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Dan and Leoda Osceola celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

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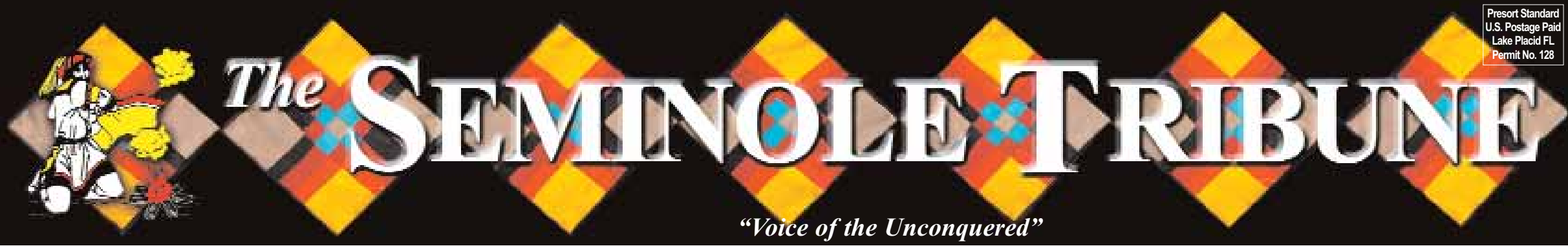
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Youth Fishing Tournament

Tribal youth were taught the basics of fishing ethics.

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Stormy Weather: Tribal Fair Committee Faces Loss

By Elrod Bowers

HOLLYWOOD—At its wrap-up meeting for the recent 2002 Fair, the Tribal Fair Committee learned that the Fair lost approximately \$40,000.

Although \$12,000 more in advertising was spent this year in an effort to attract more visitors, it was the consensus of the Committee that rain on the Saturday and Sunday of Tribal Fair weekend adversely affected the bottom line.

“It was the law of averages, we’ve had good weather all these years,” said Sandy Selner of the President’s Office.

The admissions income dropped over \$13,000 dollars, and approximately 1,100 less adults and 200 less children attended the Fair than in 2001.

Board of Directors Chief Financial Officer David Zacher presented the financial report to the Committee. Zacher told the Committee that, when compared to the 2001 Tribal Fair, this year’s event income dropped \$38,000 while spending \$9,000 more in expenses.

Much of the discussion about what may have hurt the Fair’s income centered on the rainy weather.

Buster Baxley, who headed the 2002 Tribal Fair Advertising Committee, said about \$28,000 was spent on cable television alone. Gloria Wilson added that a page had been set up on a popular powwow website and ads placed in Indian newspapers.

Baxley said that the focus on cable television was because the cost of running ads in local mainstream newspapers and placing commercials during local morning television shows was very expensive. Wilson agreed and added that, ideally, “advertising should be about one-third of the budget.”

Presently, the powwow prize fund constitutes almost one-third of the Tribal Fair budget.

Selner questioned the use of late night cable television spots. She spoke in favor of the expensive, but highly visible, print ads and television commercials.

“It’s worth it, because people see it,” said Selner, “why spend \$3,000 here and \$3,000 there when nobody’s going to see it?”

“You can advertise all you want, but if it rains, no one’s going to come,” countered Zacher.

However, Committee Chairman, Hollywood Board Representative David Dehass, was bouyed by the attendance figures for the first two days.

“Thursday and Friday, we did good, but it was the rain that killed us,” said Dehass.

At the meeting, Gloria Wilson, who had been on the 2002 Tribal Fair Program Book, Entertainment and PowWow Committees, announced her intention to retire from the Tribal Fair Committee.

Meetings for next year’s Tribal Fair will begin in June.

Doubleheader: Board, Council Meetings

By Elrod Bowers

HOLLYWOOD—On April 12, both the Tribal Council and the Board of Directors met to discuss Tribal issues.

The day kicked off with a special Council meeting. The Council approved the employment contracts for Edward Jenkins and James F. Allen, who are slated to overhaul the Seminole Gaming Department.

According to Ross Holzman of the Legal Department, Jenkins will “run the [Gaming] Department and help to reorganize

it and Tribal gaming.”

Holzman noted that Jenkins had a background in investigations, casinos and background investigations, as well as former FBI experience.

Allen had originally been hired by the

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Robert Kippenberger

6th Annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive

By Janice Billie

BIG CYPRESS — The blazing sun and Florida’s well known humidity did not keep the cowboys, cowgirls and visitors down on the farm. They came to Big Cypress to ride the trail from the reservation’s West Boundary Road to the Junior Cypress Rodeo and Entertainment Complex at the eastern end of the community.

Over 150 participants took to the saddle to remember Junior Cypress and the other Seminole cowboys who pioneered the Seminole Tribe Cattle Program in the 1930’s.

It is the hope of the Tribe’s present day cattlemen that the hard work and dedication of men like Junior Cypress, Morgan Smith, Barfield Johns, Jimmy Cypress, Johnson Billie, Albert Billie, Willie Frank and Lilly Fewell will never be forgotten.

It was these cowboys, along with Little Tigertail, Junior Buster, Billy Johns, Frank Billie and others that worked towards developing what has become one of the largest cattle operations in the state of Florida.

Board of Directors President Mitchell Cypress, Big Cypress Board of Directors

Representative Paul Bowers, Sr., Assistant Natural Resource Director Richard Bowers, and Moses Jumper, Jr., put their time and hearts into establishing and furthering this event.

It is a memorial drive for the cattlemen who are no longer with us and a tribute to those still living.

Junior Cypress was the foreman for the Big Cypress Cattle Program for over 30 years who also worked as a cowhand for the neighboring McDaniel Ranch in his teenage days. His contribution and life-

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Seniors Observe Easter at Miccosukee Reservation

By Alexandra Frank

TAMIAMI TRAIL — On Mar. 13, seniors from the Seminole Tribe came from four reservations to get a jump start on Easter festivities at an event hosted by the Miccosukee Tribe.

The event, held at the gymnasium, featured an Easter motif throughout the building. The seniors

were treated to door prizes and bingo games.

Of course, there was the “Easter Egg Hunt,” which tested a person’s sight and speed in order to collect the most eggs so that the one with highest number of eggs would win a cash prize.

President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress made an appearance to event and made the rounds to visit with the elders to talk and take photos with them.

After the “Easter Egg Hunt” and bingo games were finished, it was time for lunch and believe me everyone was ready to partake of the carefully catered lunch of ham, stew beef and rice, corn, yams, and salad.

Of course, there were scrumptious deserts, such as a sheet cake with a holiday theme, and pies if you didn’t like cakes. Everyone seemed to enjoy the spread and even took some of the delicious food home for later.

The seniors seemed to enjoy the event and it showed on their smiling faces. A special thanks went out to the Hot Meals Staff, the caterer and the wait staff who were ready to serve the needs of the seniors and any other visitors to the event.

And as Mitchell Cypress expressed with a few words to the seniors, it is events like this one that everyone should partake in so that they can get together with other seniors and share good times and enjoy each other’s company.

Here the top three winners of the Easter Egg Hunt: 1st Place – Angelita Estrada, 2nd Place – Mary Kelly, and 3rd Place – Louise Motlow. Maggie Osceola of Hollywood won the Grand Door Prize that consisted of a beautiful white satin patchwork jacket.

There are many more events planned for the upcoming months, so look at your notice board at the Hot Meals building for future events.



Less Howell: Aviation Director At Your Service

By Alexandra Frank

BIG CYPRESS — When I first meet Mr. Howell at the B.C. hangar on April 12, the first impression I got was of a busy, serious man. By the end of the interview, I had a new view of Mr. Howell: the busy, serious man has a sense of humor and is down to earth.

Mr. Howell is 63 years old and recently passed his physical with an A, he also passed his Flight Safety Recurrence in March. Howell is originally from North Carolina, where he lived until he joined the military when he turned 18.

He served 20 years in the U.S. Army, and spent at least 14 years as a pilot. Howell flew both helicopters and F-16 fighter jets, he spent two tours in Vietnam, where he saw combat. Howell won a few air confrontations and received gold medals and Purple Hearts during his time.

He also received a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and the distinguished Iron Cross. He retired from the military in 1976, and started working for Gulfstream, which was located in Savannah at that time. He was a test pilot and flew G-1’s, G-2’s, and G-3’s.

Mr. Howell worked at Gulfstream until 1983, then he worked at a private company, the

International Brotherhood of Teamsters. They had gotten out of the airplane business and had sold their planes in 1982, which meant they did not need any pilots.

Mr. Howell then went to Europe, where he worked for over eight years in the country of Luxembourg in an international operation where he

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Less Howell, Aviation Director and a muscle car he’s building from scratch.



Mercedes Osceola Named To All-County Team

By Ernie Tiger

HOLLYWOOD — Mercedes Osceola, daughter of Seminole Ambassador Joe Dan Osceola and Virginia Osceola, was selected to the elite All-Broward County Girls’ Basketball Team.

Chosen by coaches of the 1A-3A Division basketball, she was named All-County 1st Team in Broward. She was also selected for honorable mention for All-State team.

Osceola was a five year starter and five year Most Valuable Player for Sheridan Hills. She was also voted as Most Valuable Player in the Conference for five consecutive years and was named captain for the Sheridan Hills Sharks this past year.

Mercedes, who is finishing her final year at Sheridan Hills, has led a very interesting career while playing basketball for the Sharks at the Guard and Forward positions. She maintained an average of 15.8 points and 3.9 rebounds per game.

This year, she helped her team compile a 17-9 record before losing in the District Tournament. She ended her career with 41 3-pointers and finishing her average at 18 points. Off the court, she served as the vice-president of the National Honor Society and was featured in the “Who’s Who in American High Schools.”

“We’re more than overwhelmed to see our daughter accomplish this goal. She just sets her mind to something and she has always excelled in whatever sport she takes up,” said proud mother, Virginia Osceola.

This was not the first time Mercedes has made headlines in the local newspapers. She also competed in the State High School Cross Meet, where she placed 28th out of 158 participants.

Also, she has spent a great deal of time in giving back to her community. She was named Jr. Miss Seminole from 1999-2000 and is the current reigning Miss Seminole Indian Princess 2001-2002.

Each year, one female Tribal member is selected after three grueling days of interviews and dinners where the judges critique their every moment from beginning to end.

The judges then pick one individual to represent the Seminole Tribe, among other responsibilities, where she spends time educating youth and others on Seminole heritage to help preserve the traditional culture for the future.

Osceola’s future goals are to attend college for pre-law. She plans to earn a law degree.

My Scariest Night

* Dr. Dean Chavers

The scariest night I ever spent was in the belly of a B-52 over South Vietnam. Because of it, my pilot got a reprimand, SAC headquarters sent a team of investigators from Omaha, Nebraska to look into the incident, and our whole crew was punished for the rest of our six-month tour.

It happened on my first tour overseas in 1966. My squadron from Turner Air Force Base was in the third group of B-52 squadrons sent to Andersen AFB, Guam for a tour of six months.

I had stood on the sidewalk at Mather AFB in 1965 and watched the first squadron leave on the first tour. The sight of every plane on the base leaving one after the other scared all of us. We were in bombardier school at Mather at the time. We thought it was the beginning of World War III.

But we learned before the end of the day crews had gotten their orders the day before. They were told to go home and pack enough clothes for 30 days and be back at the briefing room at 5:00 the next morning.

They had no idea where they were going to. President Johnson had decided to bomb the Viet Cong back to the Stone Age. They sent two squadrons of B-52s to Andersen for six months. They were followed by two other squadrons for six months. Then it was our turn.

We went in 1966. Since our pilot, Dale Christian, was a Lead Pilot (the second highest rank), we were assigned to be leaders of the second cell.

Normally 15 crews would fly out of Andersen every day in five cells of three aircraft each. So the leader of the second cell was in effect the second in command. Our bombardier, Tom Johnson, was a super aviator, as was Joe Mobry, the co-pilot. Dale had been a Stand Board pilot (the top rank) in B-47s before he was transferred to B-52s.

