: Custodian
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Big Cypress, Ahfachkee
Salary: \$15,600 w/benefits

Job Title: Operator Maintenance Trainee (2)
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Big Cypress, Utilities
Salary: \$18,720 w/benefits

Job Title: Patient Services Coordinator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Big Cypress, Health
Salary: \$21,840 with benefits

Job Title: Secretary
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Family Services
Salary: \$20,800 with benefits

Job Title: Maintenance Workers (2)
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: AH-TAH-THI-KI
Salary: \$16, 640 w/ benefits

Job Title: Water/Waste Water Plant Operator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Big Cypress, Utilities
Salary: Negotiable commensurate w/ experience with benefits



Brighton

Job Title: Bus Monitor (P/T)
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brighton, Education
Salary: \$6.05 Per Hour

Job Title: Carpenter
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brighton, Housing/Construction
Salary: \$33,280w/benefits

Job Title: Commission Officer
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brighton, Gaming
Salary: \$28,000 with benefits

Job Title: Maintenance Worker
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Building & Grounds
Salary: \$14,500 with benefits

Job Title: Nutritionist
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brighton, Health
Salary: \$35,000 w/benefits.

Job Title: Operator Maintenance Trainee
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brighton, Utilities

Job Title: Surveillance Operator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Brighton, Gaming

Immokalee

Job Title: Commission Officer
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Immokalee, Gaming
Salary: \$28,000 with benefits

Job Title: Cultural Language Instructor
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Immokalee, Cultural Education
Salary: \$28,120 with benefits

Job Title: Maintenance Worker
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Immokalee, Building & Grounds
Salary: \$14,500 with benefits

Job Title: Surveillance Operator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Immokalee, Gaming
Salary: \$17,680 with benefits

Tampa

Job Title: Commission Officer
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Tampa, Gaming
Salary: \$28,000 with benefits

Job Title: Cultural Language Instructor
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Tampa, Cultural Education
Salary: \$28,120 with benefits

Job Title: Surveillance Operator
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Tampa, Gaming
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Coconut Creek

Job Title: Commission Officer
Open Date: 9-10-01
Close Date: Until Filled
Location: Coconut Creek, Gaming
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Job Title: Surveillance Operator
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Alexandra Frank

Winners of the "Prettiest" category of the 7-9 year olds were Starz Sanchez, Deandra Tiger, and Tianna Young.

Hollywood Fall Festival

By Alexandra Frank
HOLLYWOOD — On Oct. 31, under a full moon, the reservation ball field looked like a Wes Craven horror movie come to life. Babies, children, pre-teens, teens, and adults of all ages came out on All Hallow Eve's for a night of spooky fun at the Hollywood Fall Festival.

The festival featured several contests, held by various programs (such as Pre-School) and sponsored by the Council and Board Representatives. A pumpkin carving contest started off the festivities, Steve Young and Kristin Duda, of Hollywood Recreation, had the honor (or horror) of judging the contest.

Pumpkin Carving Contest
 Youth (17 and Under) 1) Krystle Young, 2) Chassidy Harjochee, 3) Deandra Tiger. Adult (18-49) 1) Geraldine L. Osceola, 2) Chuck Osceola, 3) Gladys Doctor. Senior (50 and Over) 1) Betty Osceola, 2) Jimmie Hank Osceola, 3) Pat Gopher.



Alexandra Frank

CHICKEN RUN: Franklin Jumper placed third in the "Most Original" category.

There was a lot of talent on display in the pumpkin carving contests, as there was in the costume contest. A lot of people looked forward to entering the contests, and it showed in the work and time they put into making their costumes and carving the pumpkins.

There were a lot of participants in the costume contest and, sad to say, many creative outfits did not place in the top three positions. There were four categories to place in: scariest, the most original, prettiest, and the king and queen of the festival.

Here is a list of all the winners and the category in which they placed. I hope all of you goblins and ghouls had fun and enjoyed the candy, see you next year.

Costume Contest
 Scariest- 1) Grant Osceola, 2) Matthew Osceola, 3) Francisco Rodriguez Jones. Most Original- 1) Colby Cypress, 2) Caitlyn Billie, 3) Franklin Jumper. Prettiest- 1) Aniya Gore, 2) Alenia Micco, 3) Jonah Billie. The King- Donovan Frank. The Queen- Elizabeth Frank.

2 Year Olds
 Scariest- 2) Daniel Rodriguez Jr., 2) Caleb Wolf, 3) Richard Primeaux. Most Original- 1) Brent Frank, 2) Mila Osceola, 3) Franklin Jumper. Prettiest- 1) Skylea Osceola, 2) Raylene Stewart, 3) Kyla Osceola. The King- Cecil Johns. The Queen- Kira Mowatt.

