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Rita Gopher accepts plaque given in honor of late Charlie Gopher at Nov. 7 Veteran's Day Celebration.

# 15th Annual Veteran's Day

**By Libby Blake**  
**BIG CYPRESS** — On Nov. 7, the Seminole Tribe of Florida held its 15th Annual Veteran's Day celebration at the Big Cypress Entertainment Complex. Moses Jumper, Jr. once again served as Master of Ceremonies for the remembrance program.

Reverend Hummingbird opened the program with the Invocation. Select Ahfachkee students then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Young Spencer Battiest sang the national anthem, followed by a stirring performance by Henry Battiest, Jr. singing his rendition of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA."

This was followed by the introduction of Tribal President Mitchell Cypress and other Tribal officials including Big Cypress Board Representative Paul Bowers, Sr., Brighton Councilman John Wayne Huff, Immokalee Council Representative Elaine Aguilar, Naples Council Liaison O.B. Osceola, Jr., and Acting Superintendent Seminole Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Joe Frank.

Each official spoke about their own personal experiences serving in the military and/or thanked all the veterans for their efforts throughout the years and various wars protecting America.

Visiting dignitaries and special guests were then introduced with each given the opportunity to address the audience. These included Hendry County Commissioner W.T. "Bill" Maddox (who has never been known to be at a loss for words), Hendry County Clerk of Court Barbara S. Butler, and Clewiston Mayor Mali Chammess.

Representing the Yakama Nation Warriors were Vic Wood, Morris Miller, Dolly Badonie, and Junior Rodeo Queen Kayonnie Badonie. Mr. Wood and Mr. Miller are members of the Yakama Nation Color Guard.

Ida F. Osceola, Miss Seminole Princess, and Mary Edith Huff, Jr. Miss Seminole Princess, welcomed everyone in traditional Seminole regalia.

Author Patsy West spoke about the Seminole warriors she researched for her newest book "Native Warrior." Specifically, Ms. West described the role

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# A Profile In Courage

**Submitted by Holly Billie**  
**FORT PIERCE** — If late President John F. Kennedy were alive today, I'm sure he would add a chapter to his well-known book, Profiles In Courage. This chapter would tell the story of how one of our own Tribal members conquered her fears, faced her challenges and today is an inspiration to young people everywhere.

La'Shara Stockton was in the sixth grade when she was diagnosed with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. This disease causes pain, inflammation, and stiffness of the body joints. As a result, La'Shara could no longer participate in basketball, run track and field, or play the clarinet in her high school band.

During the next few years, La'Shara had to endure extensive medical testing and treatments which interfered with her straight A school record and honor roll status. She was wheelchair dependent and even the simplest tasks were painful and difficult to perform.

"There were days I just wanted to give up," said La'Shara, "but my mom and dad kept encouraging me, helping me every step of the way, and my sister was also a source of strength."

Family and friends encouraged La'Shara to continue her school work, so she enrolled in the Home-Bound Hospital education program. As new medication became available, La'Shara eventually returned to her school campus, where, in her senior year, she was elected class president. This spring, with gnarled hands and feet, La'Shara Stockton crossed the school platform and received her diploma from Westwood High in Fort Pierce.

In her speech to the class of 2002, La'Shara challenged her classmates to "realize their dreams and to set their sights on the stars!"

Jane Stockton, La'Shara's mother, calls La'Shara her "miracle daughter".



La'Shara Stockton was elected senior class president at Westwood High.

the obstacles they face.

"I know how hard it can be, how scary it feels, and I want to help them," said Stockton.

La'Shara, a member of the Bird Clan, continues to encourage her family and friends to "take a giant leap of faith, as I have done, and fly . . . fly . . . fly!"

La'Shara Stockton is truly a Profile In Courage!



# Cox, Wisher, Crumpton Trial Dismissed

**By Alexandra Frank**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE** — For the past fortnight, the Federal Courthouse of Broward County served as the trial site for the 15-count indictment by a federal grand jury against Timmy Cox, Danny Wisher, and Michael Crumpton.

After five hours of testimony from suspended chairman James Billie, the charges on all three were dismissed.

The charges filed against the three men were conspiracy, embezzlement, and money laundering. At issue during the trial was the amount of \$2,770,000 taken from the Seminole Tribe of Florida's investment account for an Internet gaming venture.

On Dec. 2, the three defendants along with their lawyers Ken Lipman (Cox), Bruce Zimet (Wisher), and Alvin Entin (Crumpton) appeared before magistrate Dimitrouleas for jury selection and opening procedures.

Prosecutor Ed Stamm, representing the Federal Government, opened the trial by calling on witnesses ranging from the Director of Employee Benefits for the Seminole Tribe to a First Union Bank Manager and the Tribal Council Representatives.

The prosecution is basing its case against the three defendants on the indictment that \$2,770,000 was stolen from the Seminole Tribe through payments to a dummy corporation called Virtual Data, Ltd., which they had recently incorporated.

Virtual Data was represented as an information service, but the prosecution has sought to prove that it was a Dummy Corporation that didn't do any type of business at all.

The prosecution alleged that the defendants then laundered the stolen funds by moving the money to a bank account set up by Wisher in Belize. The alleged criminal activity happened during March 2000 through April 2001, while Wisher and Cox were employees for the Seminole Tribe.

Both men held prestigious positions within the tribe, Wisher as the Technical Advisor and Cox as the Operations Officer. Cox oversaw the day to day activities of the Seminole Tribe's administrative branch.

Crumpton, the ex-son-in-law of Wisher worked at the Tribe as an employee of Wisher's company, Information System Solutions.

Tribal employees and tribal representatives gave testimony to the fact of Wisher and Cox's employment. Many were not familiar with Crumpton, and if someone knew of him, it was because of his association with Wisher.

Prosecutors presented evidence that Wisher and Crumpton opened accounts for Virtual Data at a local Hollywood bank.

Further evidence showed Cox writing three checks, drawn from a tribal investment account with Raymond James, that were deposited into the Virtual Data account. The three checks, totaling \$2.77 million, were written in April, May and July 2000.

Numerous prosecution witnesses testified that the funds removal had been

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# Two Brahmans Head To Outback All-Star Game

**By Mark Young, Okeechobee News**

Okeechobee will be sending two of its football players to this year's Outback All-star game on Jan. 11 at William T. Dwyer High School.

Okeechobee had one selection from both sides of the ball with Isaac McNeil getting the nod defensively and Jarrod Smith getting recognized for an outstanding season on the offensive line.

As Okeechobee's passing attack began to struggle more and more over the course of the season, their running game became more of a focal point in their offensive game plans. While the running backs tend to get the glory the real heroes of a successful ground attack are in the trenches and Smith was in the thick of things all year.

"Jarrod had an outstanding year," said head coach Tod Dresser. "He was one our best players and his skills have not gone unnoticed. FAU has him rated as the highest offensive Lineman they have rated this year and that's really saying something."

McNeil played both sides of the ball and the spotlight was supposed to fall on his offensive prowess as a wide receiver. Okeechobee's passing attack struggled this year but McNeil still found his way as an impact player on the defensive side of the ball as a defensive back.

McNeil finished this season tied for first to the area with five interceptions and rounded out his role with the Brahmans as their kick return man as well.

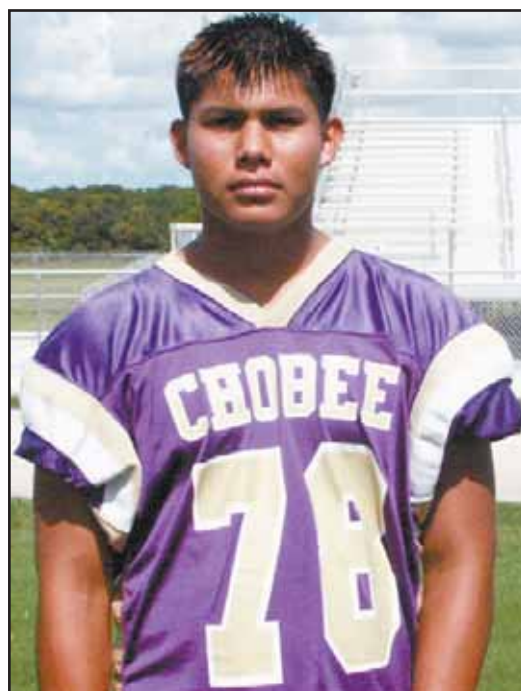
"This will be good for Isaac," said Dresser. "He is going to get an opportunity to see what playing at the next level is all about as he takes the field with the best players in the area. He had a good season and lived up to the potential that I had for him. He hung in there and I'm proud of the way he played with heart with this year."

The season was disappointing for some of the seniors but at least two will have one more memory to create as they prepare for January's football game. More Brahman players maybe strapping their pads on for more game as well.

Local schools ranging from Sebring to all of the lake area schools will be having another all-star game on Dec. 14 in Sebring. Selections to that all-star game are still in the works but stay with the Okeechobee News to see what Brahman football players will make the grade.

Congratulations to Okeechobee's all-star football players Jarrod Smith and Isaac McNeil. Okeechobee's two all-star cheerleaders will now have a personal stake in January's game. Congratulations again to Chad Stokes, and Rachel Stinnet who will be cheering on their fellow OHS representatives.

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Brahmans offensive lineman Jarrod Smith.

# Complaints...Changes... Resolutions!

**By Virginia Mitchell**

Not an issue goes by that one or more tribal citizens will call into the Tribune office complaining about this or that.

The usuals are "Our reservation is never in the paper, it's always the other reservation" or "that family is constantly on the front page of every issue". Don't assume that it is because of you that you aren't on the front page.

Every tribal citizen doesn't get to be mentioned in the paper, but you don't hear them whining around.

Be fair to us. Don't point fingers just because you wake up angry and go to sleep the same way. Remember, the world revolves around us all, not one, and certainly not you above all!

Story placement depends on when reporters turn in their stories and photos. Then there are times we place them on their reservation page, representing their homelands.

However, most of the time we are asked by the proud parents or family

oblige every reservation.

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**Editor's Thoughts**  
By Virginia Mitchell

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# A Special Thank You From The Family Of Keith Osceola

**By Vivian Delgado**

We would like to express our thanks, love and appreciation to all of our families, friends and the Seminole Tribe community members for their support in our time of loss.

A loving son, brother, father, grandson and friend, Keith Richard Osceola left our family on July 7, 2002, he was everything to us.

While Keith was in the hospital, so many families and friends came to be with us.

You have encouraged us with love and prayers or just being there with us helped a lot.

We send special thanks to Chuck and Colleen Osceola who stayed day and night, also Regina and Ned (J.R.) Thanking you for care of us and fed

us at the hospital. Trail Liaison William Osceola, Janice and Beverly Osceola, Judy Baker and Betty Osceola who all took time to stay with us.

Thanks to all the ladies who came to our home and cooked for us, especially Gloria Wilson and Colleen Osceola, they were the first to come and last to leave each day.

Thanks and love to our Aunt Frances and family Victoria, Jane, Debbie, Tina, Alice, Ida and Winter Dawn for cooking for us on the day of Keith's funeral.

Thanks to all of our Seminole Tribal Representatives, Council and Board who helped us in every way.

Thanks to the Seminole Police Dept. Lt. William Latchford and officers who understood and came to our help

when we needed them.

Thanks to Rev. Moses Osceola, Rev. Paul Buster and Moses Jumper Jr. for their music and words of comfort at the church services.

Most of all we thank God for seeing us through this difficult time.

His grace, mercy and love are everything to us.

In this life, there will be good times and bad times but with God, death is not the end, but only the beginning of eternal life. John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son. That, whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but has everlasting life.

Once again, thank you.

Kaylan, Allison and Vivian and the Osceola family.