In that capacity, he had to evaluate the other pilots on his base once a year. We could see the stars on his shoulders in the future. We could even see four stars, and the top position as the top general in the Air Force—Chief of Staff. Dale was that good.

Before Easter of 1966 we had been checked out and were flying 12-hour missions every other day. On this particular night, the day before Easter, we were going to fly for the first time into North Viet Nam.

The area around Hanoi and Haiphong was the most heavily defended piece of real estate in the history of the world. Every farmer, we were told, had a shotgun aimed with slugs that could knock an aircraft out of the sky if it hit a fuel tank.

We flew north, dropped our bombs on a heading of 350 degrees, and made a left turn of 180 degrees and headed south. As soon as we rolled out of the turn, Bill Grissom, our tail gunner, called out over the intercom, “Pilot, we have a fighter at six o’clock.”

Everybody tensed up, to say the least. “How far back is he, Gun?” Dale asked.

“He’s about a hundred yards,” Bill responded.

“Hang on, crew,” Dale said. “Tighten up your lap belts and harnesses.”

Dale firewalled the engines and nosed over and made a sharp left turn. The old B-52 screamed as it went from Mach .77 to about Mach .88—the fastest that airplane had ever been, I bet. We dropped from 35,000 feet to 33,000 in a matter of a few seconds.

Dale asked Bill, “Where is he, Gun?”

Bill said, “He’s sticking right with us, he’s still in the same position.”

Dale then went into a climbing right turn, still with the

throttles to the firewall. He topped out at 37,000 feet. The fighter stayed right with us. It was no match.

A fighter is very nimble compared to the B-52. A B-52 needs 18 miles to turn around and go back the other way. It takes a lot of sky to fly a B-52.

The fighter, on the other hand, can turn around in six or eight miles. In a contest of maneuverability, the fighter wins without trying.

It was about 3:00 in the morning, and pitch black outside. Bill could not see a thing except stars, planets, the moon, and the exhaust of the fighter.

Dale did three maneuvers trying to get away from the fighter, turning, diving, and climbing. At the end of the third maneuver, he asked Bill, “Where is he now, Gun?”

“He’s right in the same position,” Bill answered. I was ready to bail out any time.

We thought the fighter was a MIG-21 or MIG-23. The 21 was awesome, and we knew the North Vietnamese had them. We also knew they had some 23s as well.

The 23 was even more awesome than the 21. It could out-climb, outmaneuver, and outrun anything the U.S. had at that point. Its top speed was Mach 3.0 or higher—over 2,00 miles an hour. We were scared of it.

“Fire a warning burst at him, Gun.”

“Yes, sir,” Bill answered. He pointed his four 50-caliber guns down and fired them for a few seconds. They lit up the night sky like a torch. The fighter dived, backed away, and we lost him. He never fired at us.

But he climbed back into the next cell and played with them for awhile.

When we got back to base, the two-star general was going to give Dale a court martial. It turned out the one of the special instructions they gave us was a directive saying that only the third aircraft in a cell could fire if under attack. We had clearly violated that directive. But nobody remembered it when the fighter caught us.

The briefers had gone out of their way to tell us about the fighters, the interceptors and the missiles that the North Vietnamese could fire at us. All of us had pictures in our minds of some MIG-23 coming down from Hanoi at treetop level, getting under us, then turning on the afterburner and reaching us undetected in less than a minute. If that happened we would be sitting ducks.

Dale got off with a reprimand, and never had to go to trial. But the reprimand definitely hurt his chances of higher rank.

One of the other crew members said something about having urinated in his flight suit. Another smart aleck said “That’s nothing, I crapped in mine.”

Since the whole thing was taped, the investigators from SAC headquarters had a field day with the tape. But they never determined who said what.

We all got punished. Instead of being the lead aircraft in the second cell, the general stuck us for the next four and a half months into the position of the last aircraft in the last cell. That was the worst place to be. It was like a little puppy trying to follow a bunch of big dogs around.

Dale took his reprimand as best he could. He flew B-52s for another few years, then got transferred to South America as an Air Attache in the U.S. The rest of us crew members only suffered from fright.

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We All Want To Be Respected

* Virginia Mitchell

No matter what you’ve experienced, when you are in the wrong there is always someone who will give you advice and hope. Even as an adult, when anyone takes the initiative to comment on what you did, take the courtesy to listen.

Maybe an uncle, aunt or even grandfather has spoken with you to take better precautions and beware of the outcome that might have occurred. I’ve even seen an older man, being addressed by an individual that might not even be older than he, being disciplined.

Never be hasty in evaluating someone because of his or her age, they may have experienced more than you know. Then, after your lecture, you should spontaneously end with an “ok” and accept the suggestion given to you. Remaining as fearless as when you had your little episode.

This type of disciplinary procedure has always been performed amongst our tribal people for years on end. It was never considered being nosey or prying for one to give advice to another.

Most of the time, this was done out of consideration for one another, to correct as you went further in life. Not as a form of criticism, so you would be able to listen, swallow and accept the recommendation. And not to judge whomever is giving you their opinion.

Nowadays, you see many overreact and go off the handle, many being hypocritical in their reaction.

“Who do you think you are, telling me what to do!”

“You’re not a real good example” and “I don’t have to listen to you!” are but a few words exchanged when confronted.

This is not the type of behavior you should be acting out; this type of behavior is not very respectful to you or the one

speaking with you. We all would like to be respected one way or another, so show respect and you will receive it.

Then, as time rolls on, and you are given enough respect to have someone care enough to give you good advice, you will feel more certainty within yourself.

After all, when you treat someone as you would like to be treated, the positive meaning will always prevail. You then will recognize more of us communicating better and willing to help each other in any type of situation.

Child, teen or adult, they all can be given the same type of consideration when being spoken to. For the love of your own family, clan or in-laws, you must be sincere when approaching individuals.

Sometimes, the younger ones can grasp faster than an older person can, but thank God, someone is grasping. Many of us will continue to get our message across to others, so they too may nurture from all the attempts given.

The consistency of your attempts to get messages through to an individual shows that you care for them, although many times you’re treated as if you just gave them the plague.

Sure, there are those who are so consumed with themselves that they can’t get their heads out of the smoke. For those, we will continue to pray for and will again attempt to approach in another manner.

Some changes or habits are quite hard to break, but there comes a time when we all need that extra attention to help along the way. In your haste, don’t condemn those only trying to help. One day, that help may not be there when you really want it!

Peace will prevail, let’s not give up on it or each other.

Peace



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What a great web site. I was doing research on The Cultures of Immokalee and came across your web site. Very informative and colorful. I will add it to my list of resources.

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Dear Editor:

Is there a way for non-Native

Americans to help or support to maintain Seminole and Miccosukee culture and sovereignty? I would like to contribute time, effort, and a voice to support our First Americans in Florida on their own terms and was wondering how I could help. Please let me know.

Thanks,

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Profile

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flew all over the world.

He has logged over 17,000 hours of flying, in the Gulfstream he has about 11,000 hours. He became acquainted with the Seminole Tribe when Virgil Wolf contacted him. Howell had gone into semi-retirement because he was tired of working in Europe.

He returned to the United States to have a back operation, which went well. He was back in the consultant business when Virgil Wolf called on him. Wolf asked Howell if he would not mind working with the Seminole Tribe.

Mr. Howell at first did not want to do much work, he just wanted to do consulting work for awhile and go back home. Currently, his wife lives in Redondo Beach, CA. She is the head nurse at orthopedics at UCLA and still has a few years before she retires.

Mr. Howell does not care to live in California, he wants to see the sun in the morning and Florida is the right spot for that. He re-married his current wife in December of 1999. This is his second marriage, and the relationship is great, he is looking forward to her moving here.

Mr. Howell said that his wife had shown an interest in volunteering her time towards a nursing school. She’s a Registered Nurse and has a BA in Business Administration, she is looking forward to volunteer work.

He meet his wife in Italy in 1995, they dated until 1999, and then took the “big step”. He feels he has lucked out in this area in his life.

As for working for the Tribe, he has found it to be interesting, he started working here under the management of Virgil Wolf back in September of last year. He worked under Wolf until November and then he was approached by Tribal Counsel Jim Shore to take the job and Howell agreed to do so.

Mr. Howell’s main objective is to put everything into perspective, whether it be with finances, that all the out-flights are accounted for, or that in-house maintenance procedures are followed instead of having to get outside help for every little thing.

Mr. Howell wants self-containment in the maintenance field, and also in the flying field, rather than bringing people in. So far its working out well. At first, there have been some ooh’s and aah’s, but what they are doing there seems to be working out very well.

The airplane has remained up to date, they were a little bit behind before, but now they have caught up.

Currently, there are 4 other pilots besides Mr. Howell, at least one fire pilot for the Forest Fire Prevention, one dispatcher, Pedro Musaka, and two other mechanics. One is a pilot who also maintains the planes, and the other maintains the helicopter.

The operation has been in effect for about 11 years. It is a nice operation, a very clean operation and hopefully they can serve the people of the Tribe the best way possible. Mr. Howell wants to keep up the four-star services as well, providing a service extended to all Tribal citizens within the guidelines set.

Mr. Howell stated it well, “the reason we are here is because you are here.” He does not want to go on the premise that they are still around and untouchable. He has stressed the things that were mentioned before that the equipment they have is Tribally-owned and should be used for Tribal purposes only.

Mr. Howell mentioned that there many opportunities that can be extended, such as programs to teach Tribal citizens, such as teens interested in flying, the

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basics to obtain a license. They can even teach adults, both men and women, how to fly. In the aviation industry, there are women now flying commercial jets.

Mr. Howell asked the question, “why can’t it be a Tribal citizen?” If a Tribal citizen has an interest in flying, there are seats up front, come out and fly.

They do not have enough of a program to say they have a training school, but it isn’t that far-fetched. They do not have the staff to offer a program like a training school, but if someone were to put a training school on the agenda, they could have a program for Tribal citizens.

If there are high school students who are serious about taking flying lessons and progress to a career in aviation, they can offer a program to get them interested in all aspects of aviation. This is how you build interest in a person about flying. Anything is possible, nothing is far-fetched.

Mr. Howell took the time to explain the new guidelines that were recently placed on the Aviation Department. All Tribal citizens who want to schedule a trip have to go through the Tribal Councilman on their respective reservation. Executive Administrator Ken Fields, of the Operations and Compliance office, will finalize the trips.

Mr. Howell stresses a professional atmosphere within his program and wants all his employees to be courteous towards Tribal citizens in all aspects of service from the Aviation Department. If someone is not up to par, Mr. Howell would like to be the first to know about it.

A car buff, Howell also spoke of a program he would like to foster in the near future. The program would be extended towards individuals who have a liking for “muscle cars”. The program will be headed under the guidance of Howell and George Grasshopper.

I thanked Mr. Howell for his time and hope that you, the reader, have gained some insight into the Aviation Department and its newest member to the Tribal employee circle. I would like to extend a belated “welcome” to Mr. Howell and I hope he stays a part of the Tribal circle for some time.

