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Council Meeting Held in Brighton

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — On Monday Jan. 9 the Brighton Reservation hosted the monthly council meeting at the gymnasium. Ken Fields introduced the new Tribal Treasurer Mike Tiger.

After 22 years of service as the Eastern Area Director for Indian Health Service, Tiger has returned home and accepted a job as the Tribal Treasurer of the Seminole Tribe.

Tiger said he was thankful that the council believed in him and his ability to come home and work for his tribe.

Fields said Priscilla Sayen will remain as Tribal Secretary. Amy Johns will be joining Tiger as Tribal Vice Treasurer. Fields also introduced Jim Cronosello as the Tribe's New Director of Human Resources.

Fields reported that they are currently restructuring the Housing Department so that they will be able to increase services to tribal citizens. They will be discussing changes and new employee additions to the program at a future council meeting.

Jim Allen, CEO of Gaming Operations, reported on the opening celebration for the Hard Rock Hotel in Tampa. The celebration will be March 10 – 11. Allen also reported that opening for Hollywood Hard Rock is still tentative and would be announced very soon.

Some of the resolutions that passed included: a lease agreement between the Seminole Tribe of Florida and Ravenswood Office Center for office space for the Tribe's risk management and health claims staff; Cascade promotion corporation players club merchandise incentive and redemption program for the Seminole Tribe of Florida Players club members; beverage marketing agreement with the Coca-Cola™ company; approval of certificate of deposit account with Wachovia bank and letter of credit to St. Lucie county in Florida, which is to provide water and wastewater service to the Fort Pierce Trust property; establishment of home loan mortgage program with the first bank of Clewiston for members on the Big Cypress Indian Reservation.

Also passed was the restated ordinance of the Seminole Tribe of Florida relating to criteria for distribution of minor's dividends relevant to foster care, guardianship, adoption, custodial parent, and any other matter of likeness and distribution of dividends of incapacitated adult Seminoles.

The Brighton Education Department spoke to the Council about their cultural pull-out program and discussed their recent student council elections. The new Chairman of the School, Phillip Jones, along with the representatives, were at the council meeting and introduced themselves to the Tribal Council in the Creek language.

Sayen explained that they will be having meetings in each community to further explain this ordinance and answer any questions. The next council meeting is scheduled for March 12.

Improvements to Snake Road in the Works

By Shelley Marmor

BIG CYPRESS — Carmen Arrango, Site Supervisor for Family Services in Big Cypress knows the dangers of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Route 1281, AKA Snake Road, first hand. She travels on the road twice daily, and says she sometimes feels frightened because Snake Road has no rails on its sides, and said "if you go off the side you go into the canal."

"Its only two lanes," said Arrango. "There's no railing, no lights; it's very dangerous."

While Arrango and others who have traveled on Snake Road acknowledge the dangers, the numbers speak for themselves. According to the U.S. Department of the Interior, between 1997 and 2001, there were more than 74 accidents reported, resulting in 46 injuries, 6 deaths, and more than \$400,000 in damage.

In addition, of the 34 curves on Snake Road, only one meets the governmental safety standards for a road with a 45 miles-per-hour speed limit, which is the speed limit on the entire road.

On Jan. 23, President George W. Bush signed Public Law 108-199, the "Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004." This law will allocate \$1 million to make improvements on Snake Road, the main highway off of I-75 going into the Big Cypress Reservation.

The \$1 million will come from a Federal Transportation and Treasury Bill. In addition to the money coming from the federal bill, the state of Florida must also contribute 45 percent, meaning the combined amount of money for improvements to Snake Road will total \$1.45 million.

In 1991, the tribe attempted to make improvements to the road; however, a consultant from the BIA estimated the project would cost approximately \$18 million. When the BIA told the tribe the funding was unavailable, the repair efforts went dormant for more than a decade.

In Oct. 2002, the tribe held a meeting at the

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Iretta Tiger

(L-R) Rudy Juarez IV and Rumor Juarez accept their awards.

Brother and Sister Win Little Mr. & Miss Seminole Titles

By Iretta Tiger

DAVIE, FL — On Saturday Feb. 14, the bleachers were filled at the Bergeron Rodeo Arena with Seminoles who came to watch their children compete in the Little Mr. & Miss Seminole 2004 Contest.

Seminole boys and girls, ages 3 – 5, were dressed in traditional outfits and no detail went overlooked. Though it was a long morning, the children were ready for the colorful event to begin.

Each child was introduced individually and was asked about some of their favorite subjects. The girls were the first to be interviewed. Some were naturals while others were so shy they couldn't answer. One contestant would only answer with shrieks. What stands out most is the admirable job all the children did.

The contestants each received a participation trophy. The Little Miss runners-up

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Stephen Galla

Smoke bellows into the sky from the pool area of the nearly-complete hotel.

Close Call for the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — Heavy smoke appeared in the sky above the soon-to-be-completed Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino after fire broke out on Monday Feb. 23. The hotel and casino is scheduled for completion for late-April or early-May 2004.

The City of Hollywood's Fire Rescue Department responded to the call in conjunction with the Dania Beach Fire Department.

City of Hollywood Fire Prevention Officer, Matt Phillips, reported that a fiberglass slide caught on fire. The slide empties into the pool from a simulated rock mountain with waterfalls.

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"The structure of the hotel was not affected in any way," said Phillips.

The fire took place outdoors by the pool area, which is located in the west side of the hotel. During the investigation Phillips met with Gaming Chief Executive Officer, Jim Allen, and Armando Negrin of the Seminole Emergency Medical Services Department.

Interviews will be scheduled with construction workers during the investigation to determine what caused the fire. At the time of press, there were no estimated damages or reported injuries.



Adelsa Williams

(L-R) Marcellus Osceola Sr. (left) receives award from son Marcellus Osceola Jr.

Annual Seminole Sports Hall of Fame Banquet

New Inductees are Marcellus Osceola Sr., Billy Joe Johns, Boettner Roger Jumper and Brendan Joshua Young

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — On Feb. 11, four Seminoles were inducted into the Seminole Sports Hall of Fame. The ceremony was held at the Hollywood auditorium. The Hall of Fame was founded by the Seminole Tribe six years ago to inspire young Seminoles to reach their full potential through sports.

Moses Jumper, Director of the Hollywood Recreation Department, opened the ceremony with a brief history of the Hall of Fame. He described the purpose of the Hall of Fame, which is to recognize young athletes, and induct older athletes who have participated in organized sports when they were younger.

The four Seminoles inducted Wednesday night were Marcellus Osceola Sr., Billy Joe Johns, Boettner Roger Jumper and Brendan Joshua Young. Jumper and Young were honored in memoriam.

Osceola thanked everyone for the recognition and spoke humbly about his athletic achievements. He is currently ranked among the top 15 in the world in trap shooting. Johns also thanked the attendees and spoke briefly about his achievements. He currently operates successful cattle and sugar cane growing operations.

Bo Young, Assistant Recreation Director, introduced Leila Osceola and Steve Young from the Recreation Department to present the 2003 – 2004 Youth Participants. They participate in various programs, such as baseball, basketball, football, and cross country.

Plaques were awarded to the following students: Jasper Tommie, Gerret Anderson, Christine McCall, Michael Doctor, Demetria Tigertail, David Anderson, Jeannie Osceola, Courtney Osceola, Krystle Young, Lucas Osceola, Jo Jo Osceola, Megan Osceola, Jack Turtle, Robert Osceola, Jerome Davis, Chelsea Mountain, and

♦ See BANQUET, page 17

Keith Mitchell Advances in State-Wide Wrestling Competition

By Kenny Bayon, C.F.T

TAMPA — For almost two years, Keith Mitchell Simmons has been on a quest to win a Florida state wrestling championship. Whenever he's lifted weights, run his shoes thin on the track, or wrestled in practice until near exhaustion, he's envisioned it all paying off with a Class 2A heavyweight title.

By the end of February, Mitchell, a senior at Brandon High, who won the 2A District title on Feb 14, will either be elated or highly disappointed. If he finishes in the top four of this weekend's Region 2A Tournament in Titusville, Fla. as expected, he will advance to the state tournament on Feb. 27 – 28 in Lakeland, Fla.

"His regional will be really tough," says Brandon's Coach Russ Cozart. "He has to face an opponent who is undefeated."

Even though Mitchell, who finished second in last year's Class 2A state tournament, is among the favorites to reach this year's state title match, he is taking nothing for granted.

"Favorites don't mean anything until you win," Mitchell said. "I want to just prove it on the mat. Making a mental mistake could stop me."

Mitchell, who is 30-2, has made few errors this year, whether physical or mental. He entered the season coming off a second place finish at the Ironman National Tournament, arguably among the toughest preseason tournaments in the country. His momentum has continued rolling into the postseason, where last week he won all four matches at the district tournament, including three by pin. He won the district title, for the second straight year, by pinning his championship-match opponent in just one minute.

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Ee-te Yo-ga-hé — Fire

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Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Tampa Opens March 11

Submitted by Gary E. Bitner

The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino is a major entertainment destination that blends the excitement of Hard Rock with a first-class boutique hotel and Las Vegas-style casino. Opening on March 11, the complex consists of a 90,000 square foot casino within a 210,000 square foot low-rise building, 250 luxury guestrooms and suites in a 12-story hotel tower, and an enclosed parking facility, all situated on 37 acres.

Visitors arriving at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino first notice a multi-level water feature and a 50-foot signature Hard Rock guitar at the entrance to the hotel. A covered porte cochere for passenger pickup and drop off leads into the guest registration area. In keeping with the Hard Rock theme, the hotel and casino showhouse signed, one-of-a-kind pieces of music memorabilia. The hotel lobby provides access to the full-service health club, guestroom elevators, pool deck and arcade to the parking garage. A lobby bar framed by a "wall of fire" offers a fun place to meet.

All Seminole Hard Rock Hotel guestrooms include unique extras like Tivoli stereo and CD systems, and ultra-luxury beds. Typical guestrooms have natural daylight to the bathrooms, separate enclosures for tub and shower and fully-stocked mini bars, as well as hairdryers, personal safes, coffee makers, three telephones, T1 direct Internet access, bath robes and an iron and ironing board.

The 90,000 square foot casino offers poker, bingo and more than 1,800

gaming machines, including Double Diamond, Red White & Blue, Double Wild Cherry and Five Times Pay. It is open 24 hours a day.

The casino also includes 32 poker tables and a bingo gallery for more than 400 people. High ceilings rise to a center skylight over the Casino Center Bar with its "Tower of Power" audiovisual experience. The new casino also features plush carpeting with swirls of color, as well as massive new air conditioners to guarantee a clean air environment for all casino patrons.

The entertainment excitement continues at Floyd's, Tampa Bay's hottest new restaurant and nightclub. Lunch and dinner are served daily, with live bands every Friday and Saturday night. Sports fans enjoy Big Joe's Sports Bar, where more than a dozen giant TV monitors telecast worldwide sporting events. There is also a Food Marketplace and 24-hour restaurant, called the Green Room.

The lush, tropical pool area features a backdrop of cascading fountains and terraced areas, where specially-equipped chickee-cabanas featuring televisions and refrigerators overlook the pool. Adjacent areas are designed to include beach volleyball, horseshoes and table tennis. A full-service health club is located nearby.

Guests enjoy shopping opportunities throughout the resort, including a 4,000 square foot Hard Rock retail store. The hotel includes a 10,000 square feet of meeting space, including an 8,000 square foot grand ballroom divisible into eight

sections. Rock 'n' roll memorabilia is integrated into perimeter walls of meeting room spaces.

More than 2600 parking spaces are available, including surface parking of more than 1000 spaces and a parking garage for nearly 1600 vehicles. Both valet and self-parking are available.

The Seminole Tribe of Florida owns and operates the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, according to terms of a licensing agreement with Hard Rock Cafe International. Hard Rock Cafe International, a unit of Rank Group PLC, currently oversees full-service hotels in Orlando, Fla., Bali and Thailand, and is also developing a new Hard Rock Hotel in Chicago, Ill. scheduled to open in March 2004.

The projects are being developed on behalf of the tribe by the Cordish Company of Baltimore, Md. The Cordish Company has been recognized nationally for its development of significant entertainment projects throughout the country and has received five Urban Land Institute Awards of Excellence for its developments and the International Waterfront Development Award of Excellence for its Power Plant development on Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Both the Tampa and Hollywood projects were designed by the renowned architectural firm Klai Juba Architects of Las Vegas, Nev. They are being constructed by a joint venture between The Perini Company and Suitt Construction. Perini is the largest contractor of hotel resort projects in the country.

Letters & E-mail

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Dear Editor,

I will have as a guest in my home a master weaver from the Navajo Nation in the second week of March. She has expressed interest in learning more about the Seminole culture. Your museum seems to be a logical place for us to visit. Will you be open on either Sunday, March 7, or Friday, March 12?

What is the amount of time that you recommend to fully appreciate what the museum has to offer?

Thank you for your time and reply,

Linda H. Fasel
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Dear Linda,

Yes, we will be open on both days. We are closed on Monday's and Holiday's. I would say you need to allow at least 2 - 4 hours depending on your time allowance. I have had the privilege of working here at the museum for 15 months, and I am learning new things every day about the Seminole Tribe of Florida and their culture. If you would like to visit our library, you would need to make an appointment with Anne McCudden, our Curator of Archives. You can contact her via email at amccudden@semtribe.com.

Thanks for the question,
Shawna Trnka
Administrative Assistant

Dear Editor,

What games of chance do you offer? Do you have crap tables? Do you have blackjack tables? My E-mail address is cunn1926@aol.com. Let me hear from you. Thanks

Hello,

I am glad to have received your request for additional information about the Seminole Casino of Hollywood. The Seminole Casino of Hollywood offers 33 tables of poker including; seven card stud, Omaha Hi-Lo, Texas Hold'em, and Omaha. The betting structure is \$1 and \$2.

We also offer four sessions of High Stakes Bingo daily, we have a game called Lightning Bingo which is a three number bingo where there is a winner every thirty seconds, the average win per game is between \$100 - \$250.

We also have more than 900 gaming machines, with many of your favorite titles like Red White and Blue, Double Cherry and Double Diamond with new machines arriving every month.

In regards to your questions, unfortunately, Craps, and blackjack are against the law in the state of Florida.

We hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,
Adam Sak
Director of Marketing
Seminole Casino of Hollywood

Dear Tribal Members, Friends and Community Members:

On behalf of the Lipan Apache Centennial Commemoration Committee, I am seeking contributions for the 100 Year Lipan Apache Centennial Commemoration Committee on May 7 - 8.

This centennial event will be host to thousands of guest and spectators in recognition if the Lipan Apache throughout Indian Country. With a limited operating budget, the Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc. seeks your assistance in making this event successful.

Your contribution can be in the form monetary or non-perishable items, such as Pendleton blankets, paper plates, cups, eating utensils and other items.

Your contribution is tax-deductible and you will receive a letter for your contribution, please make your contribution to; Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc., P.O. Box 2806, Edinburg, Texas 78540-2806.

In closing, the Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc. greatly appreciates your contribution and looks forward to seeing you at the Lipan Apache Centennial Commemorative Feast.

Lipan Apache Centennial Commemoration Feast - Mescalero Apache Tribe of New Mexico, May 7 - 8. An alcohol and drug free event

Join us in marking the 100th Year Anniversary of the Lipan Apache arrival to the Mescalero Apache Tribe of New Mexico. Come and share in the food, and celebration, bringing together all of the Apache people. On site camping is available for people wishing to camp on site.

Event sponsored by the Lipan Apache Centennial Commemoration Committee and the Mescalero Apache Tribe of New Mexico.

For more information, contact the Lipan Apache Band of Texas (956) 292-0825, or E-mail lipanapachetx@aol.com

Sincerely,
Daniel Castro Romero, Jr.
General Council Chairman
Lipan Apache Band of Texas, Inc.

Dear Editor,

Can you tell me if the Tampa casino has been rebuilt or remodeled? It was pretty bad when I was there in 2002. I was told a Hard Rock was being built on the property.

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the casino on the Seminole Reservation in Tampa, Fla.

We are in fact building the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino at 5223 North Orient Road in Tampa. Our new and expanded property will feature more than 1,800 gaming machines including popular titles such as Red, White and Blue, Double Diamond, Wheel of Fortune and Little Green Men as well as Live Poker and High Stakes Bingo.

The property will have 12 restaurants and bars for you to take a break from the great casino action. And, we will have 250 luxury rooms in our newly built hotel tower for you to enjoy an extended day, soaking up all that we have to offer. Additional amenities include a lagoon style pool area, day spa and convention/meeting space for groups of up to 800.

The casino floor is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and our Grand Opening is set for March 11th with a blowout celebration featuring Hootie and the Blowfish in concert. Also in March, we will be giving away a Trip-a-Day to any Hard Rock city in the U.S. and a Grand Prize drawing on March 31 for a 2004 H2 Hummer.

As you can see, we have truly built a world class entertainment facility and encourage you to come and visit. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to write.

Best of Luck,
Doug Hoppe
Director Marketing and Promotions
Seminole Casino - Tampa
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Dear Editor,

Do you only have to be 18 to play on the poker tables at the Seminole Tribe Casino's?

jeremy.mitchell@huntingdon.edu

Hello Jeremy,

That is correct, you only need be 18 years or older to play any of the games at any of the Seminole Casinos. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,
Adam Sak
Director of Marketing
Seminole Casino of Hollywood

Corrections

In a photo caption from "Meet the Family Services Staff: Who We Are, What We Do" on page 9 of the Feb. 6, issue Cindy Hughes was referred to as Cindy Corriher.