## Greetings From Mitchell Cypress

This holiday season is very meaningful. We have seen so many losses among our Seminole families and my sincerest sympathy goes out to all of you. I, too, have had a personal tragedy this year and have found the strength and courage to go on. Please look at your loved ones with a new appreciation because you see that so easily, they can be taken away.



To all my people, I wish the joys of this holiday season. Let the days ahead bring many blessings to you. Let us rejoice and celebrate the spirit of Christmas and hold our families dear.

The best present we could have is a safe holiday. Remember drinking and driving do not make a good combination. Have a designated driver, as we all have a lot to look forward to in the new year.

Happy Holidays,  
*Mitchell Cypress*  
Mitchell Cypress  
President/Acting Chairman



From our hearts, we would like to thank everyone who was there for us when Cindy passed and went to Heaven to be with God. He has blessed us with a beautiful woman and we are thankful to God for Cindy.

Thank you friends & family, for all the help you gave, all the encouraging words when it was so hard for us. Vivian, you are an angel thank you so much, Mabel, Mary, Mike, Don, and Grandma, we love you thank you for all your help and love. Uncle Mark, Geri, Aunt Joann we couldn't have gotten through without you. Melody, thank you for all you did for us.

Robin, what can we say, we love you very much. It would have been impossible without you. The way you helped with the arrangements. The love you have strengthened us, even though you were in so much pain too. Cindy loves you very much, so thank you Robin.

Thank you, Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola Jr. and Board Representative David DeHass for everything. Thank you, Big Cypress Council Representative David Cypress for the firewood.

Cindy touched so many lives while she was here and in every way she still is and the love she got back from everyone who came to help and who came to say see you later in Heaven my friend, sister, daughter, mother, wife, aunt, or niece.

Thank you family & friends, for helping us through this time of sadness that we felt, that love that God has for everyone helps us to love one another.

From: Maydell Osceola, Donna, Tate, Eric, Leslie, Victor and family.

Dear Cindy:

*I remember when I used to play softball with you. But that was a long time ago.*

*I remember when I went to Haskell and I came back, you would say "Come on Wanda let's go play ball." But that was a long time ago.*

*I remember when I would go to community activities and you would say "Wanda who are all these people?" But that was a long time ago.*

*I remember when you had your kids, but that was a long time ago.*

*I remember when I started having my kids and you said "About time." But that was a long time ago.*

*I remember you being happy with your life, with your husband and kids, driving around the res, you'd always stop by my house and say "Hey, how you doing? How's the kids?" But that was a long time ago.*

*I remember you didn't see each other much because you had your family and I had mine but we met up with each other like old friends. "How's the kids?" "How's the job?" "When you going to come play ball?" But that was a long time ago.*

*time Casey would say "Can I go to Morgan's House?" I'd say "Okay" Next time Casey would ask "Can I go to Cindy's house for awhile?" I thought he must be running all over the reservation. Till I finally learned your boys grew up and got to be buddies with my son. Damn, I must be getting old. I remember asking my Mom "Can I go play ball with Cindy & Maydell?" And my Mom would say "Okay". Long time ago.*

*I remember leaving my office running to go get my kids from school not too long ago. You and Victor M. would be going through the office parking lot and I'd be running to my car. Victor would stop and you'd say hey. I would stop and visit with you. We'd say "How you doing? What ya doing? How's the kids?" I'm glad I did because I didn't know that would be the last time I'd talk to you. Oh ya, you and Victor were cruising by that night we walked for Light the Night for Diabetes and I said "Park that car and come walk with us" I was just kidding, next thing I know you were cruising with us in your wheelchair being pushed. You was so cool!*

*All I have now is the I remember a long time ago Cindy this and not too long ago Cindy was there and not too long ago Cindy said that. But you what? I'll never forget you, you had a big heart for your family, kids and your tribe.*

*I'll always say "Remember when Cindy . . . ? Remember when Cindy did . . . ? Remember when Cindy got mad . . . ?"*

*And remember, Cindy has three beautiful kids, Bobby, Morgan and Kendra.*

*And remember, she had attitude, spirit, love and God to the end.*

*I remember . . . Wanda Bowers*

*We'd pass each other on the road in our cars and honk at each other. My kids would look up and say "What's wrong?" I'd say "Oh! That's Cindy, I'm just saying hello." Not too long ago, next time we would pass and you'd honk at me and my kids would look up and say "What's wrong?" and I'd say "Oh! That's Cindy saying Hello to me." Not too long ago.*

*My son would say "Can I go to Bobby's house" and I'd say "Okay". Next*

### To My Daughter, Michele:

I dream about you often. I wonder what I could have been. Now all my hopes and dreams for you have gone forever.

Today is your 30th birthday, December 11, and I am going to take flowers to your graveside. It is eight months since you are gone and I have to face the Christmas holidays without you. This is a very hard time.

We shared so much and yet, not enough. I've lost my "Shadow" and a big part of my life. Sometimes I forget for a moment and think... I should call home and see what you would like to eat tonight. Chicken wings? Pizza? Then, as quickly as I forgot, I remember....

Every time there is a Pool Tournament, I expect to see you there, ready to play with a cue stick in your hand, how you loved to play. Each time I look for you.... and again, I remember....

I must let all the good times, the laughter, the things that were shared, and the love for each other, keep me going. I know you would want me to be strong for Angie and the boys and I will be there for them. Someday, we will be together again. Until that day, know that I love you, my dear Michele. You will always be in my heart and on my mind.

Love,  
Dad



## Letters & E-mail

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**Editor:**

Our team at Schrader Elementary in New Port Richey is beginning a study on Native Americans and we were wondering if someone would be able to come out and speak to a group of Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders.

If this is possible, please contact me.

**Thank you,**  
**Ruth Hopper**  
**[ruthellenh@earthlink.net](mailto:ruthellenh@earthlink.net)**

**Paul Buster, Culture Specialist, responds:**

*Hello, my name is Paul "Cowbone" Buster. I am a culture/language specialist for the Seminole Tribe. I would be happy to come and speak at your school. I can fax you my bio if you let me have your fax number. My e-mail is [pbuster@seminoletribe.com](mailto:pbuster@seminoletribe.com), the phone number is 954-989-6840, x1224.*

**Editor:**

I have heard RUMORS of people throwing away perfectly good furniture and all sorts of other items, these items consisting of clothes, shoes, toys, etc. on the Big Cypress Reservation.

I own a Home Daycare and keep a lot of state kids (parents are living on a very limited amount of income from the government better known as AFDC CHECK) These parents are in need of a lot of these items. Clothes & shoes for themselves and children. Plus size clothing for women is needed desperately and infant and toddler clothing.

I also have a few families who are in need of beds, dressers, kitchen furniture, living room furniture, and baby furniture. And with x-mas coming upon us, toys would be nice.

This is not a charity, it's simply me asking you, if you would like to give these items to me. So Myself and you can help give to these families who really could use it and would appreciate the kind gesture.

Please contact me via email.  
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**Located in Clewiston**

**Editor:**

We will be in your area in early January. Can you accommodate a 40' motor home for two months (Jan. & Feb.). What would be the rate with 50 amp power?

**Regards,**  
**Jim Niswonger**  
**[jimnswonger@prodigy.net](mailto:jimnswonger@prodigy.net)**

**Marketing Director Lucy Evanicki writes:**

*Yes, The Big Cypress Campground has availability for January and February - please call ASAP for your reservation as they only have one 50 amp site left. (800) 437-4102 or (863) 983-1330.*

*Thank you for thinking of staying with us. We look forward to your visit!*

**Editor:**

How do?

I would like to camp out at Big Cypress this winter and would like more info.

What is the cost for a tent site large enough for several 2 and 3 man tents? It would be for a couple nights. Are reservations required? Is there anything available for the weekend of January 4th?

What is the danger from alligators and panthers at the campsite?

Thanks,  
**Robert Rutherford**  
**[rabbie@amerikanska.com](mailto:rabbie@amerikanska.com)**

**Marketing Director Lucy Evanicki writes:**

**Thank you for your interest in camping at our Big Cypress Campground. If you haven't been camping at Big Cypress Campground, you are in for a surprise. We have a very nice club house, swimming pool, shuffle board courts, miniature golf and more on site. Our web site is [www.seminoletribe.com/campground](http://www.seminoletribe.com/campground) if you'd like to check it out further.**

**Regarding price and availability, one tent site for one two man tent is \$17.00 per night and reservations are required. January 4th is open at this time but we suggest you make your reservations early.**

**There is no danger with alligators or panthers disturbing campers. Also, nearby you will find Billie Swamp Safari, the Seminole Tribe's eco-heritage wildlife park. You can take an airboat ride, a swamp buggy eco-tour, watch a snake and alligator show and eat Seminole and American food in the Swamp Water Cafe. [www.seminoletribe.com/safari](http://www.seminoletribe.com/safari)**

**Another place nearby that's a must to visit is the Seminole's Ah Tah**

**Thi Ki Museum, one of the finest American Indian Museums in the United States.**  
**[www.seminoletribe.com/museum](http://www.seminoletribe.com/museum)**  
**We look forward to your visit.**

**To Brian Zepeda,**

It was a pleasure meeting you last week and touring the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum. We were all very impressed with the many high quality exhibits on display. (And, if you have children, you know how hard it is to impress them!)

Thanks again for taking out time from your busy day to give us a personal tour. The very best to you and the museum!

**Jill Mross**  
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**Editor:**

I am interested in the package below for two adults. And would like some information on how to make a reservation for February 21, 2003. I would also like to know if the price of \$99 includes food and, if not, is there somewhere nearby.

I am traveling to Florida from the UK, so I would like to pre-book all activities in advance.

I appreciate your help with this. Overnight Package \$99:  
One Hour Swamp Buggy Eco-Tour  
One Hour Night Swamp Buggy Eco-Tour  
Alligator & Snake Educational Show  
Campfire Storytelling  
Airboat Tour  
Chickee Lodge (Sleeps 2)  
**Mr. Matthew Smith**  
**[mattryansmith@hotmail.com](mailto:mattryansmith@hotmail.com)**

**Marketing Director Lucy Evanicki writes:**

**Thank you for selecting Billie Swamp Safari as one of your activities while vacationing in Florida!**

**To book your reservation, please call 1(863)983-6101 or e-mail the reservation office at [billieswampsafari@seminoletribe.com](mailto:billieswampsafari@seminoletribe.com). Meals are not included with the Overnight Package.**

**On site at Billie Swamp Safari is the Swamp Water Café, which serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. You may select traditional Seminole foods or regular American fare.**

**We look forward to your visit!**

## Time Travel Tour VI: "Return To Charleston" Coming Soon

The Sixth Annual "Time Travel Tour," sponsored by the Seminole Tribe's Dept. of Anthropology & Genealogy will take place from Tuesday, Jan. 28th through Saturday, February 1st, 2003. By popular request, this year's trip will be a "Return to Charleston," and the Dept. invites all Tribal Citizens to sign up soon, because space already is filling up! The trip will feature historical tours, programs, and entertainments in three cities of special historical significance to the Seminole people: St. Augustine, FL; Savannah, GA; and Charleston, SC. In addition, there will be plenty of opportunities for sightseeing – by horse and carriage, and by trolleys – and for shopping!

Time Travel Tour VI will begin on Tuesday, January 28, 2003 with pick-ups at Hollywood, Big Cypress and Brighton Hot Meals. There will be one chartered bus and only 50 spaces are available. Sign up for the trip is open to all Tribal Citizens 18 years and older. To reserve a spot please call Lisa Mullennix at 954-966-6300 ext. 1423 or sign up at your nearest Hot Meals.