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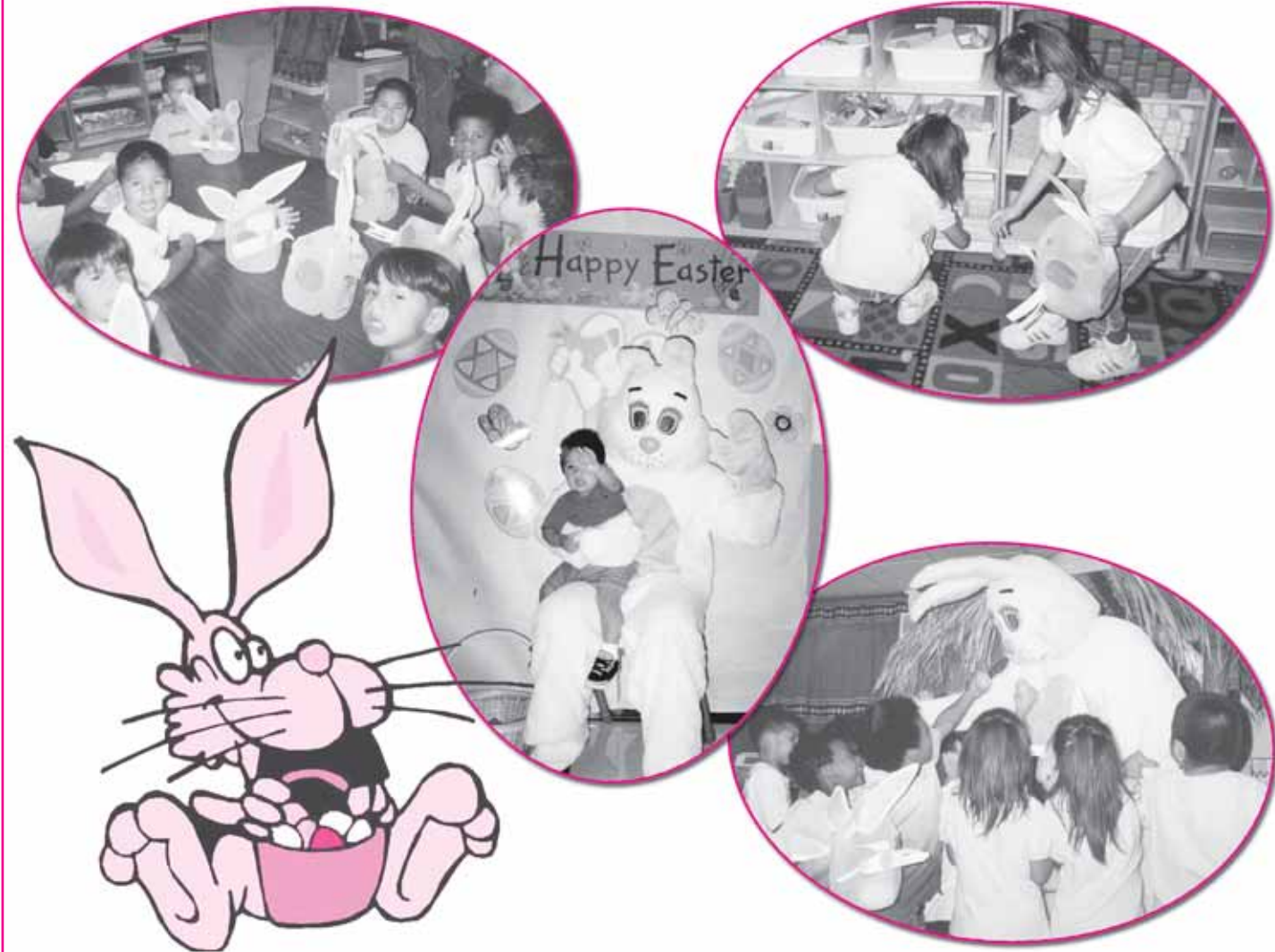
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Hollywood Preschool Easter





Dan and Leoda are all smiles as they get ready to cut the cake and open gifts.

Dan And Leoda Osceola Celebrate 50th Anniversary

By Alexandra Frank
HOLLYWOOD—On Mar. 21, family and friends of Dan and Leoda Osceola gathered at the Hot Meals building to help celebrate the couple's union of 50 years.

When the couple arrived, everyone present stood up and gave a round of applause to the surprised guests of honor. Their eldest daughter, Vivian Delgado, welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out to help celebrate the special event.

Vivian said that if anyone had any words of congratulations, they were more than welcome to come up and share them with everyone present.

At this time, Max Osceola Jr., nephew of Dan and Leoda, spoke about the couple. He remarked that, when he was younger, he thought 50 years was a long time but, since he is fifty-one, now he feels it is not so long.

Max said that the dinner to celebrate Dan and Leoda's anniversary said a lot. It shows that they are strong in family and this helps to make the tribe and other families within the tribe strong.

He thanked everyone for coming to the dinner and remarked that it is good to see everyone come out to celebrate this special event. Max also said the two still look like

their photos of their wedding day and remarked, "it is not how old you are, but how young you feel."

He commented on the fact that they have grandchildren and this evening is a result of love and work that stays together.

David Dehass also shared a few words with the couple and the guests. Dehass said that 50 years is a long time, and it shows the strength of their marriage and family. He congratulated the couple on this accomplishment in their lives.

The next speaker was Laura Mae Osceola, who was once Dan's sister-in-law. Laura claimed that the romance started at her house. Leoda would come over to watch her son, Max Jr., who at the time was one year old. Dan would come by to visit his brother, Max Sr.

This, she believes, was the start of couple's courtship. Soon, the relationship blossomed and eventually led to marriage. They still continued to watch Max Jr., until they started their own family.

Laura is glad to still be around to help celebrate their anniversary. She remarked that 50 years is a long time to stay together, but they did and it was worth it.

Carol Crenshaw also congratulated the couple's long lasting union. Crenshaw said that she does not remember the couple's courtship,

but she does remember their presence at the Baptist Church for many years.

Their belief in God and his teachings have seen the couple through both good and bad times in their relationship. Many of the speakers commented that their Christian beliefs have given them strength to be a strong family.

Dan thanked everyone for coming out to celebrate the special evening. He said that marriage is a lot of work and understanding, and couples must have the will and strength to face anything that comes their way in life.

Dan thanked God for providing all the important ingredients the years he and Leoda have been together. Communication was another important factor in their lasting relationship. He also remarked that having a strong family was very helpful.

Leoda stood up and spoke about the institution of marriage. She said that many people told her "you have to work at a marriage." She agreed, and said that even if you get mad at each other you can't say, "Oh, I'm leaving and I'm not coming back."

"You can't do that, I found that out," said Leoda.

She said that couples have to work out their problems, and quoted a verse from the wedding vows.

"For better or for worse, you have to believe in that."

This was what Leoda had been thinking about on this special day. She commented on her husband's strength at not getting angry when she said something out of anger and was thankful to be with him on this special night.

The evening was both a humorous and inspiring look at a couple that has weathered hardships and enjoyed good times. They have been blessed with 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

The gifts and cards they opened, with the help of Vivian, Chuckie and Jackie, were both heart-felt and touching. The evening was a testimony to their strong family bond and closeness with the community and other Tribal members.

I want to congratulate both Dan and Leoda on their fiftieth year together as a couple. I hope they have many more years and good times to share, not only with their family and friends, but with everyone who is fortunate enough to meet this special couple.

All Things Are Connected

By Alexandra Frank
FORT LAUDERDALE—The Radisson Bahia Mar Beach Resort served as the site for the First Annual All Things Are Connected a conference dealing with issues arising from American Indian and Alaskan Native HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse.

The purpose of the conference is to discover and to put into effect ways to better guide the rising number of native people infected with HIV/AIDS or overburdened by substance abuse.

The conference is also a step in arming the present health care environment and health professionals with the knowledge of the scientific facts of HIV/AIDS infections and substance abuse.

The goal is to improve health care practices towards American Indians and Alaskan Natives with the information blended in with an understanding of their tribal cultural issues.

The main focus of the conference is to serve as a forum for health care professionals and caregivers and to highlight how science, technology, and culture can work in unity to provide a positive impact in controlling HIV/AIDS and substance abuse.

The conference also provides an ideal

forum to discuss and debate issues with some of the best and the brightest from the medical, social, behavioral, and cultural communities.

The structure of the agenda is to create thought provoking plenary sessions, interdisciplinary workshops, and informal gatherings that offer a chance for both educational and interactive experiences.

Attendees of the conference spent 2 days in plenary sessions, Question and Answer Sessions, and Breakout Sessions.

On April 11th, the first evening of the conference an awards dinner was hosted on the Bahia Mar property. The conferences planning

committee held the dinner to honor sponsors of the conference.

There were 10 sponsors of the conference they are: Health Resources and Services Administration, University of Florida, Florida International University, National Library of Medicine, Seminole Tribe, Miccosukee Tribe, North Broward Hospital District, Focus Healthcare At High Point, Baptist Health Systems of South Florida and Agouron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

President/Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress was on hand to extend a welcome remark to the conference attendees. Cypress hoped that everyone was enjoying themselves here in Florida and congratulated them on the work they are participating in that will be a positive influence towards native peoples health and their communities.

Mr. Cypress was given a certificate mounted on a plaque in honor of the Seminole Tribes sponsorship towards the conference. The planning committee also honored numerous individuals who have sacrificed time and energy to bring to their communities solutions to HIV/AIDS and substance abuse problems.

The evening also showcased a native dance and drum group. The William Cypress Dance and Drum Group consists of 5 Native American dancers performing dance and music representing pow wow competition dancing.

The conference the first of its kind will most likely become a positive force in the on coming crisis of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse in Native American life. With only 2.5 million natives in the U.S. as of the year 2000, the problems of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse could prove to be detrimental to the future of native peoples.

With the efforts being made towards native people's health care, these professionals working to obtain and increase their knowledge of fusing together scientific facts, technology and culture, to improve health care practices for American Indian and Alaskan Natives affected by HIV/AIDS and substance abuse.

Many of these native peoples will have a fighting chance to obtain and live as normal a life as possible. This type of conference will also without a doubt increase awareness of the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse for today's generations and for the future generations of tomorrow.



Mitchell Cypress accepts an award from John Lowe for helping to sponsor the All Things are Connected conference.

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Health and Education ♦

Health And Fitness Celebration Features Mitchell Cypress

By Janice Billie
BIG CYPRESS — The Health and Fitness Celebration is an annual event organized and presented by the Seminole Tribe Health Department to impart the positive aspects and benefits of living a healthy lifestyle.

This year, the event was combined with the celebration of Seminole Tribe Board of Directors President/Vice Chairman, Mitchell Cypress' birthday. A committed fitness buff and great supporter of health and positive lifestyle programs, Mitchell has adopted the habits and changes taught by the health and fitness community.

The celebration was held at the Big Cypress Senior Center on the morning of April 2. There was a standing room only for the gathering of community members, Seminole Tribe officials, employees, and a diverse group of invited guests.

The décor in the large banquet style room was tastefully festive. Paul Buster and his band provided their unique mix of swamp melody and twang.



Commerative bags, containing fruit, vegetables and birdnritional information, were given out to all the guests.

In the foyer of the Senior Center, the Seminole Tribe Health Department had what resembled a farmer's market fruit and vegetable stand.

The "stand" contained products that were given away to all guests in handsome commemorative bags that displayed nutritional information on fiber, fruits, vegetables and low fat products. There were descriptions of each food or product and why they are healthy.

The gift bags included yams, oranges, bananas, carrots, spinach, Splenda, Kellogg's Complete wheat flakes, Baked Lays and Fruit Spread. Splenda is a wonderful new sugar free sweetener, similar to Equal, but all-natural.

Some of the products and their health benefits that were on display, but not included in the bag were Eggbeaters, Benecol, and skim milk. All these tasty and healthy products can be found at your local grocer.

The health educators want everyone to know eating well is not only good for you, it can be enjoyable. At the celebration, a section of the room was set aside for seniors to receive new walking shoes. Many were fitted that day and many received shoes that had been previously fitted.

The goal of this celebration is to empower each person to become the ultimate decision-maker, with respects to their health. Making lifestyle changes, one choice at a time, can improve or resolve many health issues.

The Health and Fitness

keep medical appointments.

In addition to keeping his appointments, Cypress monitors his progress and stays on task. He has lowered his cholesterol, triglycerides, and sugar to well within the acceptable range.

Mitchell has not only set an example for many others in the Tribe to follow, he generously supports the Seminole Health Department's programs and events like the community weight lost contests, walk/run events and the Diabetic Days and Conference.

This year's fete got underway with opening prayer by Reverend Salaaw Hummingbird.

Welcoming remarks were given by the event's hostess, Health Director Connie Whidden. She

invited Councilmen Max Osceola, Jr., John Wayne Huff and David Cypress to say a few words. They were all in festive spirits, each wished Mitchell a happy birthday and ribbed him about making the 55 year mark to become an official Seminole Senior.