In the Feb. 6 issue, the photo for the Fourth Annual Council versus Board Rodeo was taken by Anna Bowers.

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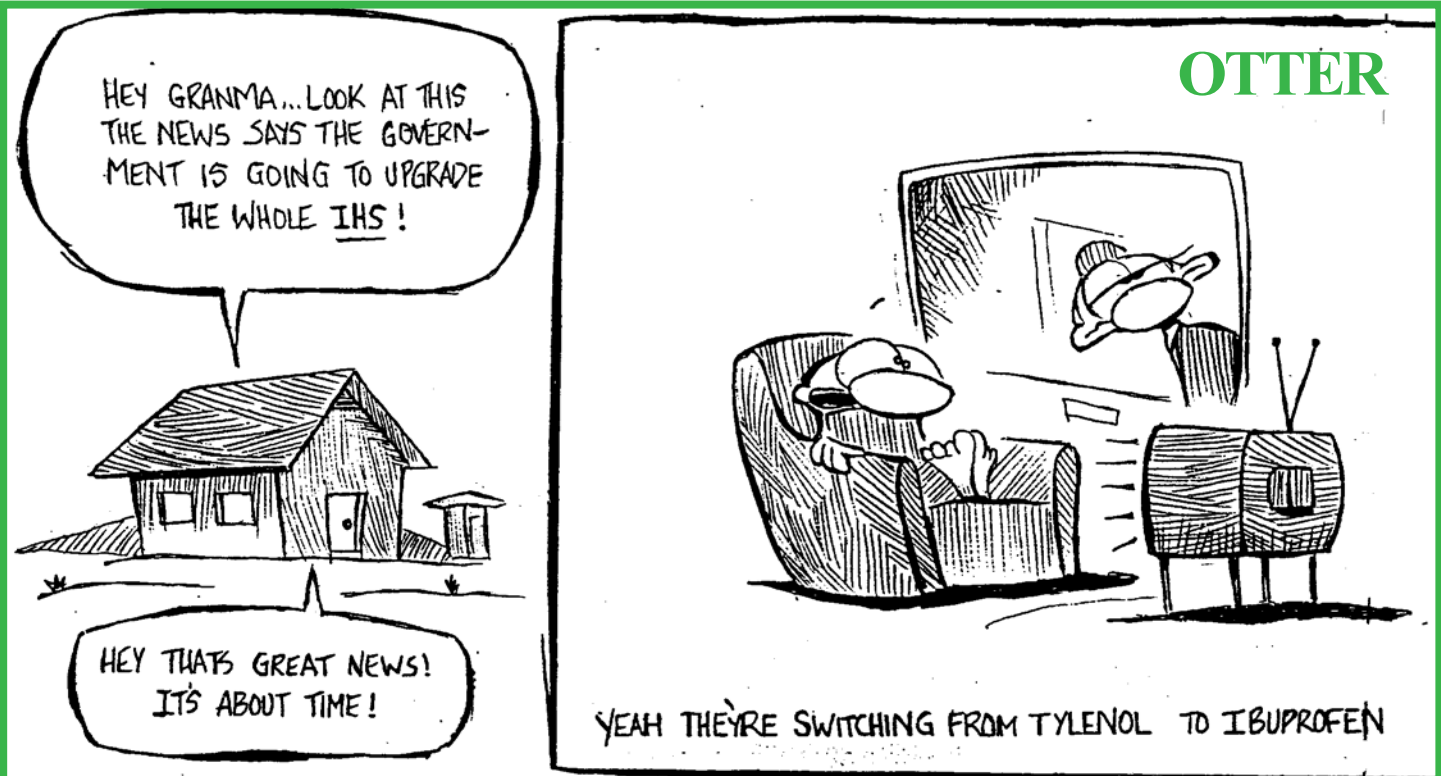
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Adelsa Williams

(Center L-R) Coral and Turquoise Battiest sings as Delia Harjo plays the guitar.

Hollywood Christian Music Performance

By Adelsa Williams
HOLLYWOOD — Hip, hip, hooray to the outstanding performance by some of the tribal preschoolers attending Hollywood Christian School. These students who sang “The Music Machine,” this event’s theme.
On Thursday, Feb. 12, the students delighted the audience with songs like “Land of Love, Smile, Joy, and Self-Control.”
While some children sang, others played buzzing kazoos, kiddie drums and inflatable guitars. Some also held up animated smiley face cards.
Proud grandparent Geraldine Osceola, attended the event to watch her grandchildren Kiara

and Isaiah Pichardo perform.
“My grandson was nervous about performing,” said Geraldine, “But tonight he said, ‘grandma, I’m ready’.”
Osceola mentioned that her son and daughter also attend Hollywood Christian School. Her daughter, Mariah Buster’s goal is to learn to play the piano. She hopes that keeping the children involved in these kind of activities serve as motivation to help them pursue their goals.
Chorus is a great opportunity for students to develop their musical skills and learn a sense of teamwork. Congratulations for a wonderful performance!



Michelle Ford

Preschool students take a quick break during Slough Shootout.

Immokalee Preschool Visits Kissimmee Slough Shootout

By Judy Weeks
IMMOKALEE — Michelle Ford, Director of the Immokalee Preschool and her staff members, Tracy Delarosa, Ruby Garcia, Rosa Garcia, Elva Montez, and SanJuanita Reyna, took the students on a day trip, Friday, Jan. 31, to the Kissimmee Slough Shootout and Rendezvous at Big Cypress.
Despite the fact that it rained off and on all day, the children had a wonderful time. They took in everything from the vendors with their colorful displays of Native American goods to a picnic lunch under the trees.
The highlight of their day took place when they joined the Bobby Henry family in a stomp dance. Each child showed a keen interest in attempting to properly duplicate the dance steps of their ancestors.
The introduction to their heritage at this young age goes a long way toward building pride in their Native American background.



Michelle Ford

Preschoolers dress to impress in their traditional garb.

Bronze by Cooley Sculptures

By Shelley Marmor
HOLLYWOOD — Employees at the Hollywood Tribal office are greeted by nine of them as they walk through the first floor lobby. Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum employees also see as many as three of them during their work day.

In March, there will be another one of Bronze by Cooley’s sculptures for the public to view on the Big Cypress Reservation at Billie Swamp Safari. This sculpture, titled “Abiaka and All the Clans,” is a collection of all the eight clans surrounding a 14-foot tall sculpture of Abiaka, or Sam Jones. “Abiaka and All the Clans” took more than three years to complete.

Bronze by Cooley, a sculpture company out of Lamont, Fla., near Tallahassee, Fla., has worked with the tribe for more than two decades. To date, they have completed a total of 21 life-size and monumental bronze sculptures, which measure 14 feet and larger, and about 30 table-top sculptures. Their work can be seen on all reservations.

Some of their sculptures include, a monumental size sculpture of Sam Jones at Tree Tops Park in Davie, Fla., a 31-inch tall sculpture honoring Seminole war veterans, and the nine busts of council members in the lobby of the Hollywood Offices.

The company is run by sculptors Bradley Cooley, and Brad Cooley Jr., and manager Linda Cooley. Bradley has been sculpting professionally for more than three decades, two of which he has spent working on projects for the tribe.

Brad’s son, Brad Jr., followed in his father’s footsteps and began sculpting at age eight. In the late 1980s, he joined the Bronze by Cooley sculpture team and has worked in the family business ever since.

For more information on Bronze by Cooley, please call them at (850) 997-4680, or visit <http://www.bronzebycooley.com>.



Photo provided by Linda Cooley

Brad and Linda Cooley standing next to “Abiaka and All the Clans” at Billie Swamp Safari.

Tampa Field Office Announces New Computer Support Specialist

By Randi M. Simmons

TAMPA — There have been some new developments at the work place for Richard Henry, Tampa’s Liaison. Jahna Smith was recently hired as the Tampa Personal Computer Support Specialist.

John Anderson, Director of Information Systems in Hollywood, outlined some of the tasks that Smith will be involved with.

“Jahna will be available on site, as it is a full-time, regular forty hour, eight to five position. He will do the initial set-up and installation,” said Anderson. “Right now he’s been working with Carole Wilde, Telecommunications Manager, and it’s going very well. All the computers will be networked to the rest of the reservation Tribal offices.”

“Smith will have a direct line to our help-line here,” Anderson continued. “Any questions on any difficulties can be resolved quickly. We are pleased to have him join the team.”

Anderson also noted that he had thoughts of training programs for staff members interested or in need of developing better computer skills. This may be a potential area that Smith could be involved in.

All in all, Smith’s schooling and years of employment as a machine tech at the Seminole Casino, has transferred well to his new position with the tribe. He will put those valuable skills to use, modernizing the lines of communication for the Tampa Reservation, which definitely is a great advancement for everyone.



Colleen Henry

Computer Support Specialist Jahna Smith.

Happy Birthday William Osceola



Adelsa Williams

William Osceola enjoys a birthday lunch at Longhorn Steakhouse with family and friends.

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — On Wednesday Feb. 18, William Osceola celebrated his 51st birthday with colleagues and friends, enjoying a delicious lunch at the Longhorn Steakhouse restaurant in Hollywood.
“I have to thank God to have lived to be this age,” said Osceola.

His Aunt Leoda Osceola and Cousin Vivian Delgado also joined Osceola on his special day.

Delgado is also celebrating her birthday the day after Osceola’s.

Osceola said that on his first birthday his aunt had to leave his birthday party because she went into labor. Because of that, they always remember each other’s special day, and get together to celebrate it.

Happy Birthday William, and may you have many more!

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Hollywood Youth Prevention Presentation attendees.

Youth Prevention Presentation

By Adelsa Williams

HOLLYWOOD — Tribal citizen Crystal Jumper was just one of the attendees at the Youth Prevention Presentation held on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the Hollywood Recreation Center. She lost her brother in a tragic accident in June 2002.

“My brother is the reason I stopped,” Jumper said. The Hollywood Council and Board Representatives, in conjunction with the Recreation Department, Family Services and the Seminole Police Departments, sponsored the event. They hoped to get their message about helping youths to make the right decision, across to the community.

“What’s happening is way out of hand,” said Hollywood Board Representative, David Dehass. “We have to work together.”

Bo Young, Recreation Director, presented guest speakers Tony Mendes and Gary Richard, both professional bull riders, and Rob Smets, a professional bullfighter. The three spoke about their respective childhoods, said who their role models were, and what kind of guidance they received that helped them make the right decisions in life.

“To reach your dreams, it takes perseverance,” said Smets. “It is much harder to maintain than to obtain.”

As part of the presentation, there was a display of pictures of some of the living youth and the other display of the ones who have lost their lives. There was even a casket borrowed from a funeral home.

“I wanted to make a visual impact and display the pictures of the kids that have lost their lives for making the wrong decision,” Young said.

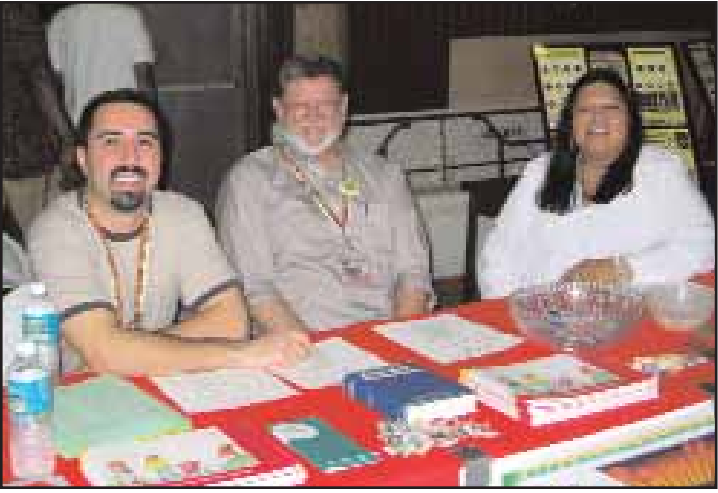
Young encouraged parents to meet with the Recreation Department staff so they can become familiar with each other. He also said parents should always find out who their children are with, what they are doing, and where they may be when they are not home.

“We employees are role models to your kids also,” he said. “If you can’t trust us, then we are not doing our jobs.”

During the presentation Young also introduced the Recreation staff members who were present that night. Hannah Marchel of Family Services introduced the Hollywood Family Services staff. They reminded the community that the staff is there for the community, for whatever it is they may need, even if only to talk.

She also advised around the clock a counselor is available around the clock for assistance and even if it’s during off-work hours, they can be reached through the

Seminole Police Department’s Help Desk. Forensic Technician, Harvey Wanton, of the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner’s Office, presented a slide show of the consequences of alcohol and drug abuse. The presentation included graphic images of alcohol and drug addicts’ living conditions, the physical affects of deadly diseases, and remains of cars and bodies involved in fatal auto accidents.



Adelsa Williams

Family Services staff assisting during Hollywood Youth Prevention Program.

“I hope that I have scared you and gave you a light,” said Wanton. “If you see your kids acting strange, check them.”

Towards the end of the presentation, Will Latchford of the Seminole Police Department, shared drugs and alcohol statistics with the crowd. He mentioned that in the past 10 years, in all the reservations, there have been 30 traffic accidents, 95 percent related to alcohol and drug abuse, 60 percent of which have been deaths of tribal citizens, and 5 percent died from drug overdose.

He advised that boredom and curiosity, in addition to other causes, were the main triggers that drive the youth towards addiction.

“There are kids out there and in here that know more about drugs than we do,” Latchford said, as the crowd applauded. “Educate yourself, set rules, and take time out for your child.”

He encouraged parents to help guide their children into taking advantage of the opportunities that the Seminole Tribe has to offer.

Latchford also spoke of a research the Seminole Police Department conducted regarding a truancy program on all reservations. The department is in the process of being brought back for approval for future enforcement.

In closing, he added, “kids should have an opportunity to live their whole life; parents need to create that environment for them.”

In efforts to keep the community motivated in working together, all sponsors and departments involved in the presentation plan to meet once a month. They encourage participation and hope that the attendance will grow more and more. Flyers will be distributed in advance.

Parents Hear Anti-Drug Message at Brighton Town Hall Meeting

By Susan Etxebarría
BRIGHTON

— If you sat and listened, you would have heard the warning. It came from many voices. It came from famous rodeo stars and it came from tribal citizens. It came from the Seminole Police Department.

The warning to parents and children was loud and clear: Alcohol and drugs are killing young people.

At the Town Hall Meeting on Feb. 3 in Brighton, parents were listening. The Youth Prevention Presentation held at the Recreation Center also offered the youth an opportunity to meet the rodeo stars who came to inspire them to live a drug-free life.

Tribal Representative, Johnny Jones, the master of ceremonies, introduced the many speakers and explained the purpose of the meeting.

“We decided to have a meeting because we are always losing our good friends and our young people to alcohol or drugs,” he said. “I have lost a lot of good friends when they were young.”

Rob Smets of Texas, a five time world champion bull fighter, spoke to the kids about reaching their goals. As a traveling rodeo star, he said he sees a lot of kids who are making the wrong decisions and ruining their chances for success in later years.

“If you don’t have a good foundation, you are going to get in a lot of trouble,” he said. He stressed that winning a gold buckle is not going to make your life happy if you live without love and faith in God.

Bull Rider Tony Mendes of Oklahoma, who has made the Professional Bull Rider’s Finals, every year for the last 8 years, asked parents to get their kids involved in productive activities, like sports or music.

“They need goals in their lives,” he said.

He stressed the importance of parents getting behind their kids and supporting their dreams.

“Show them the right path because they are going to be walking in your shoes in 15 years,” Mendes said.

Bull Rider Gary Richard of Houston, Texas who won the St. Louis Open for \$50,000 prize riding “Lil Yellow Jacket” the Bull of the Year, said “It hurts my heart to see kids going down at such a young age.”

He talked about the importance of having God in your life, to have goals and to have an education.

The Seminole Tribe Rodeo Queen, Trina Bowers, asked the parents and kids a bold question.

“Do you ever look around on our reservation and see how many drugs are out here? I do, and there are a lot. Do you ever think of how many of us kids are dying out there because of drugs and alcohol?” she said.

Bowers expressed the same sorrow that many have felt.

“Some of you may remember the accident that took the lives of several young girls (about three years ago). Well,

one was my cousin as well as my friend,” she said. “Losing her was hard because she went through a lot during her life. But the cause of their accident was due to drugs. Also, about a week ago a young man my age was killed in an accident due to alcohol.”

The Chief of the Seminole Police Department, Mike Floyd confirmed that the number one killer of youth is not drive-by shootings, not diseases, “it’s due to narcotics and alcohol.”

He said he is always available to parents who want to change their kids around and anyone can call him anytime.

“Call me,” he said. “I don’t care what time it is. I get calls sometimes at 3 a.m. or 4 a.m.”

He stressed that there are a lot of people in the tribe’s Family Services, Health Department, the Board and Councils who really want to help parents get the help they need if one of their young one’s is messing up.

Captain Will Latchford said he has investigated numerous traffic fatalities on the different reservations for the past 10 years since he has been with the Seminole Police, and that the majority of deaths have been tribal citizens.

“Over the past 10 years there have been 30 traffic accidents resulting in deaths: 95 percent were drug and alcohol related; 60 percent resulted in tribal members’ deaths.”

Available to educate families and youth and the police officers are here to help. But, he said the police department can not find teen drug or alcohol abuse on the reservation without the assistance of the families.