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# Immokalee Thanksgiving Celebration

**By Alexandra Frank**  
**IMMOKALEE** — On Nov. 25, the residents of the Immokalee Reservation celebrated Thanksgiving at the gymnasium. The event got started off with a pumpkin bread contest, which had three contestants.

Dinner followed with all the turkey, ham, and chicken you could eat. There were enough trimmings to go around like candied yams, green beans, stuffing, rice etc.

During dinner, a raffle was held for prizes given away like vacuums, fishing rods, stereo systems, and mountain bikes.

Everyone present enjoyed the good food, raffle and getting a chance to visit with family, and friends.

The three winners of the pumpkin bread contest are 1st place - Rachel Billie, 2nd place - Virginia Billie, and Honorable Mention - Corinna Frank.



Corinna and Elizabeth Frank enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner.

# Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday Lunch

**By Paula Cassels**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — On Nov. 22, 70 preschool students, along with parents and teachers, attended the annual Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday lunch.

Four large handmade posters that were talented, with four large handmade posters that were displayed on the gymnasium walls for the Thanksgiving event.

The two-year-olds class poster featured fingerpainted paper Turkeys glued onto large poster paper that read Happy Thanksgiving C.C.2 on it.

The three year olds childcare class made a poster with colored pictures, one of a Seminole man and woman and Thanksgiving Turkeys. The pictures were cut out and glued on the poster, the kids also added hand-print Turkeys and brown leaves. The posters gave the gym a real feeling that the Holidays are right around the corner.

There was a 50/50 raffle, tickets cost \$10.00 dollars each, 200 tickets will be sold. The raffle winner will be announced on Dec.2, 2002 at noon in the tribal auditorium.

A potluck lunch was provided by the preschool parents and teachers. Everyone cooked a platter of food or brought in a dessert and preschool cooked ham and chicken.

Speaker Thommy Doud said thank you to

the Preschool staff for hosting the Thanksgiving lunch, and to the parents and teachers for bringing the food for the Thanksgiving lunch.

David Jumper gave invocation over the food. After lunch, the kids had a choice: go back to school or go home with their parents.

A special thanks to the Preschool and staff for the thanksgiving lunch and food servers, Alma



Jay and Elizabeth Holata at Preschool Thanksgiving Lunch.

Paula Cassels

Johns, Lisa Bowers Carol Crenshaw, Thommy Doud, Tanga Gibson, Carmela Garcia, Shirley Mesquit, Stacy Whitehoff, Mariela Pereyra, Nuraira Perez and Rosnira Bunkar and Happy Thanksgiving kids.

# Big Cypress Observes Thanksgiving

**By Alexandra Frank**  
**BIG CYPRESS** — On Nov. 27, the Big Cypress community held a Thanksgiving luncheon at the Herman Osceola Gymnasium. The gym was decorated in Thanksgiving motif and there were rows of tables ready to seat the masses.

Paul Buster and his Cowbone Band set up their instruments in the corner of the gym and played original music, along with country music hits from performers like Merle Haggard and Waylon Jennings.

The gym soon filled up with tribal citizens and tribal employees as the smell of the delicious lunch filled the air. The turkey, ham, catfish, along with stuffing rice and gravy and assorted vegetables was soon spooned onto plates held by eager lunch goers.

An assortment of pies and cakes awaited those individuals with room still left in their waistbands. Everyone present found something to enjoy and, incredibly enough, some went back for seconds or to take something home for later.

According to David Cypress, Big Cypress Council Representative, and Mitchell Cypress, President/Acting Chairman, the Thanksgiving Luncheon drew in a crowd ready to get the weekend started off on the right note.

The holidays are a time to give thanks for



Louise Osceola doles out the goodies at the B.C. Thanksgiving luncheon.

Alexandra Frank

all we have and to show others we are glad to share in our wealth with them. What better way to do this than to sit down with friends and neighbors and enjoy a great lunch and listen to homegrown sounds of Paul Buster and the Cowbone Band. Hope you enjoyed your turkey day.

# Brighton Thanksgiving Luncheon

**By Paula Cassels**  
**BRIGHTON** — On Nov. 27, the Thanksgiving Luncheon took place at the tribal field office. The celebration started at 10:00 a.m. in the morning, as the community members and staff enjoyed the performances of Trina Bowers, Mary Huff, and Selena Billie as they sang their favorite country music songs.

There was a special performance by Keith Billie, who sang Little Red Riding Hood. You really had to be there to experience the fun and joy of these entertainers, which continued throughout the Thanksgiving luncheon.

A delicious buffet was enjoyed along with a beautiful Thanksgiving cake, made by Alice Snow with the Tribal logo on it, reading "Mado Penwa Hombida Nitta from Adjulage".

The tribal seniors displayed their artistic skills for the community to enjoy at the Thanksgiving luncheon. The Tribe also put out trays and containers of oranges, picked from orange trees grown on the Brighton Reservation.

Brighton Councilman John Wayne Huff said, "It's good to see everybody here for the Holiday season. I know a lot of people are in a hurry to go shopping today or this afternoon. Thanks for coming out today for the dinner and I want to thank all the staff for putting this event together."

"On behalf of Board Representative Alex Johns and myself, have a Happy Thanksgiving Day and safe Holidays from now till the New Year."



Salina Dorgan and staff enjoy Thanksgiving Dinner.

Johns for sponsoring the Thanksgiving luncheon. Happy Thanksgiving Brighton!

# Meet Patricia Robinson, Hollywood's New Youth Center Supervisor

**By Paula Cassels**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — Patricia Robinson is the Supervisor for the Hollywood Youth Center, in charge of distributing games and youth activities.

Children, ages 7 years and up, can come to the center after school or any time to play pool, play video games or just watch TV. The Youth Center is open six days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Robinson said she likes working with juveniles, and sometimes plays games or Ping-Pong with the kids.

On Friday nights, the kids come in the center to watch TV or playing games, and she will cook hot dogs or heat up a pizza in the oven.

Robinson said she started her career at the Broward County and Dade County Juvenile Correction Center. While working there, she attended a Juvenile Justice program at Broward Community College.

She worked for Broward County and Dade County Juvenile Correction Centers for 20 years, then started working for the Seminole Tribe in 1996 as a youth director, and has enjoyed working with the kids for the last seven years.

Robinson lives in Broward County and enjoys four children of her own. When she isn't working at the youth center, she is with her family, or with her husband enjoying dinner and dancing.

Glad you are with us, Patricia Robinson.



Patricia Robinson, Hollywood Youth Center

Paula Cassels

# Board Hires New Chief Operating Officer



Submitted By the President's Office

May we introduce you to Alan Forrester, who comes to us from the state of Michigan. Mr. Forrester has joined the President's Office, taking on the position of Chief Operating

Officer (COO).

He will be working with the Executive Administrator, Jim Edenso, in the operations of the Corporate Board.

# Hollywood Thanksgiving Dinner

**By Paula Cassels**  
**HOLLYWOOD** — The Thanksgiving dinner celebration took place in the Hollywood Recreation gymnasium.

This year's crowd was larger than it has been in the past, the buffet lines were long but the good food was worth it. The Thanksgiving food, provided by Preschool, was a selection of ham, turkey and chicken. Preschool parents and teachers brought in platters of food and deserts.

Dinner entertainment was provided by Paul (Cowbone) Buster. Cowbone played smooth, relaxing music: some country and western and some gospel music.

The tables were set up with large Thanksgiving flower arrangements, and, after the event, the tribal members got to take them home.

"Thank you everyone for coming tonight, and we hope everybody has a good time, Happy Thanksgiving and don't forget to pick up a store coupon before you leave tonight, one coupon for every household," said Hollywood Councilman Max Osceola, Jr.

The Seminole Tribe gave Hollywood residents a store coupon worth \$100.00 dollars towards their Thanksgiving Holiday dinner.

Board Representative David DeHass wished everyone in attendance a Happy Thanksgiving, and he introduced his newborn son, Daniel David DeHass. "My son and I will be coming

around the room to thank everyone, and everybody can get a chance to see him," said DeHass.

Special thanks to Council Representative Max Osceola Jr. and Board Representative David DeHass for sponsoring the Thanksgiving dinner.

Thanks to the Seminole Tribal Office for the food coupons, the Preschool staff, Recreation



Dan and Leoda enjoy the preschool potluck lunch.

Paula Cassels

employee and parents and teachers for their participation in the community Thanksgiving dinner.

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# IHS Executives Receive Presidential Rank Award

Margo D. Kerrigan, Director of the California Area Indian Health Service (IHS), and John Hubbard, Jr., Director of the Navajo Area IHS, have been selected as recipients of Presidential Meritorious Rank Awards for FY 2002.

"Ms. Kerrigan's and Mr. Hubbard's exceptional management skills and long-term professional accomplishments have helped the IHS to improve the health of American Indian and Alaska Native people," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said.

"These winners of this prestigious award are strong professional leaders who have achieved positive results and consistently demonstrated strength, integrity, industry, and a relentless commitment to excellence in public service."

Each year, the President recognizes a small group of career Senior Executives with the Presidential Rank Award. This prestigious award is given to executives who have demonstrated their ability to lead a Government that delivers great service, fosters partnerships and community solutions to achieve results, and continuously pushes itself to get the job done more effectively and efficiently. Award winners are chosen through a rigorous selection process.

They are nominated by their agency heads, evaluated by boards of private citizens, and approved by the President. The evaluation criteria focus on leadership and results. A description of this esteemed award and a list of recipients are available at <http://www.opm.gov/ses/rankaward.html>

"It is an honor to have two executives from the IHS selected for this prestigious award," said Charles W. Grim, Interim Director of the IHS. "This award represents the quality of government executive performance that is making a real difference in the lives and health of so many American Indians and Alaska Natives."

Ms. Kerrigan, a member of the White Earth (Mississippi) Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, manages a unique health care program provided entirely through contracts as allowed by

the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law 93-638, where tribes establish and maintain responsibility for the development and operation of their health facilities, programs, and services.

The California Area serves 103 tribal health communities through 26 rural health care operating units, 7 urban health programs, and 14 alcohol treatment programs. The Area Office carries out the federal government's responsibility to provide health care services to federally recognized American Indians and Alaska Natives.

As part of the national Indian health system of federal, tribal, and urban Indian health programs, the California Area also contributes to the support of seven urban health programs located in Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Barbara, San Diego, and Los Angeles, CA.

Mr. Hubbard, a member of the Navajo Nation, manages the provision of health care services on the largest American Indian reservation in the United States. Services offered by the Navajo Area include inpatient and ambulatory clinical, medical, and surgical care. Maternal and child health services are offered along with pharmacy, dental, mental health, public health nursing, and substance abuse counseling services.

The IHS Navajo Area also has extensive environmental health projects and health promotion and disease prevention community based programs. As part of a national Indian health system of federal, tribal, and urban Indian health programs, the Navajo Area also contributes to the support of one urban health program located in Flagstaff, AZ.

Mr. Hubbard oversaw the negotiation process for the Navajo Nation's proposal to contract their health services under the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, Public Law 93-638.

This was the first step in the Navajo Nation's plans to what may eventually be their assumption of all the administration and operation of IHS health programs, services, and health facilities for the IHS Navajo Area.



## Snake Road Repairs To Begin January 5

### Submitted by the Water Resource Management Department

Repairs to Snake Road are scheduled to begin January 5, 2003. An alternate route designated below will be marked with flashing message boards and Bob's Barricades to mark the route.

The existing five pipes of 24"-30" diameter under Snake Road provide drainage and water control access.

One pipe will be filled with cement to ensure safety and long term stability of the road.

The four remaining pipes will be replaced by cutting down through the road; new pipe material placed and new head structures on north side of each pipe will be placed.

The four remaining pipes will provide transport of supplemental irrigation water from the East Conveyance Canal project parallel to Snake Road to pastures on the south side.