"Now you can get that senior money, go on trips and get free hot meals," joked John Wayne.

After a blessing by Reverend Hummingbird, lunch was served up. Prepared and served by Joyce Catering of Pompano Beach, the meal was simple in selection but extravagant in taste.

Huge steaks, herbed chicken, seasoned mashed potatoes, carrots and green beans with almonds left nothing to be desired. Of course, the dessert was birthday cake. Owner, Joyce Friedman and manager, Denise Mercer of Joyce Catering worked very hard to make their end of the event successful.

After lunch, a succession of speakers came up to wish Cypress well and offer words of tribute and thanks.



Mitchell Cypress with his plaque, given in appreciation of his many contibutions to the health and fitness of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Among the many that spoke were Immokalee Council Representative Elaine Aguilar, Sally Tommie, Helene Buster, Michelle Thomas, Mary Bowers, Betty Mae Jumper, Agnes Motlow, Joe Osceola Sr., Sadie Cypress and Nancy Motlow. Also in attendance with warm wishes were Dr. Van Gelder, Les Brown, Sandi Selner and Hendry County Commissioner Bill Maddox.

After an amazing impersonation of Marilyn Monroe singing "Happy Birthday Mr. President," Sally Tommie presented Mitchell with a framed series of portraits of him during significant moments of his life. There were grade school, high school graduation, enlistment, and Color Guard portraits in the beautiful composition.

Clearly moved by the outpouring of accolades and admiration, Mitchell thanked everyone for coming and turned his attention to the many gifts presented to him by family and friends. The program concluded as the guests received their health food bags and Mitchell opened his gifts.

Seminole Students Take A Spring Break Trip

By Alexandra Frank

Over the course of four days, five Seminole students, along with two invited students, spent their Spring Break visiting two prestigious Florida universities.

The University of Florida (located in Gainesville) and Florida State University (located in Tallahassee) were the two main destinations of the Spring Break trip. Louise Gopher, Brighton Education Counselor, organized the trip.

The trip, which Gopher plans every other year, is a way for high school students to gain an interest in higher education. These universities offer a chance for young adults to grow academically and socially.

On April 1 the students took a tour of the University of Florida. The tour began in the Admissions office, where they watched a 12-minute film that highlighted the university's history, facility, courses and extracurricular activities.

The advisor's assistant assigned to us was very well versed on the university's history, layout and, most importantly, the overall cost. She also went over the requirements for entering the university, such as the letters that should be sent to the admissions office requesting applications for acceptance and housing.

The students also took a walking tour of the campus, dorms, classroom buildings, Students Life center and the Bell Tower. The University of Florida is considered the largest in Florida and students from over 100 nations are enrolled there.

The university, situated in a suburban setting, offers city run buses, which is a convenience for students who have no transportation or do not want to park their vehicle on campus grounds.

UF is a large university and strikes some individuals as impersonal. If you are used to the small town atmosphere, it will take some getting used to the bustling UF campus.

With the UF visit complete, the students hit the road and headed to Tallahassee. One thing that UF and FSU have in common is that both are located in northern Florida, which is not a heavily populated area.

Although the cities that the universities are located in are growing steadily, the surrounding areas are wooded and consist of ranches and farms carved into the gently sloping hillsides.

Once the students arrived in Tallahassee, they were taken to the FSU's Doak Campbell football stadium. The students watched a scrimmage game of the FSU football team.

Under the watchful eye of Head Coach Bobby Bowden and his assistant coaches, the offense and defense players moved through practice throws and catches.

Louise informed the students that the next morning they would get a chance to meet Bowden, a coach who has had many players go on to greater success in the NFL.

The next morning, the students once again headed for Doak Campbell stadium, where they were ushered into a conference room near the offices of the FSU coaches. There, they waited to meet Coach Bowden and take photos and ask questions.

Bowden entered and began signing autographs, he signed photos, hats, and miniature football helmets.

Bowden came across as a down to earth person and easily chatted with the students.

Bowden even took the time to ask each of the students if they had a university in mind. He was very easygoing and cracked jokes with everyone in attendance.

He also took the time for a group photo with the students. Afterwards, he sized up Jarrid Smith, who is over 6 feet tall and broad across the shoulders. Bowden remarked that it would be great to have student/football player like Jarrid on the team in the near future.

After Bowden excused himself to attend a coaches meeting, the students visited the FSU trophy room. The room is impressive, filled with all the accolades the FSU football team has garnered over the years gone by.

The students had the rare opportunity to enter

One student, Jade Braswell, who is a junior in high school, had a chance to walk on stilts. She was a bit apprehensive at first, but soon overcame her fear of falling and took the stilts for a walk.

Following the visit to the FSU Flying Circus program, the students took a tour of the FSU Campus. They went on a walking tour of the fitness center, which is a three story building and filled with exercise machines, aerobics classes, a basketball court, and indoor track for both walkers and runners.

The FSU's admission staff assigned Robin and Brad to our group, which made the experience of visiting the university both appealing and comfortable. Everyone gained some insight into how the university treats its students.

The administration and students interact like a family, with a large number of aunts, uncles, and cousins who are there to help you when needed.

The purpose for the trip was to give the Seminole youth a chance to experience the university atmosphere first hand. The tours were a great way for them to see what it's like living at and attending a large university.

It may seem like a big step when you have to move hundreds of miles away from the reservation where you have lived most of your life. However, the opportunity to attend such a prestigious university, such as UF or FSU, outweigh the uncertainties students feel living away from home.

The Seminole youth who visited the universities were Ehricka Osceola, Jade Braswell, McKenzie Johns, Sherrie Jones, Kyle Doney, Jarrid Smith, and Cochee Tiger.

The attending adults (chaperones) were Louise Gopher, Janice Osceola, Mike Tiger, and Alexandra Frank. Terri Clark from the Florida Governor's Council on Indian Affairs helped in the organizing of the FSU visit and we are thankful for his help on this trip.

The Seminole youth were well-behaved young ladies and gentlemen. One student, Kyle Doney, will attend FSU in the fall. Good luck to you, Kyle. Another student, who wasn't on the trip, who will attend FSU in the fall is Andrew Bowers, Jr.

It is great to see so many young Seminoles investing in their future, going to a college or university is a big step, and not to be taken lightly.

With perseverance and support from family, schools, and friends, anyone can accomplish their higher education goals. All that is needed is initiative and the drive to succeed.

For those of you debating attending a university, begin by investigating the tuition cost, housing, job opportunities and, most importantly, the requirements for entering a university.

If you do decide to attend a university or college, look into free tutoring and extracurricular activities that may prove to be beneficial to your job resume.

Lastly, good luck in your endeavor to achieve higher education and a diploma. Educating yourself past high school is a huge benefit for yourself, your family and your tribe.



The Spring Break Trip participants front row from left to right: Bob Kellum, Alexandra Frank, Jarrid Smith, Cochee Tiger, Kyle Doney, and Brad FSU Admissions Assistant. Back Row from left to right: Mike Tiger, Emily Branch Osceola, McKenzie Johns, Sherrie Jones, Ehricka Osceola, Jade Braswell, and Robin FSU Admissions Assistant.

and look around Bowden's office, which is filled with FSU memorabilia and overlooks the football field. The morning was far from over, the students went to the FSU President's box, sits on the rim of the football Stadium.

Here, the students were treated to a luncheon, sponsored by the President's office, and received a welcome greeting from the Vice President of FSU. The students were given a brief history of the university and learned that FSU chose the Seminole as a symbol, not a mascot, because they were an unconquered nation.

After the luncheon, the students went down to the football field, where they took photos and, for a brief moment, probably imagined that they were FSU football players.

The day was far from over, the next stop for the students was the FSU Flying Circus. The Flying Circus program does not offer any type of credit, just the experience of being in a circus that offers the chance for lifelong friendships and fun memories.

Joining the circus does not require any particular skill, the program accepts all types. Even if a person is not athletic, they can still use people for all aspects of the circus.

SEMINOLE
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Never Enough: Sleep Deprivation

By Kenny Bayon

Funny ... here I am writing about "sleep deprivation" on a beautiful sunny afternoon and all I'm thinking about is turning out the lights and plopping into bed. Of course, I have only myself to blame for staying up last night until 2:00 a.m., then forcing myself out of bed at 6:00 a.m. this morning for a long grueling work week. I'm zonked, but I'm not alone.

According to Dr. Leonard Cosmo of Sleep Disorders Consultants in Tampa, sleep deprivation is the most common cause of daytime drowsiness in the U.S.

We're not talking about the aftermath of a night full of tossing and turning or counting sheep. The topic here is the voluntary neglect of the body's need for shuttete, something many of us ignore all too often in our constant quest to balance work, play and home life (sound familiar, casino workers?)

Ironically, although we tend to respect sleep no more than the speed limit, it's probably the integral ingredient for maximum productivity.

"I think the problem is a lot of people see sleep as the obligatory end of the day, and [that] it's a nuisance," says Nick Hall, director of the wellness center at Tampa's Saddlebrook Resort.

"People have to do view it as the essential beginning of the day because the amount of quality sleep you get is going to set the stage for how the entire next 12 hours is going to be."

WHY SLEEP? Although no one is certain why we need sleep, it appears to be crucial for physical and psychological restoration.

During sleep, most physiological functions such as body temperature, blood pressure and breathing rate decrease. Growth hormone is secreted and memory is consolidated.

Lack of sleep has been linked to anxiety and irritability; immune system and hormonal problems; and an impaired ability to perform tasks involving memory, concentration and quick reflexes.

Drowsiness can also lead to more tragic consequences: The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has estimated that more than 200,000 fatigue-related auto accidents occur in the U.S. each year.

"In the majority of jobs you can function on three cylinders instead of four and get away with it," Hall states. "If you are an air traffic control tower worker, a race-car driver, a pilot, you can't, and the degree of consequence will vary depending on the task that you're dealing with."

Even if a job itself isn't too challenging, lack of sleep and/or late-night work can play havoc with the body's circadian rhythms. Studies indicate that 62% of shift workers have sleep/wake disturbances, compared with the 20% of daytime workers. They often live with chronic fatigue and moodiness.

For most people, energy peaks in the morning, then dips and rises throughout the day, followed by a 24-hour low at about 4 a.m. (Hint: Turn off ESPN and go to bed!)

Everyone, however, has varying biological needs. Some people function fine on just four hours a night (lucky people!), while others require at least a third of the day for optimal performance. A good measure of your needs is however long it takes to wake up naturally — without an alarm clock — and feel refreshed.

Quality, not quantity, is the key to a solid night's sleep, according to Herb Hamilton, director of the Wellness and Fitness Institute in Tampa.

"If you slept 12 hours with the TV on or racket going on, your quality of sleep is not as good as someone who slept with no racket on deep in a darkened room for six hours," said Hamilton. "You have to get down deep to scrape the barnacles off your head."

HELPFUL PRACTICES Improve your sleep schedule with these healthy habits:

*Go to bed and rise at the same time each day (even on the weekends, if possible).

*Sleep in a darkened, quiet room. Turn off lights, radio, TV, phone and answering machine (volume only, of course). Use eye shades or blackout curtains if necessary.

*Keep the bedroom as cool as possible — a decline in body temperature is critical to restful sleep.

*Synchronize your internal clock with the external world by sleeping mainly during dark hours.

*If needed, take a short (30 to 40 minutes) afternoon nap or meditative session.

*Don't hit the snooze button and go back to sleep; quality sleep has already been interrupted.

*Avoid caffeine, alcohol and/or medication late at night. "Alcohol gives you great sleep the first half of the night and very bad sleep the second half of the night," says Cosmo.

*Also, try not to eat much before bedtime because food causes the body's metabolic rate, temperature and energy level to rise.

*Exercise should promote relaxation and reduce stress, which will always help you sleep better.

"People who work out generally fall asleep faster," Hall asserts, "and because they get a better quality of sleep they will often get by with less."