To demonstrate how serious the situation has become, Captain Latchford asked the people in the audience to raise their hands if they have been affected by the death of a loved one. Nearly half of the people present raised their hands.

Speakers Discuss How to Make the Right Choices

By Carmen Arango

BIG CYPRESS — On Wednesday Feb. 4, we had the honor to share an evening with professional bull riders Gary Richard and Tony Mendes, and professional bull fighter Rob Smets, who spoke at the Big Cypress gym. This event was sponsored by The Seminole Tribe of Florida Council and Board and assist by the Seminole Police Department, EMS and Family Services.

The speakers shared their personal stories about their struggles to excel in their unique professions and the hard decisions they had to make to reach their goals.

Smets reminded us as parents that we are accountable for our children. We need to help our kids by teaching them and supporting them in their efforts. He addressed the children by telling them to believe in their dreams. He stated that dreams come true with a lot of hard work. He concluded by reminding us that the people we hurt the most are the people we love, those close to us.

Mendes shared his experience as a parent and the challenges of juggling a demanding job. He stated that every breath he takes is for his children, and no matter what right or wrong they do, their children are still your children and you will always love them.

He also emphasized the importance of pushing our children and encouraging them to work for their dreams and for us parents to be a part of our children’s lives everyday. Mendes addressed the children in the audience by reminding them that the choices they make today will affect them for the rest of their lives and to obey their parents.

“It is easier to get in trouble than to get out of it,” he said.

Richard, a professional bull rider for fourteen years, compared our daily choices when faced with a challenge to those he has to make to ride bulls. He address both parents and children when he said we always have our parents to fall back on and to the parents not to shy their children away when they are trying to talk to you, listen to their stories. Take the time to teach your children the truth instead of letting them hear the make up stories from their peers, he said.

Tess Ducheneaux, a freshman in high school, won her first title when she was ten years old. She spoke to the children and told them that their dreams too can come true at any time you just have to want to achieve your goals and make wise choices.

Mike Floyd from our Seminole Police Department (SPD) address the audience, he related a true story about Tino Martinez a famous baseball player and one of his playmates who apparently was a better player at the time, but chose to use drugs and ended up killing a store owner and going to jail.

He clearly explained the difference about how one wrong decision can impact our outcome in the future. He encouraged our kids to stay away from drugs. Informed us of the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs and specially the risk we take when we get in a car with someone who is under the influence.

Floyd spoke of the importance of being a team player and in the community as well as with your children.

“Talk with your kids,” he said. “Tell them you love them before you leave the house and listen to them.” Seminole Police Department, Captain Will Latchford offered some statistics. In the ten years he has been here the reports show that there has been a total of 30 traffic accidents, 95 per-



Photo provided by Carmen Arango

Bull riders and bull fighters along with representatives from various Seminole agencies spoke to Big Cypress residents about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

cent resulted in deaths related to alcohol/drugs, and 60 percent were tribal members. Five deaths were related to overdose.

Latchford asked the audience to raise their hand if they have had a relative or a friend died, not surprisingly we all raised our hands. Drugs and alcohol affect us all in one way or another. He emphasized that if we love someone we shouldn’t jeopardized that love by engaging in risky behaviors.

“Our kids are smart, we have to be smarter so we can guide them,” he said.

He also reminded the community that no one person raises a child alone, we are all here to help. Information about the different programs that are offered within the reservation was provided, such as the truancy program, the drug line and the DARE program. SPD is also working with outside agencies to collaborate in assisting tribal citizens outside the tribe.

He concluded his speech by saying that “we are as good as the information you give us” encouraging the community to take part in improving their community.

“We are a team, we need to work together and not against each other,” he said.

Luthenan Charles Smith from the Fire Department had the opportunity to address the audience. He reported that in their first year here in Big Cypress there have been 500 calls, some were alcohol and drug related. He also agreed with the speakers before him, about all of us been part of a team, and encourage all to use the many resources available through the tribe.

Carmen Arango from Family Services was also present and reminded all of about their services, their willingness to work with everyone in the community and the importance of feeling part of the community.

“We are part of the same team,” she said. “We need to work together to reach our common goal which are a safe community where our children can grow to their fullest potential.”

She concluded with the following quote from Ridgely Goldsborough, Master Motivational Story Teller/Humorist: “Ahead of you lies a path that only you can tread. It extends far into the distance, fraught with bumps and potholes, heavy undergrowth and steep hills. At various peaks, your dreams wait patiently for you, exalting you to fulfill them and look ahead to the next one.”

Tampa Community Meeting

By Randi M. Simmons
TAMPA —

Members gathered together at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Sabal Park, Fla. for the first meeting of the New Year.

Roger Smith, Brighton Council Representative and Johnny Jones, Board Representative were available for questions and did some handshaking and exchanged hellos with everyone as they showed up. Secretary Terri Hahn and Linda Tommie were at a table providing agendas from prior board meetings.

Patty Waldron of the Brighton Health Department was with her co-workers Gail McClenithan from Brighton Insurance & Referral and Ana Cinfentes from Indian Health Services (I.H.S.) in Hollywood taking photos and updating tribal health ID cards.

Danny Santiago, Assistant Education Advisor, and Jahna Smith from Computer Information Systems took care of making the ID badges for employees.

Helene Buster from I.H.S. and Susan Harjo, Tampa Community Health Representative, took blood pressure and screening tests for a study I.H.S. is conducting about diabetes and the Seminole Tribe.

After everyone filtered through to the dining room, Bobby Henry began the meal with prayer for blessings. A full-scale supper selection was served buffet-style. Everything was arranged appetiz-



Colleen Henry

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT: Peggy Cubis and her granddaughter Carissa Colon stand by as her son Ismael Colton Jr. has his Tribal I.D. photo updated.

ingly on bright red tablecloths with green foliage, and color full parrot statues. Tempting cakes and pie slices were last, but not least, on the tables. Richard Henry, Tampa Liaison, took host of the meeting and announced speakers Roger Smith, Brighton Council, Johnny Jones, Board Representative, Ken Fields, Executive Administrator, Fred Hopkins from Real Estate, Helene Buster from I.H.S., and James Mouchette from the Housing Department.

The speakers addressed issues that included health awareness, prospective land for real estate, housing repairs and some office procedures that needed further clarification. Henry closed out with a reminder to everyone that family is there for support.

“We all need to help each other out,” he said; “We are all one big family.”



Carmen Arango

Bull rider Gary Richard takes time for a quick photo with Andre Jumper.



Emma Brown

ROLL CALL: During Impact Week students were able to explore Washington as a living classroom.

Seminole Students Attend Close-Up Program

By Emma Brown

WASHINGTON, DC — During the first week of Feb., Seminole students from Big Cypress, Immokalee, and Fort Pierce attended the Close-Up Program in Washington, DC. This was the 7th year that tribal students from all United Southeastern Tribes (USET) have attended the Close-Up program during Impact Week in Washington. This is a great way for students to have direct contact with their Tribal leaders. The Close-Up program is designed with the following three ideas in mind:

We must understand history to take action in the present. During the program, students explore the

history of U.S./Tribal relations in an effort to understand what the relationship is now

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Seminoles Attend Safari Club Convention

By Emma Brown

RENO, NV — During the month of January, a group of bow hunters attended the 43rd Annual Safari Club International (SCI) Convention. This convention is held every year and represents one of the largest hunting organizations in the world.

SCI is one of the largest lobbyists in Washington, D.C. that helps fight for hunter's constitutional rights and helps assure hunting continues to be part of the world's future. The association is made up of thousands of members from every continent. From presidents and kings to plain old county folk, the sport of hunting is a common bond that they all share.

Roger Smith, Richard Council Representative, Bright Henry, Tampa Liaison, Todd and Alex Johns, and Bill Merriwether traveled to Reno, Nev. to attend this year's convention.

The goal for the group was to obtain as much knowledge as possible about forming a chapter for SCI back in Seminole Country. They also did a little shopping at the trade show which took two days to cover. The group felt very fortunate to be a part of the convention and was able to meet some TV celebrities like Dave Watson and Jim Shockey who are stars that grace The Outdoor Channel.

The group was also able to get a glimpse of General Norman Schwarzkopf and Oliver North, and unfortunately just missed seeing Former President George Bush. The group feels that the goal of the convention was met and that they are very hopeful to

be forming a new SCI chapter in Seminole Country very soon.

They would like to invite all bow hunting enthusiast interested in joining the organization to please look for upcoming information that will be posted in upcoming *Seminole Tribune* articles and communities.

Before this new Seminole chapter of SCI has been officially formed, local bow hunters have



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Attendees at the SCI Convention brought valuable knowledge back to Florida in hoped of starting a Safari Club in Seminole Country.

already submitted potential record book animals, taken with a bow, to the SCI for scoring. The group is very excited on the formation of the club, seeing it grow by involving all interested bow hunters, and sharing hunting stories with others.



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Fort Pierce high school students enjoyed their trip to the nation's capital.

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Photo by Paula Cassels

Friends of Chairman Mitchell Cypress. Special guests from Oklahoma enjoyed their stay, visiting the different reservation of the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

L-R: Rusty Powell, Wahilla Doonkeen, Mitchell Cypress, Clarence Johnson, Matt Tiger.

Brighton Annual Super Bowl Rib Cook-Off

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — On Feb. 1, Super Bowl Sunday, the Brighton community hosted their Fourth Annual Rib Cook-Off. This year's celebration was the biggest and best yet. There were 19 two-man teams that battled for the title of the "best rib cookers around."

Along with the barbecue rib cook-off, the women had a little competition of their own by putting their fry bread and pumpkin bread cooking skills to work. There were more than 30 women showing off their cultural cooking talents by competing in these two contests.

The First Annual Rib Cook-Off began four years ago as a means of resolving the age old argument of who the best cooks really were around the Brighton Rez. As always, the judges had an extremely tough time deciding who and which teams were most deserving of bragging rights for the next year.

Along with bragging rights, winners received cash prizes and trophies for their efforts.



Elizabeth Johns

John Huff Jr. (center) with 1st place winners Angel and Bill Osceola.

Once the results were in and the winners were awarded, a nice feast was served and everyone was then able to put their own judging to taste.

A great big thank you goes to Roger Smith, Johnny Jones, and the Brighton Education Department for their gracious donations that were given to help make this event possible and successful.

Thank you to Mary Jo Micco, John Huff Jr., and Liz and Alex Johns for also helping make this year's cook-off a success. Congratulations to the following winners:

Barbecue Ribs: 1st - Bill and Angel Osceola, 2nd - J.R. Huff and Mike Fish, 3rd - John Huff Jr. and Alex Johns.

Frybread: 1st - Alice Snow, 2nd - Grace Koonz, 3rd - Josephine Villa

Pumpkin Bread: 1st - Betty Billie, 2nd - Jenny Snow, 3rd - Joyce Jumper.



Elizabeth Johns

John Huff Jr. and pumpkin bread 1st place winner Betty Billie.

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Seminole Police Department Honors Employees



(L-R) Doug Zamora and Calvin Harrison holding their respective Officer of the Year Awards and Life Saving Awards.



Rhonda Rotton, SPD Employee of the Year, proudly displays her award.

By Melissa Sherman
HOLLYWOOD — Three Seminole Police Department (SPD) employees received awards Monday Feb. 9 at the awards ceremony held by the Seminole Department of Law Enforcement.
The ceremony began after a community verses Seminole Police softball game was held; SPD narrowly lost by one run. A large white tent was set up in the parking lot of SPD where employees and tribal citizens gathered for a well deserved chicken and rib dinner.
Chief of Police Mike Floyd was happy to award the title of Employee of the Year to Rhonda Rotton, Records Supervisor. Rotton has been an SPD employee for 15 years.
“This individual is a very hard worker and works many long hours, and has been a very loyal employee,” said Chief Floyd.
Chief Floyd then told a story about a call two officers responded to in Hollywood Estates Mobile homes where a man had stopped breathing and had no pulse. Officers Calvin Harrison and Doug Zamora preformed CPR and resuscitated the individual before fire and rescue teams arrived.
Harrison and Zamora were both awarded Officer of the Year and a Life Saving Award. After a very emotional thank you speech by both officers, they humbly accepted their awards and all attendees congratulated the two.

Hollywood Reservation Curfew

Attention all Seminole Tribe of Florida
Hollywood Residents

The Seminole Tribe of Florida has a curfew ordinance already established.

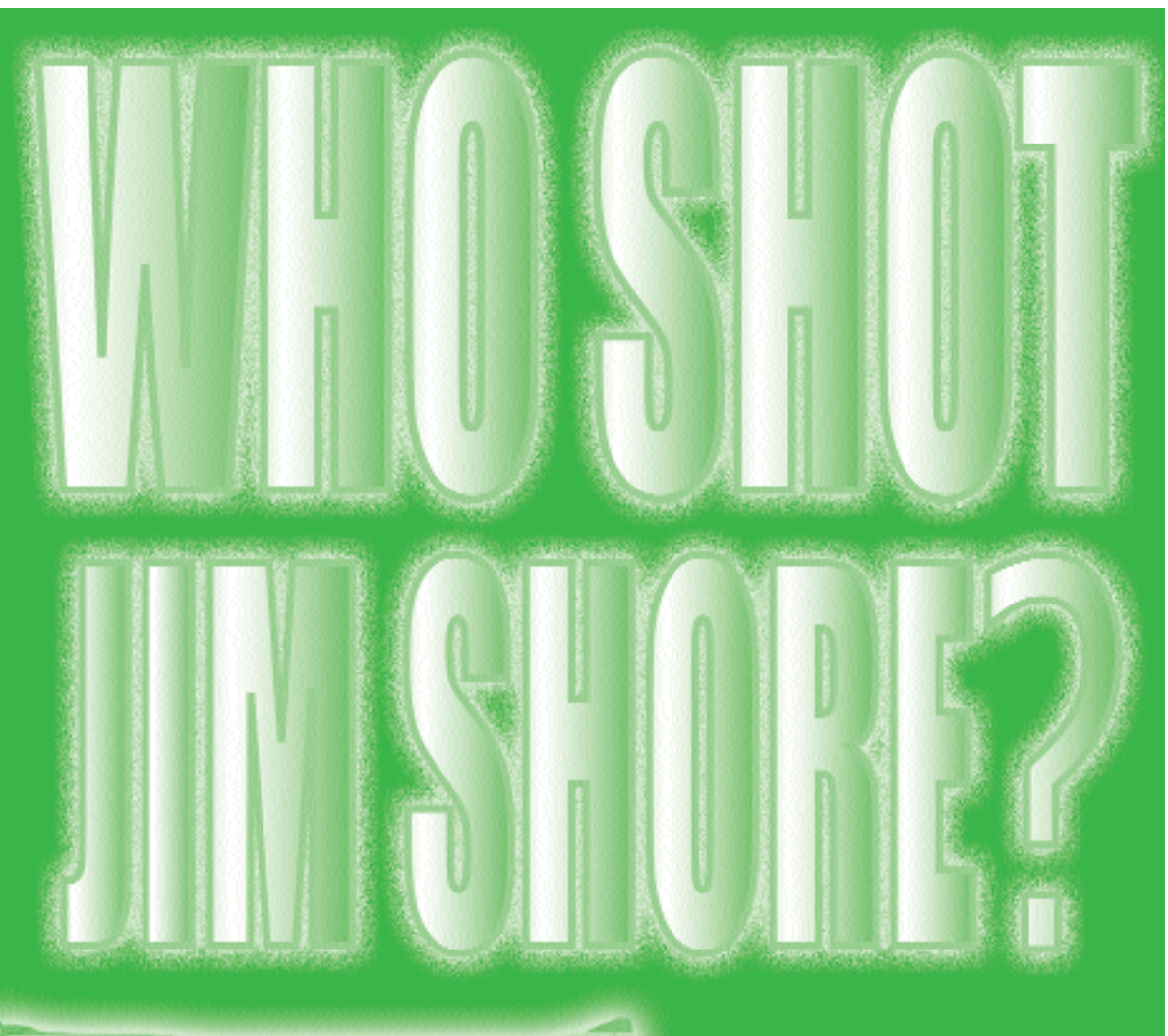
Effective immediately, the Seminole Police Department will be strictly enforcing this ordinance, for the benefit of the children younger than 18 years of age.

Sun. through Thur. children shall not be out alone without their parent(s)/guardian(s) after 10 p.m.

On Fri. and Sat. children are not allowed out alone without their parent(s)/guardian(s) after 12 a.m.

As parents, please assist in continuing to create a safe community.

If you have any questions, please contact the Seminole Police Department at (954) 967-8900.



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ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2002, JIM SHORE, THE GENERAL COUNSEL FOR THE SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA, WAS SHOT WHILE SITTING INSIDE HIS HOME. PLEASE HELP US CATCH THE CRIMINAL(S) AND BRING THEM TO JUSTICE! IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CRIME, OR IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES...

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January 2004

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| Liquor Law Violation | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 22 | | | 17 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 9 | |
| Drugs (Possession / Sale) | 12 | | | 8 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | |

| Narcotics Confiscated During Arrests | | |
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| Drug Type | Amount | Value |
| Marijuana (grams) | 39.4 | \$255 |
| Cocaine (grams) | 1.3 | \$60 |
| Crack Cocaine (grams) | 8.4 | \$790 |
| Alprazolam / Xanax (pills) | 14 | \$70 |
| Oxycodone (pills) | | |
| Oxycontin (pills) | | |
| Crystal Methamphetamines | 34 | \$680 |
| Other Narcotics (pills) | 34 | \$680 |

Master Flutist Sonny Nevaquaya Holds Fourth Annual Flute Retreat

By Shelley Marmor
BIG CYPRESS — The Fourth Annual Flute Retreat took place Feb. 17 – 20 at Billie Swamp Safari. Master flutist Sonny Nevaquaya instructed about 20 students, half of which attended last year’s retreat.