The duration of construction is expected to be four weeks. Traffic will need to be re-routed for at least three weeks.

Further questions concerning this project may be directed to the Water Resource Management Department at Seminole Tribe of Florida Hollywood office: (954) 967-3402 or in Big Cypress at (863) 902-3200, ext. 1411.



## Juliet Black, Hollywood Education Advisor



Juliet Black, Education Advisor.

**HOLLYWOOD** — Meet Juliet Black, Education Advisor. Black is a Native Jamaican from Queens, New York, and is known as a "Seeker of Knowledge".

I believe in Education. I believe that education gives you a "key" that opens all doors in life. My goal with the Seminole children is to give every student that "key" for those doors.

I am a past lieutenant in the United States Air Force. I am an English teacher with five years of experience in education. I have been a counselor for children.

I plan to bring all of my experiences to my job as an Education Advisor for the Seminole Tribe of Florida. I enjoy going to coffee shops, festivals and spending time with my family.

I want to meet all parents, and children in the Seminole community. I will be available every Tuesday evening in the DSO Library from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. to meet with parents in my weekly, "Coffee Talk for Parents".

## Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor

Meet Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor (All Reservations):

My goal is to promote continuing studies after high school. This position gives me a great opportunity to fulfill my vocation.

I have been a teacher at all levels. Before settling in Florida last year, I worked for the highly respected Manchester College in Indiana where I was a Psychology professor and worked in recruitment and retention of students.

I plan to use my experience in Psychology and Family Therapy to work with parents and students at an early level so that they can prepare for college when the time comes. I will be contacting parents to get to know them and start planning their child's education.

I also intend to get to know the high school students in their schools and improve communication among all. I strongly believe that a professional degree makes it possible for all Seminoles to enrich their Tribe, now and in the future. My Hollywood direct number is (954) 233-9541.



Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor.

## Seminole Tribal Fair Commercial

By Paula Cassels

**HOLLYWOOD**—On Dec.10, the Seminole Tribe of Florida sponsored the commercial for the upcoming 32nd Annual Seminole Tribal Fair Powwow and Rodeo.

Assistant director Bobby Frank and Cameraman Troy Tiger from Seminole Broadcasting shot the commercial at the Okalee Indian Village Seminole Culture Camp.

Broadcasting didn't want just any old actors for the commercial, so they used Seminole tribal members for the taping.

The youngest actress was two year old Elizabeth Frank, daughter of Bobby and Terri Frank.

Also, Seminole tribal member Connie Gowen demonstrated the past sewing techniques of Seminole women.

In the commercial, speaker Everett Osceola invites everyone to come to Seminole Tribal Fair on Feb.6-9 2003 and enjoy the Okalee Indian Village and museum.

After four takes and one hour later, the commercial was completed. The theme for this year tribal fair is "Pride in our Past, Power in our Future".

The Seminole Tribal Fair will feature Indian arts and crafts, deep water alligator wrestling, snake show, competition pow wow, PRCA Rodeo, EIRA Rodeo, and All Indian Rodeo.

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# Are Mobile Homes Good Choices?

By Ken Goosens

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

Many tribal members buy a mobile home to live in. Mobile homes are one form of manufactured homes, delivered on axles by trucks, ready to occupy once electricity, water, and sewage are connected.

But are mobile homes good choices for homes?

The major advantages of mobile homes are that they are the most affordable of homes, can be easily moved to another location, and can be ready to occupy relatively soon.

So, if you have very limited funds to buy or build a home, are likely to want to move your home to another place, or must have a home as soon as possible, mobile homes may be a good choice for a first or starter home.

Mobile homes may also be suitable as a second home that you occupy only on weekends or vacations.

But mobile homes have some major disadvantages. The most important is mobile homes do not last as long as others. They are not as durable and are more easily damaged both by bad weather and by people living in them. Financially, their value usually declines.

Few mobile homes last 15 years. Consider that, if you plan to live in the home longer than that, you will probably have to buy another mobile home. As an asset, they are more like automobiles, that rust, eventually break down, can be totaled by floods and high winds, and have to be replaced.

Mobile homes may provide their owners with housing, but they seldom provide the next generation with any housing. People with a home that lasts long enough to pass on to another generation provide their children, grandchildren, or relatives with a valuable asset that enriches their lives rather than forcing them to start all over in the quest to find housing.

Having a home that lasts longer also gives the owner the option to sell the property to another person, letting them use the money for whatever they

wish, such as building a better home some other place. Long-lasting home often increase in value as construction costs or demand for homes increase.

Generally, then, money spent on mobile homes would provide significantly more value to families in the long run, if that money were invested in more durable forms for housing.

There are two alternatives to mobile homes – a higher quality manufactured home that is delivered to a site already built, and a “stick-built” home that is built on the site from construction materials.

A high quality manufactured home does not have axles, but is put on a permanent foundation. The home is delivered on flatbed trucks and is craned onto a concrete or cinderblock foundation.

These homes typically have steel beams, good insulation, and strong floors and walls. They look and feel like stick-built homes, and can withstand hurricane force storms as well as any house. The foundation usually takes about a month to build and another month to finish the home and to connect utilities. These manufactured homes usually cost around 20% less than stick-built homes.

Stick-built homes typically take about six months to build and are more expensive, primarily because of the labor costs. Built well, these homes are solid, firm, and lasting.

Because they are custom built, they can accommodate just about everything the owner would like to see in a home. These homes require much more time and planning on the part of buyers to choose what features they want, finalize plans, and select who will build the homes.

Loans for mobile homes usually have to be paid back in a shorter time. Partly because other homes are more durable, the loans can be financed over a longer period. While you pay longer, a modest but better home may have monthly payments that are just as affordable as a larger mobile home.

Only you can say what form of a home would be best for you. But, before you select a mobile home, consider the option of buying a higher priced home that lasts longer, can appreciate in value, provides a place for you to live for your entire life, and passes down to your children and relatives.



## DSO News

By Paula Cassels

**HOLLYWOOD** — The DSO Library is looking for your ideas and suggestions of what you would like to see in the library. They have suggestion forms for adults and children to fill out and return to the library.

The library has a dozen computers in the computer lab, with Internet access, so come find out how easy it is to use the computer. Set up an E-mail address, or create a website. If you need assistance, ask your librarian for help.

You can use the computer to write a letter to your family in Oklahoma, or make flyers for someone's birthday party, it's fun and easy.

Try the Study Zone Tutoring Software its great for learning Math, English and Science skills or many other subjects. The software is

available for K to Pre college levels students. Tutor software advisor Seth Kaplan will be in the library from 3:30 to 5:30pm every day Monday-Friday if you need assistant.

Don't forget the after school tutoring sessions. John Willson, Linda Willson, Linda Christan, and Linda Vickers are the tutors, four days a week from Monday through Thursday 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. on the second floor next to the DSO library.

Librarian Michael Kelly promises to provide the best possible service to all tribal members and wants your input will be very helpful. For more information call the Hollywood Library at (954) 989-6840 Ext. 1225 or fax at (954) 967-2395.



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# Health Corner ❖ Chaneegeé enchogé ❖ Cvfeknetv onakv

## B.C. Walkers Fight Breast Cancer



**Submitted by the Health Department**  
The Big Cypress Walkers did it again! They participated in the 2nd Annual "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" in Fort Myers, Florida on October 19, 2002.  
The participants were: Candy Cypress, Vera Herrera, Lucille Jumper, Twila Billie and her daughter, Louise Billie, Edna McDuffie, Clea Billie, Marley Herrera, and Jose Herrera.  
The American Cancer Society of Lee County set a goal of raising \$65,000 for this year and were able to raise \$91,000 plus. We

were proud to participate in this event from our Big Cypress community.  
Thank you David Cypress, for your support for this good cause. The following participants at "America's Walk For Diabetes" on November 2, 2002 where: Candy Cypress, Vera Herrera, Clea Billie, Marley Herrera, Jose Herrera, Lucille Jumper, Twila Billie and her daughter, Edna McDuffie, Donelda Mercer, Rodni Mercer, Helene Buster, Yvette Mercer & her two kids, Ralph Billie, Harley Roberts, Suzanne Davis.

## Avoid The Holiday Fat Traps

**By Kenny Bayon C.P.T**  
It's that time of year again. With the shopping, parties and family gatherings, it's a wonder if there is any time left to take care of one's self. Remember, it should be a time of giving, so give yourself a bit of time.  
With lots of temptations around and less time to exercise, it's a fact that the average person gains 5 to 10 pounds during the holiday season. Avoid the holiday fat traps and hold on to your fitness by following these simple tips. I also would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.  
**Be Flexible**  
Schedules will be getting busier and will offer you more diversity with extra chores such as holiday cooking, shopping, entertaining and visiting friends or family. Make the commitment to not totally abandon your workout no matter what the holidays bring. Abandon the mindset that exercise can wait till January 1st.  
**Take care of yourself and maintain your regular workouts**  
You will feel better and have more energy. Even if you have to cut your workouts back to just a half an hour, your will be far better off than if you did no exercise at all. Look at the examples below.  
**Save Up For The Splurge**  
People believe that by skipping meals during the day that they have actually made extra room and can go ahead and really splurge at the party. By arriving at the party famished, chances are good that you'll go overboard on high calorie goodies.  
Also, you will wreak havoc on your well-trained metabolism if you go hungry during the day. You ask what the solution is. Lighten up your caloric intake during the day by about 500 calories, but don't skip any meals. Eat only half of what you normally would at each meal.  
**Watch Out For The Drinks**  
Remember, drinks are not calorie free. A glass of wine or beer is at least 100 calories. A glass of spiked eggnog is about 300 calories. To make matters more complicated, alcohol actually stimulates your appetite. Yikes!  
If you choose to drink alcohol try alternating spiced drinks with nonalcoholic ones or even better a glass of water.  
**Don't Set Yourself Up For Failure**  
The Holiday Season is a great time of year to focus on maintaining your current weight. While it's definitely possible to lose weight during the holidays, for most women it's not a reality.  
If you are planning on avoiding all temptations through the holiday season, you may be setting yourself up for failure. Sometimes this mindset will backfire on you, resulting in going hog wild on holiday treats if you feel you've failed by giving in.  
Allow yourself to enjoy festive foods during special holiday events, but keep your celebrating confined to the events only. Don't make the mistake of turning holiday splurging into a several week long event.  
**Time can be a factor during these joyful times. That is**



**why you must implement a workout routine that is fast, effective and efficient. Here are three 20-minute workouts that suit everyone, whatever mood you're in. These are sure to do the job.**  
Start each workout with a five-minute warm up – jog on the spot, cycle, step up and down on a stair, skip or do star jumps. Be careful not to overdo it especially if you've been sitting in your office or car for a long time before you exercise. Follow the warm up by stretching your calves, quads and hamstrings. Try the stretches at the start of the exercise.  
**The cardiovascular workout**  
Whether you use a stationary bike, walk, jog or skip you can achieve fantastic results in just 20 minutes by using interval training while you work out. Alternate every two minutes from moderate effort to two minutes of harder effort (depending on your fitness level). Work at your own pace.