3 Year Olds
 Scariest- 1) Rhett Tiger, 2) Donovan Osceola, 3) Tyler Plummer. Most Original- 1) Maurice Billie, 2) Luke Baxley Junior, 3) Tyson Osceola. Prettiest- 1) Kiana Bell, 2) Janay Cypress, 3) Carson Knaby. The King- Lorenzo Jones. The Queen- Arianna Primeaux.



Alexandra Frank

SWATHED IN SILK: Mercedes, JoJo, and Tasha Osceola swept the "Prettiest" Category.

4 Year Olds
 Scariest- 1) Nick Dehass, 2) Ty Pierce, 3) Agullbee Osceola. Most Original- 1) Elizabeth Wolf, 2) Ethan Cypress, 3) Dakota Tiger. Prettiest- 1) Brianna Billie, 2) Shania Johns, 3) Ellyse Frank. The King- Cameron Osceola. The Queen- Fairuza Billie.

5-6 Year Olds
 Scariest- 1) Konrad Frank, 2) Brandtley Osceola, 3) Jonath Jones. Most Original- Neko Osceola, 2) Trevor Osceola, 3) Jamie Tiger. Prettiest - 1) Joslyn Cypress, 2) Maleah Isaac, 3) Tia Blais-Billie. The King- Dorian Jumper. The Queen- Katelyn Young.

7-9 Year Olds
 Scariest- 1) Huston Osceola, 2) Naomi Billie, 3) Tyler Harjochee. Most Original- 1) Brodie Blais-Billie, 2) Talena Castillo, 3) Ravenne Osceola. Prettiest- 1) Tianna Young, 2) Deandra Tiger, 3) Starz Sanchez. The King- J.T. Osceola. The Queen- Cindi Adair.

10-13 Year Olds
 Scariest- 1) Casey McCord, 2) Nick DiCarlo, 3) Pedro Fuentes. Most Original- 1) Spencer Battiast, 2) Rhiannon Tiger, 3) Jack Turtle. Prettiest- 1) Shelby Dehass, 2) Brianna Harjochee, 3) Chelsea Mountain. The King- Joshua Cypress. The Queen- Krystle Young.



Alexandra Frank

Future Homecoming King and Queen?

14-17 Year Olds
 Scariest- 1) Joey Richardson, 2) Stephen Billie, 3) Jerome Davis. Most Original- 1) Mike Gentry, 2) Catlin Jim, 3) Bobby Osceola. Prettiest- 1) Tasha Osceola, 2) Jojo Osceola, 3) Mercedes Osceola. The King- Legus Bowers. The Queen- Christine McCall.

18-49 Year Olds
 Scariest- 1) John Billie, 2) Ricardo Hernandez, 3) Thomas Storm Jr. Most Original- 1) Nathan Doctor, 2) Scarlett Young, 3) Vivian Delgado. Prettiest- 1) Regina Osceola, 2) Paul Williams, 3) Iretta Tiger. The King- Vince Motlow. The Queen- Brande Clay.

50 Years and Over
 Scariest- 1) Dorothy Tucker, 2) Juanita Osceola. Most Original- 1) Joe Dan Osceola, 2) Paul Buster, 3) Cornelia Osceola. Prettiest- 1) Betty Osceola, 2) Betty Mae Jumper, 3) Pat Bowers. The King- Jimmy Hank Osceola. The Queen- Wanda Bowers.

Tampa Reservation Halloween Hauntings

By Gary Padgett
TAMPA — This time of year means different things to different people, but for the Tampa community, it's a time to come together to celebrate, compete and dress up in the best and scariest costumes.

Women's Horseshoes: 1) Debbie Henry 2) Tina Smith 3) Mayra Simmons 4) Joanie Henry.

Men's Horseshoes: 1) Paul Simmons 2) Phillip Smith 3) Bobby Henry 4) Craig Foret.

Women's 9-ball: 1) Debbie Henry 2) Trish Doctor 3) Mayra Simmons 4) Tina Smith.

Men's 9-ball: 1) Richard Henry 2) Jessie Henry 3) Craig Foret 4) Jimmy Osceola.

Pumpkin Decorating Contest: **Ages 3-6:** 1) Christina Clark 2) Ricky Dillon 3) Trystyn Storm 4) Ethan Smith. **Ages 7-12:** 1) Mathew Henry 2) Jacob Santiago 3) Tiffany Foret 4) Devin Doctor.