One student, Deborah Peterson, traveled all the way from Anchorage, Alaska to attend the class. Nevaquaya’s nephew, Albert Bordeaux, traveled all the way from the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, to assist his uncle and make his own flute.

Tribal friends including Joe Benji Osceola and Mary Jene Coppedge also attended the retreat.

Nevaquaya sits on the Board of Directors for The International Native American Flute Association. He also comes from a flute-making family. Relatives including his father, renown flutist Doc Tate Nevaquaya, and brother have also practiced this art.

While instructing the class, he showed them one of his father’s flutes he had cut in half. Nevaquaya said he unfortunately had to open the flute because he forgot how his father constructed the inside and made the

flute’s sound so perfect.

At this retreat he did much of the initial work for the students, such as cutting out the actual shape of the flute in

“The hardest part of Native American flute making is tuning,” he said. “When I hear a good sound, I stop.”

After sanding the flute to make the outside smooth and carving out both halves of the inside to achieve the perfect sound, the two halves of the flute are glued together and left to bond overnight. Nevaquaya said students must have the inside smooth and “looking like glass” before they glue the flute together otherwise it won’t play well.

The flute also needs a reed, which are made with wood cutouts about three inches in height. These wood cutouts can be of anything the flute maker wants. At this retreat Nevaquaya made some cutouts for the group to choose from, including wolves, otters and bears.

Nevaquaya told the students they have to practice at good flute making because it rarely comes natural to anyone. He also told them to take it “a little at a time.”

“Just like you all, it didn’t happen for me overnight,” Nevaquaya said. “My first flutes were like caveman flutes.”



Philip Shenefelt (left) learns flute making techniques from Sonny Nevaquaya.

either white pine, cedar or cypress. Nevaquaya said this will give the students enough time to perfect the flute’s sound since the retreat only lasted three days.



As day three of the Fourth Annual Flute Retreat came to an end, students were eager to show off their completed flutes.

Revival Meeting with Richard Pickup, Cherokee Evangelist

Submitted by K.B. Schaller, First Seminole Indian Baptist Church
Pastor Paul Buster believes that Psalm 122:1, *I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord*, is a fitting invitation to revival, scheduled April 4 – 8, featuring Cherokee evangelist, Richard Pickup, of Salina, Okla.

The services, to be held at First Seminole Indian Baptist Church, 4701 Stirling Road, Ft. Lauderdale, where Paul Buster has served as pastor for nearly ten years, will kick off each night with supper at 5:30 p.m. In addition to the thundering sermons of Pickup beginning at 7:30 p.m., services will also include singing, testimonies, and special music.

Native churches. Noting the many dangers broadcasted by today’s media, Buster also expresses concern that Native people – and the nation as a whole – need to heed the signs of the time that warn of disasters to come, when a people turn away from God.

Placing his faith the message



Evangelist Richard Pickup

Believing that the answer to the many spiritual problems plaguing Native people is lack of belief in and commitment to Jesus Christ. Buster further states that revival calls people’s attention to their own mortality and spiritual need.

Though the April revival will be Evangelist Pickup’s first time at First Seminole Indian Baptist Church, his fiery preaching style is well-known in South Florida Indian congregations in Brighton, Big Cypress, and Indiantown.

Pastor Buster expresses his excitement about the coming event.

“Everybody is welcome to come,” he said. “And we encourage them to attend.”

He voices hope that other local Indian congregations, especially, will attend. He further expresses his belief that the revival will be an opportunity to heal the breach between

of Christianity, Pastor Buster readily recites 11 Chronicles 7:14: *If my people, which are called by My name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

For further information about the revival please contact (954) 585-0400; or E-mail chariot07@msn.com.

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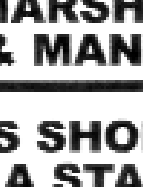

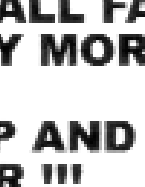






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Family Services – The Importance of Healthy Relationships



Carmen Arango keeps the Family Services booth under control and makes time to talk to a tribal citizen.

Big Cypress Family Services Booth

The Family Services Department was present for Dividend Day to encourage everyone to foster “Healthy Relationships.”

Tina Mennella put together a very attractive basket of “love” goodies, which was raffled. Carmen Arango manned the table and gave out goodies, apples and raffle tickets. Marisol Garcia did her thing with the camera again; she's getting quite good at it.

Lynda Fleischman painted t-shirts again, and the children got involved this time, making beautiful pictures and expressing love for their families. Lucille Jumper assisted in her own quiet way by making coloring books for the children and being generally helpful.

Overall, the day went very well, with the community getting involved and enjoying the presence of the Family Services staff.



Carmen Arango assists tribal senior Mabel Frank.



Linda Fleischman had fun working with the youngsters.

Brighton Family Services Booth

The entire Brighton staff participated and had a great morning with a table set up for tribal citizens during Dividend Day. Kay Begin, Brenda Walker and Tony Bullington began the day by setting up the table in front of the field office. The table was decorated in Valentine's Day colors and was decked out with our new Family Services banner by Brighton's own, Jason Thomas.

Residents were greeted by the staff and were treated to a variety of muffins, orange juice, water, soft drinks and hot coffee. Each visitor was encouraged to take resources for parenting and relationships, balloons for the kids and to sign up for the drawing for an adult and child gift basket. Kelli Burgess and Lois Jenkins joined Tony Bullington and continued the staff greetings as people continued to stop by and partake of the goodies.

The morning passed into the noon hour with Harold Baxley and Tony Bullington providing the contact for the residents. The table was closed at approximately 12:30 p.m. and was declared a profitable event by the staff. Ninety-six people registered for the gift baskets. Anaya Youngblood's name was drawn for the children's basket and Amanda Smith claimed the basket as the adult winner.

All of the Brighton Family Services staff hopes that the community members enjoyed the table as much as we did by providing it.



Amanda Smith



Anaya Youngblood



T-shirt painting artists.

Immokalee Family Services Booth

Immokalee Family Services Department had a booth in the Field Office for Dividend Day. The topic was “Healthy Relationships” and flyers with hints for a healthy relationship were distributed by Laura Heritier and Billie Napper.

Napper had baked two batches of cookies for a taste test. One batch of cookies was made with sugar and one batch was made with Splenda®. The general consensus was that the cookies baked with Splenda® were very tasty

and were not significantly different in taste from the batch made with sugar.

There were also a variety of soft drinks, cold water and apples for snacking. A raffle was held for a gift basket in which more than 55 people entered. The winner of the gift basket was Roy Garza. It was fun to see the people from the community and to have a chance to chat with people.

The response to the booths has been very positive and we are looking forward to next month's activities.

Hollywood Family Services Booth



This month's theme was healthy relationships. Family Services made available handouts on what are healthy relationships and what are the positive effects of being in a healthy relationship. To go along with this theme, a prize was raffled off to those who participated, about 40 people. The prize was a gift pack for a Blockbuster movie night including gift certificate, popcorn, soda and candy. There was a good turn out and enjoyed the interactions. Congratulations to Morningstar Osceola for winning the movie prize. Next month the theme will be self-esteem, and we are inviting everyone to come over and participate.



The Road to Recovery: Martin Gopher

enjoying life, to help his friends in need and to utilize the tools he has learned in treatment to keep clean and sober.



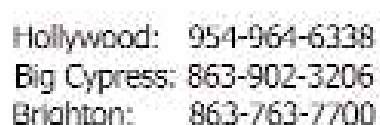
He hopes to reach some of the young people and show them a better road before some of them choose the hard road to addiction.



For more information, contact
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This feeling has resulted in many people dying from doing some really crazy things such as jumping off buildings

For more information, please contact Billie Napper at (239) 657-6567.

It is very hard for most people to stop drinking on their own. There are many resources available in the community including Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, Narcotics Anonymous meetings, family support groups, and counseling through Family Services Department. Family Services can also provide information on other community resources. Asking for help is the first step to sobriety. We wish you a happy and healthy 2004.

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Big Cypress Program Development Team.

Nery Mejicano

Program Development Team: Helping the Community Through Group Effort

By Nery Mejicano

BIG CYPRESS — The Big Cypress Development Team was formed in August 2002 by Council Representative David Cypress, and consists of all the programs that operate and provide services to community members.

In their mission statement, they pledge to “work together to constructively identify, understand and solve interrelated problems in our community, by creating exciting breakthroughs in thinking and action.”

The guiding vision of the team was that the various programs and departments working in the Big Cypress Community would join to provide cohesive and cooperative services to the community. The team would provide an opportunity for the programs to take a critical review of their own, and each other’s current strengths and weaknesses. The team would begin to create new ways of thinking to improve services.

The group agreed to meet on the second Monday of each month and selected Crissie Carter to be the group facilitator. As a facilitator, she helped guide the process in how to make the group effective, cohesive, positive and task oriented.

The group has been a success, and out of a diverse, non-coordinated group of individuals, a team has developed, tackling some very important community issues with very positive outcomes.

After some growing pains, in which some of the rules and structure were put in place, the team identified and prioritized some critical issues that needed to be addressed and/or resolved.

Among the issues identified and requiring immediate discussion, action and resolution pertained to children. Truancy, foster care, neglect, lack of self-esteem, mental health and family related issues – lack of family involvement, depression, death/grief/loss issues, family violence, alcohol/substance abuse problems, and gambling were highlighted.

Health problems included: diabetes, being overweight, poor nutrition, lice, substance abuse, cigarette smoking, HIV/AIDS, lack of exercise, and lack of spiritual connections. Social issues included criminal activity, lack of cultural knowledge, abuse of tribal resources, financial mismanagement, elder neglect, vehicular safety, street signs, and housing problems.

One of the most exciting tasks of the team was to identify the strengths and resources of its members. A comprehensive directory was developed and published in July of 2003. In this directory, each

program services are described in detail and a contact person(s) is listed.

This is the beginning of a campaign of awareness and education, not only of the team members, but the community at large. The purpose and intention for the publication of this directory was that by knowing the resources, strength and services offered by each program, duplication of effort and services could be avoided, and the resources available to the community through each program could be maximized.

Looking back to the formation of this team, several positive and successful stories can be shared. The group first decided to tackle the very difficult and frustrating issue of lice among school age children. The health Department, Ahfachkee School, the Culture Department, Parent Advisory Committee and others attacked the problem directly, and on last report, there has been a significant decrease in cases.

In the case of truancy and absenteeism, a position of school resource officer was created and the school staff, working along with the Seminole Police Department staff, has decreased truancy to the lowest levels in many years. A new attendance policy was written that conforms to Hendry County policy and both parents and students were made aware of the rules and consequences.

On the issue of lack of communication among programs and lack of communication with the community, an electronic sign was installed in the lobby of the Family Investment Center that keeps everyone updated on the important dates and events of importance to programs and the community.

A newsletter was created and distributed monthly to summarize the progress of the team as well as inform the team members of relevant service issues. As we get further into 2004, the team is participating in some creative and fun team development activities that will strengthen its commitment of working together to the benefit of the Big Cypress community.

The February meeting is slated to be at the newly-improved ropes course in Big Cypress and the members will participate in self improvement and team building exercises.

If you need any more detailed information about the Big Cypress Development Team, feel free to contact Crissie Carter at (863) 902-3200, Ext. 1220.

By Kenny Bayon C.F.T

One day, you are walking and an item drops from your bag. As you bend over to pick it up, Wham! In a split second, your back gives out as if there something out of whack. A sharp pain shoots through your spine so badly, you can’t even stand up. Unable to sleep peacefully, unable to exercise, you can’t even walk more than a few yards without a jolt of pain shooting through your body. This is a common problem that arises to millions of Americans.

These are just a few of the problems sometimes caused by lower back injuries. And unfortunately, many of us will eventually experience them first-hand. The lower lumbar muscles – specifically the erector spinae, which runs along the spine starting just above the hips – are involved in just about everything we do, from bending and reaching to twisting, lifting and even standing. Unsurprisingly, work-related back injuries are the nation’s number one occupational hazard, and four out of five adults will experience significant low back pain sometime during their life.

And while back problems, which can range from muscular strains and ligament sprains to pinched nerves, ruptured discs, joint irritation and arthritis – are very tough to eliminate, they are fairly easy to avoid. In addition to regular activity (walking, biking, swimming, etc.), the best way to thwart these setbacks is through a thorough and consistent conditioning program that focuses on the trunk. The trunk includes the lower back and abdominal muscles, which help stabilize the torso and are critical to lower-back health, and the obliques, which run diagonally up and down your sides. Other important muscles for lower back health include the hips and thighs.

I sat down with Dr. Brian Rush, a local chiropractor, who works with many of the Hollywood Seminole tribal citizens, to clarify a few of the questions that are frequently asked.

Kenny Bayon: Should people use ice or heat and for how long should I apply them?

Dr. Rush: If you are at a sporting event or an area where a doctor is not available and an injury occurs including: ankle sprain, bruise, mild fall, back or neck pain, etc, ice is the safest. Wrap the ice in a small towel or t-shirt and place on the area for 20 minutes. Repeat every 90 minutes for a maximum of four applications per day. Ice is used as an analgesic, or pain reliever and as an anti-inflammatory. Usually it is safe to apply ice for the first 72 hours after such an injury, but I recommend to always contact your doctor as soon as possible where a complete evaluation of the injury can be done.

KB: When should people wear a back support or belt for my back pain?

Dr. Rush: This subject has brought a lot of confusion and questions to most people. There are pros and cons of wearing these belts. The belts will definitely support the back when lifting because it takes the pressure away from the back and transfers it towards the abdomen. Sounds great right? Well, the other side is that instead of the back muscles working normally during this process, they may actually weaken over time due to inactivity. Let me explain. When you wear the back supports all day during work, the belt takes the job away from the back muscles. So instead of the muscles working correctly, they can actually weaken from inactivity. This may cause a more serious injury in the future. Confused? I told you. Like I said earlier, always follow the advice of your doctor first, this is my advise to my patients. Only wear your work support belts or weightlifting belts when you are lifting something. When you are walking around or in between activities just loosen the belts. This information may differ for serious injuries, so once again contact your doctor.

KB: What is the best position to sleep?

Dr. Rush: This is easy. The best sleeping position is fetal position (on your side) with a pillow between your legs. The pillow will prevent you from twisting the pelvis or back. This position will allow your spine to be in its most normal position. The next best sleeping position is on your back with a pillow under your knees. The pillow will help to support the back. The worst sleeping position is on your stomach. This position puts a torque or a twist to the spine which can lead to injuries. I recommend to use only one pillow for under the head. Two or three pillows can cause strain and stress to the neck. Changing the way you sleep takes time; it’s not easy. Try it for 15 minutes every night for one week in the new position, then 20 minutes, then 30 minutes, and so on until you fall asleep.

Your spine is very important. It protects your nervous system which controls and coordinates every function of your body including the cells, tissues, muscles, and organs. If you have any aches and pains or general questions about your overall health, contact your chiropractor to get your spine checked.

Here are some stretches and exercises below can be performed with little or no equipment. Where you do them – at home, at the gym, in the office – is up to you. The key is consistency: Try to stretch every day, and train for strength three times a week.

NOTE: Before beginning any exercise program, consult your doctor.

Stretches

Before exercising or stretching you should warm up with slow, rhythmic exercises like walking or bike riding or swimming. If short on time, get creative: stretch in bed, in the shower, during work breaks. Hold stretches for 20-30 seconds, then repeat and try to push a little farther each time, without causing pain. Repeat up to five times.

***Forward Chair Lean (easy):** Relaxing static stretch of lower back, best used during cooldown. Sit in chair with feet flat on floor, slightly more than

Back Up Your Back

shoulder-width apart. Lean forward slowly, letting upper body, arms and head fall between knees. Reach arms through legs and under chair.

***Standing Back Bend (easy):** Stand with your feet slightly apart. Place your hands in the small of your back. Keep your knees straight. Bend backwards at the waist as far as possible and hold the position for one or two seconds.

***Knees to Chest (moderate):** Lie on your back with your knees bent and feet flat on your bed or floor. Raise your knees toward your chest. Place both hands under your knees and gently pull your knees as close to your chest as possible. Do not raise your head. Do not straighten your legs as you lower them.

***Lying Torso Twist (moderate):** Static stretch that’s easy to do in bed. Lie on back with knees bent and feet flat on floor. Keeping shoulders flat, slowly pull both knees down to left as far as possible and look in opposite direction. Can also be performed with one leg straight and one leg bent. Either way, repeat to other side. Turn it into an active stretch by rolling legs back and forth 10 times without pausing.

***Cross-Leg Roll (moderate):** Static stretch of the back, obliques and butt. Lie on back and bend right leg at about 90-degree angle with right foot planted firmly on floor. Cross left ankle over right knee. Keeping shoulders grounded, roll hips toward right side of body until side of right thigh and bottom of left foot touch floor. Holding same leg position, roll to the left side. Switch leg positions and repeat. Turn it into an active stretch by rolling hips back and forth 10 times without pausing.

Strength Exercises
Perform three times a week. Warm up beforehand with 5 – 10 minutes of cardiovascular exercise and stretching. The body is a machine – every part affects the others – so condition all muscles. Tighten the abs during exercise to create a natural girdle that helps support and protect the lower back. Use a steady pace to work through a full range of motion. Inhale deeply before each repetition of an exercise and exhale when performing each repetition. Perform 5 – 10 repetitions on each set, and aim for three sets per exercise per workout.