## Healthy Gift Ideas

Looking for something to give a fitness enthusiast? Here are some gift picks at a reasonable price! These products (in no particular order) are undoubtedly going to be hot this holiday season.  
**Reebok Resistance tubes:** Any fitness nut appreciates a Reebok product. These tubes are superior because of their comfort padded grips with professional grade tubing. They come in varying lengths and resistance levels and include a FREE "Strength Reebok Workout Guide"  
**Door Gym:** There are no attachments involved - the door gym can be set up in one second. Great for chin-ups, hanging leg raises and more — and it can be used on the floor for push-ups and sit-ups.  
**MP3 Player:** Anyone who runs, walks or does any other cardiovascular activity would love to have one of these to download workout motivating exercise music.  
**Wrist and ankle weights:** Kick it up a notch with a two-pound or five-pound pair of weights. NordicTrack builds them to last for years, and they're comfortable, too  
**Talking Pedometer:** The music starts to play when you start walking or jogging, increasing or decreasing in tempo with your walking or jogging speed. At the touch of a button, a voice announces the number of steps walked, the distance walked and the current time. It has a built in talking alarm clock, an easy time to use belt clip and it measures in both miles and kilometers! I happen to own one of these and they are awesome  
**Heart Rate Monitor Watch:** The Polar 'A' Series was designed for the beginning to intermediate exerciser, new to heart rate monitoring. These models are designed to be easily integrated into everyday workouts, featuring a large, easy to read display, continuous heart rate and easy ON starting function. I also own one of these and they are essential.  
**Nutricounter:** The NutriCounter makes monitoring your food intake a snap. You always know at a glance how many calories, fats, carbohydrates, proteins, sugar, etc. you have eaten at any time of the day. The daily totals (for the last 30 days) are stored into memory and are available at the touch of a button.  
**Body Fat Scale:** Athletic people are more concerned with their body fat percentage than their weight. Here's an easy, convenient way to keep track of both!

If you aren't using it at the moment and are very fit, alternate between low resistance and no resistance. If you push your body too hard too quickly, you will be in danger of over-training, which can lead to soreness and injury.  
Whatever activity you choose in your cardio workout, try not to repeat it again for 48 hours to ensure maximum recuperation and progression. Complete the cool down and stretch above.  
**The cross training workout**  
If you can get to an hour but have only half an gym to workout, shower and change, try cross training.  
This is done by using different pieces of equipment to work different muscle groups. As well as giving you a thorough whole body workout, cross training is a great way to keep your exercise regime interesting and fun and keep boredom at bay.  
Start your cross training workout by warming up and stretching, and then do five minutes each on four different pieces of equipment. Begin with brisk walking on the treadmill, followed by rowing, stepping and cycling.  
If you are cross training at home, try going from skipping to stepping on the staircase, to jogging on the spot. Complete the cool down and stretch above.  
**The strength training workout**  
Just because you're doing resistance work (strength training) it doesn't mean you won't be working your heart and lungs as well.  
By going from lunges to squats, doing inner and outer thigh work, one arm rows, press-ups, lateral shoulder raises, bicep curls and tricep dips, followed by abdominal work (ordinary crunches with knees bent and reverse curls), you not only stimulate the muscles but increase your heart rate.  
Work slowly, do one set of 10 to 20 repetitions of each exercise, but move quickly from exercise to exercise. Do not repeat this workout more than once every 48 hours. Complete the cool down and stretch above.

## America's Walk For Diabetes



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## November Diabetes Month

**BIG CYPRESS —** Edna McDuffie, Big Cypress Health Education Outreach, outdid herself again by coordinating an enthusiastic Seminole Tribe group to participate in the worldclass "America's Walk for Diabetes, organized by the American Diabetes Association. The event, graciously sponsored by President/ Acting Chairman Mitchell Cypress, was a positive and healthful way to discover more information about diabetes while exercising to promote good sugar control. Moderate aerobic exercise is one of the premier ways of preventing or controlling diabetic disease. Ms McDuffie is a key factor in Seminole community participation in many of the local fitness events. Please contact Ms. McDuffie at the Big Cypress Wellness Program at (863) 983-5798 for information regarding future family oriented fitness events.

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## Hollywood Seniors Bazaar

**By Paula Cassels**  
**HOLLYWOOD —** On Dec. 5, the Hollywood Hot Meals hosted the Seniors Bazaar, in which many of the Tribal seniors displayed arts and crafts.  
As we know, handmade gifts have special meaning, whether given away to a special person for Christmas or keepsake. If you missed out on the Bazaar, the seniors will have another Bazaar in two months.  
Here's a list of what the seniors offered, so if you missed this one, plan to attend the next one.  
Maggie Osceola's bargain table had a complete line of patchwork clothing, including patchwork potholders, aprons and hats.  
Raymond Osceola and Chibcha O'Neill were selling beautiful silver bracelets and ear-

rings. Mary Osceola Moore had toys, clothes and Indian print blankets for sale.  
Laura Clay made beaded jewelry; lots of beaded earrings, necklaces and hair barrettes. Her mother, Betty Osceola, had a large selection of Seminole traditional dolls for sale.  
Carol Cypress sold daisy flower choker necklaces in assorted colors as well as other beautiful beaded jewelry.  
Jimmy Osceola was selling silver rings with different kinds of stones on them, earrings and turquoise jewelry.  
Minnie Doctor had a very successful day, selling a number of Seminole traditional dolls and many traditional skirts.  
Stay tuned for the date of the next scheduled Seniors Bazaar.

## The Seminole Tribune Photo Shootout

**By Elrod Bowers**  
In the last issue, I alluded to the return of the Photo Shootout. The Shootout was held about two years ago, and the Tribune had received 70+ entries.  
The rules are the same. The Shootout is open only to Tribal members and the subject matter of the photo must be Seminole.  
The photo categories are: Seminole Adults, Seminole Children, Seminole Sports, and Wildlife/Nature. There will also be one overall Grand Prize winner.  
The deadline for this year's Shootout will be April 18, 2003. The early notice is to allow all participants to take pictures over the holidays and the upcoming Slough Shootout, Tribal Fair, Brighton Field Day, etc.  
Again, the Tribune will use an impartial judge to determine the winners.  
The Shootout was first held in 1999 because we at the Tribune recognized the amount of great pictures taken by Tribal members. Sometimes people come in and share them with us or ask us to run them along with birthday wishes and other announcements.  
We wanted to create a forum in which these pictures could run and be seen by all of the Tribal members. Maybe they would jog someone's memory of an event, place or person.  
However, the imposed space limitations at the

time allowed us to run only the winners. It was a hard decision, because some of the pictures that were turned in were not technically perfect, but had obvious sentimental value and should have been shared with the rest of the Tribe.  
For the 2003 Shootout, we want to not only print the winners, but the other great pictures as well.  
I would like to urge you to share your pictures with us. During the course of picking out the pictures for the "Remember When?" section in past issues, we at the Tribune hope you have enjoyed looking at photos from our archives.  
So if you have taken a great picture within the past month or maybe have a great picture that was taken 10 years ago, send it in. All submissions will be returned.  
Please do not frame the pictures, because they will have to be scanned in order to be printed in the paper. Also, do not send in any pictures that were submitted for the Tribal Fair photography contest. Please do not send in any prints smaller than 4x6. No collages will be considered for prizes. Tribune staff are not allowed to enter.  
Below is a form that you can fill out and attach to your entry. Turn in all photos at the Communications office at the Hollywood Seminole Headquarters. Good Luck!

### Seminole Tribune Photo Shootout Entry Form

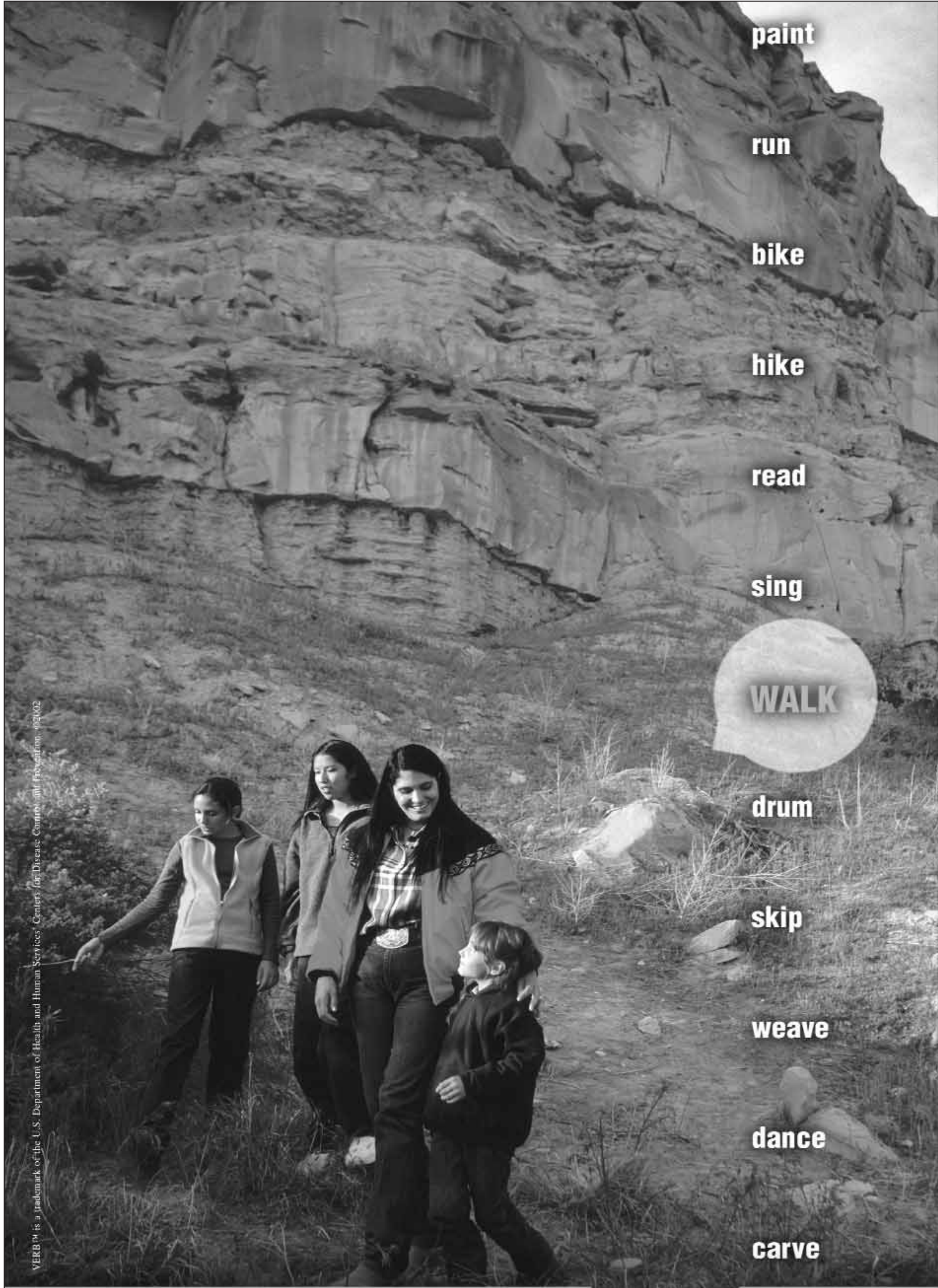
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Submit photos to Seminole Communciations at the Hollywood Seminole Headquarters, 6300 Stirling Road Suite 235. Deadline is April 2003 for more information, please call the Tribune office at (954) 967-3416.





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Department: Okalee Village  
Position Opens: 9-10-01  
Position Closes: 9-24-01  
Position still available \*

Position: Snack Bar Cook/Cashier  
Department: Okalee Village  
Position Opens: 10-21-02  
Position Closes: 11-4-02  
Salary: \$14,560.00 annually

Position: Database Administrator  
Department: Information Systems  
Position Opens: 11-4-02  
Position Closes 11-18-02  
\$Negotiable with benefits

Position: Eligibility & Utilization Services Manager  
Department: Health  
Position Opens: 10-14-02  
Position Closes: 10-28-20  
\$ Negotiable with benefits.