*If deprived during the week, sleep a little extra on Saturday and Sunday. "You're going to have to catch up eventually," Hall explains. "It's just a question of whether you do it on your terms, setting aside the weekend to do it, or whether your body does it on its terms and slaps you in bed with a virus."

*Relax before bedtime. Try reading, listening to soft music, taking a hot bath, or meditation. The best advice of all might come from Hall, who preaches, "You basically have to use your body as a laboratory and experiment and find out what works best for you."

*Fitness trainer Darren Liebman contributed to this article

The Dangers Of Shopping Your Tax Return

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

Suppose the tax preparers provided free by the Seminole Tribe show that the tax bill for you, your spouse and young children totals \$7,000. But another tax preparer says that instead of paying \$7,000 in taxes, he can get you a \$4,000 refund. What should you do?

Shopping your federal income tax return, to see which preparer minimizes your taxes, may seem like a good idea. But it can also be a very costly mistake that amounts to wishful thinking.

Taxes are not like taking bids on a particular automobile tire, where to get the same product at different prices. You are entitled only to the lowest legal taxes. When a tax preparer comes with some magic way to save you more on taxes than others, you ought to become suspicious that the taxes are not being prepared properly.

Here are three questions you can use to test the legitimacy of any tax return.

1. Was the alternative minimum tax computed? You must pay the *larger* of your alternative minimum tax or the standard computed tax. The truth is that many Seminoles are subject to the alternative minimum tax and Form 6251 must be used to check whether this tax applies. Any legitimate tax preparer can show you this calculation. The mistake is not to check it.

2. For enrolled Seminole children under 14, was the tax rate used based on the combined income of the child, other siblings under 14, and the parents? This is known as the "kiddie" tax, and there is no escaping it. The mistake is to base the tax rate for a young child's income on that child's income alone.

3. Was the Indian Employment Tax Credit (Form 8854) used? This tax credit applies only to employers and cannot be claimed on the tax return of an employee. The "wages" that this tax credit is based on are not the wages you earn, but the wages you pay to others. This tax credit simply cannot be used by the Tribe, which pays no taxes anyway, and is worthless to employees of the Tribe. Only private, taxable employers who provide services on the reservation might use the tax credit, and, even then, other restrictions apply (e.g. wages paid for gaming are ineligible for the credit). The mistake is to use this credit on the tax return of employees.

As you can see, there are three ways that a tax preparer can work miracles to dramatically reduce your taxes, *every one of which is illegitimate*.

Even when someone else prepares your taxes, you are responsible for the accuracy of the return filed. You run two risks. First, if the Internal

Revenue Service finds your return to be in error, you may owe significantly more taxes in interest and penalties. Second, errors make your return suspicious, which may make you subject to the additional scrutiny of an audit.

Here are three tests you can apply to help judge the trustworthiness of the tax preparer.

1. Will the tax preparer explain the basis for the tax return, especially any differences if this tax return saves you more money than others?

Don't accept the excuse that they are too busy to explain it. Don't accept brief hand waving as an explanation. Don't accept that it is too complicated for you to understand. If you really do not understand at all, double check with the Tribe's tax preparers.

2. Does the tax preparer provide you a full copy of the return? Do not sign anything until you get this copy. You should see a complete copy before any return is sent to the IRS. Do not accept any excuse about not having a printer.

3. Does the tax preparer charge you a large fee or try to insist on giving you an immediate "refund"? This "refund" is really a loan, more like a paycheck loan, which usually has a hefty interest rate. Some check cashing businesses use tax preparation as a front for making loans. Tell them you want to get your full tax refund from the IRS sent directly to you.

The tax preparers hired by the Tribe pass every one of these six tests. But does the tax preparer you used, including yourself, pass them?

I also checked whether the software called TurboTax properly computes taxes for Seminoles, and it does, provided you properly answer questions, such as the age of the child with unearned income, and properly provide the income of siblings and parents.

What can you do if you filed a tax return that did not apply the higher tax rate to children under 14, wrongly used the Indian Employment Tax Credit, or had to pay the alternative minimum tax, but didn't compute this?

You need to file an amended tax return, and pay the additional tax. Otherwise, you are sitting on a ticking time bomb, where you will pay much more in interest and penalties later.

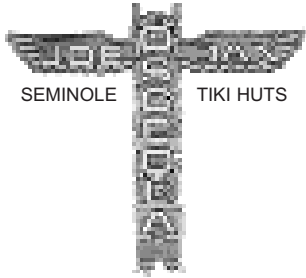
If you find yourself with a large tax bill to pay, you have just experienced the reason for tax planning. This year, you run your taxes for next year, estimating your payments.

If you have a large amount due, you must either increase your tax withholding or make quarterly payments to the IRS for the estimated taxes. If you are significantly behind in paying taxes for two years running, you will be subject to an additional tax penalty on top of that hefty tax payment.

In the world of taxes, there are only hard choices, and the choice you need to make is to pay as you receive the income.



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The Brighton Women won 1st Place and received their jackets from Ruby Osceola.

18th Annual Herman Osceola Basketball Tournament

By Alexandra Frank

BIG CYPRESS—On April 12-13, Seminole Tribal citizens once again came together as teams to outplay one another in the 18th Annual Herman Osceola Basketball Tournament.

There were eight men's teams and four women's teams from four reservations competing for the title of tournament champions. Besides the tournament, the Big Cypress gymnasium is also named in honor of Herman Osceola, who passed away while serving as a U.S. Marine overseas.

Herman was in his early twenties at the time of his passing, and is the only known Seminole to have lost his life while serving in the U.S. armed forces. Herman was active in sports, both in school and on the reservation. He had a love of sports, especially basketball, and this is carried on in the tournament that honors him.

This weekend, there were a few surprises in the men's and women's division. In the tournaments, the favorite is usually the teams representing the tournament site. The favorite for B.C. was Cicero's Team, a mix of tournament veterans and newcomers. Cicero's Team played against the Brighton Men and the Canes (from Trail) as best they could. Even though they had the support from the community, they could not overcome the two strongest teams and were defeated by the Brighton 61-60, a close game.

The Brighton Men then faced the Canes, a team with a younger line-up of ball players with one veteran player, Clifton Huggins. Both teams had strong players with undeniable talent for shooting 3-pointers and making key jump shots.

Even with the talent shown on this night, the Canes, by a score of 85-55, left behind the Brighton Men. The Canes were crowned the tournament champions.

Another surprise came in the women's division,

as the Brighton Women were gaining momentum after fighting their way out of the losers bracket. They had to defeat the Lady Seminoles and Good Enough to face off with Native Honey.

Native Honey had defeated Good Enough earlier and had to defeat the Brighton Women in one game. Both teams played well in the first half, both teams were neck in neck with their scores, but Brighton pulled ahead to defeat Native Honey, 43-37.

Because Brighton had come from the loser's bracket, and Native Honey lost this round, another game to determine the winner was played. By this time both teams were running on vapors, but they got back on the court and gave it their all.

It soon became apparent that the Brighton Women were going to hang on to their winning streak. They outplayed Native Honey, who had put all they had into the two earlier games. Alas, it was not to be for Native Honey, they lost, 35 to 30.

All of the teams showcased great talent and up and coming players will be hard to ignore and even harder to play against. This year, the second place winners received sweatshirts with the tournament logo.

The tournament champions received stadium-styled jackets with the tournament logo, handed out by Herman's mother, Ruby Osceola.

Basketball has become a strong sport to play in within native country. I hope we can continue to enjoy watching, and help foster growth within the younger tribal citizens, an interest in the sport.

Who knows, maybe someday we can proudly watch our youth play in the NBA or WNBA. Congratulations to the Brighton Women and the Canes on their wins. To all those who participated in the tournament, keep on practicing and playing.

Big Cypress Hunting Adventures Provides Trophy Hunting Grounds

By Ernie Tiger

BIG CYPRESS—It was foggy as I made my way across Alligator Alley, onto Snake Road in the early morning. A short time later, I found myself on the Big Cypress Hunting Adventures grounds, where the Seminole Tribe of Florida has set aside three thousand unspoiled acres of cypress heads, hardwood hammocks, pine islands and wet prairies.

For outside hunters, this is a rare opportunity to hunt the same lands that the Seminole Indians have hunted for thousands of years.

To get an edge on my quarry that day, Big Cypress Hunting Adventure Guide and Seminole Tribal member Lenny Jim said to arrive early in the day in order to prepare for the evening's wild boar hunt.

After loading my equipment onto a custom-built swamp buggy around 9:00 a.m., we made our way deep into the preserve.

The buggy's elevated height gave me the opportunity to view some of the exotic wildlife that inhabit the preserve and grab a few quick shots with my camera. The wildlife included Fallow, Axis and Sika deer, Bobwhite quail, and flocks of Osceola Turkey.

"I usually don't see this much deer on a hunt. It's usually hogs instead of deer," said Jim as we passed potential trophy white-tail deer on our way to the first destination.

After arriving at the first hunting site at 9:38 a.m., I decided to find one of the stationary tree stands that gave me an exceptional view of a field.

"Where game are prone to crossing during this time of year," according to Lenny.

My first stop produced only a few sightings of juvenile hogs, which only fueled my ambition to bag a trophy that day. We decided to scout the area more thoroughly on foot after a few hours of hunting the stand.

We found a nearby area where hogs had recently rooted up the earth and had left a hint of their oversized tracks leading back into a nearby slough. This made me even more anxious to at least catch a sighting of one of the trophy boars.

Lenny reassured me that the hogs do not move much during the day because of the heat.

"The hogs usually lay up in these hammocks during the mid-day heat and are usually most active in the early morning hours or in the late evening," said Lenny.

After deciding that this would be a good place to setup for an evening hunt, we decided on a heavily covered area where the wind would be in our favor to get a shot off.

After deciding on our setup, location and having plenty of time to spare at noon, and with distant rain clouds moving in, we decided to dodge the mid-day heat and rain and get lunch at the nearby Billie Swamp Safari.

The Safari is where the Seminole Tribe has now opened 2,200 acres of its most lush lands for visitors looking for an in-depth tour of the Seminole people's history and Culture.

Where else would you be able to experience the Seminole culture first hand? Whether on a swamp buggy or airboat ride through the hardwood hammocks and sloughs that surround the safari, or looking into the past by viewing the Sam Jones Camp, named after the Seminole Medicine Man and Leader who led the Seminoles.

In addition, other attractions, including live alligator wrestling, bird watching, and the snakes in the herpetarium leave one little time to enjoy all of the opportunities at the Swamp Safari on a short visit.

I finished my visit with an enjoyable and interesting meal at the Billie Swamp Water Café that mixed American-style foods with traditional Seminole foods, including fry bread, gator nuggets and frog legs.

After finishing my meal up around 1:50 p.m., and waiting out the remaining thunderstorm that evening, it was time to get back to the Hunting Adventures to set up for the evening hunt.

Now, much cooler than before it had rained, there was a lot more game visible when we entered through the gates. A potential trophy white-tail eyed us on our way into the preserve for the evening hunt.

After making a short run to the hunting area we had selected earlier in the day, Lenny decided that it would be better if we parked the buggy a couple hundred yards away and walked, to lessen our chances of being windied or sighted while entering the field.

Once entering the field, we could see that two boar hogs had already made their positions adjacent to some cabbage palms near the middle of the field. Sizing the situation up quickly, Lenny and I made our way across the field as stealthily as possible.

As we stalked the hogs, we knew we didn't have much time before the right wind would carry our scent to them. We finally made our way to a more desirable location, where the wind was slightly in our favor, to a position about ninety yards from the hogs.

After sizing the hogs up, and deciding which one to set on for a shot, I positioned my .308 Savage on the chosen hog and squeezed off a round. The shell made quick work out of the hog, he only ran about twenty yards before falling.

After making a quick observation of the hog, it was back to the meat locker. The Hunting Adventures has on-hand, an expert meat processing staff to prepare any game taken on the preserve in just about any way.

After deciding on the Bo's Special for preparing the 230 lb. hog, it was back to Hollywood with a greater knowledge of the Seminole people and a camera bag full of film of the unique trip.