Wall Slides
(Strengthens back, leg and hip muscles)

Stand with your back against a wall and feet shoulder-width apart. Slide down into a crouch with knees bent to about 90 degrees. Count to five and slide back up the wall. Repeat five times.

***Lying Leg Pull (difficult):** Static stretch for the hamstrings and butt muscles. Lie on back with arms under thighs. Pull knees to chest. Keeping knees against chest, extend legs overhead and hold.

Leg Raises
(Strengthens stomach and hip muscles)

Lie on your back with your arms at your sides. Lift one leg off the floor. Hold your leg up for a count of 10 and return it to the floor. Do the same with the other leg. Repeat five times with each leg. If that is too difficult, keep one knee bent and the foot flat on the ground while raising the leg.

You can also sit upright in a chair with legs straight and extended at an angle to the floor. Lift one leg waist high. Slowly return your leg to the floor. Do the same with the other leg. Repeat five times with each leg

Partial Sit-up
(Strengthens stomach muscles)

Lie on your back with knees bent and feet flat on floor. Slowly raise your head and shoulders off the floor and reach with both hands toward your knees. Count to 10. Repeat five times

More Exercises for the Lower Back

***Pelvic thrust (easy):** Lie on back with knees bent, feet flat on floor and arms by side. Raise pelvis so there’s slight arch in lower back or until you can draw a straight line from knees to shoulders. Hold for 2 – 3 seconds, then slowly return to starting position. Repeat 5 – 10 times.

***Superman (moderate):** Lie flat on stomach with arms straight in front. Lift chest and arms off ground and pause for 2 – 3 seconds. Return to starting position and repeat 5 – 10 times. Tougher variations of this include lifting just the thighs off the ground; lifting the arms, chest and thighs; and alternately lifting the right arm and left thigh and left arm and right thigh.

More Exercises for the Abdominals and Obliques

***Crunch (easy):** Lie on back with knees bent. For lumbar protection, keep the back as flat as possible. While contracting stomach muscles, curl up and forward so shoulder blades lift off floor. Use hands to guide head up, but don’t pull on neck. Return to starting position and repeat until 10 – 20 times.

To work the obliques, use same form as regular crunch, but rotate elbow to opposing knee at top of movement. Alternate sides for symmetry. Crunches can also be done with legs flat on ground or elevated on bench.

***Reverse crunch (moderate):** Isolates the lower abs. Lie on back with legs off ground and thighs perpendicular to trunk. Contract abs while pulling legs and pelvis toward chest. Return to starting position and repeat 10 – 20 times.


***Straight Leg Raises (moderate):** Lie on your back with one leg straight and one knee bent. Tighten abdominal muscles to stabilize low back. Slowly lift leg straight up about 6 – 12 inches and hold up to five seconds. Lower leg slowly and repeat 5 – 10 times with each leg.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email Kenny Bayon at kbay07@aol.com, or call Dr. Rush at (954) 432-5006 to make an appointment for an examination.

Seminole Children’s Dental Health Month

Dental Care for Children

Children should brush at least twice a day with a pea-sized amount of fluoride toothpaste and floss at least once a day. Parents should help their children with tooth-brushing and flossing until the age of 7 – 8. Children should eat healthy snacks; fresh fruits are a good choice. Children who play sports should wear an athletic mouth guard to protect their teeth. Children should visit the Dental Office at least twice a year for check-ups and fluoride treatments.



Good Dental Health for Teens

Good dental health is important for teens too! By age 14 – 15, a teenager should have all of their permanent teeth. These teeth are meant to last for a lifetime and deserve special care. Teenagers should brush and floss daily, and should avoid having too many snacks and sodas. Teenagers playing sports should wear an athletic mouth guard to protect the teeth. They should also visit the dentist at least twice a year for check-ups.

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Campus Tours Planned for High School Students

The tribe's Department of Education invites all Seminole high school students to attend two campus group visits, one to the University of Florida and the other to Florida State University. The tours will take place March 23 – 26. Registration deadline for the tours is March 16.

To find out more about these institutions please visit www.campustours.com, or for more information please call the reservation please Education Advisor. In Hollywood please call Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor, at (954) 233-9541 or (954) 989-6840 Ext. 1311.

Multi-Cultural Month Celebration of Seminoles at Cape Coral Library

Cape Coral, Fla. celebrates multi-cultural month each Oct. in the Lee County Regional Library. We have a very large art gallery where we would exhibit Seminole art, crafts, costumes and artifacts. There is also wall space for more than forty paintings or other items, and three large state-of-the-art wall cases.

During the month, we celebrate a Saturday Library Program, which is free to the public. It features music, dance, stories, food, etc. honoring our "Heritage of the Year." We have a

good author in our area that discovered her Indian heritage late in life, and has written three books about herself, and her ancestors, who followed the infamous "Trail of Tears."

We are hoping that Lee County will hold this month-long celebration during October 2005. If your Tribal Council would be interested in helping prepare for this exciting event, please contact Joyce Lyons, Chairman, Cape Coral-Lee County Library Gallery, at (239) 542-0546.

Conversations on Higher Education

Submitted by Dora Bell, Higher Education Advisor

The Education Department strongly urges all scholarship recipients to be aware of the following deadlines for presenting their completed applications: April 1 for Summer school, July 1 for the Fall semester, and Nov. 1 for the Spring semester.

This message is directed to all participants including high school graduates, GED graduates, continuing students and all potential students. Completed paperwork must be presented to each person's respective Reservation Advisors before the deadline.

Timely presentation of paperwork is advantageous to everyone involved in the Higher Education program. Before the Higher Education Advisory Committee meets, we need an opportunity to study each case and offer assistance to those students who need it.

The purpose of higher education is not just to provide knowledge; it is also preparation for professional life. How are people who hand in work late without negative consequences going to function in a professional context if they have never learned to plan for and meet deadlines?

Mitchell

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As well as districts, he won the Hillsborough County Championship the weekend before as he again went undefeated throughout the whole tournament, defeating all three of his opponents the final day. He overwhelmed a so called worthy opponent, pinning him a minute into the first period with a powerful right throw, placing his opponent on his back.

"I feel more skill, strength and quickness

[than last year]," said Mitchell, who also played football at Brandon.

"He's improved his stamina and condition," Cozart said. "He's maturing, and he's much more aggressive and goal orientated."

Even though Mitchell, Cozart, and many others have high expectation for the heavyweight grappler, Mitchell isn't succumbing to pressure.

"There's good pressure for him to succeed and do the best that he can – positive reinforcement," Cozart says. "He's doing a great job and has a heck of a chance to win."

Brighton Students Set Goals High

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — Meet Adam Osceola. He is the son of Reno and Kelli Osceola and is in the 11th grade at Okeechobee High School (OHS). He enjoys playing football and intends on being a part of the football team at OHS next year.

After graduating, Osceola plans on attending a junior college or vocational school to major in welding or diesel mechanics. He has always enjoyed tinkering with junk cars and it has become something that he would like to make a career of.



Adam Osceola

Meet Codene Jumper. Jumper is the daughter of Martha and Cordell Jumper Sr. and is in the 9th grade at Okeechobee Freshman Campus. She enjoys playing basketball, softball and working out at the school gym.

Her goal is to finish high school and attend a community college for the first two years. She would then like to transfer to the University of Miami and study to medicine. Jumper would like to come back and serve her community as a doctor someday, because she feels there is a great need for more Native American doctors.

Jumper would like to let the young members of her tribe know that "they should never give up on your dreams and what others think about you shouldn't matter and prevent you from achieving your goals."

Jumper's biggest inspiration has been her Aunt Joyce. Although she has never had children of her own, she knows how to take care of them and she has been a best friend, always helping in any situation and letting Jumper know how important she is.

Meet Josie Snow. Snow is a 9th grader, and the daughter of Roy and Diane Snow. She attends the



Codene Jumper and Josie Snow

Okeechobee Freshman Campus. Snow would like to attend college to become a teacher or an author. She would also like to participate in track and cross country and someday make it to the Olympics.

When asked what she would like to share with young tribal students, Snow replied, "Work hard and go for your dreams, and if you don't succeed, then try again until you do."

Snow's dad has been her biggest influence because she said "he has taught me how to do things I can not do and he teaches me how to be the best at whatever I try to do."

Meet Bo Parker. Parker is the son of Deetra Lambert and is an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He is in the 9th grade at Brighton Baptist Academy. Parker works after school and enjoys it a great deal.

One of Parker's goals is not to get "hooked" on drugs. He has not decided on college at this time, but he is interested in computers. Parker would like to encourage young tribal citizens to not

forget that there is a big world out there and not to be afraid to go out and explore. Parker's biggest influences are his friends because he said "they understand me."

Pull-Out Program Holds Student Council Election

By Emma Brown

BRIGHTON — On Friday Jan. 23, the Brighton Pull-Out program, AKA PEMAYETV, held student council election. They voted on a chairman and class representatives for each grade.

Before the elections were held, Councilman Roger Smith and Board Representative Johnny Jones came to the school to speak with the children about different duties of an elected tribal official. They each explained their role as a leader and the difference between the two governing bodies of the Seminole Tribe, the Board and the Council.

Both Smith and Jones stressed to the children the importance of getting an education and being involved in the tribe and community. The student election that were held on Jan. 23 were a mock-up of an actual tribal election with three fifth graders, one clerk, one judge and one teller, acting as pollsters.

Each candidate presented his/her class with a platform speech about why they would like to be a council representative or chairman. The ballots were replicas of ballots used in tribal elections with a picture of each candidate.

The students enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about tribal politics, as well as having the chance to experience a political race. The newly elected student council members will be at the council meeting that will be held in Brighton on Feb. 9 to meet their tribal officials and to be a part of a real political experience.

This not only taught the students about tribal politics and duties, but it also gave them a chance to gain self confidence and esteem by getting up in front



Brighton students learn the political process during Student Council election.

of their peers and voicing their opinions that they felt would qualify them to be the best representative.

On Friday Jan. 30 the Pull-Out Program held an inauguration where the newly elected chairman and council members were sworn into office.

Congratulations to the following students for being elected to the new Pull-Out Program Student Council:

Chairman: Phillip Jones
Kindergarten Representatives: Imillakiyo and Yopalakiyo Osceola
1st grade Representative: Lewis Gopher
2nd and 3rd grade Representative: Myrick Jumper
4th and 5th grade Representative: Trent Osceola.

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Two participants rev-up their engines at the Immokalee Truck Pull.

Judy Weeks

Immokalee Truck Pull

By Judy Weeks

IMMOKALEE — The John Jimmie Arena was the scene of a Truck Pull Competition on Saturday, Feb. 7. Raymond Garza, Immokalee Board Representative, was the promoter and organizer of the event. He enlisted the sponsorship of Elaine Aguilar, Immokalee’s Council Representative, and David Billie of the Immokalee Recreation Department.

Preparation of the facilities to accommodate the truck pull began on Thursday and continued through Saturday afternoon. The competitors and their pit crews started to arrive as early as 2 p.m. in anticipation of the pull, which was scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. As the starting time inched closer, you could feel and hear the excitement growing. Shouts of encouragement, laughter, the revving of engines and the roar of the monster trucks filled the air.

A trip through the contestant parking area showed street trucks, woods vehicles, slightly enhanced conversions and “beefed-up” monster trucks. It was obvious that many of these drivers had invested a fortune of both time and money in their favorite sport. The enthusiasm was running high and there was a category for everyone.

Truck Pulls come in many varieties and rules. This competition involved each contestant’s vehicle being hooked to the front of a sled, which is

a large trailer, rigged with a mechanical weight system. At the signal to go, the driver advances down the center of the arena pulling the heavy sled past the footage markers while the weight slowly increases on his vehicle.

They either complete the entire run or “bottom out” at their maximum pulling capacity for the run. It is incredible to see just how much weight is pulled, and how far the vehicles can go. The results of each run are measured, the truck disconnected, and the sled is pulled back to the starting point by a large tractor. After careful tabulation of each pull, the winners of each category were announced.

The following tribal citizens participated in the competition: Allen Billie, Raymond Garza, Josh Garza, Ralph Sanchez, Virginia Billie, Meriam Billie, Lupe Osceola, and Lonnie Billie. Some of them are veteran drivers, and others were trying their hand at the sled for the first time. It was unanimous that each of them enjoyed their pull and look forward to doing it again.

Unfortunately, the weather made a radical change following a slow, drizzle of rain from high-60s to mid-30s, with a strong wind just a few hours past sunset. The weather, however, did not affect anyone’s spirits; out came the heavy jackets, blankets, and the tribal concession stand set a record in hot chocolate and coffee sales. It was a night to remember in Immokalee!

Kalgary Johns Participates in Rodeo

By Tabitha Osceola

BIG CYPRESS — Big Cypress hosted the Eastern Indian Rodeo on Jan. 31. Even though it was rainy, muddy and a little cool, the weather did not stop the Native American cowboys and cowgirls from showing off their talents.

Don’t seem Kalgary Johns didn’t mind the rain, placing first in the Mutton Busting contest. When asked if she hung on the longest because she didn’t want to fall in the mud, she answered with a big “yes.” Johns says she prac-

tices riding sheep in Brighton and will teach her little sister Jaycee to ride. Johns also placed in the Barrel Racing, but stated she likes to ride sheep more than Barrel Racing.

By placing in both the Mutton Busting and Barrel Racing, Johns got to go the pay window twice and plans on saving her winnings. Asked if there is anything else she would like to do in rodeo, Johns replied she wants to rope just like her mom.

Tabitha Osceola
Kalgary Johns



Rodeo Results

Bareback: No Entries; Saddle Bronc: No Entries; Steer Wrestling: 1st - Naha Jumper, 2nd - Robbie Chalfant; Calf Roping: 1st - Josh Jumper; Women’s Breakaway: 1st - Boogie Jumper, 2nd - Shelby Osceola, 3rd - Billie Tiger, 4th - Lizzie Dixie; Fifty and older Breakaway: 1st - Moses Jumper Jr., 2nd - Rudy Osceola; Team Roping: 1st - Marvin

Bowers/Trina Bowers, 2nd - Joey Henry/Mike Henry, 3rd - Josh Jumper/Naha Jumper, 4th - Jeff Johns/Todd Johns, Women’s Barrels: 1st - Tess Ducheneaux, 2nd - Shelby Osceola, 3rd - Boogie Jumper, 4th - Anna Bowers; Bull Riding: 1st - Koty Brugh.

Seminole Board of Directors Ranch Rodeo Team Wins 2004 Team Trophy

Submitted by Paul Bowers

Team Points for Board: 5,800
Team Points for Council: 2,200

2004 Ranch Rodeo Results

Mutton Busting, 6 years and younger:

1st Place Kalgary Johns: 26.92, Council, 300 Points
2nd Place Donovan Tiger: 3.66, Board, 200 Points
3rd Place Destiny Cypress: 2.26, Board, 100 Points

Calf Riding: Ages 7 – 10:

1st Place Andre Jumper: 73.0, Board, 300 Points
2nd Place Blevyns Jumper: 41.29, Board, 200 Points
3rd Place Brandtley Osceola: 24.0, Board, 100 Points
No Jr. Bull Riding

Sr. Bull Riding:

1st Place, Clinton Holt: 6.78, Board, 300 Points
2nd Place, Ray Rivera: 3.97, Board, 200 Points

Jr. Barrel Racing 10 and younger:

1st Place Acealyn Youngblood: 19.72, Board, 300 Points
2nd Place Raygen Whitecloud: 24.12, Board, 200 Points
3rd Place Chelsea Mancil: 24.16, Board, 100 Points

Jr. Barrel Racing 11-16 Yrs. Old:

1st Place, Shyla Johns: 21.25, Board, 300 Points
2nd Place, Justina Jo Billie: 22.89, Board, 200 Points
3rd Place, Shelby Osceola, 24.57, Board, 100 Points

Barrel Racing 17 and older:

1st Place: Trina Bowers, 19.11, Council, 300 Points
2nd Place: Boggie Jumper, 19.44, Council, 200 Points
3rd Place: Ayzze Jo Henry, 19.87, Board, 100 Points

Calf Scramble:

1st Place Chelsea Mancil, Board, 300 Points
2nd Place Choben Gooden, Council, 200 Points
3rd Place Kalgary Johns, Council, 100 Points

Youth Goat Team Roping

1st Place, Andre Jumper/Blevyns Jumper 24.21, Board, 300 Points

Team Penning (2 man Teams):

1st Place, Josh Jumper/Naha Jumper: 41.94, Council, 300 Points
2nd Place, Joey Henry/Mike Henry: 42.65, Board, 200 Points
3rd Place, Norman Johns/Boggie Jumper: 48.53, Council, 100 Points

Ribbon Roping Male/Female:

1st Place, Josh Jumper/Pauletta Bowers: 12.73, Board, 300 Points
2nd Place, Happy Jumper/Candy Mancil: 12.90, Council, 200 Points
3rd Place, Bennie Hernandez/Jennifer Mancil: 13.31, Council, 100 Points
Wild Cow Milking:

1st Place, Joey Henry/Mike Henry: 19.37, Board, 300 Points

Team Rope & Brand –Team of 3 (1 or 2 Females):

1st Place, Bennie H./Josh J./ Jessica M.: 13.91, Council, 300 Points
2nd Place, Big Shot/Happy J./Laquita J.: 17.31, Council, 200 Points
3rd Place, Joey H./Ayze H./Nauthkee H.: 21.70, Board, 100 Points

Trailer Race 3 per Team:

1st Place, Sam A./Candy M./Jennifer M.: 90.31, Board, 300 Points
2nd Place, Josh J./Naha J./Boggie J.: 103.24, Council, 200 Points
3rd Place, Ayze Jo H./Justina B./Nauthkee H.: 113.458, Board, 100 Points

Money the Hard Way - 17 and older:

1st Place, Ray Rivero: \$200, Board, 300 Points

Billy Nelson Wins Motocross Title

Sanctioned by The American Motorcycle Association (AMA)

GAINESVILLE, FL — On Saturday Jan. 24 Billy Nelson captured the Winter Am’s title in the 250 cc “C” class. The series ended up at Gatorback MX track in Gainesville, Fla.