Position: Foster Care Coordinator  
Department: Family Services, Health  
Position Opens: 12-9-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02  
Salary Negotiable with benefits

Position: Gaming Compliance Coord.  
Department: Gaming  
Position Opens: 10-14-02  
Position Closes: 10-28-02  
Salary \$45,000.00 with benefits

Position: Maintenance Mechanic (3)  
Department: Housing  
Position Opens: 6-6-02  
Position Closes: 6-20-02  
Salary: \$ 20,800 – 29,120 annually w/ benefits.  
\* Position still available \*

Position: Skilled Carpenter (3)  
Department: Housing  
Position Opens: 6-6-02  
Position Closes: 6-20-02  
Salary: \$ 29,120 – 33,280 annually w/ benefits.  
\* Position still available \*

Position: Skilled Laborer (2)  
Department: Housing  
Position Opens: 6-6-02  
Position Closes: 6-20-02  
Salary: \$ 20,800 – 29,120 annually w/ benefits.  
\* Position Still Available\*

Position: Maintenance Worker  
Department: Building and Grounds  
Position Opens: 9-30-02  
Position Closes: 10-14-02  
Salary \$16,640.00 with benefits

Position: Secretary II  
Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki, Development Office  
Position Opens: 11-12-02  
Position Closes: 11-25-02  
Salary \$25,000.00 annually with benefits

Position: Snake Handler  
Department: Okalee Village  
Position Opens: 9-10-01  
Position Closes: 9-24-01  
Salary: \$20, 800 with benefits

Position: Working Superintendent (2)  
Department: Housing  
Position Opens: 6-6-02  
Position Closes: 6-20-02  
Salary: \$35,360 – 37,440 annually w/ benefits.  
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### BRIGHTON

Position: Counselor I  
Department: Family Services, Health  
Position Opens: 12-9-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02  
Salary Negotiable with benefits

Position: Counselor II  
Department: Family Services, Health  
Position Opens: 12-9-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02

Position: Lifeguard  
Department: Recreation  
Position Opens: 10-7-02  
Position Closes: 10-21-02  
Salary \$21,840 annually with benefits

Position: Receptionist  
Department: Utilities  
Position Opens: 11-4-02  
Position Closes: 11-18-02  
Salary \$18,720 annually w/benefits

Position: Maintenance Worker  
Department: Recreation  
Position Opens: 10-7-02  
Position Closes: 10-21-02  
Salary \$16,640 annually with benefits

Position: Recreation Aide  
Department: Recreation  
Position Opens: 10-7-02  
Position Closes: 10-21-02  
Salary \$13, 520 - \$18,720 annually w/ benefits

Position: Surveillance Manager  
Department: Gaming  
Position Opens: 12-09-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02  
Salary: negotiable w/benefits

Position: Water/Wastewater C Operator  
Department: Utilities  
Position Opens: 12-9-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02  
Salary \$35, 500.00 annually with benefits

Position: Tribal Outreach Worker II  
Department: Family Services, Health  
Position Opens: 12-9-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02  
Salary Negotiable with benefits

### BIG CYPRESS

Position: Curator of Education  
Department: Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum  
Position Opens: 11-18-02  
Position Closes: 12-02-02  
Salary: \$23,920.00 w/benefits/with experience

Position: Assistant Cook  
Department: Ahfachkee School  
Position Opens: 10-7-02  
Position Closes: 10-21-02  
Salary \$18,700 with benefits

Position: Medical Assistant  
Department: Health  
Position Opens: 11-25-02  
Position Closes: 12-09-02  
Salary: \$ 20,800 annually with benefits.  
\* Position still available \*

Position: Modernization Supervisor  
Department: Housing  
Position Opens: 9-30-02  
Position Closes: 10-14-02  
Salary: \$Negotiable w/ Experience w/benefits  
\* Position still available \*

Position: Sr. Counselor  
Department: Family Services, Health  
Position Opens: 12-9-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02  
Salary Negotiable with benefits

Position: Assistant Cook Mgr.  
Department: Preschool  
Position Opens: 10-7-02  
Position Closes: 10-21-02  
Salary: \$ 18,158 annually with benefits.  
\* Position still available\*

Position: Guidance Counselor  
Department: Ahfachkee School  
Position Opens: 9-3-02  
Position Closes: 9-16-02  
Salary: \$ Negotiable with experience with benefits.

Position: Patient Services Coordinator  
Department: Health  
Position Opens: 11-25-02  
Position Closes: 12-09-02  
Salary: \$21,840 with benefits

Position: Physical Ed. /Health Teacher  
Department: Ahfachkee School  
Position Opens: 7-22-02  
Position Closes: 8-5-02  
Salary: \$Negotiable with Benefits  
\* Position still available\*

Position: Tour Guide (1)  
Department: Ah-Tha-Thi-Ki Museum  
Position Opens: 9-30-02  
Position Closes: 10-14-02  
Salary \$15,184.00 w/benefits

Position: Varying Exceptionalities Teacher  
Department: Ahfachkee School  
Position Opens: 7-29-02  
Position Closes: 8-12-02  
Salary: Negotiable w/ experience w/ benefits.  
\*Position still available\*

### FORT PIERCE

Position: Sr. Counselor  
Department: Family Services, Health  
Position Opens: 12-9-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02  
Salary Negotiable with benefits, part-time

### IMMOKALEE

Position: Counselor I  
Department: Family Services, Health  
Position Opens: 12-9-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02  
Salary Negotiable with benefits

Position: Counselor II  
Department: Family Services, Health  
Position Opens: 12-9-02  
Position Closes: 12-23-02

Position: Maintenance Worker  
Department: Recreation  
Position Opens: 12-19-01  
Position Closes: 1-2-02  
Salary: \$ 14,500 with benefits.

Position: Operator Maint. Trainee  
Department: Utilities  
Position Opens: 6-6-02  
Position Closes: 6-20-02  
Salary: \$ 18,700 annually with benefits.

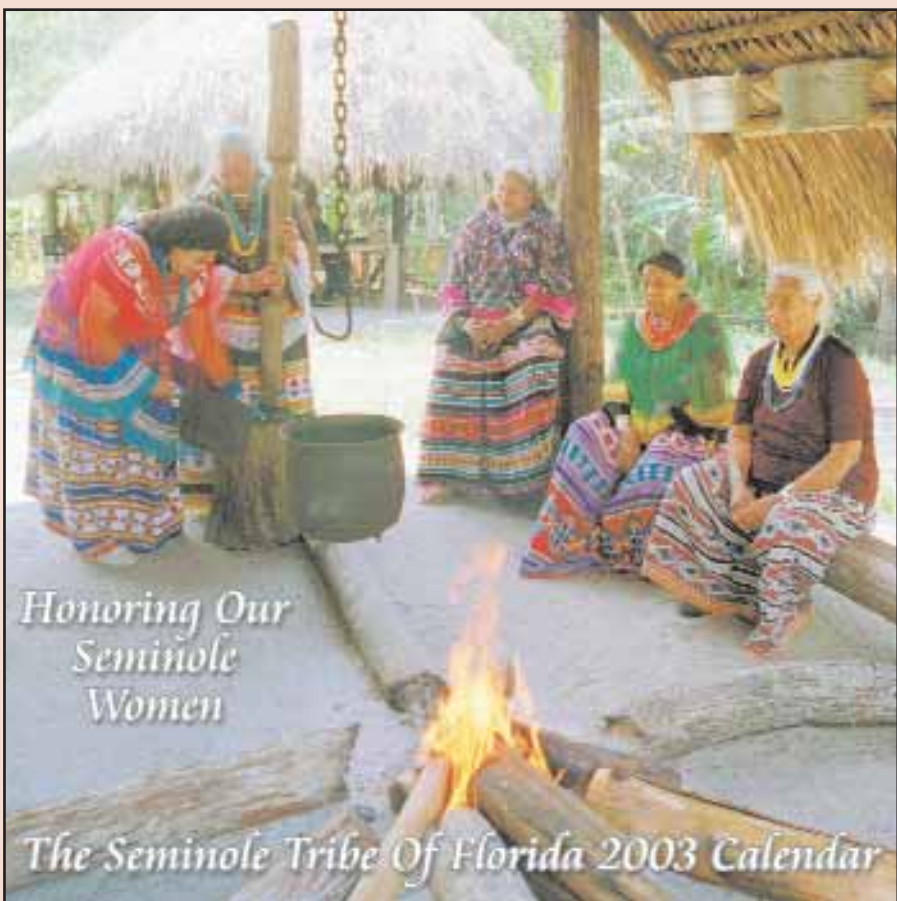
Position: Modernization Supervisor  
Department: Housing  
Position Opens: 9-30-02  
Position Closes: 10-14-02  
Salary: \$Negotiable w/ Experience w/benefits

Position: Video Programmer  
Broadcasting

### TAMPA

Position: Surveillance Manager  
Department: Gaming  
Position Opens: 11-25-02  
Position Closes: 12-09-02  
Salary negotiable w/benefits

Position: Surveillance Operator  
Department: Gaming  
Position Opens: 11-25-02  
Position Closes: 12-09-09  
Salary: \$19,760.00 w/benefits



## New Tribal Calendar!

The new Tribal calendar, entitled, “Honoring Our Seminole Women,” will be arriving in a few weeks.

This year, the calendar features 12 Tribal seniors representing all of the Tribe’s clans and the Big Cypress, Brighton, Hollywood and Immokalee reservations.

Seminole Tribune readers who would like to order a copy, simply send \$10 to Seminole Communications, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL, 33024.

Tribal members will receive one free copy of the calendar. The Tribune will announce where to pick up calendars on each reservation.

## Miccosukee Village Silver Anniversary Celebration And Arts Festival

**TAMIAMI TRAIL** — On Dec. 11, a press conference was held to announce the Miccosukee Village Silver Anniversary Celebration & Arts Festival. Lee Tiger served as Host to the press conference, which featured airboat tours and a tour of the village.

The event is being touted as the “Native American Cultural Event of the Season.” For the first time ever, exhibition dancing will feature the Navajo Totem Pole dancers, Oneida Nation Dancers and, from Alaska, the Tlingit Native Dancers.

The cultural event will take place at newly renovated village that will feature various booths hosting cultural

exhibits arts & crafts, food and more.

Take a ride through the glades on an airboat ride and visit the alligator educational exhibit that features shows daily.

Another highlight of the event will be a Miccosukee Patchwork Fashion Design Show that features the unique Miccosukee art of patchwork applique. Also take advantage of the traditional foods served daily such as frybread, pumpkin frybread, and alligator tail.

The festival is set to take place from Dec. 26 – Jan. 1, 2003. The Miccosukee Village is 30 minutes west of Miami and one hour east of Naples. Follow the signs on the Tamiami Trail or call (305) 223-8380 for more information.

## Christmas Church Events

### Seminole Bible Baptist Church

**Brighton Reservation  
Christmas Day Schedule:**  
Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be served.  
10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Service  
Around 3:30 p.m., all the gifts will be distributed.

6:00 p.m. Christmas Evening Service  
Everyone invited, all reservations.  
Jesus is the reason for the season!

**New Year's Eve Schedule:**  
4:00 p.m., Dec. 31 supper  
7:30 p.m. church service

Spiritual celebration for the entrance of New Year 2003 until after midnight.

## Chickee Baptist Church

64th Ave. and Josie Billie  
Hollywood Seminole Reservation

Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Rev. Arlen Payne: Pastor  
(954) 894-5651


## Tribune Deadlines

**Issue: January 17, 2003**  
Deadline: January 3, 2003

**Issue: February 7, 2003**  
Deadline: January 24, 2003

**Issue: February 28, 2003**  
Deadline: February 14, 2003

**Issue: March 21, 2003**  
Deadline: March 7, 2003



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Happy Birthday



**Krysta Burton**  
16 Months old, July 25, 2001  
Parents: **Micki** and **Chris Burton** of Okeechobee



**Taylor Elizabeth Holata**  
4 years old, born: June 22, '1998'  
Parents: **Jay** and **Felicia Holata** of Brighton Rez.