For more information, call Big Cypress Hunting Adventures at (800) 689-2378 or Billie Swamp Safari at (800) 949-6101. Forward all media, marketing, and PR/advertising inquiries to Lucy Evanicki, Marketing Director at (561) 750-1621.



Hunting Adventures staff prepares Ernie's 230 lb hog.

Hollywood Recreation Fishing Tourney

By Ernie Tiger

ALLIGATOR ALLEY- The 22nd Annual Hollywood Recreation Fishing Tournament, sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, was held on April 6. The Hollywood Recreation Tournament, which began in 1980, has lasted into the new millennium with higher cash payouts than ever before.

In the early morning hours, a cluster of pickup trucks with trailers filled the newly-constructed boat ramp and resting plaza on the Alligator Alley, all attempting to be the first boat to race off to the secret fishing hole.

The morning got off to a great start, with perfect conditions for fishing that day. A light breeze pushed in from the North throughout the day, and the temperature reach a high of 85 degrees.

A few anglers, whose boats were equipped with bigger engines for travel longer distances, roared off to Holiday Park, where there was deeper water and the fish might be more prone to feeding during the day. Anglers who were unable to go that far fished the canals that stretched west and east along Alligator Alley.

Hearing that only small fish were being caught on the alley during the day told me two things: either the fish were on bed or coming off, or they were just not feeding during the day in that area. To adapt to those conditions, I chose to fish with a smaller bait than usual to work the lily pads that day.

Continuous nibbles and aggravating break-offs were the extent of the action that team partner Steve Young and I encountered that day. Throughout the day, we threw everything we had at the fish just short of dynamite, trying to tempt these fingerlings to bite, but to no avail.

By noon we still had not netted a legal 14-inch fish for weigh-in, so we decided to try the only shaded structure in the area that could hold fish during the mid day heat. The bridges that ran along the alley were our final fishing destination on what was becoming an aggravating day.

After about an hour of flipping, and failing to land a fish that reached the 14-inch size limit minimum, we decided to call it a day with only 30 minutes left to weigh-in.

The anglers who placed in the top three positions in the tournament fished areas around or near Alligator Alley. However, they still had to work to land these 1-2 pound fish.

The anglers who fished these areas said they caught fish all day long, more so than the others who chose to fish along the alley, but most of their catches were just under the 14-inch minimum.

Big Bass and First Place Winners George Grasshopper and Chris Close chose the Holiday Park area as their destination, where they managed to land just enough fish weight for a number one position in the tournament.

Anglers Mario Posada and Frank Merie followed closely behind with a final weight of five pounds, ten ounces, trailed by Clyde Tiger and Sonny Dicarolo, who placed third with a final weight of five pounds, eight ounces.

Tournament Results: First Place- George Grasshopper /Chris Close, 5 lbs. 10 oz., 2 lbs. 11 oz. Second Place Mario Posada/Frank Merie, 5 lbs. 10 oz. 1 lb. 12 oz. Third Place Sonny Dicarolo/Clyde Tiger 5 lbs. 8 oz.1 lb. 7 oz. Fourth Place Allen Ulrici/Jason Ulrici 5 lbs. 6 oz. 1 lb. 11 oz. Fifth Place Sam Nelson/Wayne Nelson 4 lbs. 12 oz 2 lbs. 3 oz.



HOLLYWOOD- Seminole youth, accompanied by the Recreation staff and professional fisherman Mike Tiger, had the chance to participate in an evening fishing tournament, where they were taught the basics of fishing ethics.

Each youth that day had a guide to help bait hooks and show some fishing pointers on bait presentation, choosing baits, and positioning for a cast at the target. In addition, the youth were also awarded prizes for quantity of fish landed and participation.

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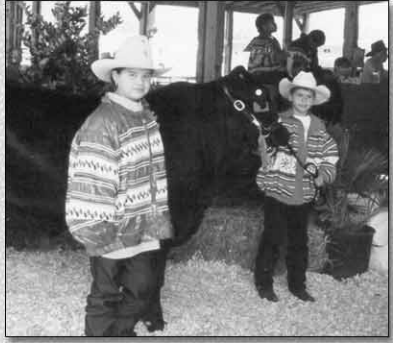
2002 Seminole Indian Livestock Show and Sale



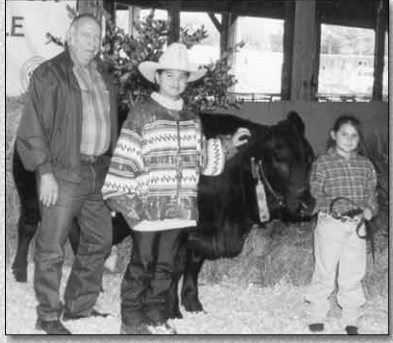
Grand Champion Steer, Benny Hernandez, Buyer: Willie Gopher



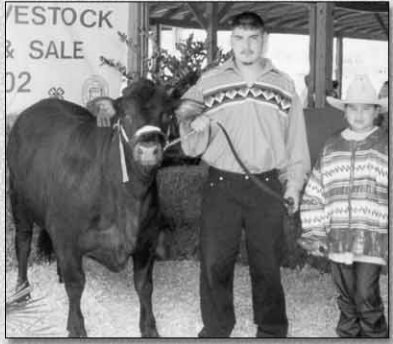
Grand Champion Hog, Myra Bettelyoun, Buyer: Eli's Western Wear



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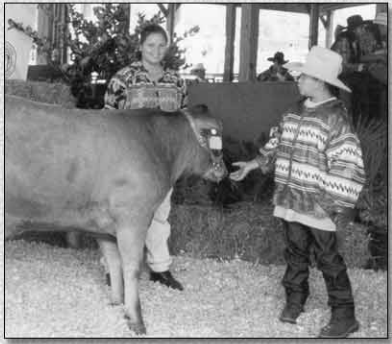
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Buyer: Big Island Fruit, Timmy Johns



Heather Billie
Buyer: Flying B.



Sonny Billie
Buyer: B.C. Board



Megan Bettelyoun
Buyer: Izzy Tire Co.



Mike Billie, Buyer: 1st Seminole Baptist Church of Big Cypress



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Aaron Cypress
Buyer: Okeechobee Motors



Raymond Garza
Buyer: Immokalee Council



Leanna Billie
Buyer: Brighton Trading Post

By Polly Hayes

BRIGHTON—The 2002 Seminole Indian Livestock Show and Sale was the largest yet with 25 steers and 67 swine that were sold at the Brighton 4-H Livestock Barn on Feb. 16-18. The three-day show and sale was held in conjunction with the Brighton Field Day.

All of the animals were brought in for the final weigh-in on Saturday, Feb. 16. Steers had to weigh in at 900 lbs. and swine had to weigh in at 180 lbs. in order to qualify.

The 4-H show was held on Feb. 17, 4-H members groomed and showed their animals as they were judged by Jeff Vermillion of Citra, FL for steer showmanship. Trina Bowers of Brighton won in the Senior Division and Benny Hernandez of Big Cypress won in the Junior Division. Robert Demaree of Bushnell, FL judged market steer, market swine and swine showmanship. The swine showmanship was won by Andrew Bowers, Jr. of Brighton and Myra Bettelyoun of Big Cypress won in the Junior class.

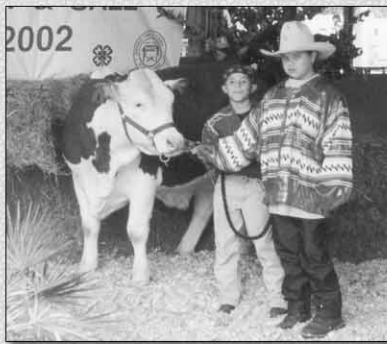
The Grand Champion steer came from Big Cypress cattle owner herd, Esther Buster and Benny Hernandez walked off with the ribbons. Jodi Simone of Big Cypress won the Reserve champion steer title coming out of Big Cypress cattle owner herd, Richard Bowers. Myra Bettelyoun of the Big Cypress 4-H Club won the Grand Champion swine and Kellie Tigertail also of Big Cypress won the title of Reserve Champion. Youth pick steers come from individual cattle owners or from cattle belonging to Seminole Tribe of Florida Inc. for their 4-H steer project usually in August.

Special thanks to John Wayne Huff, Sr. for sponsoring the tent and chairs for the "Buyers' Luncheon" for the sale and to Alex Johns for sponsoring the steaks for the meal. Seminole Indian 4-H would like to tell Mary Huff of Brighton, "You were appreciated".

Mary assisted with handing out ribbons during the show and came back the next day with her special clothes to take pictures of the 4-Her and sale animals. Mary is secretary with the Brighton 4-H steer club and did not get to sell her animal this year but was always ready to help out where needed. Mary is an inspiration to all of the 4-Hers with 4-H motto, "Be the best that you can be".



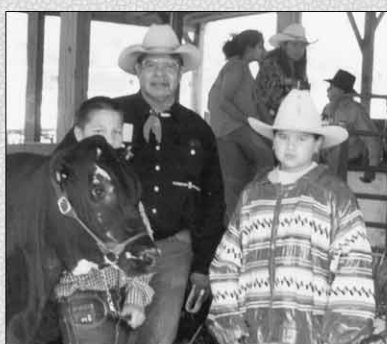
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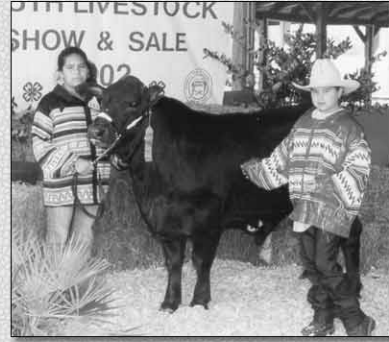
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Hollywood 4-H
Buyer: Hollywood Horse Club