Billy went into the final round of the series trailing the leader by five points, and he needed two first place finishes to regain the lead. In the first race Nelson finished third, however, the leader in points finished fifth, and lost a few points to Nelson.

In the second race Nelson and his Yamaha 250 got the hole shot and led the entire race. He was able to land the “elevator” jump in the final race, a feat attempted only by more advanced riders and professionals. The jump is known all over the U.S. as one of the most difficult to land.

On Sunday Nelson received the trophy for the title at the awards banquet. Here is an account of the series and Nelson’s effort. The series began at Gatorback MX track on Dec. 27. He took fourth place in the first race, and first in the second.

In the first race Nelson battled for third place, however, was nudged out by a half-wheel. Determined to even the score in the next race he got the hole shot and raced neck-and-neck for two laps before pulling away in the third lap and holding off all challenges for the final two laps. He placed third overall.

On Jan. 3 at Dade City, he finished third in the first race, and first in the second. Nelson had never raced at Dade City but felt he could turn it loose on this treacherous track that had caused many riders to make mistakes and go down. He took the hole shot and finished the race 10 seconds faster than the field, and was never challenged.

This time Nelson was awarded first place

overall and took the lead in points for the series. On Jan. 10 in Reddick, Fla. he took first place overall with a second and first finish. In the second race Nelson once again took the hole shot and never looked back, leading the field the entire race.

The next round was held in Okeechobee, Fla. at Thundercross MX Park. The competition had begun to recognize Nelson as a rider to contend with. In the first race he went down, however, was able to get back up and finish second. In the second race his competition got the best of him on a turn and he was taken out. He got back up however and finished eighth. Overall Billy was awarded fifth and lost his lead in the series.



Photo Provided By Seminole Motocross
Billy Nelson

Nelson remained in the running but trailed by five points going into the final round. He trained hard all week before the final round at the Big Cypress Seminole MX track and at Air Dania MX track while visiting his dad Ted Nelson Sr. in Hollywood.

At the awards banquet, he thanked his sponsors Chairman Mitchell Cypress, Council Representatives David Cypress and Max Osceola Jr. Billy also thanked his sponsor GB Works Suspensions who keeps his bikes “race ready.”

Although Nelson experienced many hardships and much misfortune this past year, he remains on target for his goal to compete at Loretto Lynn’s, the most prestigious amateur motocross event of the year. He will be competing the next few months to qualify. Nelson is grateful for the help he has been given and the support given to him in the spirit of “helping those who are trying to make it.”

Hollywood Recreation Versus Seminole Police in Softball Game

By Kenny Bayon, C.F.T

HOLLYWOOD —The Seminole police officers should only hope that they don’t see as much action and drama and offensive firepower on their jobs as they experienced in a community-bonding softball game against the Seminole Recreation Department on Feb. 2 at the Hollywood Recreation field.

Recreation won the contest, 10-9, on Jose Herrera’s two-out single in the bottom of the seventh inning that drove in Keith Condon. But the contest’s outcome was secondary to the main objective: for tribal citizens and police officers to get acquainted and have fun. And that they did, starting with Recreation director Moses “Big Shot” Jumper’s ceremonial first pitch. Instead of throwing out a softball, Jumper tossed a French curler donut that had the crowd laughing hysterically.

“This is good for the community to get out and meet everyone,” Jumper said. “The Recreation Department and the Seminole Police Department have a good working relationship in helping our youth make the right decisions. This is an opportunity for the community to come out and meet everyone.”

During the game, Recreation opened the scoring in the bottom of the first inning on singles by Harry Kennedy and Lila Osceola, followed by a line-drive, bases-clearing single by Kenny Bayon.

The police department had a prime scoring opportunity in the second inning, when they loaded the bases with one out. A double play, fielded by Jumper to Tony Heard then to Bo Young, snuffed the

threat.

Both teams scored runs throughout the game, but the major action took place from the fifth inning on. The Seminole Police Department tied the score at 3 in the fifth inning on a towering home run to left field by Doug Zamora, then scored three runs in the top of the seventh to take a 9-7 lead.

Recreation’s late rally started with Pete Osceola ripping a double, followed by singles from Kennedy and Condon that cut the lead to one. After Bayon popped up, Herrera came through with the



Lila Osceola

Recreation steals third as SPD tries to get an out on first.

game-winner.

“It was a beautiful day to get out and play a fun and competitive game,” Condon said. “We should have stuff like this all the time. It’s good for everyone.”

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33rd Seminole Tribal Fair & Rodeo



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2003 Little Miss Seminole Tarina Young and Little Mr. Seminole Jessie Sanchez.

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were announced fifth. Skyla Osceola, 4th – Ashlee Gopher, 3rd – Kiauna Martin, 2nd – Aiyana Tommie, and 1st – Danyelle Boromi. Rumor Whitney Juarez won the Little Miss 2004 title.

The runners-up for Little Mr. 2004 were: 6th place – Erik Garcia, 5th – Kalani Bankston, 4th – Jonathan Boromi, 3rd – Tyson Osceola, 2nd – Samuel Micco Sanchez, and 1st – Brandon Williams. Little Mr. 2004 was Rudy Juarez IV.

Little Mr. and Miss, Rudy and Rumor Juarez, are brother and sister. Their mother is

Wendy Snow and they live on the Brighton reservation. Grandmother, Laurie Snow, proudly watched the crowning of her grandchildren.

“Rumor said, she was going to do this [pageant] for her aunt,” Snow said. Rudy and Rumor’s aunt is the late Dawn Fertitta.

When asked if she would like to say anything, Little Miss 2003 Tarina Young said only “goodbye.” Little Mr. 2003 Jessie Sanchez was too shy to say anything.

A big thank you to Tarina and Jessie, you both did an excellent job as Little Mr. and Miss 2003. Congratulations Rudy and Rumor, and to all the contestants. We look forward to all your achievements in 2004.



Iretta Tiger
2004 Little Miss Seminole contestants.



Shelley Marmor
The Hollywood Preschool students recite the Seminole Pledge of Allegiance.

Grand Entry and Pow-Wow Exhibition at Tribal Fair

By Shelley Marmor
DAVIE, FL — On Friday Feb. 13, the 33rd Annual Seminole Tribal Fair & Rodeo began with a march-in led by Aaron Gawahega, Steven Bowers, and Thundercloud Hirajeta carrying the Seminole Tribe of Florida’s flag, the U.S. flag and the state of Florida’s flag, respectively.

About 15 dancers from Bison Production: Native American Dance Troupe, a group of dancers from Oklahoma and the Hollywood preschoolers followed the three flag holders.

An announcer told the crowd that all three men holding flags are war veterans; Gawahega served in the Korean War, Bowers served during the Vietnam War, and Hirajeta had recently returned from Iraq.

Gawahega said an invocation and the preschoolers said the Seminole Pledge of Allegiance in Miccosukee. Seminole Princess Stephanie LeeAnn Hall and William Cypress

repeated the pledge in English.

Immediately following the Grand Entry, the Bison Production dancers were introduced by master of ceremonies Josh Williamson, also a member of the troupe. Jo Jo Walker and two others preformed the Women’s Tribal Cloth Dance first. Walker then performed the Women’s Fancy Shawl.

Bison Production: Native American Dance Troupe also featured a world champion Hoop Dancer, Daniel Trampler, who danced with a total of 11 hoops. Williamson informed the crowd that all dancers from Bison Production are world champion dancers.

He informed the crowd of mostly elementary school students that they have shown the dancers a great deal of respect throughout their performances. Williamson said that respect is also a part of dancing since most dancers wear eagle feather in their hair as well as items from other animals, and he said the dancers must also respect those animals.

At the close of their presentation Williamson presented Buster Baxley, who arranged for the troupe to attend, with a Pendleton blanket as a sign of their appreciation from being a part of the Tribal Fair.



Shelley Marmor
(L-R) Aaron Gawahega, Steven Bowers, and Thundercloud Hirajeta presenting the colors during the Grand Entry.



Shelley Marmor
Fancy Shawl dancer Jo Jo Walker shows off her skill and talent.

Tribal Fair Had Important Historical Roots

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By Patsy West, Reflection #160

The Tribal Fair is the Seminole Tribe’s foremost event, bringing Seminole Tribal citizens together from all reservations: Hollywood, Big Cypress, Brighton, Immokalee, Tampa, and the Fort Pierce area.

The event features fashion shows and contests, alligator wrestling, snake handling, live entertainment, Seminole foods, and an Indian Pow-Wow – all highlights of the four-day event. The Pow-Wow brings Pow-Wow princesses and dancers from many different western tribes to Florida for dance exhibitions and dance competition.

The rodeo, which is the Seminole Tribe’s oldest attraction event, is historically important. It was created in the 1950s and is of historic importance as the tribe’s first fundraiser.

At that time the tribe was impoverished. The proceeds from this event were used to fund the leaders’ trips to Washington to discuss the Tribe’s future as a federally recognized tribe. For many years, the Seminole Tribe Rodeo has been co-sponsored by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy’s Association (PRCA), a national organization.

The Tribal Fair is held on a historic site located at State Road 7 (Hwy 441) and Stirling Road. More than 100 years ago this property was called Big City Island. It was a true 360-acre island in the Everglades. It was one of three islands in the Pine Island Complex and had been occupied by the Seminoles prior to the Second Seminole War (1835-1842). During the war, U.S. troops had penetrated to the Seminole stronghold. The important Seminole leader, Arpeika (Abiaka) or Sam Jones, lived in the complex.

In the 20th century, Big City Island became the site of the Seminoles’ Dania Reservation (later Hollywood Reservation) which

opened in the 1920s. The first Seminole residents to move back to that location were families whose campsites were threatened by real estate ventures

in Fort Lauderdale.

They desired a permanent place to live and came to the reservation, where the Federal

Agency building was a local landmark. Other early residents were the first Christian members of the Tribe. In the mid-1930s, the first church was built by the Baptist denomination. Hollywood Reservation saw a major push for housing in the 1950s as the Tribal leaders pursued their goals to become self-sufficient from the government.

Near the Seminole Fairgrounds is also the site of the Council Oak under which important organizational meetings were held in the 1950s. Today, the installation of newly elected tribal officials continues to be held under the Oak. Once the Seminoles gained their Tribal status in 1957, the government built the Tribal Headquarters building (with a new Agency building attached). They also built Seminole Okalee Indian Village, a Tribal tourist attraction including a craft shop and Indian village, which featured the popular sport of alligator wrestling.

Today the tribe has new subdivisions and townhouses, with a police station, health department, and recreational facilities on the Hollywood Reservation. Tobacco shops and a large bingo parlor near the fairgrounds were pioneered on the old Big City Island in the 1970s and 80s which brought in needed revenues to support existing tribal businesses and create new ones. In the 1990s, a new four-story tribal headquarters was built nearby.

Gaming is one of the Tribe’s newer tourist venues and this economy has made possible the revitalization of the Fairgrounds including the old rodeo grounds, a covered stadium, and a new craft village. Okalee Village and Museum, (a branch of the Tribe’s Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum) was opened to the public in Aug. 1998.

Big City Island has supported Seminole endeavor for 175 years. The Seminole Fairgrounds has delighted fairgoers for the past fifty years with the sights, sounds, food, crafts, and pleasures of a day spent in the company of the “unconquered Seminoles.”



Tribune File Photo
Henry Moretti photographed Susie Tiger at the 1969 Tribal Fair.

2004 Tribal Fair Clothing Contest



(L-R) Mary Robbins, Scarlett Jumper, and Connie Whidden.

Iretta Tiger

By Iretta Tiger

DAVIE, FL — It's Valentine's Day and everyone is dressed in their best. Actually, quite a few people have several best outfits for the morning. Some parents are still primping their children while others are trying to keep theirs out of the rodeo dirt. Even the adults are meticulous with their own outfits, and their outfits are exquisite.

Along with many tribal citizens there are spectators, and even a photojournalist from National Geographic magazine. What everyone is anticipating this Saturday morning is the 2004 Tribal Fair Clothing Contest. It's the time of year tribal citizens get to show off the patchwork the tribe is famous for.

With so much beauty to choose from, here is the judges decided:

Children 0 – 1 year old

Girls: 1. Alena Stockton, 2. Clarice DeMayo, 3. Julia Smith, 4. Karey Jean Gopher, 5. Destiny Diaz, 6. Rubi Osceola, 7. Jaya Osceola, 8. Ryanna Osceola
Boys: 1. Hunter Lee Howard, 2. Adakia Robbins, 3. Conchade' Osceola, 4. Ramone Baker, 5. Dakoya Nunez, 6. Jagger Gaucin, 7. Myron Billie, 8. Julius Aquino

Children 2 – 4 years old

Girls: 1. Aleah Turtle, 2. Krysta Burton, 3. Brianna Bowers, 4. Danyelle Boromei, 5. Eliza Billie, 6. Trinity Bowers, 7. Mila Osceola, 8. Thomlyn Billie
Boys: 1. Lance Howard, 2. Matthew Osceola Jr., 3. Sheldon Osceola, 4. Ivess Baker, 5. Chandler DeMayo, 6. Layne Thomas, 7. Malcolm Johns, 8. Alyke Baker

Children 5 – 7 years old

Girls: 1. Ashlee Kate Gopher, 2. Chastity Harmon, 3. Destinee Jimmie, 4. Natamah Robbins, 5. Alexis Jimmie, 6. Cheyenne Nunez, 7. Brianna Nunez, 8. Baxlee Micco
Boys: 1. Daniel B. Nunez Jr., 2. Michael Garcia, 3. Jonathan Boromei, 4. Erik Garcia, 5. Tyson Osceola, 6. Lewis Gopher Jr., 7. Deveon Jones, 8. Layton Thomas

Children 8 – 10 years old

Girls: 1. Sheila Jones, 2. Courtney Osceola, 3. Kiylier Baker, 4. Alissa Dorgan, 5. Katelyn Young, 6. Destiny Nunez, 7. Lois Billie, 8. Tianna Young
Boys: 1. Wade Micco, 2. Janna Melton, 3. Desmon Cypress, 4. Tucamah Robbins, 5. Luis Escobar Jr., 6. Cameron Dorgan

Children 11 – 17 years old

Girls: 1. Cassandra Jimmie, 2. Ravenne Osceola, 3. Tasha Osceola, 4. Melanie Jones, 5. Megan Jones, 6. Jo Jo Osceola, 7. Amber Craig, 8. Shyla Jones
Boys: 1. Byron Billie, 2. Jordan Jones, 3. Joseph Osceola

50 and older

Old Style Traditional

Women: 1. Connie Whidden, 2. Onnie Osceola, 3. Josephine Villa, 4. Louise Osceola, 5. Rosie Billie, 6. Jenny Johns
Men: 1. Moses Jumper, 2. Thomas Billie, 3. Parker Jones

Traditional

Men: 1. Jimmie O'Toole Osceola, 2. Moses Jumper, 3. #213, 4. Parker Jones

Modern Traditional

Women: 1. Elsie Bowers, 2. Peggy Stivers, 3. Lottie Baxley, 4. Louise Osceola, 5. Alice Snow, 6. Patsy Billie, 7. Scarlett Jumper, 8. Onnie Osceola
Men: 1. Thomas Cypress, 2. Moses Jumper, 3. Steven Bowers, 4. Parker Jones, 5. Billie Micco, 6. Jimmy Smith, 7. Johnny Tucker, 8. Sammie Gopher

Modern

Women: 1. Jenny Johns, 2. Agnes Bowers, 3. Lottie Baxley
Men: 1. William Osceola, 2. Max Osceola, 3. Thomas Billie, 4. Moses Jumper, 5. Stephen Bowers, 6. Jimmy Smith, 7. Billie Micco, 8. Parker Jones

Ages 18 – 49

Old Style Traditional

Women: 1. Joleigh Johns, 2. Vivian Osceola, 3. Amanda Smith, 4. Laverne Thomas, 5. Miranda Tommie, 6. Cristie Strickland, 7. Alice Billie, 8. Michelle Thomas
Men: 1. Herbert Jim, 2. Jeff Osceola, 3. Dallas Nunez, 4. Mike Smith, 5. Daniel Nunez Jr., 6. Naha Jumper

Traditional

Women: 1. Linda Lee Storm, 2. Timi Bearden, 3. Alicia Sanchez, 4. Joleigh Jumper, 5. Wanda Billie, 6. Jennie Jones, 7. Micki Burton, 8. Vivian Osceola
Men: 1. Naha Jumper, 2. Jeff Osceola, 3. Troy Tiger, 4. Jay Holata, 5. Milo Osceola, 6. Adam Turtle, 7. Daniel Nunez, 8. Ryan Osceola

Modern Traditional

Women: 1. Christi Strickland, 2. Amy Johns, 3. Tommie Agnes Jones, 4. Miranda Tommie, 5. Rose Jones, 6. Mary Jo Micco, 7. Cherelee Hall, 8. Donna Turtle
Men: 1. Sandy Billie, 2. Danny Jones, 3. Dallas Nunez, 4. Jeff Osceola, 5. Johnny Jones, 6. Ricky Doctor, 7. Adam Turtle, 8. Daniel Nunez

Modern

Women: 1. Alexanora Sanchez, 2. Tasha Osceola, 3. Jennifer Jones, 4. Shannon Holata, 5. Rosetta Jumper, 6. Michele Thomas, 7. Johnnie Jones, 8. Rose Jumper
Men: 1. Mike Smith, 2. Johnny Jones, 3. Sandy Billie Jr., 4. Boettner Jumper, 5. Vincent Micco, 6. Milo Osceola, 7. Steve Osceola, 8. Adam Turtle



Max Osceola, Jr. with Granddaughter Clarice DeMayo.