Ages 13-17: 1) Linda Jane Henry 2) Alana Henry 3) Amanda Sisneroz.

Costume competition: **Ages 0-2:** 1) Miguel Dillon 2) Ruby Thomas 3)

Colime 4) Mason Foret. **Girls Ages 3-5:** 1) Christina Clark 2) Kanika Jimmie 3) Ryanna Thomas 4) Danelle Clark. **Boys Ages 3-5:** 1) Jeremiah Santiago 2) Ethan Smith 3) Ricky Dillon 4) Lolo. **Girls Ages 6-9:** 1) Lylame Henry 2) Tiffany Foret 3) Phayda Clark 4) Stacy Smith.



Gary Padgett

Backstage at a Slipknot concert? No, it's the cast and crew of the Haunted House.

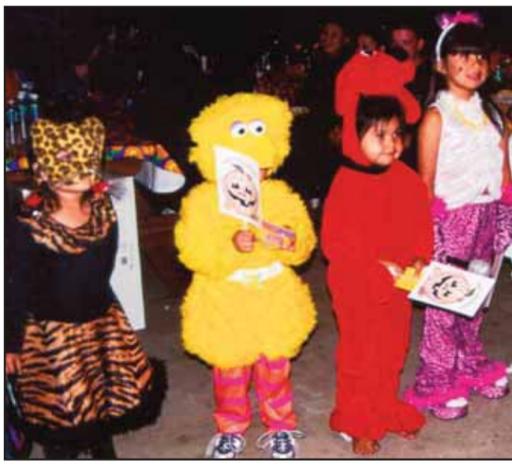
Boys Ages 6-9: 1) Jacob Santiago 2) Joel Foret 3) Mathew Henry. **Girls Ages 10-17:** 1) Jamie Henry 2) Linda Jane Henry 3) Sierra Simmons.

Boys Ages 10-17: 1) Aaron Frank 2) Joseph Santiago 3) Kyle Henry 4) Nick Frank. **"King" Contest:** 1) Tina Smith 2) Mayra Simmons 3) Trish Doctor.

"Queen" Contest: 1) Ronnie Doctor 2) Phillip Smith 3) Ramsey Harjo 4) Jahna Smith. **Boys:** 1) Bobby Henry 2) Susie Doctor 3) Nancy Frank.

Ages 3-6: 1) Christina Clark 2) Ricky Dillon 3) Trystyn Storm 4) Ethan Smith. **Ages 7-12:** 1) Mathew Henry 2) Jacob Santiago 3) Tiffany Foret 4) Devin Doctor.

The costumes were given a chance to come alive in the Haunted House. Like last year, the Haunted House was a success and everyone who participated had fun. On the occasion of the Tampa Community, Richard Henry, Tampa Liaison, would like to thank Alex Johns and John Wayne Huff for their help and support in this event. The Tampa Community enjoyed a fun and safe Halloween, and looks forward to another one next year.



Gary Padgett

Costumed youngsters strike their best pose for the judges.

Micosukees Celebrate 20th Community Halloween Party

By Barbara Secody
MICCOSUKEE RESERVATION — It seemed that the entire Miccosukee Tribe came out for the 20th annual community Halloween party, held on Oct. 24 at the gymnasium.

The event was coordinated by Betty Billie, Virginia Poole, Sharon Logan and Jimmie Poole of the Community Resources Department; and Judy Osceola and Louise Bert of Community Action Agency.

Vehicles were lined bumper to bumper along the road as parents ushered their little ghosts and goblins into the building for the celebration. Once inside the door, the kids took off in all directions to explore the various booths and games.

Other games were happening in the center of the floor, such as the musical chairs game. Betty Billie and a few helpers did their best to keep order as the squeals of the kids rang throughout the building.

Once the music stopped, it was quite a sight to see the kids scramble to claim a chair. Naturally, one was left without a chair — and was eliminated. There were plenty of prizes for everyone, and no one went home empty-handed.

Each department was responsible for setting up and manning their own booth. Each booth provided some type of a challenging game, such as the ring toss set up by the Finance Department.

Two large poker tables were set up for those who felt lucky. The stakes were high, and the proceeds were allocated to elderly assistance programs. Even Chairman Billy Cypress tried his hand at the game with the rest of the players. Win, lose or draw, they all had a good time.

The Senior Center provided a dart game. The Miccosukee Police Department set up a football toss game, which was a hit with the younger crowd. Many showed promise of someday entering the big leagues with some of their powerful throws.