Reserve Champ Steer, Jodi Simone,
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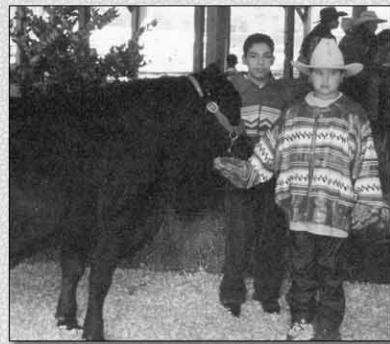
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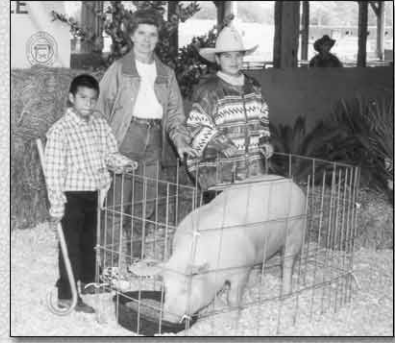
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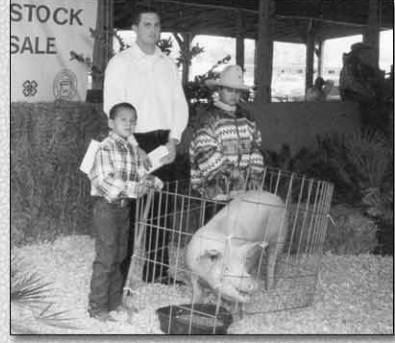
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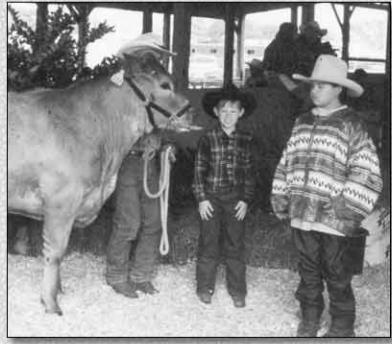
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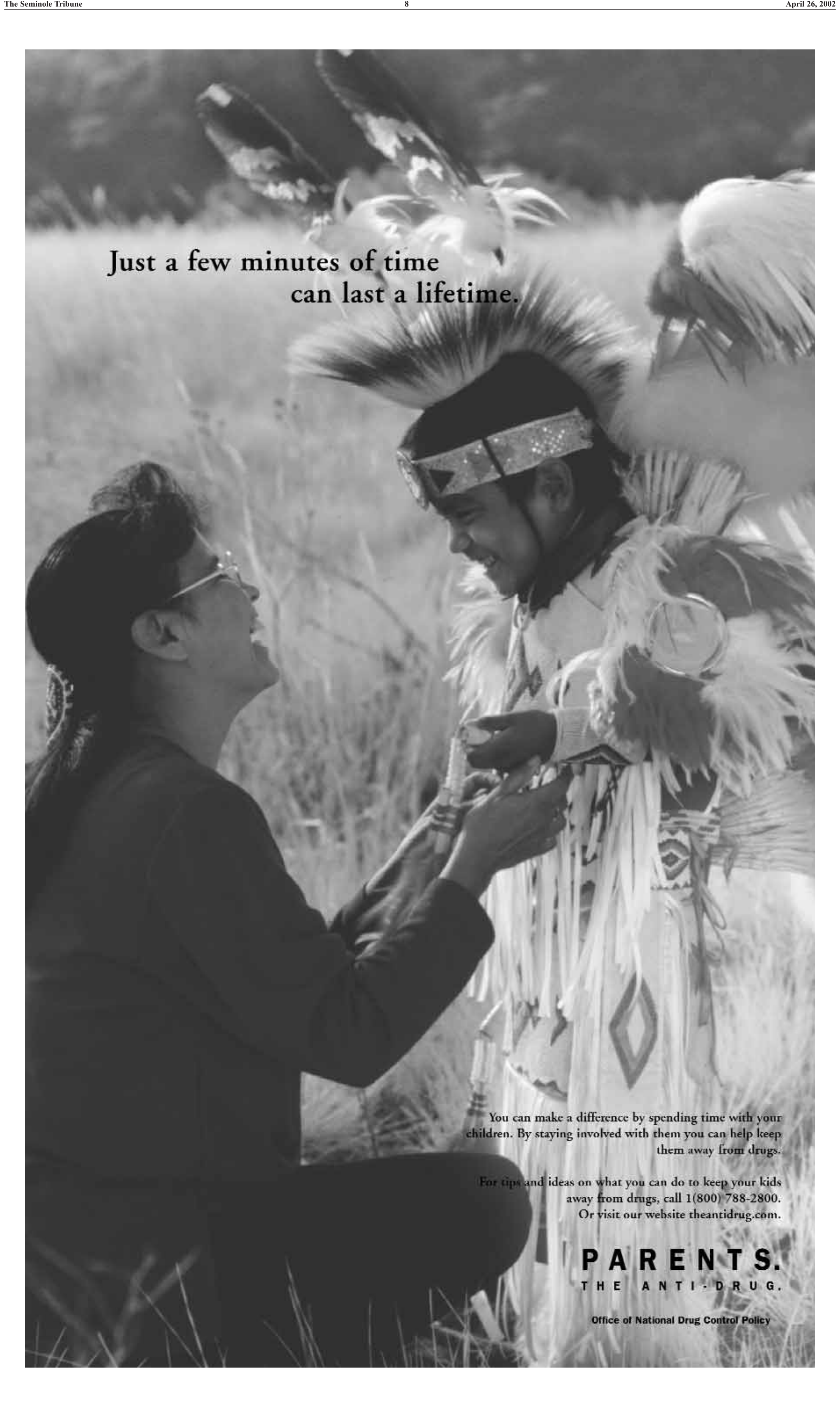
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Happy Birthday



Happy 4th Birthday on April 27th to **Lahna and Lanie**. We hope you two have lots of fun on your special day! Remember ya'll are big girls now. We love you girls!
Love Daddy & Momma Mona.

Happy Birthday to our brother **Ivess** we love you! Love your sis': **Jaryaca Kiylier, Lahna & Lanie & Baby bro Alyke Teico!**

Happy Birthday "Golden Boy" Ivess from all your cuz: **Justice, Lil Rob, Tyra Blake, Marquise, Alicia, Jaylen, Jayton & Dayton.**

Happy Birthday to our twin sisters! **Lahna & Lanie!** We love ya'll **Jaryaca Kiylier, Ivess & Alyke Teico.**

Happy Birthday!!! William K. Osceola, May 4, 1984, 18 years old. I love you always, **Mom.**



Happy Birthday May 1st to my baby girl **Dominique Sharaine Osceola**. Love you always, **Mom (grandma Doris).**

Down-Down, I love you big girl! You've grown into a beautiful and smart young lady, I can't believe you're 15! Hope you have a great day. Love you always, **Bio-Mom (Kim).**



Happy 1st Birthday Jada Sky Holdiness on April 4. You will always have a special place in our hearts and we love you for it, now and forever. You will always be our baby girl "Jada Pooh." Love, **Daddy, Mommy, Justin, Miranda and Angelica.**

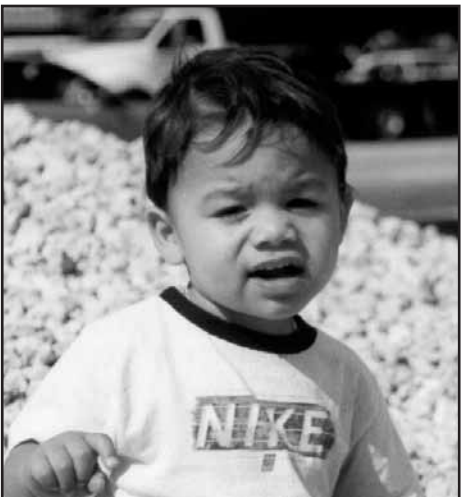
Tribune Deadlines

The following deadlines apply to all submissions for inclusion into the *Tribune*:

Issue: May 17, 2002
Deadline: May 3, 2002

Issue: June 7, 2002
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Issue: June 28, 2002
Deadline: June 14, 2002



On April 25th 2002 our 1st son will be turning two. So **Happy 2nd Birthday Ivess Enoch Preston Baker!** We love you so much! We know that you will make the terrible two's to be all it can be, but what's new!! You are truly a special baby! Do good in all you try through the next years and you will succeed. From Beauty pageants to dirtbikes you make us proud! We love you baby, **Momma & Daddy.**

To my son **Jonathan Harjo**,
I know I haven't been there for your birthday or to watch you grow For I thank the Lord for this day For he has blessed me with a son that was you. Happy Late Birthday, Son. Love from your dad, John Harjo

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All things bright and beautiful
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For God's love and care
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I love you Jonathan Harjo
Love Dad,
John Harjo



Happy 1st Birthday May 1st to our big sister **"Otterface" Dominique Sharaine Osceola**. You're 15 now and you're the best big sister ever! We love you & miss you but we know you are doing great in school. Love Always, The Otter Gang: **Coowacooche, Melokmehche, Sishe and Huneeyoh.**

Education Notices

We offer tutoring for all Seminole children after school. Monday-Thursday 3:00-5:00 p.m., second floor room 220, D.S.O. Building.

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Students Should Register for Summer ACT Exam by May 3 — The next Act Assessment will be administered nationwide on June 8, 2002. College-bound high school students must register for the college admissions and placement exam by May 3 — the deadline for having your registration postmarked. There is a late registration postmark deadline of May 17, but an extra fee is charged for late registrations.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all U.S. colleges and universities, including all Ivy League schools, and are used by colleges along with high school grade point average and other information in admissions decisions and to help place students in appropriate-level courses. The test fee is \$24 (\$27 in Florida).

Students can register for the Act by getting information from their high school counselors or by registering online at ACT's website — www.act.org. The website also has helpful information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test prep materials including an interactive CD-ROM, ACTive Prep, which contains actual, timed tests and helps students build a study plan.

Project CLASS offers Master's Degree — A national applicant pool is being solicited for Project CLASS. Project CLASS is a Master's Degree program emphasizing curriculum and instruction targeting American Indians. It is offered by American Indian Research and Development, Inc. (AIRD, Inc.) through Cameron University (CU). Project CLASS is a federally funded program under the U.S. Education Department, Office of Indian Education, Professional Development Program.

Purpose: To provide American Indians who have earned degrees in non-teaching areas the opportunity to earn a secondary school licensure as well as a Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) through Cameron University's CAM-STEP (Cameron Secondary Teacher Education Program). This Master's degree program will be completed in one calendar year.

Benefits: Participants in the program can earn a graduate degree (CU) within one year of enrolling at CU. Full tuition is provided by Project CLASS as well as a monthly stipend, a dependent stipend to qualified participants, and a book allowance.

Overall Outcome: A national pool of American Indians will be recruited to participate in Project CLASS at CU, and will have the opportunity to enhance their professional credentials to assist them in serving American Indian students as effective teachers. American Indian education professionals will enhance their professional credentials and become effective schoolteachers.

Location: AIRD, Inc. is an Indian owned nonprofit organization that has 19 years of experience in Indian Education research and program development. Cameron University is located in Lawton, Oklahoma. CU is committed to specialized education in Teacher Education and Graduate Degree Programs.

Applications will be accepted until May 3, 2002 and are available on our website www.aird.to or www.aird.to/class.rtf to link directly to the application.

Classes for Project CLASS will begin in August 2002. Applicants must be willing to relocate to Oklahoma for the training period.

Persons interested in applying for Project CLASS should contact: American Indian Research & Development, Inc., 2233 W. Lindsey, Suite 118, Norman, OK 73069. Telephone: (405) 364-0656, Fax: (405) 364-5464, E-Mail: sat@aird.to or sat@coxinet.net for more information.

Computer Announcement

For Tribal members on the Immokalee, Big Cypress and Brighton reservations, Corrina Frank can assist you in setting up your computer and peripherals. Call Mon.-Fri, at (941) 657-6785 to schedule an appointment.

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Notices

Community Members — Be advised that an animal control ordinance has been enacted for the Hollywood reservation. The new ordinance went into effect on January 1, 1999.

To be in compliance, you must first obtain a Broward County license, a Broward County rabies vaccination certificate, and a Broward County license tag for each cat or dog's collar. You can obtain these at any Broward County veterinarian's office.

Then, you must show proof of the Broward County license to the Seminole Health Department and obtain a Seminole Tribe of Florida license. You can do this at the Hollywood Medical center.

If you have any questions about the new Animal Control Ordinance, please call Environmental Health Services at (954) 962-2009.

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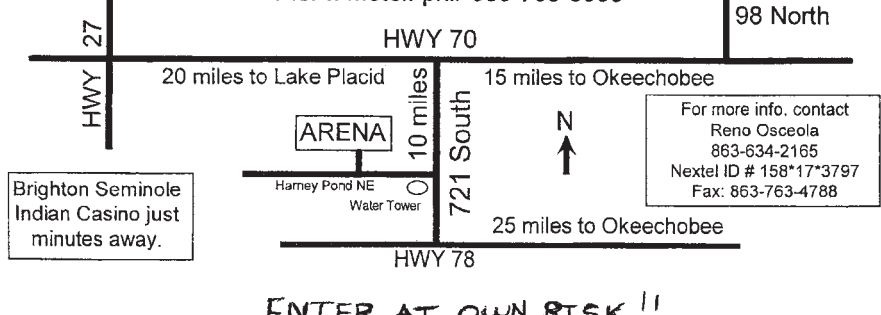
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- No Bimini start, Anglers will be able to leave at first light
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*Approved a resolution that would designate a Councilman to chair the Council meetings. Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola Jr. was selected to be the first Councilman in the rotation.

*Amended the Personnel Policy to include Presidents Day as a holiday with pay, and remove John F. Kennedy Memorial Day from the holiday schedule.

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Cool Sites

When The Going Gets Tough The Tough Go Shopping On-Line

By Melissa Sherman

Let's say you just got paid, it's raining, and your sister borrowed your car. Now you're stuck at home and that money is burning a hole in your pocket. What to do?

Instead of ordering the entire left side of Wong's menu, spend your dough on something that looks a lot better on your hips. So, let's shop 'til we drop, or get knocked off-line, whichever comes first.