Iretta Tiger



Contestants for Men 18-49 Traditional.

Iretta Tiger



Women 18-49 Modern (L-R): Bonnie Motlow, Joleigh Jumper, and Amy Johns.

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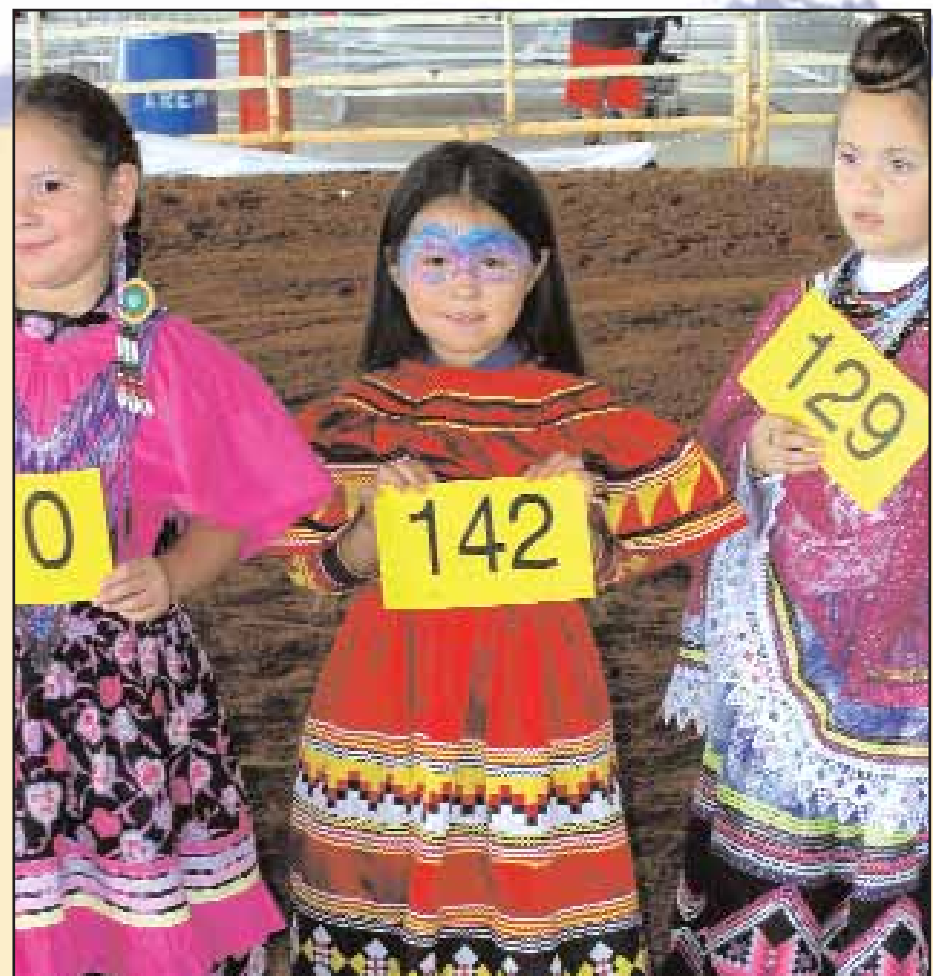
Boys 5-7 years old contestants.

Iretta Tiger



(L-R) Clarissa Bowers, Laverne Thomas, and Donna Turtle.

Iretta Tiger



Girls 5-7 years old contestants Natamah Robbins and Ashlee Kate Gopher.

Iretta Tiger

Casey McCall Sets Record at Brighton Archery Tournament

McCall Aims for Sunshine State Games in June

By Michael Kelly
BRIGHTON — On Jan. 31, Casey McCall didn't merely participate in the Brighton Archery Tournament, he set a record by scoring four bulls-eyes, or X's.

Both Casey and his mother Wanda Bowers participated Saturday and Sunday and won their respected divisions. Both used traditional bows, which meant there was no use of a scope, or other high-tech equipment. This makes McCall and Bowers' accomplishments that more impressive.

This was a qualifying tournament, a tune-up for the all-important Sunshine State Games in Tallahassee, Fla. in June 2004.

McCall, participating in the Young Adult 15-17 Traditional category, displayed the demeanor of a professional, unfazed by all the attention and pressure of an important tournament. Although Bowers, who entered in the Female Adult Traditional category, struggled early on, she regrouped to win first place in her category.

"I'm really proud of how

Wanda did at the tournament. She was a little nervous, which is understandable," said John Waterhouse, Indigenous Archery Coach for the Seminole Tribe. "What impressed me is that Wanda struggled a little, but stuck with it."

"She'll learn from this experience," he added.

Waterhouse is excited about the progression McCall has made in such a short time. He believes he will continue to excel because he's a hard worker and determined.

According to Waterhouse, there are two more scheduled archery tournaments before the Sunshine State Games, which takes place from June 16 – 20, in Tallahassee, Fla. The Sunshine State Games attracts the best amateur athletes across the state of Florida, and for some, it can be a stepping stone to making the U.S. Olympic team.

Among the sports amateur athletes can participate in are: archery, basketball, featuring youth boys and girls, boxing, bowling, canoe/kayak, softball, both fast and slow pitch, weightlifting, and wrestling. You can view a full list of sports categories at their website.

If there are tribal citizens who are interested in participating, please call (850) 488-8347, or visit the official website at www.flasports.com.

Pet or Pest? How to Protect Your Home from Rodents

Submitted by the Health Department

Don't be deceived by their cute and cuddly appearance. Squirrels and chipmunks – like mice and rats – are also rodents, and will invade your home and make it their own. Primarily between the months of Oct. and Feb., these pests are searching for a good meal and some place warm for the winter season.

Rodents are harmful because they can bring fleas, mites and lice into the home, as well as spread diseases like the Hantavirus, a potentially deadly lung disease.

How do you know if you have a rodent problem? Look for signs of gnawing marks on wood, plastic, metal pipes or food products, the presence of nesting sites, or tail and footprints. Runways marked by grease stains made by rodent's fur may also be visible.

In the last few months, the Hollywood Health Department has received several complaints regarding

rodents. In order to protect your home against these unwanted pets, here are some preventive measures you can follow: thoroughly cleanup any spilled food or garbage and don't leave pet food in dishes overnight, rodent-proof your home by covering all openings with wide ban steel wool, cement, galvanized steel mesh and hardware cloth. A mouse needs only a 3/8-inch crack or hole to get inside, keep all items that may provide shelter at least 12 inches off the ground, cut grass and shrub within 100 feet of your home.

Always remember, safety first! Take caution when using spring loaded traps or rodenticide, they can be harmful to children and pets. Follow all instructions, and when in doubt, ask a professional.

Should you request additional information on the above, please contact the Health Department at (954) 962-2009, Ext 125.

'Reel Nole' Catches Top Ten Finish Again

Fishing Team Excels at Hog's Breath King Mackerel Tournament in Key West

By Michael Kelly
KEY WEST, FL — A brisk Jan. morning welcomed the "Reel Nole" fishing team to the Hog's Breath King Mackerel Tournament in Key West, Fla. Billed as "The largest sportfishing event in the Florida Keys," 151 boats vied for the top prize – a pair of Mercury 200 horsepower outboard motors.

Chris Osceola, Ernie Tiger, Sunny Frank, and Todd Nickels set out on their 23-foot boat named "Reel Nole" in hopes of hooking the top award. The tournament featured two categories for boat sizes, 21 – 23 feet, and 30-foot and larger. First through eleventh place would be decided on combined total weight from both days, including cash payouts for the 23-foot class boats, first through third.

Reel Nole placed eighth in the 23-foot and under category, and continues to excel in the large tournaments throughout Florida.

"We always do well, especially in the big tournaments," said a confident Ernie Tiger. "Some of these other boats out here don't give us a lot of respect, but all we do is outfish them."

Founded in 1991, the Southern Kingfish Association (SKA) has gained a reputation of being the pinnacle of fishing organizations and has grown into the largest sanctioned organization of saltwater fishing tournaments in the world.

"The first year of the SKA, we had no more than 800 members," said SKA founder Jack Holmes. "We currently have more than 6,000 members, 40,000 that actually fish with us."

Holmes was especially proud of seeing families participating.

"The best thing about this tournament is that you see husbands, wives, and their children fishing," said Holmes. "I know many of the families and I've watched them grow up."

Don Ewing, Director of SKA, likened the tournament to the Daytona 500.

"This is a huge event," said Ewing, who traveling all the way from North Carolina. "This is the kickoff of the SKA fishing tournament season."

"Some have even called the SKA the 'NASCAR of Fishing Tournaments'," he said.

The SKA Key West tournament, which falls under Division 10, is just one of the eleven geographical locations found throughout Kingfish Country where the tournaments are held. The total division's

was time to get down to business. The fishing teams checked their gear, supplies, and were ready to venture out into the Atlantic Ocean. A dozen-plus pelicans had their sights on leftover bait being tossed from one of the boats.

The Reel Nole was already out at sea, leaving the harbor before sunrise and fishing for the tenacious King Mackerel. The crew remarked that a person can travel 100 miles or more just a mile off shore to catch King Mackerel.

"They're not too difficult to catch," said Tiger. "But you've got to find the right spot."



(L-R) Chris Osceola, Ernie Tiger, Todd Nickels, Sunny Frank.

tournament area extends from the Virginia coastline, stretching around the Florida Gulf States, and then making its way along the Keys, and finishing in Texas.

So how intense is the competition at these fishing tournaments? On Friday, Jan. 23, the various fishing teams docked or drove up to the Murray Marine Tackle & Dive Shop to register for the big tournament. The marina was filled with friendly banter among the fishermen, some telling, of course, fish tales, while others consumed the official drink of fishermen, beer.

What a difference a day makes. As the Saturday morning sun crept over the mangroves surrounding the marina, it

Easier said than done. While the King Mackerel can reach a length of six feet and weigh up to 100 pounds, fishing professionals generally use a light fishing line.

"You want to use a lighter gage line, about 20 pound test, for King Mackerel," said Tiger. "The reason you don't use a heavier line is that the fish can see it, and you won't catch a thing."

The Reel Nole fishing team is gearing up for the next big tournament, which will take place at Dania Beach in late April.

Read about the new look of Reel Nole in the next edition of *The Seminole Tribune*.

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Basketball Player Krystle Young Is A Real Student of the Game

By Michael Kelly
CORAL SPRINGS, FL — In a very short time, Krystle Young has become a fixture on the basketball court at the gym at Hollywood Recreation. Displaying a passion for playing tenacious defense and a knack for creating steals, Young is considered a star basketball player on her junior varsity Sheridan Hills Christian School team. But it didn't start that way.

"She's really learned a lot in a short time," said Lila Osceola. "Krystle's game needed work, but she came to the gym three times a week to improve on it."

Both Lila and Tony Heard teach basketball at the gym at Hollywood Recreation and are excited, but not surprised by the improvements in Young's game.

"Krystle is a determined athlete and excels in whatever she does," said Steve Young, Krystle's father. "Right after basketball season, it's on to track."

A big plus for Young is having the right teachers, like Osceola and Heard, who coach all the youth teams at the gym.

"We have many tournaments here at the gym throughout the year; it gives the players experience and confidence," said Osceola. "We take Krystle to Miami Heat games and she loves asking questions about the game, why did they run that play, things like that."

Another plus is the support of her friends and family. More than a dozen people

came out to cheer Young on.

In the semi-final game against Coral Springs Christian Academy, Young displayed her basketball skills in a close loss. In the closing seconds of the fourth quarter, Young hit a three-pointer to bring her team within three points. Throughout the game, Young scored points, played swarming defense, and encouraged her teammates to not giving up. When it comes to sports, that's something Young will never do.



Krystle Young (right) attempts to block a player from the opposing team from scoring.

Lila Osceola

Krystle Young - Athlete of the Week

By Lila Osceola
HOLLYWOOD — Thirteen-year-old Krystle Young is a bundle of energy and talent trapped inside her. All she needed was the opportunity to put it to good use.

Young practiced hard throughout the summer and pushed herself to become a better basketball player. This young lady is already a tremendous defensive player who causes havoc on the opposing team with her long arms, quick hands and good footwork.

Within the past few months, every aspect of her game has improved: ball handling, passing, defense, and knowledge of the game. That is to be expected from an athlete who comes to the gym eager to become a better player. This is the mentality and attitude Young has when she comes to practice.

Young isn't trying to prove anything to her friends. She just wants to become the best player she can be. She understands that coaches, parents and friends can't make her become a better person or player, we can only help her.

Through maturity and determination, Young made the Junior Varsity team at Sheridan Hills. She not only practices with her team at school, but when she has all her homework done, and is not too tired, Young makes her way to the gym at Hollywood

Snake Road

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Hollywood Officials that specifically dealt with making the overdue changes on Snake Road. The meeting paid off since Phase I repairs on the road are slated to begin in late Spring or early Summer, according to Larry Haley, Regional Road Engineer for the BIA in Nashville, Tenn.

Snake Road presently has two-ten foot wide lanes, and no shoulder. Phase I improvements include building a shoulder, and working on the signs on the road. During construction drivers will likely experience road workers called flaggers "redirecting traffic and closing one lane," according to Haley.

After Phase I, Haley said the BIA must obtain more money to begin Phase II which will include widening the road from two lanes to four lanes, and adjusting the elevation of the road,

which means workers will raise the outside edges of Snake Road so they are more even in height with the inside area of the lane. This measure will make the road safer because drivers will be less likely to slide off the side of the road.

Haley added that Phase I construction will begin on the Seminole side of the road and move west toward the Miccosukee reservation.

Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, FL, who works closely with the tribe, helped promote this bill, consequently helping it pass in both the House, by a margin of 242 – 176, and Senate, by a margin of 65 – 28. Representative Diaz-Balart serves the 25th district of Florida, which includes the western portion of Miami-Dade County, Collier County and Monroe County.

Seminole Tribal President Moses B. Osceola met with the congressman several times to discuss what improvements to Snake Road would most benefit travelers on it. Osceola commended all Diaz-Balart's hard work on this project.



Snake Road sign

Banquet

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Atlanta Johns.

The audience watched a short film highlighting basketball star Christine McCall during a recent basketball game that showed her dominance of the sport.

"Putting together these kind of events makes us feel better about our programs because as children get older, their abilities can develop; to allow them to become better athletes, better students and better tribal leaders," Young said.

A special guest speaker, A Tosee, a Professor of History, Social Sciences and American Indian Studies, at Haskell University in Lawrence, Kan., addressed the participants. He was visiting the Seminole Tribe to research their history, and to carry their message back to his students at the university, which enrolls students from 150 tribes in 30 different states.

He mentioned that he hears his students speak of how there aren't many Native Americans who have made a name for themselves in sports. He said he begs to differ with them.

"Sports are a learning and teaching experience; it's a tool by which you become stronger, a tool by which you become confident it teaches you self-discipline, courage and bravery, all the characteristics of the old warrior days," said Tosee. "Today's athlete becomes a warrior again."

He emphasizes the need for athletic training as a motivating tool for Native Americans, given the social changes they have undertaken while

being assimilated into a system that forces them to accommodate a different way of life.

He illustrates that athletes get criticized for not reaching the pro-level of their sport. He stated that emphasis should be placed on confidence building instead and the ability to pass it on to others.

"Athletics is sharing, is giving, and I think it's a very compassionate thing that Indians have always done as well," concluded Tosee.

A video presentation followed. Famous Native American Athletes from the past, from Jim Thorpe, to Billy Mills, were highlighted. The video continued with the current athletic stars of the Seminole Tribe, each well-trained in his or her chosen sport.

The Seminole Recreation Department is the creation of Howard Tiger, who upon returning from military service as a marine in World War II, recognized a need to keep the Seminole youths motivated and active. Tiger, through his recreational activities, has made the greatest impact in the lives of young Seminoles than anyone else is recent history. He turned sports into a valuable tool in shaping and molding the lives of youths.

Through the auspices of the recreation programs, the tribe has enjoyed the success of some of its citizens as they participate in athletics. The tribe is also a strong supporter of the Indigenous Games.

The introduction of the Seminole Hall of Fame members, past and present included, Max Osceola Jr., Moses Osceola, Mike Tiger, Moses Jumper, Eugene Bowers, and notable others, is testament to the value of organized sports and programs to help youths focus on teamwork, discipline, perseverance, to achieve their goals, enhance their self esteem, and become successful.



Lila Osceola (right) hands Jo Jo Osceola a plaque for basketball.