Other games provided were the spooky quarter drop, sponsored by the Learning Center; and a math and pumpkin game provided by the MIS department.

Drawings were held throughout the evening, and many went home with a little extra money in their pockets, or a great prize under their arm. Tina Osceola was the happy winner of the 50/50 raffle drawing. Marilyn H. Thomas pocketed a generous amount for being the seller of the winning ticket.

There was a long line at the food booth throughout the evening. Playing games and having fun worked up a powerful appetite. The hard-working folks in the food booth were busy all evening.

The highlight of the evening was the drawing for the two big prizes: a patchwork men's traditional jacket and woman's patchwork long skirt. Not just any jacket and skirt: - a Virginal Poole original.

Virginia is one of Miccosukee's most popular patchwork designers, and her work is always in demand. Someone wanting a skirt or jacket is in for a wait, as her creations are in high demand. Tickets were snapped up throughout the evening by people hoping to win one of the items.

Ironically, both items were won by members of Virginia's own family. She said she wished someone outside of her family had won them, but was happy for the winners. The winner of the jacket went to 20 month-old Aimee Osceola (Virginia's granddaughter); and the skirt was won by Theresa C. Osceola.

As the festivities came to an end, and department workers packed up their booths, a lot of happy and tired kids (and parents) were ready to head home. It had been a great party and everyone had a good time. Congratulations to those who worked hard to make the 20th annual party a great success.

Something is always happening in Trail. The Miccosukee Tribe maintains community unity through work and play. Fun, games, food and family is what keeps this community strong. The people work hard and together; but they always make time to enjoy their lives and that for which they have worked so hard.

Hollywood Seniors Spook Hot Meals

By Robin Osceola
HOLLYWOOD — It was Halloween and the seniors were at their bewitching best and ready for a good time.

After walking through the Hot Meals entrance, transformed into a spooky tunnel filled with spiders, bats and other creatures, the seniors knew they were in for a treat.

The morning began with a visit from the Pre-school trick-or-treaters, who received more treats than tricks.

Afterwards, the events started as the seniors competed in costume, pie-eating, pumpkin carving and piñata breaking contests.

There was also a special challenge match, a pie-eating contest between Councilman Max Osceola, Jr. and Board Representative David Dehass.

The two piñatas were broken by Joe Dan Osceola, Mary Gay Osceola, and David Jumper. Jimmy Hank Osceola was victorious in the last event, musical chairs.

For those of you who want to know who won the pie-

eating challenge: it was Max Osceola, Jr., who came up for air only twice.

After the events were finished, Jack Motlow led everyone in prayer before a special chicken and rib lunch.

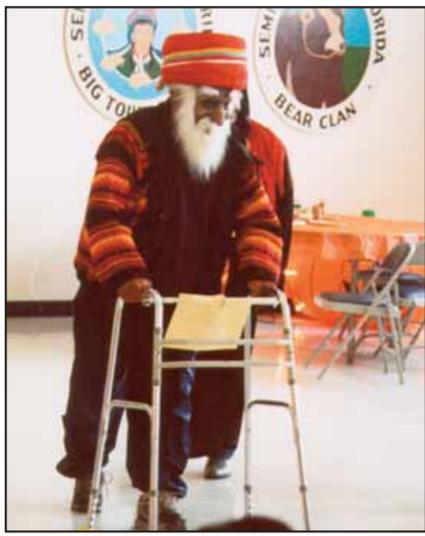
Costume Contest- Men- 1) Ronnie Doctor. 2) Mason Osceola. 3) Jimmy Hank Osceola. 4) Jack Motlow. 5) Joe Dan Osceola. 6) Eugene Bowers. 7) Harley Jumper

Women- 1) Betty Osceola. 2) Maydell Osceola. 3) Mabel Osceola. 4) Dorothy Tucker. 5) Pat Gopher. 6) Maggie Osceola. 7) Mary Tiger. 8) Minnie Mae. 9) Mary Bowers. 10) Betty Dorc Jumper.

Pie-eating Contest- Men- 1) Mason Osceola. 2) Joe Dan Osceola. 3) Ronnie Doctor. 4) Eugene Bowers. 5) Jimmy Hank Osceola.

Women- 1) Annie Jumper. 2) Betty Osceola. 3) Betty Jumper. 4) Maydell Osceola. 5) Judy Ann Osceola.

Pumpkin Carving Contest- 1) Eugene Bowers. 2) Mabel Osceola. 3) Pat Gopher. 4) Betty Osceola. 5) Jimmy Hank Osceola. 6) Ronnie Doctor.



David DeHass

Mason Osceola placed second with this costume.