**Nailen Billie "Happy Birthday"**  
Big Rez Dog!  
January 26, 2003  
He will be 2 years old.



**Happy Birthday to Melanie Danielle Jones** on Dec. 1st. It's hard to believe that you will be 11 yrs. old. Time went by fast. Pretty soon, you'll be a young lady. We just want to tell you, you made us proud in all the things that you do. We love you.  
Love, **Mom** and **Dad** (parents-**Jennifer** and **Danny Jones**)



**Jagger Gaucin**  
Born : Oct. 22, 2002  
7 lbs. 9 ozs., 19 inches long  
Mother: **Wendy Juarez**  
Father: **Eric Gaucin**  
Grandparents: **Albert & Lori Snow**



**Gherri Dean Osceola**  
"Happy Birthday"  
Dec. 12, 2002  
With Love **Mom & Dad**  
and **Charlie, Randee, Chauncey.**



**Jalen Mowact**  
**Happy Birthday "Baby Girl"**  
From **Grandma Sharon**  
She will be one year old January 29, 2002.



**Happy Birthday** to our daddy **Sunny Frank**. We love you soooo much!  
**Raevin & Alani.**



**Happy Birthday** to my husband on Dec. 9th. We made it through some rough times and now our love is stronger than ever. I love you!



**Royce Osceola**  
"Happy Birthday" Dec. 10, 2002  
Love, your brothers,  
**Gerret Osceola** and **Gruitt Osceola.**



**Celena Doctor**  
Born: August 9, 2002  
Mother: **Gladys Doctor**  
Resides: Hollywood Reservation



**Kyle & Bradon Snow**  
New Born Twins Oct. 5, 2002  
**Bradon:** 6 lbs. 3 ozs., **Kyle:** 6 lbs. 11ozs.  
Mother: **Patty Snow**  
Father: **JR Entry**  
Grandparents: **Albert & Lori Snow**  
Brighton Reservation



**Lisa Darlene Bowers**, 12/21/75.  
I know it's been rough with me away. Know that I love and miss you. I wish you a very **Happy Birthday**, from your stink ole **Husband** and our 3 Beautiful Babies-**Quannah II**, **Chesna** and **Joshua Bowers**.



**Quannah Mark Bowers II**, 12/26/00. You're looking like your **Daddy** more everyday. **Happy Birthday Son** even though I'm not there, **Daddy** loves and misses you Dearly. Best Wishes from **Dad, Mom, Chesna, and Joshua.**

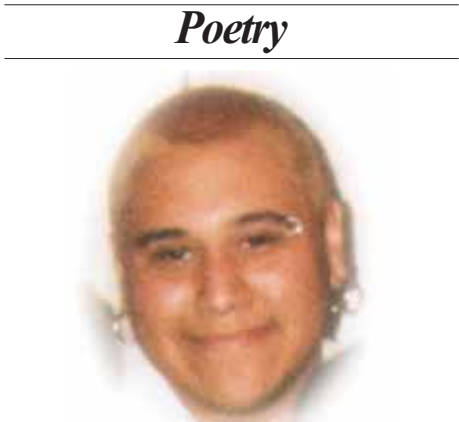


**Happy Birthday Grandma Louise** from all of your little birds, and hope you have a great **Birthday** and many more. We all love you very much.



**Mildred Bowers**, 12/4. **Happy Birthday Grandma** from your **Grandsons, Lisa, Great Grandbabies, daughters** and sons. We look forward to many more.

**Happy Birthday** to **Edwin Garcia, Markel Billie, Janine Cypress.**



Our Sad Holidays... In Remembrance

Looking forward to get together  
Not this year; it'll be without one brother  
Our precious Wesley, gone in September  
You will always remain in our hearts  
His smile so real he shared amongst us all  
No more Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall  
We will share your memories and love  
Now that you have gone above  
You are very much missed  
Your pictures are everyday kissed  
We mention you in all our prayers  
At last to know you ended up there  
Decorations and presents can't replace  
What we want most – to see your face  
Time will pass daily to heal us  
All the memories we cherish  
The love we have for you Wes, can not perish

— Love forever; Virginia (Mom), Michael (Dad), Valerie, Vinson, Jesse, Victor, Shelli .

Mom, you're in Heaven now with our father. I know he's taking great care of you, as you did with Moleana, Clinton, Julius, Nathan and me. You was a single parent and you did your best with us kids. I admit we did give you some hard times, and we apologize for that. We always told you we love you and we appreciate the things you did for us. I thank the dear Lord for bringing you into our lives and for letting you be our mother. You're my mother and not only that, you were, and still are, my best friend. You are in my prayers, my heart, and soul, just like with Mikey. We just had Thanksgiving, and it wasn't the same without you. I will always love you and miss you. I can't wait to see your pretty, smiling face once again.  
I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH MOM!!  
Your loving daughter, Deana

Happy Birthday December Babies

Mary Billie  
Louise Doctor Tigertail  
Jack Henry Motlow  
Louise Motlow  
Maude Geneva Frank  
Joe Dan Osceola  
Mildred Booth Bowers  
Mary Jane Robbins  
Lottie Mae Huff  
Guy Robert Osceola  
Raymond H. Cypress  
Patricia Ann Bowers  
Alice Tiger  
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Matthew Michael Haught  
Cornelius Theodore Cypress  
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Shane Cypress  
Kashane Stephen Tiger  
Todd Christopher Johns  
Wayne Nelson Osceola  
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Kory Dion Sanders  
Cierra Mildred Baker  
Chelsea Blair Mountain  
Joni Helen Josh  
Brittany Billie  
Robert Gerald Tartsah  
Aaron Stephen Tommie  
Angelo Eugene Tommie  
Jonathan Thomas Fish  
Ariana Celeste Cypress  
Brittany Shantel Thomas  
Tomasina Nichole Gillian  
Melanie Danielle Jones  
Darryl Dean Fuentes  
Dejong Jones Frank  
Ryan Bert Osceola  
Daylon Sam Youngblood  
Dylanie Shayne Henry  
Eric Scott Robinson  
Anthony Lance Balentine  
Ashton Danielle Baxley  
Madison Alan Tiger  
Ashley Ann Escobar  
Jordan Nathaniel Rodriguez  
Renee Amber Stivers  
Quinnton Lee Tiger  
Nelson Wayne Billie  
Marcell Reece Tubby, Jr.  
Ryan Matthew Cypress  
Jordan Jess Jumper  
Dakota Desiree Wheeler  
Darren Louis Jim  
Taylor Henry Bestist  
Elena Michelle Jeti  
Valentino Noah Romero  
Janet Rae Smith  
Karlito Nicholas Wargolet  
Paul Billie  
Blair Scott Osceola  
Echo Joseph Wolf  
Marissa Marie Osceola  
Warren James Gore  
Wyatt Hunter Motlow-North  
Christian William Alexander  
Jiannah Devon Bowers  
Airianna Dakota Nunez  
Trystyn Marianne Storm

Anthony Henry Joe  
Silver Elizabeth Wolf  
Cameron Neil Osceola  
Ethan Ray smith  
Alyssa Courtney Thomas  
Eliza Michelle Mora  
Carmen Jean Billie  
Gerret Hyde Osceola  
Tyra Shancee Baker  
Royce Gerret Osceola  
Alonzo D'An Bowers-Tommie  
Wyatt Toby Youngman  
Joel Roman Arroyo  
Chloe Marie Smith  
Blige Sean Christophe Cypress  
Ignacia Kaloni Rodriguez  
Little Bobby Osceola  
Isaiah Osceola Pichardo  
Samuel Lee Osceola  
Tameron Pryce Wilcox  
Ethan Scott Adam  
Darrah Shay Billie  
Tyrek Kelvon Lasane  
Alonzo Tristan Wargolet  
Demetric Odessa Billie  
Makayle Danielle Gonzales  
Crysten Camie Smith  
Miguel Jesus Dillon  
Kelin Timbert  
Howie Cid Moncada Drake  
J-Wayco Jessy Billie  
Chahechom Daniel Osceola  
Gherri Dean Lea Osceola  
Brain Lee Bishop  
Eyanna Lee Billie  
Hunter Rayne Strickland  
Jessi Pearl Harmon  
Candace May Davis  
Myron Cypress  
Chaska Nadin Osceola  
Mason Brandon Micco  
Phyllis Maydell Osceola  
Jillian Yvonne Rodriguez  
Silas Tristian Madrigal  
Sage Leana Motlow  
Rocky O'Shane Garcia



# Veterans

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of the Seminoles in all the wars throughout the history of the United States.

Assistant to the President, and Fort Pierce Representative, Sally R. Tommie then recited "Four Hats to Remember," the



Master of ceremonies Moses Jumper, Jr.

poem honoring those soldiers from the four branches of the military that are still missing in action.

Several of the Ahfachkee students then read essays they had written describing what Veteran's Day means to them.

Special guest speaker for the day was Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Chairman Jerry Haney. Mr. Haney spoke on all the Native peoples contributions to this country starting with the costliest in U.S.

history – the Seminole Wars – through the current war against terrorism.

Haney honored the Seminoles who are members of the elite Red Feather Society created by the Sioux peoples to honor the "bravest of the brave." These include Russell Osceola and Paul Bowers, Sr., Don Osceola, Miccosukee member and husband of Seminole Mary Gay Osceola, is also a member of this group.

"Of the Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, the highest award given the country, four have been given to Seminoles," added Haney. Mr. Haney also reminded everyone one of the freedoms we enjoy in this country because of the veterans.

"The greatest freedom – the freedom to vote – has been paid for by our people (Native veterans) and all the veterans in this country. Remember that every time there is an election and go out and vote. If you think your vote doesn't count, you're wrong. The South Dakota Senate race was won by the votes of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation."

Tribal member Charlie S. Gopher was also honored for his service during the Vietnam War. Two Marines who served with Charlie, Mike McCoy and Paul Maudlin, related both humorous and terrifying tales of their tour of duty with the man they referred to as "machine gunner."

"Charlie was a warrior of few words, but in any engagement you could just see the confidence in his eyes," said Maudlin. "You just knew he was going to be there for you."

Mitchell Cypress and Paul Bowers, Sr. presented Charlie's family with a plaque from the Tribe for his service to his Tribe and his country.

A very special veteran acknowledgment also went to Henry Jim Gopher, along with a plaque from his contributions in the military.

At the end of the program, bugler Ken Keller played "Taps," then Reverend Hummingbird offered a closing prayer. Dinner, consisting of brisket, roast pork, chicken and all the fixings, was then served.

# Son Of A Vet

I heard the stories in my youth of a war fought far away. I wondered why my father and uncle went, to perhaps die for a country that wouldn't listen to what their people had to say...

Many said they fought for freedom, but I wonder how much were our people really free... Given a parcel of land called a reservation, was where they were destined to live their lives in humility...

To some they said it was for money, a meal, and for your country it would show your pride. How little they know of the Seminole Way, because if they were told these things they lied!

Were the men just young and foolish, and volunteered for something they really didn't understand? I think not, for I believed there was something deep within their spirit that touched the souls of the Native man...

I read of the Navajo code talkers and the impact they had in getting the message through. I think of Ira Hayes and the silhouette of those brave men pushing up the Red, White and Blue...

I listened as my uncle and father told me stories of the battles that took place on this strange and far away land. What was the impact of these battles? They became prisoners to the demons of drugs, bottles and other evils know to Man?

To sacrifice their lives for a country that gave them memories of Sand Creek and Wounded

Knee. You called him Chief; you took his sons and stripped him of his dignity!