Adelsa Williams

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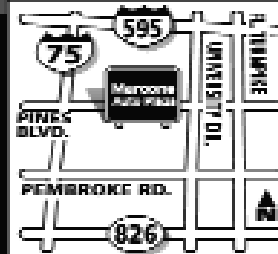
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Happy Birthday



Sierra Mariah Bowers turns 6 years old on April 22, 2004. **Happy birthday** baby girl. We love you. You've made our life worth living. Hugs and kisses, from **Grandma Tasha**, little brother **Ethan**, and little sister **Shana**.



Happy first birthday on March 12th to **Hyatt Rowel Brugh** We Love You! **Momma (Perrie)**, **Daddy (Koty Brugh)**, your **Aunt Michele** and **Uncle Gene Thomas**, **Uncle Marty** and **Aunt Kim Johns**, cousins **Mackenzie**, **Marilee**, **Dewell** and **Taylor Johns**, **Trevor Thomas**, **Elizabeth**, **Victoria**, **Harley Maggord**, **Nana (Connie)**, **Paw (Sonny Whidden)**, **Paul Bowers Jr.**, "the Florida bunch," **Papa Ron**, **Aunt Brandi**, **Aunt Dusty**, **Uncle Jay**, **Chaunyl**, **James** and **Jada Cree**, and "the North Dakota Bunch."

Happy 13th birthday to **Britney Buster** on Feb. 17 I know we don't really have a bond because of time and mistakes on my part, but not a day goes by that I don't think about you; especially on the day you were brought into this world.



Happy birthday on March 18 to **Ike Jumper AKA HotDogg** What being your mother meant to me. Being your mother meant that I have had the opportunity to experience loving someone more than I love myself. I have learned what it's like to experience joy and warmth just by being your mother.

It hasn't always been easy, and I'm sure I've said and done things that have hurt or confused you, but remember, we always get through it and continue on. No one's smile has ever warmed my heart like yours did. No one's laughter filled my heart like yours did. No one's hugs feel as sweet and warm as yours do to me.

You are a part of me, even though you had to leave to be with the Lord. I miss you and think of you every day. Being your mother means that I've always been given one of life's greatest gifts, you.
I love you always,
Mom



Happy belated birthday to **Judy A. Osceola** on Jan. 1 Happy birthday mom! You've brought us through so much and you've stood by our side for so long that it's our turn to stand by yours. We're almost there and we love you so much! Happy birthday again.
Gladys, Rhonda and "all" the **grandkids**



Happy birthday to **Ronnie Doctor** on March 5 Happy Birthday to the greatest daddy and granddaddy in the world. You've proven yourself over and over again to be the best ever, and we love you lots!
Gladys, Koo-Wi and **C.C.**



Happy belated birthday to **Valerie Mae Frank**, born January 25, 1977. You've grown to such a beautiful daughter; there is nothing we wouldn't do for you. We know you had a great time at your party and wish you many happier times ahead. Stay strong, keep the faith and you will succeed.
Love you always,
Virginia, Eddie, Jesse, Victor, Shelli, Vinson, Michael, and **Boo Boo**.

Happy belated birthday to the little mommy to be **Valerie Mae Frank!** I hope you have a great year! It has been wonderful watching you blossom through the years and being your friend. I wish you lots of fun times ahead!
Love
Mel!

Happy birthday to **Valerie M. Frank**. To our auntie Val, we want you to know that we are thinking of you always.
Love,
Bossman (Maximus) and **Princess (Mia)**



Happy 17th birthday to **Nina** on Feb. 1. We love you.
Aunt Leslie, **Uncle Miah**, **Micco**, **Kowako**, **Freak** and **Ildy**



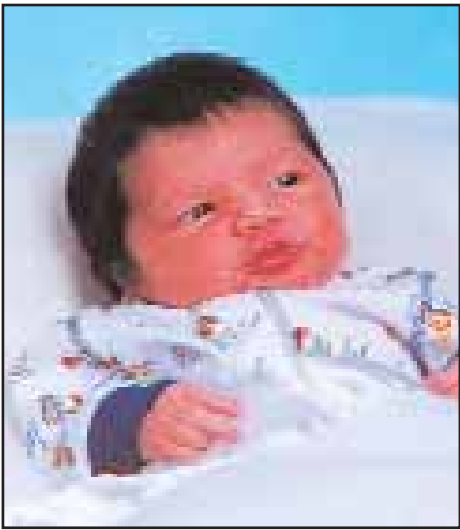
Happy 5th Birthday **Kiauna Martin**, love **Mom**, **Dad, Jr.**, **Alexis**, **Grandma**, **Grandpa**, and **Aunt Crystal**.

New Kids



We would like to welcome our new precious little one, **Analysse Ah'mira Garcia Stockton**. She is of the Panther Clan, and her father is of the Bird Clan.

Born: December 17, 2003 at 11:20 a.m. Weight: 6 pounds, 2 ounces. Length: 18 inches. Proud parents: **Lesley Yesenia Garcia** and **Antillis Nehemiah Stockton**. Proud brothers: **Micco**, **Kowako**, **E-Fiki-Chate "Freak"**. Grandparents: **Ms. Delores Jumper**, **Mr. Nepeolean Garcia**, **Mrs. Jane Stockton**, **Mr. O'Hara**. Great-grandmas: **Ms. Tommie Jumper** and **Ms. Bessie Tommie**.



Griffin Billie
Born: Dec. 2, 2003. Weight: 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Length: 19 inches. Parent: **Susanne Billie**, Bird Clan, Hollywood Reservation. Grandparent: **Sally T. Billie**, Hollywood Reservation.

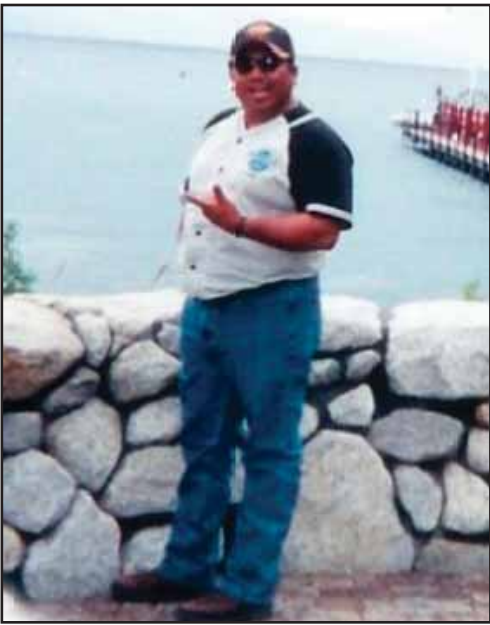
In Memory

Pimpin' 4 Lyfe!

By **Atlanta Johns**, **Kei-Ya-Le Osceola** and **Jeanie Osceola**
It's hard to go on with life without you! You meant so much to us yet you don't even have a clue. You were like our older brother. The memories we shared will stay in our hearts forever. Laughin', cryin' at times, and just straight up chill'n were the best.
You were unique because you weren't like the rest. You were always surrounded by a lot of people. Basically you had no equal. Unfortunately your accident was lethal and as you resurrect that will be your sequel.

You were there when we needed you the most. But now you'll be watchin' us like a holy ghost. But before we start relaxin' we're gonna be reflectin' on how special you were to us. From our hearts, we knew you were one we could trust. We're gonna miss you so. It's tragic the way you had to go. Always will you be in our hearts "pimpin'". We love you always, and that ain't eva endin'!

In loving of memory of "Pimpin"
Brendan Joshua Cypress Young



Freeman Osceola: A son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend. We will miss your smile, laughter and understanding. We love you Freeman, and miss you very much. You're up in heaven now, watching down over us, knowing one day we will be able to see each other again. Freeman, you're forever in our hearts and in our minds.
We would like to take time to say thank you to everyone who came to lend a hand and a shoulder to comfort us, the beautiful flower arrangements, your prayers and we are very grateful to those who prepared meals for us. A word of appreciation goes to our tribal officials for taking care of matters at such a burdensome time.
We love you Freeman!
Love,
Mom (Ruby), **Raleigh**, **Caroline**, **Veldina**, family and friends
Sho na bish sha

*My nieces and a friend passed away almost three years ago,
Times may have changed, but ours hearts have not,
We thought of you with love today.
But that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too.
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name,
Now all we have are memories and a picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake with which we will never part.
God has you in his keeping, we have you in our hearts.*

Written by **Grandma Henry**
We Miss you **Tiffany & Paige**
Always Forever
Love,
Your family

Thank You

Thank you for all the wonderful and beautiful gifts you gave us for the baby, and for always being there for me and my family. We love you so much and we appreciate all that you do.

I know sometimes you may not hear it to often, but you're the greatest mom. Always know it and don't let anyone tell you different. You always look out for us and thank you for it.

Love always,
Lesley and Miah
Micco, **Kowako**, **Freak**, and **Ildy**



Dear Ms. Peggy Osceola:
I just wanted to **thank you again** for all of your help with **Katie's History Fair** project. We had a wonderful time, and I think that she really learned a great deal (I know that I did). You were right, the museum is fantastic! It was very

informative, and one of the best laid out museums that I have ever seen.
The storyteller, **Ms. Cypress**, was wonderful. I really liked the story she told about how the possum lost its tail.
Sincerely,
Susan Moore

Poem

Jesus

*Jesus, Jesus what a wonderful name.
As your people go around playing these games.
In your will you've kept me safe.
Through your eyes you've seen me commit crimes.
Through your eyes you've seen me lose my mind.
Yet you give us people only what we can bare.
If it wasn't for your grace and mercy,
us people wouldn't have a place here.
But in your heaven there will be a space.*

*In your heart, we'll always have a place.
In your eyes, you see us for who we are.
In our hearts, we can only realize the truth.
Through your eyes, you see us when no one does.
You're there when no one is.
You're there from the start.
You'll be there till the end.
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This is dedicated to Jack H.M.
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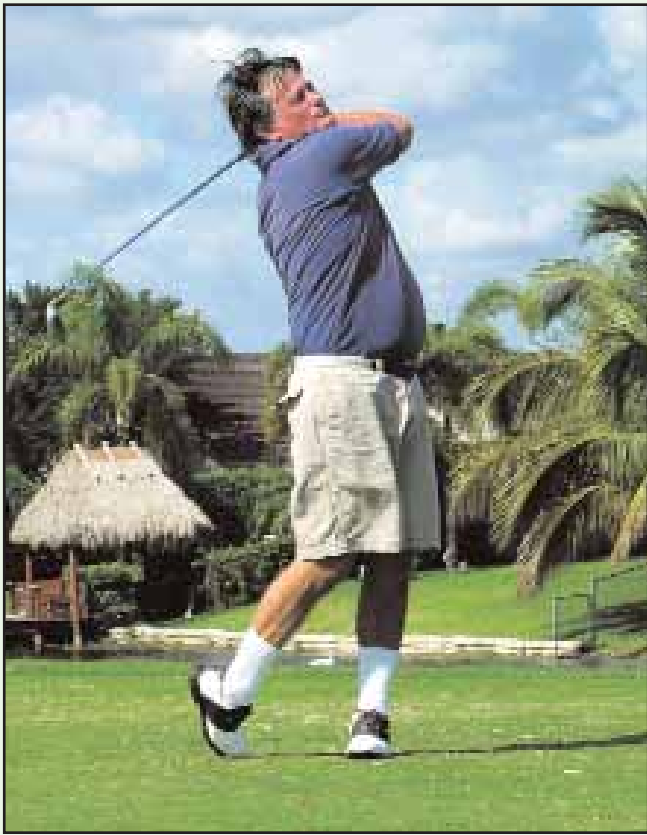
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Seminole Tribal Fair Golf Tournament

By Adelsa Williams
PEMBROKE PINES, FL — On Wednesday, Feb. 11, tribal citizens, employees, spouses and associates participated in this year's Tribal Fair Golf Tournament, held at the Raintree Golf Resort in Pembroke Pines, Fla.



Adelsa Williams
Pete Russo displays good form during the tournament.

After a vigorous competition, golfers gathered up for a hearty meal during a banquet ceremony, where the winners would be announced.

Bo Young of the Recreation Department said, "This year there was a higher number of golfers from other tribes around the country."

Special thanks went to Max Osceola Jr. for sponsoring the event and waiving the event's entry fee. Congratulations to the winners:

Closest to the Pin – Men: Hole - 4 - Jerry Ordis, 8 - Deno Robin, 13 - Joshua Harrison, 17 - Vernon Jacobs; Ladies: 4 - Faye Antoine, 8 - Jackie T., 13 - Jackie T., 17 - Terry Hahn; Senior Men: 4 - Pete Russo, 8 - Del Riley, 13 - Fred Kirby, 17 - Richard Lee; Senior Ladies: 4 - Emily Owens, 8 - Emily Owens, 17 - Rick Butler

Longest Drive – Men: Hole 5 - Steve Chiasson; Senior Men: 5 - Max Osceola Jr.; Ladies: 5 - Pauletta Bowers; Senior Ladies: 5 - Emily Owens

Team Standings – 1st Jerry Ordis, Ray Nicholas, Del Riley, 2nd Marie Tommie, Rose McGary, Mike Granada, Malcolm O'Brien, 3rd Joe Frank, Emily Owens, A.D. Owen, Jim Harrison, 4th Roy Poole, Mary Sebastian, Bill Tooshkenig, Charlie Cypress, 5th Kahane O., Jackie Thompson, Phil Ayward, Marcy Osceola Jr., 6th Steve Tooshkenig, Andy Guthier, Salaw Hummingbird, Randy Wysote, 7th Steve Osceola, Terry Hahn, Bo Young, John Madrigal, 8th Harry Kennedy, Marvin Mulhollan, Steve Chiasson, Richard Lee

Most Honest – Alfonso Tigertail, Faye Antone, Roger Pinard, Mike Micco.

Seminole Sports Hall of Fame Golf Tournament Winners

Two Man Team

Closest to the Pin – Men: Hole 3 - Vernon Jacobs, 6 - Harry Kennedy, 2 - Jerry Ordis, 17 - Mitch Osceola; Senior Men: 3 - Marvin Mulholland, 6 - Ray Nicholas, 2 - Corey Atwell Atwell, 17 - Keno King; Women: 3 - Terry Hahn 2, 6 and 17 - Faye Antone; Senior Women: 3 - Rose McGary, 2 - Diane Chiasson

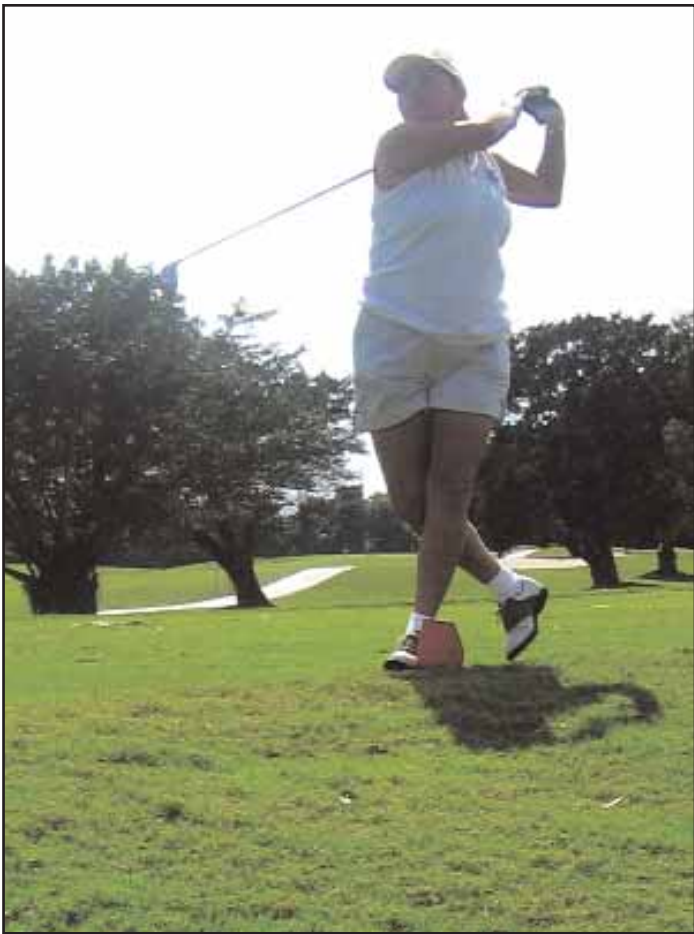
Longest Drive – Men: Tommie; Senior Men: Lawrence Osceola; Women: Linda Tommie; Senior Women: Rose McGary

Straightest Drive – Men: Kahane Osceola; Senior Men: Ernest Riley; Women: Linda Tommie; Senior Women: Emily Owens

Team Standings – 1st - Jerry Ordis and Dino Rolin, 2nd - Ad and Emily Owens, 3rd - Dale and Ernest Riley, 4th - Mitch and Marcy Osceola Jr., 5th - Bob Mann and Edith Cushion, 6th - Georgia Pedro and Jackie Thompson, 7th - Brenda and Phillip Ayward, 8th - Sandy and Ken Peterson, 9th - Salaw Hummingbird and Corey Atwell.

Most Honest – Billy Jo and Jeff Johns

Skins – Hole 1: Dale Riley and Riley, 3: Dean Williams and Les Riley, 7: Dino Rolin and Jerry Ordis, 4: Mitch and Marcy Osceola, 12/13: Bob Mann and Edith Cushion, 16: Ad and Emily Owens, 10/15: Linda Tommie and Terry Hahn, 17: Keno King and Charlie Frye, 5: Ricky Doctor and Michael O'Brien



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Jackie Thompson tee's off at the Bonaventure Country Club.



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