My favorite place to shop is **ebay**. In the past, I've purchased everything from computer parts to a four-foot Radio Flyer Wagon. It is real simple to do, once you have created a user name and a password, you can place a bid on an item.

Jeans are pretty universal. If you know your size, you probably won't have any problems fitting into them. So, I placed a search on women's jeans.

I found a lot of new and used name brand jeans. My favorite way to use ebay is to select the button that sorts the items from the lowest to highest price.

Another great way to sort is by "ending first." You can try to catch an item before the auction ends, bid on it, and hopefully your competitors won't have time to place another bid against yours.

If the auction doesn't end for a few days you can watch an item. For example, I collect salt and pepper shakers. I found a pair that I wanted and the auction wasn't going to end for a few days.

Nobody had bid on it and it was selling for only 50 cents. Why place a bid and drive the price up? So I watched the salt and pepper shakers until about a half of an hour before the auction ended, then placed my 50 cent bid, and won the item.

If someone had placed a bid, I would have received an email notifying me as well, as if I had placed a bid and was outbid.

The jeans I found were Ralph Lauren and, luckily, in my size. I was happy with the price so I placed a bid. The highest bidder was \$9.99 at the time and they were accepting bids in increments of \$1.

I knew I had a nice pair of jeans, because the seller had the product's picture. Most sellers include pictures, so you know exactly what you are getting.

You never want to pay too much, because, keep in mind, you still need to pay for shipping and insurance, if you want it. By the time the auction closed, the price was up to \$12.99. Luckily, I was the highest bidder.

You are probably thinking "now, how do you pay?" The seller always posts which type of payments they will accept. Most of them accept something called paypal.

Paypal.com is a website to which you submit payment. I have registered with them before, they are completely safe. The reason I

know is because they are a secure site (please read the Talking Tech column for more on this subject).

They accept visa debit and credit card payments. I like to use a regular visa card, so that I have some protection on my purchase. You are not protected in any way when you use visa debits.

After the transaction goes through, paypal notifies the seller and they ship your product. It usually takes a few days for the product to come through the mail.

My goal was to complete an entire outfit, so I went back to ebay and found a set of scarves for \$4.99, for which I also placed the winning bid. I didn't see any shirts or boots I liked, so I ventured to gap.com.

I found a cute ribbed long-sleeve sweater top on sale for \$9.99. I looked at my scarves from ebay and matched it best with the oatmeal color.

I still needed shoes. I looked at zappos.com, stevenmadden.com and ninewest.com, where I fell in love with a pair of boots. They were priced at almost a hundred dollars, so I tried to find a pair that compared to them.

Dealtime.com had a pair of Candies Totem boots for \$59.95 with free shipping, that were very similar. On a whim, I went straight to Candies.com and found the Totem boots for \$29, which I bought, and paid \$4.75 for UPS ground shipping.

Altogether, I spent \$57.96. Compared to about \$199, not bad for a day's work. The best part, I didn't have to use a drop of gas.

Since I saved a bundle, I decided to go to more places. I check out the "product of the month" at www.seminoletribe.com, where I ran into an entire line of beaded items and I picked up the cutest pair of beaded earrings for \$22 to complete my outfit.

Don't forget to visit Proflowers.com and buy your mom a Mother's Day bouquet. Even though Mother's Day isn't for a few more weeks, you can place the order up to 90 days in advance.

If you are a procrastinator, you must place the order at least 1-2 days in advance, and they do not deliver on Sundays.

Proflowers.com is very reliable, and always delivers fresh flowers. The price range goes from \$29.99 up to \$499.99 for 12 months of flowers. They send a bouquet every month that is seasonally selected and you are only charged shipping for first bouquet.

Now that you are jealous that your mom is getting a fresh bouquet, let's send your better half an "email hint." Proflowers.com emails playful "HintHint Greetings," enter in the email address to whom you want to send the hint to, and either remain anonymous or include your name. You can choose topics like "birthday" or "I'm sorry," and they provide the message and email it out for you.

will probably cost you more than a Tamron, Quantaray or Sigma lens. It's up to you to decide if you want to pay the extra money for the name. Sometimes, the name is assurance that the lens is first rate.

Many times, a mixture of all these factors will account for fluctuations in price.

A good way to start thinking about what type of equipment you want to buy is to research what the

professional photographers are using in the particular field of photography you want to shoot.

Nature photography is very popular, with books, magazines and websites devoted to it. Many of the pictures in these publications usually include the exposure and equipment information with the picture.

There are popular websites like zuga.net and photo.net that have reviews and most importantly, discussion boards. These boards will have questions and answers about almost every type of subject there is in the field of photography, from equipment to how to prepare for assignments, etc.

Usually, the questions are sent in by amateurs, and they are discussed and answered by professionals who frequent the boards. If you have a particular piece of equipment in mind, research it on these boards and you can see what the professionals think about it.

The key to buying the right equipment is to figure what field of photography you are interested in. You wouldn't want, or need, to buy a 35mm camera with a zoom lens if you want to get into architectural photography, which would require a different type of camera.

We will move slowly through the different types of equipment in future columns. If you have a question about photo equipment, send it in to tribune@semtribe.com.

Photographically Speaking

Buying Photo Equipment

By Elrod Bowers

Photography is no different than many other pursuits in that the equipment made for professionals and consumers seem indistinguishable to the untrained eye.

In past columns, there have been mentions about why lenses or other equipment may look the same, but have very different prices, sometimes hundreds of dollars in difference.

This column will give you an idea of what to look for when buying photo equipment for yourself or as a gift for someone else.

Lenses. There are three major factors that drive the price up. Focal length, f-stop and brand.

Lenses can be divided into two categories: prime and zoom lenses. Prime lenses have a fixed focal length, say 50 millimeters. Zoom lenses have a wide focal length, say 70-200 millimeters.

So when you have a zoom lens, you could frame your picture by zooming in and out. But when you have a prime lens, you would have to frame the picture by either backing away or moving towards the subject yourself.

The prime lens costs more because its construction is different than the zoom lens. It's also built with higher quality materials. The costliest prime lenses are at both ends of the spectrum, a 17mm or "fisheye" lens will cost a bundle, as will a 600mm sports lens. In contrast, the zoom lens usually will not cost as much.

The f-stop is also important. As stated in the past column, a run of the mill lens with an f-stop of f4 will cost much less than a f2.8 lens of the same brand and focal length.

The f1.8 lens on my Nikon F is of much higher quality than the f4-5.6 lens that came with my Nikon 6006. I can tell which camera I used just by looking at the pictures.

The brand is also important. A Nikon lens

On-Line Shopping

My wife and I shop online all the time. I have discovered that you can buy just about anything through the internet, including the kitchen sink. You can buy cars and refrigerators, windchimes and cat condos, computer hardware and software, furniture and plants, things for adults and things for kids. You can even do your grocery shopping online, thanks to Publix (what a timesaver).

I have come up with a few things to do if you're not familiar with the process.

Stick with what you're familiar with. Many of the popular stores (Target, Wal-Mart, JCPenney, etc.) have websites. Also, there are a few reputable web-only stores (Amazon.com, Buy.com, etc.) that you may consider.

Compare prices of what you're looking for. You can do that at sites such as mysimon.com or dealtime.com. You'll be amazed to see the differences in prices from store to store.

Shipping charges should be considered a convenience fee. You have to consider that when you're shopping at a store you're taking time out to drive and walk up and down the aisles, navigating the little old ladies. What is that time and effort worth to you?

Some sites offer free shipping, but sometimes there can be a catch. It may be for orders over a certain amount, or they may actually raise the prices on their merchandise to cover for it.

Prices for shipping vary greatly from site to site, so pay attention to your order. Most sites post the charges with the actual price of the item, so you're not left wondering.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has a rule about when your order should be shipped. If the site says that your merchandise will be shipped within a certain time, the company must reasonably believe it will.

If the site doesn't specify the time within which your merchandise will be shipped, the company must reasonably believe that it can be shipped within 30 days of your order date. If your items can't be shipped within 30-days, the company must notify you and give you a chance to cancel your order and receive a refund.

Take a peek at the site's return policy. If you have to return something, you will need to abide by this policy. If you don't agree with those terms, don't shop there.

Things to look for: Re-stocking fees. Usually a percentage of your order total that they keep.

Shipping charge refund. Some sites refund all your money, others keep your original shipping charge.

How long it takes to refund your money. Do you need a return merchandise authorization (RMA) number?

Can the items be returned to the company's store? The larger chains, such as Target, allow this.

Privacy policies should not be ignored anymore. You should read these carefully so you know what happens to your personal information once you submit it. It isn't uncommon for companies to sell your personal information. It happens all the time.

If a site does not have a privacy policy posted, you may not want to do business with that site. If it does have a privacy policy, there will

probably be a link to it from the seller's home page, or it could be included with the Legal Terms.

Pay with a credit card. Credit cards offer more protection in disputes. If there

are unauthorized charges, your liability is limited to \$50 under federal law. You can also dispute the company's charges if you don't receive your items or aren't satisfied.

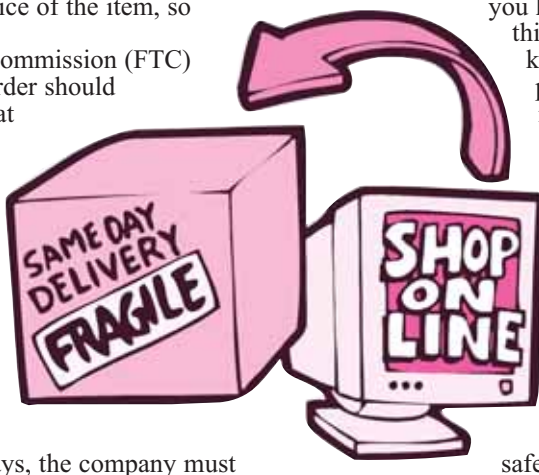
Make sure your internet connection is secure before you give them your credit card number. Look for an indication in your browser, such as a gold padlock. The URL should be preceded with "https" instead of the normal "http". You should also be using the latest browsers that can support SSL (secure socket layer) and 128-bit encryption.

Keep records of your order or any communication with the company. If you have problems, you will need this information. If you don't keep track, you'll likely have problems getting your situation resolved.

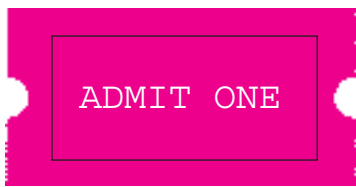
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you can specify that the shipper must receive a signature before leaving the package. Or, it may be safer to have the package delivered to your office. Inspect your purchase. Look at your purchase carefully as soon as you receive it. Contact the seller as soon as possible if you discover a problem with it. Tell the seller in writing about any problem that you are concerned with, ask for a repair or refund, and keep a copy of your correspondence.

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Remember When?



Rodeo

Hollywood Preschool Field Day



Robert Kippenberger

Cattle

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long dedication to the cattle program are remembered through this event and the dedication of the Rodeo Complex in his name.

The day's drive began with registration and a down home breakfast at the Swamp Water Café.

After bellying up, the horse trailers and riders headed west to the starting point to await the cows. The

Honorary Trail Boss for this year's drive was Billie Johns, one of the original Big Cypress cowboys.

Before the arrival of the herd, Mitchell Cypress and Paul Bowers, Sr., took time to introduce themselves and welcome all the participants.

Paul commented that, "without advertisement, the event has become a popular regional event and is growing every year. We are happy to see our neighbors, as well as visitors from the city come out and share the day and a BBQ dinner with us."

Beginning shortly after 10:00 a.m., the drive came winding down to an end around 3:30 p.m. After putting up their horses and washing off some trail dust, everyone gathered in the show barn to put away some delicious BBQ chicken and ribs.

With the help of John Billie, Linda Bowers, Bobbie Billie, Diane Buster, and Barbara Billie, the preparations and the meal were excellent. The day's events ended later in the evening with the EIRA rodeo.