But I hold my head up, for these are my Hero's, these native warriors who fought along the side of men of a different color and race. They knew that the angel of death had no preference to color as they fought him face to face...

Throughout history the Indian has fought wars on land both far and near, from the Revolution to the Civil war, even before the white man set foot upon this continent and its soil...

War was no stranger to the native people who persevered through struggle and toil...

We have had our Hero's just as we have had Washington, Patton, MacArthur and Lee... Among the Seminole we salute the braves such as Osceola, Jumper, Sam Jones and Coacochee...

Today we honor all warriors of all races for they all had their reasons for joining the armed forces of their choice... And for this reason America we all can express our opinion in our actions and our voice...

For this I am proud and honored to know that in the heart of each native soldier, who with others they fought side by side with no regret.

They were not blood thirsty, nor were they savages, they were men of honor, and I am proud of you all and I am proud to be a son of a Native Vet... — Moses Jumper, Jr.

# Complaints

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members to have the larger stories about their children or relatives placed on the front page. More often than not, we have made every effort to put them on the front page.

Resolving most complaints are very simple, so try calming down and treat the Tribune staff the same way you want to be treated. Wasn't this taught to us when we were children? So just continue this process the rest of your life, not just in childhood.

Don't assume that everyone knows what is bothering you; pick up the phone and call to make sure. Heaven knows, some people are happy to just pick up the phones and gossip all day instead of going out and accomplishing something meaningful.

On a different note, there have been many changes, most of them positive, happening in the Tribe lately, so we have had to adjust with them accordingly. Some of us read things in other papers about the Tribe that astound us, while the same articles are old news to some members who were completely aware.

What tickles me the most is when you hear certain Tribal members say, "Well, I never realized all that was going on". Please.

It's no secret that, while most of us are surprised, there are those who knew everything and are trying to act like they didn't know. Yeah right, aren't they the ones with businesses all set up for them, and all their vehicles and homes paid for?

Come on, quit the act. You are not a good actor/actress, shoot you aren't even in that type of business. You can probably fool an outsider who doesn't know any better, but what do you think your fellow Tribal members think?

Give it up, because all of these revelations coming out show how the Tribe used to be run. Now, over the past two years, all of the old processes and people that wasted our money are being swept away. Time to move on.

Let's try harder to work with each other and help all of our tribal members. We should help one another and build a stronger, productive, successful environment for our future citizens.

We must support our own, not the members of other tribes that come here and intermarry. Some of these others are so demanding. This is our land, our tribe. We don't go to their land and demand of them what they expect of us.

When we intermarry into other tribes, you better believe we aren't loitering their offices to try and speak with their representatives to give them sob story(s). Besides, no one would even give us the time of day.

We should cater to our own people before we start catering to the whole world. Our world has well-established needs and desires. This is why we elected our officials: to assist and represent each and everyone within the tribe.

Everyone, meaning not just on each reservation, but every one that is a member, whether they live on or off the reservation. We are all on the roll, and should be recognized as such.

Another usual complaint is – "We have five reservations and four casinos, so why don't we get larger per capita payments like the other tribes?" Sure, but we also have many more employees that work for us, plus insurance for them, us and for all our businesses, etc.

If bigger dividends is such a big issue with you then consider this, maybe we could be getting more if we stop taking all the no-clans into our tribe!

If you really want to get technical about it, then let us ponder on that. After all, we were informed several years ago that most of our members have no clan.

This could initiate a purer bloodline for the whole tribe, which continues to strive to strengthen ourselves. Just a plug to put in your ear.

With all that in mind, please be careful and pray for the many families whom have lost precious members. Be thankful for the holiest gifts given to us, for everyone to value and forever cherish in time.

Have a good holiday; be very wise in partying so we can meet again in the New Year, may God be with each and everyone. May 2003 bring us more peace to all our hearts, for we can all be unlimited to power, love and peace!

# Trial

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conducted without the knowledge and approval of the Tribal Council.

There were no Tribal resolutions that approved the foray into Internet gaming. Only one Council meeting had ever addressed the idea of Internet gaming, in which the issue was tabled.

The defense team countered the allegations, stating that their clients were merely following the orders of suspended Chairman James Billie.

Lipman asked numerous witnesses about Billie's actions when involving the Tribe in a business venture that could be deemed questionable by the Council and the Legal Department.

Lipman pointed out numerous business ventures that had been invested in without the approval of the Tribal Council. Some of the businesses invested in had done well, but still had been approved by Billie without the Council's knowledge.

The defense seeks to establish that the actions of the three defendants were for a secretive business venture in Internet gaming, on behalf of a request made by Billie.

The defense also tried to establish that the moving of funds from one bank to another was needed to get a hotel in Nicaragua and the Internet gaming venture started.

On Dec. 12, after the prosecution rested its case, the defense attorneys argued for an acquittal for all three defendants. One of their arguments was that the prosecutor had not called on Billie to testify

against the three men.

Also cited by the defense was the lack of evidence against their clients, and that one client in particular (Crumpton) had been questioned by federal agents outside of Broward County.

The judge was not swayed by the reasons, and denied the motion for acquittal.

On Dec. 16, the defense team called on suspended Chairman James Billie. Billie's testimony dealt a fatal blow to the prosecution's allegations of theft.

Billie testified that he had approved of the allocation monies to be used by Wisher and Cox for the Internet Gaming venture and the buying and remodeling of the Legends Hotel in Nicaragua. Billie confirmed that he knew of the wire transfers to personal accounts for Wisher and Cox.

Billie also confirmed an \$80,000 loan to Cox from funds withdrawn from the Virtual Data account. Billie also admitted to loaning an additional \$80,000 to Wisher and Cox for legal fees when the \$80,000 was charged by the Federal Government on the 15-count indictment of conspiracy, money laundering, and embezzlement.

Billie's testimony only cemented the facts that the venture had been done in secret, as Billie had wanted. Billie explained why he chose to be secretive about the Internet Gaming venture.

Billie explained that if word got out about the Seminole Tribe's investment into Internet Gaming, it might jeopardize the Class II Gaming status it has with the state, which is already on shaky grounds between the two entities.

Also, Billie said he did not trust the staff at

the administrative offices, because a leak might jeopardize any fair business dealings with outside contractors. Billie explained that whenever word got out about the tribe's investing in vehicles or land, the price quoted would automatically go up.

Billie gave these reasons as to why he did business this way. He used Walt Disney as an example, who uses an assumed name while conducting business and when the deal is signed, the real entity is revealed.

Billie said this was why he went and conducted business behind the Council and the tribe's back, until the venture made a profit, then he would let others know of his business deals.

With the testimony of Billie presented, on Dec. 17 Judge Dimitrouleas asked for rebuttals against Article 29. Defense asked for acquittals on the charges against their clients due to "failure to present enough evidence" before the court. Prosecution was then asked to validate the charges, which they did with the judge, and then the jury was called in to hear the judge's ruling.

Judge Dimitrouleas ruled in favor of the defendants stating that the prosecution had failed to bring in enough evidence that could rightly produce a conviction of a guilty charge against the three defendants.

With that, the trial was over. Hugs and handshakes were given among the defendants, lawyers and family members of the defendants.

The trial was one of several legal proceedings that have arisen out of the forensic audit. The financial transfers in this case were uncovered by the audit, which is still ongoing.

# 32nd Annual Seminole Tribal Fair



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# 2002

## Year In Pictures

The time has come again to say goodbye to another year. 2002 was marked by a number of personal, educational and professional accomplishments made by Tribal members.

We at the Tribune are grateful that you have allowed us to witness some of the most important moments in your lives. We take this honor very seriously and hope that we are able to witness many more in the coming years.

Here is a small selection of stories that the Tribune covered over the past 12 months. Please take time to enjoy and reflect on the successes and accomplishments of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and its members.



Miss Florida Kelly Gaudet and Miss Seminole Mercedes Osceola aboard the Tribe's "River Of Grass" Winterfest boat.



Tribal member Spencer Battiest sang the National Anthem before the Jan. 16 Florida Panthers hockey game.



Naha Jumper and JoLeigh Johns were married on the Brighton Reservation in Dec. 2001.



Cynthia Billie and Jose Ramon-Perez were married on Dec. 29.



On Jan. 25, Light Heavyweight Champion Roy Jones, Jr. staged a public workout at Warrior's Gym.



Jimmie O'Toole in the Traditional Style Division of the Tribal Fair Clothing Contest, held on Feb. 9.



On Feb. 4-5, the Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum in Big Cypress hosted the 4th Annual Kissimmee Slough Shootout and Rendezvous.



The Brighton Reservation won the Jan. 19 Reservation Rally.





William Cypress during the Kissimmee Slough Shootout and Rendezvous.



Brighton Jr. Miss Jenna McDuffie and Brighton Seminole Princess Codene Jumper.



Erik De Soto Garcia and Brooke Osceola were crowned Little Mr. and Miss. Seminole at Tribal Fair.



On Jan. 25, Symphoni Jumper received a Medical Assistant Degree.



On Mar. 12, Dan and Leoda Osceola celebrated their 50th Anniversary.



Brighton Field Days



ASU Graduate Amy Johns Ashley



Hollywood Preschool students enjoy Field Day.



John O'Hurley of "Seinfeld" filmed "Get Golf" at Swamp Safari on Feb. 19.



Brighton Jr. Miss Jenna McDuffie



In April, Seminole students spent their spring break visiting schools.



Over 150 participants took to the saddle for the 6th Annual Junior Cypress Cattle Drive in April.





There were plenty of Wal-Mart bags at the Big Cypress Seniors Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Mar. 19.



Robert Frank III received an Achievement in Science Award from American Heritage.



On May 10, Amos Moses Billie Jr. graduated from boot camp at Camp LeJeune.



On May 13, an "official" ceremony marked the beginning of construction of the Seminole Hard Rock projects.



1st Annual Big Cypress Culture Day



The Slick Shooters won 1st place at the Seminole Sports Festival in May.



On May 5, Corinna Frank graduated from Nova Southeastern with a degree in Computer Science.



Little Miss Seminole Brooke Osceola meets FSU's Bobby Bowden.



The Seminole Tribune receives two awards at the 2002 NAJA Conference.



Elsie Bowers and Helene Buster participated in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk.



3 young Seminoles competed in the Florida High School Rodeo Association State Finals.



On June 19-21, the Big Cypress / Immokalee Youth Conference was held at Duck Key.



Brighton 4th of July celebration.



Seven young Seminoles graduated from the Brighton Pre-School.



Barbara Billie watches booth at Youth Conference.



On July 26, Brian Billie graduated from Keiser Career Institute.





127 Seminole athletes participated in the 2002 North American Indigenous Games.



Annie Jimmie celebrated her 103rd birthday on Sept. 9.



In August, Ida F. Osceola and Mary Huff were crowned Miss Seminole and Jr. Miss Seminole.



The first All-Seminole team, the Green Bay Packers, played in the Pasadena Lakes Flag Football League.



On Oct. 17, Miss Seminole Ida Osceola helped unveil the 2002 Winterfest poster.



Paula Bowers-Sanchez met Will Smith on the set of "Bad Boys II" in September.



2002 Indian Day celebration



Prince Albert of Monaco visited Big Cypress on Oct. 25.



Brighton Diabetic Polynesian Extravaganza



Native Actress Sheila Tousey and Miss Seminole Ida Osceola at the Fort Lauderdale Film Festival.



Mary Tigertail stalks "The Rock."



D'Anna Osceola of Brighton was chosen for the Okeechobee Homecoming Court.



Big Cypress Halloween Party.



On Nov. 9, Alice Snow was honored by the Indigenous Language Institute.



Four Seminoles returned to the gridiron when the Moore Haven Terriers honored the 1962-72 players.